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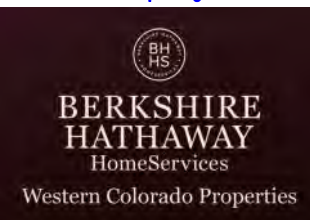


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By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Relive U.S. history and learn about the future of aviation Sept. 14-15, when Montrose Regional Airport hosts the Fifth Annual Tribute to Aviation, a celebration of the airport, aviation, aerospace, and flight.

The 2019 Tribute to Aviation takes place Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. It's always wise to arrive early; last year, the event drew a record 30,000 visitors. The Tribute to Aviation brings military and civilian aircraft from around the country to Montrose Regional Airport, for people to tour and enjoy, and was created by Airport Manager Lloyd Arnold to advertise the role of the airport and offer education and opportunities to the public.

For those who just can't wait for the weekend, the excitement begins early with a "Sentimental Journey," starting Monday, Sept. 9. Owned by the Commemorative Air



The B-17 Sentimental Journey, owned by the Commemorative Air Force, will be in Montrose Sept. 9-15. Courtesy photo.

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CITY APPROVES 1ST HISTORIC BUILDING DESIGNATION, PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX BALLOT ISSUE



Montrose City Hall, 433 South First Street was designated a City of Montrose Historic Property.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Montrose Mayor Dave Bowman welcomed all to the [regular City Council meeting of Sept. 3](#). All Councilors were present; there were no changes to the meeting agenda.

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no comments heard on non-agenda items.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council unanimously approved the minutes of the regular meeting of Aug. 20.

ORDINANCE 2485-FIRST READING

City Director of Innovation and Citizen Engagement Virgil Turner presented information on Ordinance 2485, which designates Montrose City Hall, located

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

MISSING PERSON FOUND ALIVE OFF OF HWY 141



Montrose County Sheriff's Office

REGIONAL-The Montrose County Sheriff's Office is proud to report that missing individual Mr. Robert McLeroy was found alive off of Highway 141. He was transported to St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Junction for medical evaluation. For three days the MCSO had been extensively

searching the area of Highway 141, the Uncompahgre Plateau, and any routes leading to Grand Junction following Mr. McLeroy's disappearance last Monday. Search efforts included a Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) fixed-wing aircraft, Mesa County Sheriff's Office assisted by Centurylink helicopter, and several flights by Classic Air Medical helicopters. Friday, a large search party containing volunteers and Montrose County Sheriff's Posse members began searching the area of Highway 141 on foot, kayak, and by vehicle. Mr. McLeroy's grandson, Ethan Archer was searching from the San Miguel River in a kayak, while his father Ivan was following above him on Highway 141 in a vehicle. Ethan spotted Mr. McLeroy laying

inverted on the river bank and the red Ford Taurus that Mr. McLeroy was driving was with its nose in the river. He immediately notified his father, who then alerted authorities. San Miguel Undersheriff Eric Berg was also a part of the search party and was the first law enforcement officer to arrive on the scene. Undersheriff Berg is a certified paramedic and has extensive experience in search and rescue. Lieutenant McClellan, search party members, and Undersheriff Berg first cut several trees to clear a path and then used ropes and pulleys to access and safely extract Mr. McLeroy from the scene. It is believed that Mr. McLeroy had attempted to get out of the vehicle by climbing the steep cliff to the highway, but fell and was found inverted on the bank. Once rescued, he was transported by a Classic Air Medical helicopter for medical evaluation. "This is a true miracle," said Lieutenant William McClellan, who organized search efforts. "Mr. McLeroy is a beloved member of the west end community, and on behalf of the MCSO, I am proud to be able to safely reunite him with his family. I want to recognize the volunteers, deputies, Montrose County Road and Bridge, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Colorado State Patrol, San Miguel County Undersheriff Berg, Classic Air Medical, and the Mesa County Sheriff's Office for their assistance."

"Deputies and search parties have been working around the clock trying to find Mr. McLeroy and I am so thankful our efforts were successful," said Investigator Travis Thompson, lead investigator on the case. "This is the best case scenario--this 82-year-old man persevered and survived 72-hours in hot temperatures--and we could not have accomplished this without the assistance of our partners."



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Mirror staff report

MONTROSE-Four seats are open on the Montrose County School District RE-1J Board of Education in the November election, including:
 District B - 4 year term Jacob Suppes currently seated
 District D - 4 year term Tom West currently seated - Term Limited

District F - 4 year term Phoebe Benziger currently seated - Term Limited
 District G - 2 year term Stephen Bush currently seated

The following candidates have filed Notice of Intent to be a Candidate for School Director for an open seat:
[DoriAnn Adragna-District B](#)
[Cindy Brand-District D](#)

[Stephen Bush-District G](#)
[Shawn Carroll-District D](#)
[Katie Dunn-District B](#)
[Melody Gillette-District G](#)
[Jacob Suppes District B](#)
[Dru-Anne Weaver District G](#)

No candidates have filed Notice of Intent to run for the District F seat now held by Phoebe Benziger.

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available: \$35.

3] Small barrel chair is in fine shape, is currently upholstered in light blue with a darker oak frame, and is 60+ years old. \$50.
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TAKE A 'SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY' AS MONTROSE REGIONAL AIRPORT TRIBUTE TO AVIATION RETURNS From pg 1

Force, the Sentimental Journey is a B17 that dates to late 1944 and flew in the Pacific theater during World War II. Based at Arizona's Falcon Field, the painstakingly restored aircraft now tours the nation, visiting an average of 60 cities and towns each year. The plane will be in Montrose Sept. 9-15, parked in front of Atlantic Aviation at the Montrose Regional Airport for viewing from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"We will be open the week before, so people can go in and out, and take flights in it," said Volunteer Coordinator Dick Manhart of the Commemorative Air Force. "The flights are expensive, but I have never heard anybody complain."

A ride in the nose costs \$850; a seat in the fuselage runs from \$425 to \$450. Rides last around 30 minutes.

Volunteer Wayne Skiff, said that the roar of the WWII-era planes signaled a warning to those on the ground. "They knew a bombing raid was coming—they could hear it, then see it," he said. "and they knew the length of it."

A pair of U.S. Army pilots will fly the B17 over Montrose this week. The plane is a living reminder of our history, Manhart said. He has taken the B-17 to communities across the nation; still, the Tribute to Aviation stands out. "I don't know how Lloyd does it," Manhart said. "I have flown all over the country, and I have never seen

a static display like it."

The B17 triggers strong memories for many, Manhart said. "One man in a wheelchair came to see it—he had flown in it, though he had not been out of a wheelchair in a long time.

"He got out of his chair, and he got in the plane."

Skiff recalled the time a lady who had worked as a riveter during World War II

came to see the B-17. "She went and rubbed the rivets, and said, 'I could have put these in,'" Skiff said. "It still gets me."

Only around 50 B-17s are still in existence. Among those interested in the Sentimental Journey for personal reasons is Montrose resident Charles White.

"My grandfather was a pilot, and he flew one in Europe," White said.

To book a flight, call 480-462-2992.

POSITIVITY GATHERING PLANNED SEPT. 9 @ MAIN & TOWNSEND

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Members of the community are invited to gather from 5-6 PM on Monday, Sept. 9th at the corner of Main and Townsend in Montrose for a simple, upbeat event: Spread Love & Positivity, Montrose (The Sequel). Participants are encouraged to bring signs (or make one on the spot) so that drivers and passersby are reminded that they're loved, accepted, and valued. Poster messages and participant behavior must be positive and uplifting. Anyone with questions should reach out to Rev. Karen Winkler (Community Spirit UCC) at 970-765-7070.



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2001 MHS GRADUATE PROMOTED TO USMC MASTER-SERGEANT 1SEP2019



Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-2001 Montrose High School Graduate and former MHS NJROTC participant, Master-Sergeant Jacob Maynard, USMC, was promoted effective 1SEP2019. Maynard enlisted in the Marines 24SEP2001. Maynard's Father served in USMC in the 60's; his Brother, Lance Corporal Chad Maynard, USMC died in combat in Iraq and is memorialized at the flag station at Demoret Park. Master-Sergeant Maynard's deployments include:

-Iraq Jan - Sep 2003

-Iraq May 2004-Feb 2005

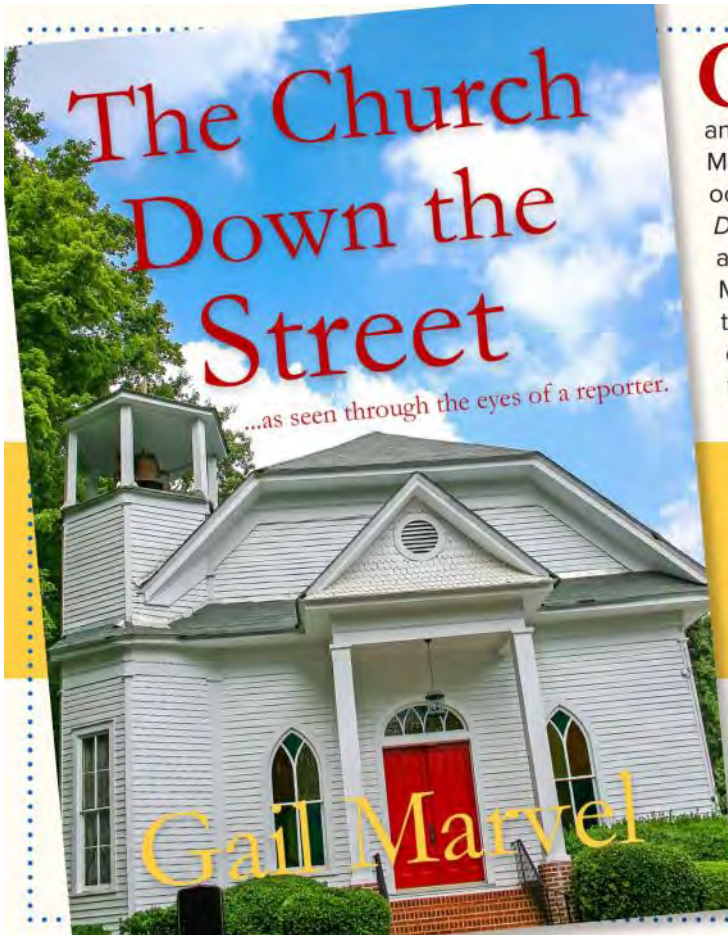
-Sep 2013- Apr 2014 – Float – USS New Orleans. Amphibious Ready Group - San Diego to the Persian Gulf and return

-Mar 2016 – Sep 2016 – Darwin, Australia

-Duty stations in the US

-Camp Pendleton, CA – Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, 29 Palms, CA. Indianapolis, Camp Pendleton, CA, 29 Palms, CA

At left, Master-Sergeant Jacob Maynard, USMC, surrounded by family. Courtesy photo Tim Conner.



On the Western Slope of Colorado, within a 20-mile radius of the City of Montrose, there are more than 70 churches and houses of worship. Over a 2½-year period, reporter Gail Marvel visited most of these congregations on two separate occasions, resulting in approximately 120 visits. *The Church Down the Street* is a compilation of these visits organized in a topical format — Hospitality, Program & Source Material, Music, Meditations & Invitations, and The Message. Similar to the Apostle Paul writing about the church through the eyes of an apostle, *The Church Down the Street* is about the church as seen through the eyes of a reporter.

Gail Marvel's new book, *The Church Down the Street*, is now available online at [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) and [wingedpublications.com](https://www.wingedpublications.com).

GAIL MARVEL

Montrose Author & Reporter



The individual stories of these visits were published in *The Montrose Mirror* and the archived stories, *Experiencing the Church* series (issues 90–150); and *Houses of Worship* series (issues 197–250), can be found at www.montrose.mobi/.



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SOLARIZE MONTROSE HELPS TO GREATLY REDUCE MONTROSE RESIDENTS' ELECTRIC BILLS, SUPPORTS GROWTH OF A LOCAL SOLAR MARKET *Program offers exclusive solar discounts and kicks off Sept. 14!*

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE- Montrose is set to take part in Solarize, a program model that makes going solar for residents easier and less expensive for a limited time.

Called [Solarize Montrose](#), this community-based effort has partnered with Atlasta Solar Center and plans to launch a 13-week outreach campaign filled with educational events for the community on the benefits of solar power.

The campaign will launch on Saturday, September 14, with a "Celebrating 300 Days of Sunshine" event to be held in the Centennial Room—adjacent to the Farmer's Market—from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The event will feature the following speakers:

10:30 a.m.–11 a.m.—Kathy Swartz, Executive Director of Solar Energy International in Paonia, on solar jobs

11 a.m.–11:30 a.m.—Jim Heneghan, Chief Power Supply Officer, Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) on the future of DMEA after getting out of Tri-State contract next May

11:30 a.m.–noon—Carole London, Program Coordinator of Solarize Montrose, and Teddy Aegerter, co-owner of Atlasta Solar Center, on the benefits of going solar. Local businesses and environmental organizations will be attending to also share information.

If community members are interested in going solar, they can register for the program in person at the event or [online](#), and will then be provided a no-cost, no-commitment, assessment on their property from Atlasta Solar Center, before choosing if they want to sign a contract or not. Participants who choose to sign a contract and go solar by Nov. 8, 2019, will be eligible for an exclusive program discount.

Carole London, Program Coordinator for Solarize Montrose, notes that many people say they can't afford solar, when they'd actually be replacing their electric bill with a loan payment that would be equal to or less than what they would be paying DMEA.

[Solarize Montrose](#) has been made possible in part by Solar Energy International's [Solar Forward Program](#), a program that aims to support rural communities throughout Colorado in growing their solar markets.

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at 433 South First Street, as a City of Montrose Historic Property.

"This is a symbolic first designation," Turner said. "...There is a second one in the pipeline and it is not a city building."

A memo outlining the Findings of Fact on the designation was included in the meeting packet; the building has already been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. According to the Ordinance, the building is more than fifty years old, is significant in its association with the history of government in Montrose, was erected in 1926 as the first building completed specifically to house city offices and continues in that function today. Montrose City Hall is a notable example of the work of local architect J.H. Antrobus and local contractors Okey & Jones.

Bowman opened a public hearing.

"I am excited to have our first historic building be our own City Hall," Mayor Pro Tem Barbara Bynum said.

With no comments from the public, the hearing was closed. Council unanimously approved Ordinance 2485 on first reading.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SALES TAX BALLOT ISSUE

Council unanimously approved Ordinance 2486 on first reading, imposing a public safety sales and use tax, establishing the Public Safety Sales and Use Tax Fund, limiting the use of money from the fund to support for the level of service for public safety in the City, making conforming amendments to the Official Code of the City, and requiring voter approval prior to the effective date of the Ordinance.

Prior to the vote, Councilor Judy Ann Files expressed concern over Section 2. 5-14-40, specifically the paragraph that states, "The City Manager, in coordination with the police chief, shall determinate public safety expenditures which qualify for payment from the public safety sales and use tax fund."

Files suggested that language be included to note that the amendment is in line with the City Charter.

Speaking in support of Ordinance 2486 was Public Safety Citizens' Advisory Committee Member David Stockton.

"When my wife and I arrived here nearly five years ago Montrose was a quaint little town," Stockton said. "It has changed since then and not all for the good. We have found used syringes in our local park; one of our neighbors was convicted of pedophilia and now resides in Jail.

"Not a day goes by where we don't read about some criminal activity taking place across town," he said. "We all read the negative press regarding the proposed tax increase; it's my belief there are those in the City that will not accept the reality that Montrose has changed and that measures have to be taken to address the significant increase in crime in our community.

"Their arguments come in allegations of budget mismanagement," Stockton said. "You know, I know, and I believe fair-minded people across the City know, that's just not true."

He urged Council to vote yes.

John W. Nelson, a retired judge and Founder of Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers, also addressed Council.

Nelson suggested use of the plural "facilities" rather than the singular "facility," in the Ordinance.

"I believe that's in the Ordinance," Mayor Bowman said. "We have heard you."

Said Nelson, "Three sailors, the survivors of a shipwreck, are in the middle of the ocean in a lifeboat with a hole in it. One sailor rants and rails about the ship's captain causing the wreck. The second spews hatred for the lifeboat manufacturer. The third, timidly, suggests that they find a way to plug the leak and then discuss responsibility.

"Which of the three is Montrose?" Nelson asked. He mentioned recent observations of his own, including a stop at a local convenience store in which a clerk was being watched by a transient and felt fearful. He recalled being told by a Main Street merchant that nothing can be left outside the business at night—even chained and locked—without it being stolen.

"This is Montrose today," Nelson said, pointing out the local arrest blotters have



Public Safety Citizens Advisory Committee member David Stockton spoke to Council.

grown exponentially in recent years.

"Officers are routinely working 12 to 16 or more hours per shift. That is both dangerous and expensive."

Nelson said, "Now is not the time for fault finding and finger pointing. Plug the hole in the lifeboat and then debate how we got here. If this ballot issue fails, it will be many years before law enforcement can match and defeat the increase in crime.

"I hate taxes," Nelson said. "I am retired. But this one has to pass."

Citizens Safety Advisory Committee Member Phoebe Benziger thanked Council and the Police Department for allowing the committee to ask questions and explore the issue. She expressed support for the ballot issue.

"Something has to be done," Benziger said. "You can't have it both ways. Either we decide to do this, or I hate to think about what might happen...we all have the same amount of skin in this game."

Safety Advisory Committee J. David Reed spoke. "My wife reminds me that I have never been able to say anything intelligent in three minutes or less...I encourage you to vote in favor of the ordinance, and I also want to thank you for your service...this is like Rome burning. We can debate...but your vote tonight is the first dose of water poured on that fire."

City Manager Bill Bell said that the word 'facility' had been changed to 'facilities,' "because it allows us to have flexibility there."

Also unanimously

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approved was Resolution 2019-22, submitting to a vote of the qualified electors of the City at the coordinated election held on Nov. 5, 2019 a ballot issue authorizing a public safety sales and use tax; setting the ballot title and content for the ballot issue; and providing other matters relating thereto.

STAFF REPORTS/COMMENTS

City Attorney Stephen Alcorn said that staff cannot advocate for the expenditure of city funds; a volunteer committee comprised of members of the Public Safety Citizens Advisory Committee will provide outreach on the Public Safety Sales Tax ballot issue. "You guys have free rein," Alcorn said to the committee members. "You can even be kicking in some money."

Montrose Police Commander Matt Smith reminded Council of the upcoming Threat Assessment Training at the Montrose County Fairgrounds. There will be an overview on Sept. 11 for community leaders, he said.

Police Chief Blaine Hall reminded Council that 30 presentations on the public safety sales tax proposal had been presented by the City team. "Once again thanks, I appreciate it, and our department does as well."

"Thank you," Mayor Bowman said. "You are passionate. Listening to you those 30 times never got boring."

City Grants Coordinator Kendall Cramer shared information on a \$5K grant received from Livewell Colorado to improve

safety at the crosswalk at Main Street and Uncompahgre Avenue.

"We are really excited for that," Kramer said. "8,100 vehicles come through every day...sometimes it can be nerve wracking getting across."

Said Mayor Bowman, "It's another great example of how we help fund public safety all the time."

Bowman then promoted the final event of his Summer Music Series at the City's Black Canyon Golf Course. "I appreciate the support of Tom Young at the golf course and of the City...It's been a very successful year and I can't wait to do it again."

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



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HENDERSON ASKS MONTROSE COUNTY TO DISCUSS MAKING A PLACE FOR THE FORUM; BOCC APPROVES COURTHOUSE PROJECTS



Former Montrose County Commissioner Ron Henderson requested work session time to discuss making a place for the Forum.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Commissioner Keith Caddy was not in attendance at the regular meeting of the Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) on Wednesday, Sept. 4. The invocation was delivered by Pastor Eric Archuleta of the Abundant Life Church.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Former Montrose County Commissioner Ron Henderson spoke.

"I come here seeking to be on your work session agenda, to speak to you about providing a place possibly for the Forum... it meets weekly," Henderson said. "I think without a doubt there is a need for such a thing that could be used by the citizenry not only of Montrose County but of the City and maybe even of the surrounding area...it would be a very positive action to be involved with by the County."

COUNTY MANAGER

County Manager Ken Norris made one change to the meeting agenda, moving [Item C-5](#) (consideration and possible action regarding a contract change order in the amount of \$242,160 to F&D International, LLC., for demolition and removal of two ceilings on the top two floors of the Historic Montrose County Courthouse for

the purpose of additional structural investigations) from the Consent Agenda to D-2 under General Business.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda items were approved unanimously.

GENERAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATIVE

Commissioners approved [a bid award and contract in the amount of \\$639,157.13](#) to Stryker & Company, Inc. for permitting and renovation of the Montrose County Health & Human Services

West Wing, to include parking lot improvements. The project is anticipated to start Sept. 11, 2019 and be completed by Jan. 17, 2020.

"We did put this project out for bid," Facilities/Maintenance Director Jennifer DelTonto said, noting that two bids were received for the renovation portion of the project and three for the parking lot portion of the project. Stryker was low bidder on both portions.

"It went out for competitive bid...I am grateful that a local company got the bid," BOCC Vice Chair Roger Rash said. "That's a wonderful thing."

The project is part of the overall Courthouse renovation process, Rash noted, and will create additional office space for the County.

"It is a multi-year, multi-faceted project to renovate this old courthouse, which is so important to us."

Commissioners also approved [a contract change order](#) in the amount of \$242,160 to F&D International, LLC., for demolition and removal of two ceilings on the top two floors of the Historic Montrose County Courthouse for the purpose of additional structural investigations.

Even with the change order, DelTonto

said that the courthouse project is still well beneath the \$900K threshold appropriated for this year.

"Our recommendation is that we go ahead and do both ceilings," she said. "...we either spend it now on this part of the project we or spend it later...I think we'll get better cost estimates at the end of this, I think we will get a better design at the end of this, if we go ahead and let them open up those two floors."

Said BOCC Chair Sue Hansen, "I think this is the right way to go...we need to see what's going on up there to be able to make the best decision."

Limiting risk up front will help lower costs later on, Rash said.

"This to me is just prudent...we know exactly what we're getting...the design package will be better, they can actually cost estimate it better because they'll know exactly what we need in items, and we'll get a better bid in the future."

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

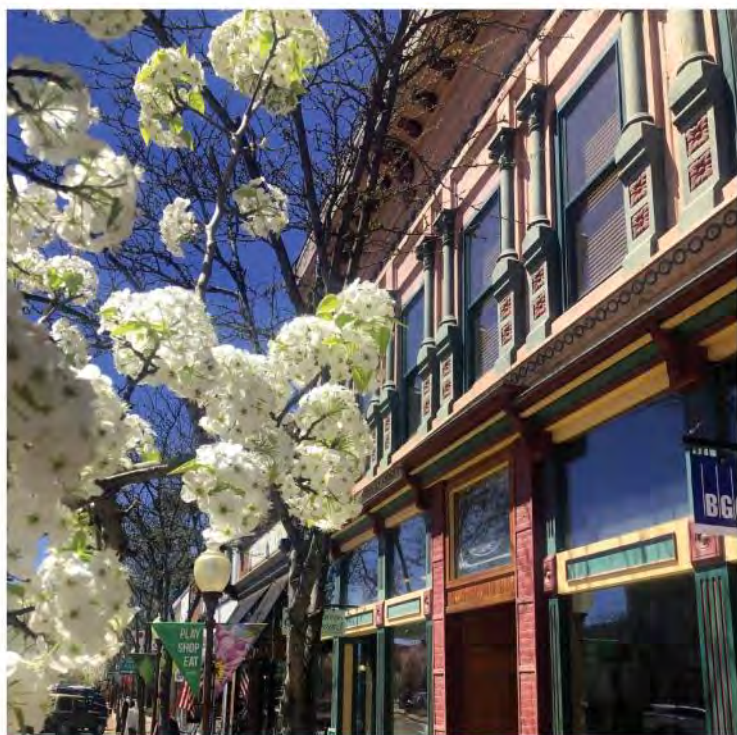
Commissioners approved [Resolution 35-2019](#), the formal documentation of the details previously agreed to concerning a Special Use request by 3XM Grinding & Compost for a composting facility at 59039 Amber Road.

Rash, who voted against approval of the facility at the BOCC meeting of Aug. 20, voted to approve Resolution 35-2019. "I voted against this initially," Rash said. "...but this board, we have each other's backs. I trust my other two board members, and we're going to make sure this thing works the way it's supposed to work."

In other business, commissioners approved the Lilac Garden Minor Subdivision proposal to divide a 9.53-acre lot into two lots for owner Marc Hitchcox; and the Bostwick Park Tract Exemption proposal to create one new lot from a 92-acre tract for owners Todd and Alyce Hubbard at 12654 Bostwick Park Road.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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CITY COUNCIL INTERVIEWS HISTORIC COMMISSION APPLICANTS, FINALIZES LANGUAGE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY BALLOT ISSUE

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Montrose City Council interviewed two applicants for the City's Historic Preservation Commission at the regular work session of Tuesday, Sept. 3. Lunch for Council and staff was catered by Heidi's Brooklyn Deli; all councilors were in attendance. Mayor Dave Bowman arrived late due to a tour of the Russell Stover Candy Factory and left prior to the end of the work session.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION APPLICANT INTERVIEWS

Montrose residents Danielle Godt and Donald P. Cram discussed their interest in serving on the Commission, and their qualifications.

Godt moved here in July and bought a home after 30 years of practicing architecture in Phoenix.

"I am so glad to be here in a friendly place," she said. Noting that her specialty is adobe construction, Godt expressed appreciation for historic buildings.

"For the people who live here, historic buildings are a visible link to the past," she said. "...I think we lose part of ourselves when we don't restore buildings and keep them for our children."

Cram has lived in Montrose for two years; his grandfather lived at 501 South San Juan Avenue. A semi-retired professor of accounting, Cram has been involved in historic preservation and has written extensively on the subject for Wikipedia. Though development on South Townsend has changed the character of Montrose, "The City has nice historic properties that add a lot of charm to the area," he said. The challenge going forward will be to make the program attractive enough that people will want to participate, and to attract private owners, he said.

Mayor Pro Tem Barbara Bynum thanked both applicants; "We appreciate your time and interest."

PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX UPDATE

Police Chief Blaine Hall said that the City had conducted 29 presentations to the community since Aug. 6, with one more scheduled. A presentation to the school board was especially positive; "Good

meetings, positive response," Hall said. "We relish the discussion."

Passage of the sales tax increase would allow two new school resource officers to be hired, one for elementary schools and one for middle and high schools. "We actually got applause from staff and teachers for seeing the need for more SRO's," Hall said. "...SRO's do a lot of child outreach, especially in the realm of mental health."

As for recent activity, heroin use and incidents arising from mental illness continue to be prevalent here, he said.

Council and staff spent time finalizing the ballot language and ordinance to be approved at the evening Council meeting.

RIVERWOOD ESTATES IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

City Engineer Scott Murphy presented an update on the district and the assessment of utility extension costs.

Background

According to a memo prepared by Murphy, Riverwood Estates Subdivision is a 35-lot residential neighborhood located off Marine Road. The neighborhood was created under Montrose County subdivision regulations in 1978. Though the subdivision is not located within City limits, it is within the City of Montrose water service area. The subdivision's well system had a history of non-compliance with regulatory requirements set forth by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE).

A resolution of intent to create a special improvement district was adopted by City Council on Feb. 19 (Resolution 2019-03) and a contract was awarded to Williams Construction for extension of the City's water system. Construction of the pro-



City of Montrose Historic Preservation Commission applicants Donald P. Cram and Daniell Godt, above, were interviewed at the City Council work session of Sept. 3.

ject was completed on July 30.

The memo also notes that total project costs came in at approximately \$434k or \$116k under the established \$550k project maximum.

Council must now approve ordinances formally creating the Riverwood Estates Improvement District, and assessing the actual design and construction costs to property owners, Murphy said. "After adoption of the final ordinance, people can come in and pay it off or the Assessor will add it to their property tax...the way the agreement is written, the (obligation) will pass to any successors."

Said Bynum, "The whole thing is fascinating, that City water can be the solution for a county subdivision where the system is failing."

Murphy also provided an update on the Hillcrest roundabout; it is expected to open in mid-September. "Everything comes down to striping and landscaping," he said.

"Thanks for the good work on that," Bynum said.

SPECIAL EVENTS-PERMITS

Special events liquor permits for the annual Oktoberfest on Sept. 21 and for a planned community block party on Oct. 10 were presented by City Clerk Lisa Del-Piccolo.

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GENERAL DISCUSSION

Councilor Judy Ann Files spoke about the Russell Stover Candy Factory tour. "It's an interesting situation, hearing how the business is going and what the City can do to help...there's so much that goes on inside that building."

"It's really interesting to see the impact on the community," Bynum said. "As well as the candy." Councilor Doug Glaspell noted, "The rail line is interesting too—at

some point in time, we can work on getting that rail line out of there."

Finance Director Shani Wittenberg reminded Council of a budget retreat on Oct. 3; Information Systems Director Greg Story discussed efforts to improve cyber security. "...after 12 months, malicious emails should be down to one or two percent."

Files mentioned the upcoming move of the Forum discussions out of the CASA facility. Assistant City Manager Ann Mor-

genthaler mentioned changes to the City's site-specific application for alternations to historic design, to come before Council in an upcoming meeting.

City Manager Bill Bell spoke about a planned meeting at the historic Knights of Pythias Building.

"It's a great example of potential...it's exciting to be in there and to be able to visualize that...the owner has met with our planner Amy Sharp."

DMEA CLARIFICATION/CORRECTION

By Gail Marvel

Correction and clarification to the Delta Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) August 27, 2019 board meeting report that was published in Issue # 340 of the *Montrose Mirror*.

Corrected excerpts:

Safety and Occupational Health Report –

Mateusz Pena, Engineering Manager.

Pena said, "We had one employee injury. The employee was on a line-locate and twisted his ankle. We had two near misses. A member attempted to work on his own property and the incident was reported. There was an attempted power theft after a disconnect for non-payment."

Financial Report- Wade Pynes, CFO.

For the month of July, paperless online billing has resulted in \$50,000 benefit to the organization.

Pynes reported an instance where legal fees with outside counsel in Washington DC were questioned, "We pushed back and fees were cut."

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TABEGUACHE HABITAT RESTORATION PROJECT PUT ON HOLD

Special to the Mirror

NORWOOD-Due to the public concerns and issues raised during the initial scoping period, the Tabeguache Habitat Restoration Project will be put on hold to allow for additional planning and public discussion. A new 45 day comment period will begin once the project is reinitiated.

The primary purpose of Tabeguache Habitat Project aims to restore wildlife habitat through the implementation of the 2002 Uncompahgre National Forest Travel Plan Record of Decision (ROD). The project area includes National Forest System lands south of Tabeguache creek in the Tabeguache Basin, Pinto Mesa, Glencoe, and Bucktail Creek areas.

Currently, a high density of non-system routes and user-created routes existing within the project area are reducing habitat effectiveness and the availability of security areas for wildlife.

To reduce impacts to soils, watershed and wildlife resources in the area, a combination of road closures, sign and gate installation, and road decommissioning of non-system and user-created routes will be utilized.

No National Forest Service System roads or trails as identified by the ROD will be

closed or decommissioned as part of this project.

Existing trailheads within the project area will be improved with the addition of ki-

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

HOW DID THE MPD GET IN SUCH A DIRE FINANCIAL PREDICAMENT SO QUICKLY?

Editor:

Since my 9-2-19 letter to the Mirror regarding research of City documents relative to past MPD funding, I have received many requests to present that information in a more understandable format. I had already begun that process, and add that information below. With several concerned voters beginning to raise questions about the entire process of the campaign to increase taxes, it is interesting to note the immediate push back from the City and the Committee on all questions being raised.

Is it unreasonable to think that PSST Committee members, faced with the task of finding a solution to insufficient funding for the MPD would first ask, how did the MPD get in such a dire financial predicament so quickly? Sadly, the 43 page Citizens Committee report of May 2019 failed to indicate that the Committee thoroughly researched the root causes of funding deficiencies. One committee member reported that any budget discussion was off limits. A second committee member indicated that they did look at "the budget" [no indication of which one], and noted they had "an in depth understanding of it". How can you look at one budget and not the last 5 or 10, to gain a critical understanding of a trend in budgeting, and arrive at a truly informed decision? No matter the protestations of any Committee member, their own written report reveals the failure in this regard.

Apparently their task from the beginning was narrowly defined as to come up with an additional funding mechanism to supplement the General Fund; i.e. higher taxes via the proposed PSST that will appear on the November ballot. Voters are beginning to wonder if this narrow charge was by design.

Possessed with an inquiring mind, and none of the restraints apparently placed on the Committee, I spent well over 60 hours over a three week period researching the City financial documents posted on the City website, including budgets and audit reports, and compiled those findings the Committee seems to have failed to consider, into a clear format.

Before automatically buying into the tax increase the City is selling, voters are encouraged to do their own research and make their own decision on whether or not the City has a track record of adequately funding the MPD from available resources.

Dee Laird, Montrose

1-HISTORY OF MPD BUDGETS 2010-18

Year	City Mgr	Budget	Increase	Under Budget	Over Budget
2010	Watt	5,637,147		229,355	
2011	Sellers	5,739,043	1.8%	1,905,470	
2012	Bell	5,773,462	.6%		2,050,304
2013	"	5,960,783	3.2%	330,360	
2014	"	5,792,096	-2.8%		338,984
2015	"	6,175,985	6.6%		421,022
2016	"	6,842,070	10.7%		260,028
2017	"	7,079,144	3.9%	30,513	
2018	"	7,126,768	.6%		1,927,252
2019	"	8,124,777	14%	[year in progress-no audit available]	

Note:

- 1- Between 2010 & 2011 combined, the MPD failed to utilize 2,134,825 of its budget
- 2- In 2012 the MPD only had a .6% budget increase, but got extra funding of 2,050,304 to offset the previous two years.
- 3- In 2013 the MPD failed to utilize 330,360 of its budget
- 4- Between 2014 to 2016 the MPD got 1,020,034 in additional funding to offset low budgets.
- 5- In 2017 the MPD failed to utilize 30,513 of its budget
- 6- In 2018 the MPD had a budget increase of .6%, but received 1,927,252 in extra funding again to offset low budgets.
- 7- Finally in 2019 the MPD got the first reasonable budget increase
- 8- Between 2010-18 MPD budgets increased 1.4 million, an average of 165,00 per year. Not enough for one new officer absent supplemental funding.
- 9- As noted in the "Over Budget" column above, the City seems to be able to come up with substantial extra funding when it has to.
- 10- The City noted publicly it has provided 2 million in extra funding to the MPD from 2011-18. That equates to just 250,00 / year, equal to 1.4 new officers.
- 11- Based on the above history, did the MPD fight hard enough for adequate funding?
- 12- Did the City truly prioritize MPD budgeting?

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BLM RELOCATION PLAN IS ILL CONCEIVED, EXTREMELY COSTLY

Dear Editor:

It was recently announced by Secretary of the Interior, David Bernhardt, that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will be moving its Washington DC based employees to the West. The agency's headquarters will be located in Grand Junction, a total of twenty-seven personnel, including the director and assistant directors. Denver/Lakewood will have fifty-four people reassigned from DC. Approximately 300 positions will be relocated to other western states. How many of those employees can afford to move their family, or want to move their family? To live in DC, both spouses often work. Children are attending school and would be uprooted. Truth is, most employees will either seek a job in another agency, or retire/resign. That is a lot of knowledge and investment in dedicated career employees that will be forever lost.

Senator Cory Gardner is a strong proponent and makes it sound like this idea, first evolved from Ryan Zinke, the previous Interior Secretary, is a no brainer. A win-win.

Gardner states that the BLM's relocation, *"will bring the bureau's decision-makers closer to the people they serve and the public lands they manage. The problem with Washington is too many policymakers are far removed from the people they are there to serve. Ninety-nine percent of the land the BLM manages is West of the Mississippi River, and so should be the BLM headquarters. This is a victory for local communities, advocates for public lands, and proponents for a more responsible and accountable federal government."*

Sounds logical? It does, unless you have worked for the BLM, are working for the BLM, or as a private citizen or organization who has worked with the BLM. The relocation plan is ill thought out and extremely costly financially. Very little planning has been involved in assisting or counseling these Washington DC employees who will be given the edict to move or be out of a job. The Washington DC staff consists of

just four percent of the agency's employees.

The BLM is the federal government's largest land management agency, overseeing about 248 million acres of public land and 700 million acres of subsurface mineral estate. Yet it has a much smaller number of employees, about 10,000, than do the other federal agencies administering natural resource lands. The National Park Service has 27,000 employees and the US Forest Service 28,000. The US Fish and Wildlife Service has 9,000 employees, but manages about sixty percent less land than the BLM.

Very few of BLM's decisions are made at the Washington level. Most are made through resource management plans, formulated by a field office (such as in Montrose, Gunnison, Grand Junction, and Dolores), and then signed off by a state director. The day-to-day operations of BLM are currently made in these field offices with participation by public land users, cooperating agencies, county commissioners, and other organizations. A major function of the Washington Office is national policy. Insuring that all states within the agency are acting collectively. Often personnel in the state offices or field offices are detailed to Washington in order to provide input based on their experiences, expertise, and knowledge of the public and their issues, and are thus incorporated into national policy.

Some very high profile decisions, initially made by the field office and concurred on by the state director may be referred to the BLM director. This is how it works in the Forest Service, Park Service, and Fish and Wildlife Service. The director does not need to "house" themselves in Grand Junction. Often, when a decision is referred to the BLM director, it comes from the Office of the Secretary of the Interior. Too often, this is the Interior Department's way of altering or influencing a decision. Of making a decision a political statement rather than based on sound scientific research with input from the field offices with their on-the-ground

knowledge.

But there is an overriding reason to promote the relocation of the Washington DC Office to Grand Junction and other western states. Read the Republican Party's 2016 Platform.

"The federal government owns or controls over 640 million acres of land ... most of which is in the West It is absurd to think that all that acreage must remain under the absentee ownership or management of official Washington. Congress shall immediately pass universal legislation providing for a timely and orderly mechanism requiring the federal government to convey certain federally controlled public lands to the states The residents of state and local communities know best how to protect the land where they work and live. They provide boots-on-the-ground conservation everyday."

The Republican Platform continues that, *"Conservation is inherent in conservatism.....We assert that **private ownership** (emphasis mine) has been the best guarantee of conscientious stewardship."*

Very clear that the overall goal is to place public lands under state control where they can be more easily sold into private ownership. Ask a Texan what it costs to hunt in their state, as they have no public lands. Last few years, states like Idaho proposed eliminating funding for their state parks and closing a few. And who will pay to fight forest fires on these "former" public lands. The federal government will still be looked upon to pay the costs, such as they do for hurricane, earthquake, and flood relief.

The long-term result of Secretary Bernhardt and Senator Cory Gardner's relocation of BLM's Washington Office, is to take away on-the-ground management by BLM's field offices and create a system making it impossible to manage our public lands. Right now the Interior Department's primary emphasis is energy development. Not wildlife habitat. Not endangered species. Not wildlands. Not non-motorized recreation. Moving the office to Grand Junction also isolates the BLM from

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Congress, the branch of government responsible for the federal budget which funds BLM. Why is there no move to relocate the Park Service, Forest Service, or Fish and Wildlife Service from Washington DC?

Because the one agency ripe for pickings, to be transferred and then later sold to private interests, is the BLM.

And if you are a hunter, fisher, recreationist, or any kind of public land user who enjoys access to public lands, guess again. The majority of state owned lands in Colorado and Utah, if they are leased to someone, they ARE NOT open to public use. Federal land however, even if under a lease for grazing, ARE open to public use. That is a fact. Governor Jared Polis has been trying to open up some more state lands, but the majority is off limits to the public. And yet Secretary Bernhardt says he wants to increase hunting and fishing access on public lands?

There is an old saying - DIVIDE and CON-

QUER. This is exactly what lies behind the plan to relocate BLM's Washington Office to Grand Junction and other parts of the West. Hobble, disrupt, and make the largest federal land management agency appear incompetent and impotent.

Once management is weakened, state governments like Utah's, are willing to step in, as are certain large corporations ready to buy and privatize our public lands.

When two federal lawmakers asked that BLM's relocation plan be suspended, an assistant secretary of lands and minerals in the Interior Department, Joe Balash, stated that their opposition will jeopardize plans to send federal employees to their states. So strike out at the lawmakers, but penalize the states and the public in those states? Childish. Under that rationale, maybe if a member of Congress in every state spoke out against relocation, no employees would be relocated.

The former president of the Mountain

States Legal Foundation, whose goal is defending property rights, wrote that he opposed federal public lands protections, including national monuments. In 2016, he wrote a column in the "National Review" supporting the land transfer movement in Utah and advocating for the federal government to sell off BLM land. That man's name is William Perry Pendley. He is currently BLM's acting director. The man who may be moving to Grand Junction.

Give this some thought. If you agree that this is an ill-conceived plan, please write Senators Michael Bennet and Cory Gardner as well as Governor Jared Polis.

Sincerely,

Jon Sering, Montrose

Mr. Sering was a career BLM employee of over thirty-two years, 18 of those in Montrose. His last 20 years were as a law enforcement ranger, including being the National Chief Ranger for BLM - as a Washington Office employee.

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GRAND JUNCTION—“Fire knows no bounds. When it comes to fighting wildfires in rural communities, everyone fights it together. It’s an honor to be here and transfer this fire engine to the community of De Beque. We sincerely hope this assistance increases the safety and effectiveness of collaborative wildland fire response in the community and Mesa County,” said Kate MacGregor, DOI Deputy Chief of Staff exercising the authority of Deputy Secretary.

“We are pleased to provide this engine to our valuable partners at the De Beque Fire Protection District,” said BLM Colorado State Director Jamie Connell. “Through this transfer, we are enhancing the ability to suppress wildland fires that threaten communities, property and natural resources in Mesa County.”

“This engine will be an asset to our wildfire fleet,” said DFPD District Fire Chief Mike Harvey. “We all work together as one team on wildfires here and this demonstrates that teamwork.”

“We continue to work closely with our local BLM office to better serve our community,” said Mesa County Commissioner Rose Pugliese. This is a perfect example of how we collaborate locally.”

Community partnerships between the BLM and local fire departments are crucial to wildfire response on private, state and federal lands affecting grazing, recreational, wildlife and other values important to local economies.

The RFR program serves as a mechanism to transfer BLM firefighting equipment

and provide funding to partners to increase safety and reduce suppression response time.

Just last year, this program was reinstated to transfer used equipment to volunteer fire departments, rural fire departments, rangeland fire protection associations, and other similar organizations. In that time, BLM has transferred approximately 11 engines in six western states, including Idaho, Oregon, Utah, Wyoming, Nevada, and Montana. In 2019 and early in 2020, the BLM expects to transfer approximately 24 more wildland fire engines and one command vehicle to volunteer fire departments, rural fire departments, and rangeland fire protection associations in several western states.

For the past decade, the BLM stationed the engine at its fire station in Rifle. The BLM recently replaced the engine, which made it available through the RFR program.

With peak wildfire activity predicted in the coming months, DOI has been working tirelessly to implement preventative measures to limit the size and scope of wildfires, treat current wildfires already underway, and protect wildfire-prone areas to best safeguard people and their communities.

The Trump Administration has prioritized active management of the nation’s public lands as provided in the President’s Executive Order 13855 and Secretary’s Order 3372, which establish a meaningful and coordinated framework for ensuring the protection of people, communities, and natural resources. Implementation of both

Orders is a priority for reducing the risks of deadly and destructive wildfires.

This year, the BLM began analyzing a significant, 11,000-mile stretch of strategic fuel breaks to combat wildfires in the Great Basin, which includes portions of Idaho, Oregon, Washington, California, Nevada, and Utah. This large-scale, collaborative project could serve as a means to better control wildfires within a 223 million acre area. The environmental impact of the proposal is still being evaluated.

As DOI continues to evaluate innovative ways to best limit the destruction of wildfires in the future, it is nearing completion of more than 2,500 wildfire risk-reduction projects on more than 1.2 million acres of DOI and tribally administered lands in some of the most fire-prone areas of the country.

The UCR includes BLM and U.S. Forest Service firefighting resources that cover 5.8 million acres along Interstate 70 and the Colorado River and Roaring Fork River corridors, from the Continental Divide to the Utah state line. The UCR includes the White River National Forest and the BLM’s Colorado River Valley and Grand Junction field offices. The UCR cooperates with other federal and state agencies, local communities, and fire departments on a wide range of activities including fuels treatments, fire prevention and suppression.

For more information on the RFR program, please visit the BLM Rural Fire Readiness webpage at <https://www.blm.gov/programs/public-safety-and-fire/rural-fire-readiness-program>.



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TRI-STATE ADDS MIECO AS NEW COOPERATIVE MEMBER; BECOMES FULLY RATE REGULATED BY THE FERC

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WESTMINSTER-Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association has announced the addition of MIECO Inc., as its first new, non-utility member. The addition of MIECO, a wholesale energy services company, supports Tri-State's transition to cleaner generation resources, including renewable energy and natural gas, and helps the cooperative meet the challenges of today's competitive electric utility market.

MIECO, a subsidiary of Marubeni Corporation, is headquartered in California and has offices located throughout the country. MIECO supplies natural gas to purchasers throughout the U.S., including Tri-State for its power plants across its multi-state region.

"Tri-State is rapidly changing to be increasingly clean with more renewable resources," said Duane Highley, CEO of Tri-State. "Natural gas generation helps us reliably integrate renewables. Adding MIECO to our membership helps ensure that we have enough firm natural gas pipeline transportation capacity and fuel to supply our existing and any new natural-gas fired power plants."

"MIECO looks forward to partnering as a member of Tri-State," said Dave Engbrock, vice president of MIECO. "Our membership helps us deepen our relationship with Tri-State and recognizes the importance of natural gas for reliability in their transition to renewables."

"We have been working with MIECO for years, and today we are further aligning our interests to the benefit of all our cooperative's members," said Tri-State Chairman Rick Gordon. "MIECO will be eligible for patronage capital allocations and have voting rights at all membership meetings, but will not have a seat on the Tri-State Board of Directors."

Tri-State becomes fully rate regulated by the FERC

The admission of MIECO, Tri-State's first member that is neither a small electric cooperative nor a government entity, results in Tri-State becoming subject to rate regulation by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). Under the Federal Power Act, FERC regulates the rates of wholesale electric service and transmission providers.

Tri-State has considered FERC rate regulation since 2010, and in April 2019, the cooperative's membership approved the ability for the board of directors to add new classes of members to the cooperative. Other new members may be announced in the future.

Tri-State's move to FERC rate regulation is consistent with other similarly situated wholesale generation and transmission providers that have faced disparate rate treatment by different state regulators and opted to be rate regulated by FERC. Under FERC, Tri-State has consistent rate regulation and resolution, in one forum, of related wholesale power and transmis-

sions matters, including participation in expanding organized wholesale energy markets and issues arising under other federal energy laws.

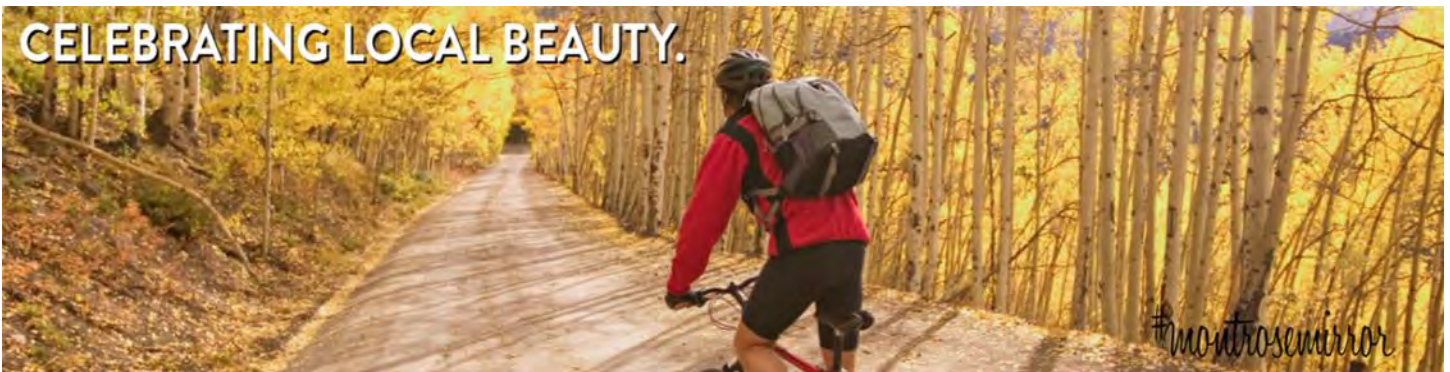
The FERC regulates the wholesale rates of Xcel Energy/Public Service Company of Colorado, Public Service of New Mexico, PacifiCorp/Rocky Mountain Power, Black Hills Energy, Southwestern Public Service and El Paso Energy. Across the nation, other generation and transmission cooperatives that are subject to active regulation in multiple states also are FERC regulated.

Rate regulation by FERC does not affect Tri-State's compliance with state resource planning, carbon reduction or renewable energy regulations

Regulation by FERC will not affect resource planning, carbon reduction or renewable energy regulation in the states in which Tri-State and its members operate.

"Tri-State has and will continue to comply with state environmental, renewable energy and resource planning requirements, and will continue to do so under FERC rate regulation," Highley said. "The issue of FERC rate regulation is unrelated to those areas regulated by the states. We are committed, and required, to work with all New Mexico and Colorado state regulatory agencies, including the Colorado Public Utilities Commission on resource planning and the Colorado Air Quality Control Commission on carbon reduction planning."

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

ECKERT SHOOTING SUSPECT APPREHENDED IN NEVADA

Special to the Mirror

DELTA—On Sept. 4, 2019 at approximately 5:15 pm Christopher Tiffany was located and arrested while exiting a grocery store in West Wendover, Nevada. The Delta County Sheriff's Office sent out an attempt to locate to several states that we thought Tiffany might have fled to. The attempt to locate included his vehicle information, Christopher Tiffany's information and the arrest warrant for attempted murder in-

formation. At approximately 5 pm an alert Nevada State Patrol Officer noticed a vehicle parked at a grocery store in West Wendover, Nevada that matched the description of the vehicle on the attempt to locate. A short time later Christopher Tiffany was seen leaving the grocery store, the Nevada State Patrol with the assistance of West Wendover Police Department took Tiffany into custody without incident.

Christopher Tiffany was transported to the Elko County jail where he will remain until extradition to Delta County Colorado can be arranged. Delta County Sheriff Mark Taylor would like to thank all the agencies that assisted in locating and arresting Mr. Tiffany. Sheriff Taylor is pleased that Mr. Tiffany was located and arrested without any further incident.

No further information is available at this time.

COGCC OPENS ONLINE TOOL TO ENGAGE PUBLIC IN RULEMAKINGS

Portal allows Coloradans to participate in rulemakings for alternative location analysis, cumulative impacts, flowline, and mission change

Special to the Mirror

DENVER - The Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) invites the public and all stakeholders to engage in its rulemakings by providing comment through its online portals, which opened today. As part of its implementation of SB 19-181, the COGCC is conducting rulemakings on four topics: alternative location analysis, cumulative impacts, flowline, and mission change (protecting public health, welfare, environment and wildlife), and is offering multiple ways for stakeholders and the public to engage and provide comments during this process.

"Our goal is to engage the public and all

stakeholders, and to allow them the opportunity to provide their voice in the rulemaking process," said Director Jeff Robbins. "The COGCC website is a resource for all information on the rulemakings, and now we are offering an online portal where anyone, from anywhere around the state, can provide their comments and be a part of this process. Our online portal system is one more way we are demonstrating our commitment to public engagement."

SB 19-181 ensures that oil and gas development and operations in Colorado are regulated in a manner that protects public health, safety, welfare, the environment

and wildlife resources. The COGCC is in the midst of reviewing its rules and procedures to evaluate what changes are required to reflect the new law's requirements.

COGCC staff will review all comments submitted and they will be taken into consideration while developing staff's recommendations during rulemaking. The public comments will be also available for COGCC's Commissioners to review as well as to the public.

To learn more about the rulemaking schedule and comment on the online portals, visit the COGCC website:

www.colorado.gov/cogcc.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

CITY COUNCIL HAS GIVEN FAR TOO MUCH POWER TO CITY MANAGER & SHOULD BE RECALLED ASAP

Editor:

In Montrose we elect a City Council. In legalese they are called fiduciaries. A big word but all it means is 'someone to whom I entrust the custody and management of my property or power.' Since all 20,000 residents of Montrose (essentially the owners of our town) cannot effectively conduct the business of the city, we elect five citizens to do so for us. As such they are called fiduciaries. They are responsible for doing the job. They swear an oath to perform in a certain way. But they do not do it! For day to day operations we allow them to hire a City Manager, TO ASSIST THEM. But in Montrose things do not operate that way. Here the City Manager decides what he wants to do and tells the Council. Then they vote to do what he wants. He is now the leader of the elected. They are the rubber stamp.

Now you might say that I have it all wrong, that it is not working that way. But from my observation over the past several years (perhaps a dozen council meetings) that is what I have seen. You can tell their opinion of the public by their disdain of citizen comments. This submissive behavior insofar as the manager has

increased over the years to the point that it is a puppet show. The manager pulls the strings and the puppets vote. Kinda like Buffalo Bill and Howdy Doody. Many of the citizens I talk to use the term, 'rubber stamp.'

This is why the citizens of Montrose at large do not trust the City Council and the City Manager. It is 'their way or the highway.' It did not seem to be that way when the Council paychecks were nominal.

We, the Citizens of Montrose, have given over to these six 'fiduciaries' the authority to manage our city. The council in turn has given over the management to the City Manager and they vote for what he wants. The City Manager is AN EMPLOYEE of the Council.

I have stocks. I have a stock broker. He is a fiduciary. But I will be damned if he trades my stocks without my expressed authority beforehand. My broker gets a commission. Daah! Anyone who deals in such things will tell you that permissiveness in these matters brings on disaster. Instead, the broker provides me with information about all things related to my account and the market and I decide what to do. That system has worked for 50 years. That is what fiduciaries do and that

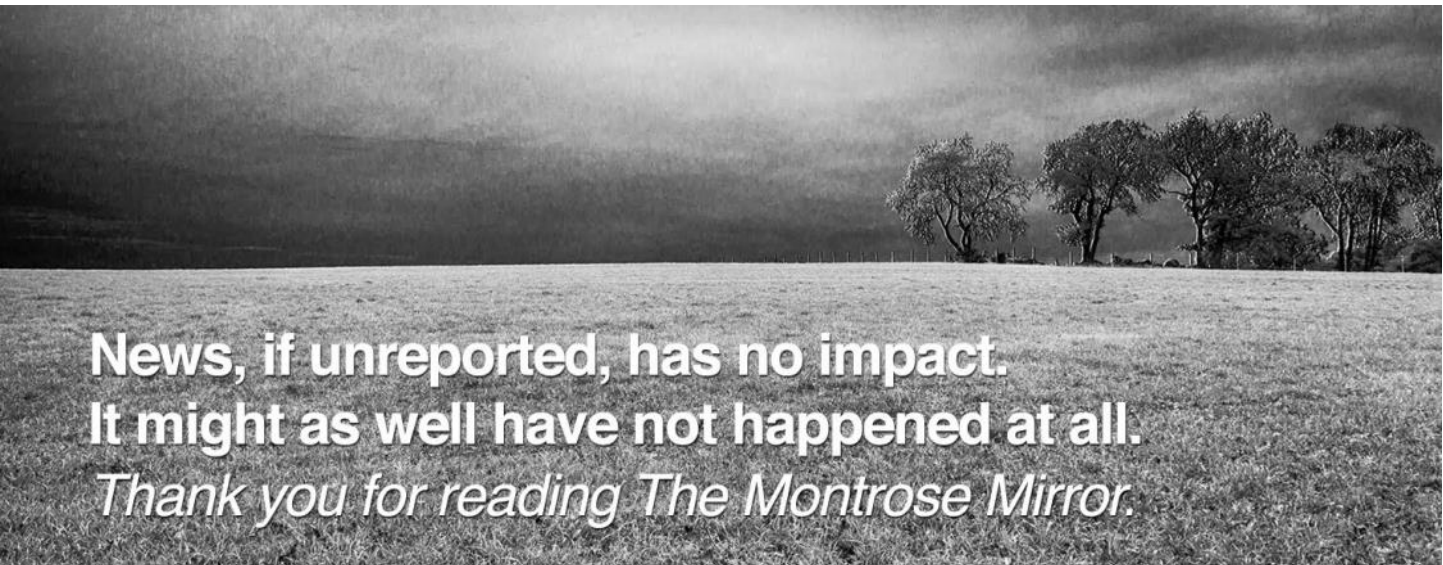
is what the City Manager, is supposed to do.

Our Council has turned over far too much authority (power) to the City Manager. He abuses it! He should NEVER run the police department. He should NOT oversee the police budget. He should NEVER be permitted to redirect money from the police budget or the proposed Public Safety Sales and Use Tax, FOR ANY PURPOSE OR REASON, in the past, now or in the future. He should not be permitted to determine, with the City Attorney, the language in the Sales Tax referendum.

And if our illustrious City Council cannot muster the gumption to do the job NOW then we should proceed to recall them all immediately. But one thing we should not do is to pass a City Public Safety Sales and Use Tax as these six incompetents propose and recommend on the November ballot.

As this Public Safety Sales and Use Tax issue is being handled these SIX are using the Police department as a foil and the whole process to implement another general sales tax under the auspices of a Police Sales Tax that they cannot get passed legitimately.

Bill Ramsey, Montrose



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GMUG WELCOMES ACTING NORWOOD DISTRICT RANGER

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NORWOOD- The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests announce Amanda Walrod as the new Norwood District Ranger on a 120-day temporary assignment.

Walrod joins the GMUG from Andrew Pickens Ranger District of the Francis Marion and Sumter National Forests in Mountain Rest, South Carolina where she served as a District Recreation Manager. “This is my first trip to Colorado,” said Walrod “and I am very excited for this opportunity to learn about the forest and explore the surrounding areas and communities.”

Amanda is a native of Little Rock, Arkansas and is a graduate of the University of Arkansas. In her spare time she enjoys paddle boarding, hiking and making stained glass. She plans to arrive in Norwood around Sept. 23.

STEPHANIE JACKSON PLEADS GUILTY TO TAMPERING WITH A DECEASED HUMAN BODY

7th Judicial District Attorney

MONTROSE- Stephanie Jackson has entered a Plea of Guilty to County 2: Tampering with a Deceased Human Body. This plea was entered on Sept. 6, 2019, pursuant to a Plea Agreement. The other 13 counts were dismissed. The People feel this is an appropriate plea based on the facts of this case and the family of the victim's desire to resolve the issues.

A Sentencing Hearing has been scheduled for Nov. 8, 2019, at 1:30 p.m. before the Honorable J. Steven Patrick and a pre-sentence investigation has been ordered.

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

Editor's note-Jackson is the sister of 2015 Gunnison County murder victim Jacob Millison.

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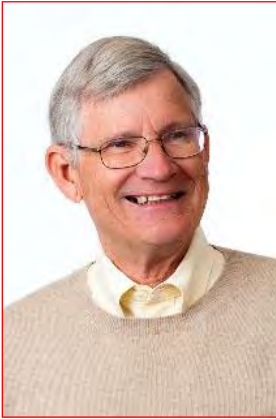
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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

SEE GHOSTS OF THE SAN JUANS @ THE WRIGHT



Dr. Larry Meckel.
Courtesy photo.

Special to Art & Sol
OURAY-The Wright Opera House in Ouray will host "Ghosts of the San Juans," an exhibit of photography by Dr. Larry Meckel.

Larry has a BA and PhD in Geology and has spent most of

his career in oil and gas exploration. He was awarded the Distinguished Educator Award by the American Association of Petroleum Geologists for teaching excellence in 2011.

In 2017 Larry received the industry's highest accolade, the Sydney Powers Memorial Award for his many contributions to petroleum geology.

In the early 60s while in graduate school at John's Hopkins, Larry needed photos of outcrops and geologic features for his thesis. Using a 35 mm SLR given to him by his parents, he photographed more than rocks, and his passion for photog-

raphy grew from the many human interest shots that he took and posted on his office bulletin board.

Larry and his wife, Barbara, enjoy hiking, jeeping, and photography in the San Juan mountains. They have been summer residents of Ouray since 1970 and became full time residents in 1999.

"Ghosts of the San Juans" will be on display at the Wright, 472 Main in Ouray from Sept. 21 until Nov. 9, 2019. An Opening Reception will be held on Sept. 21 from 4-6 pm.

Admission is free and refreshments will be served.



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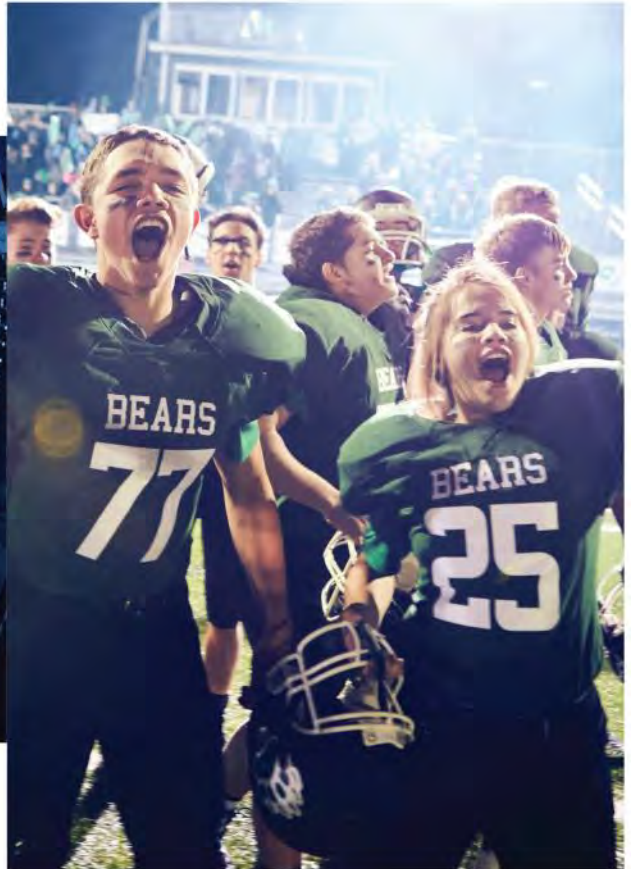
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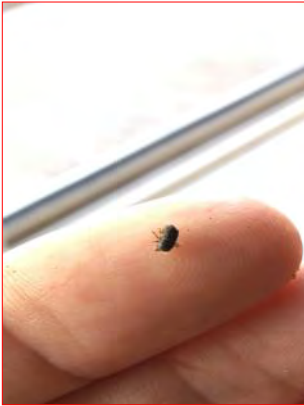
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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

TAKE STEPS TO PROTECT PINYON PINE TREES



Images of damage, photos by Rob Davis, City of Grand Junction Forester

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REGIONAL-The prolonged droughts of 2016-2018, have caused great stress to our native Pinyon Pine trees. This stress has allowed the *Ips confusus* beetle to take advantage by boring into the trunks of the trees and eating the cambium layer resulting in death of the trees. Since we had prolonged drought and relatively mild winters, the populations of this insect has drastically increased. Typically, Pinyon pines in the landscape are healthy enough to push out the insect when they are attacked. However, over watering the pinyon pines is just as bad as under watering and not correctly watering the entire

root zone. Pinyon pines have very wide spreading roots extending twice the width of the crown at a depth of 6-16". Watering immediately at the base of the trunk is unneeded.

We now believe populations are so high that people should take steps to protect these trees as the ips beetles appear to be attacking healthy trees. A combination of soaking the root system with water once a month and applying a soil insecticide drench would provide the best protective measures.

Adults overwinter under the bark. See the handouts for recommended chemicals. Dead trees should be removed then

chipped, burned, buried or stripped of the bark to prevent beetles from moving to other trees.

Here are two links on *ips* beetles.

<https://extension.colostate.edu/topic-areas/insects/ips-beetles-5-558/>

<https://csfs.colostate.edu/forest-management/common-forest-insects-diseases/ips-beetle/>

And view the attached information put together by the CSFS.

Ips are tiny, but come in large numbers. Here is the progression of damage. And a look under the bark.

Contact Susan Carter if you have questions. Susan.carter@colostate.edu

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR 2019 COLORADO APPRENTICESHIP AWARDS

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DENVER-The Business Experiential Learning (BEL) Commission in collaboration with the Department of Labor and Employment, the Department of Higher Education, the Colorado Workforce Development Council and CareerWise is celebrating outstanding apprenticeship programs, employers and apprentices across Colorado.

An awards program will be held on November 5 at the Governor's Executive Residence in Denver. Awards will be presented to businesses, individuals and organizations in four categories.

Apprentice Awards

Individuals who demonstrate that hard work and ambition can be a great route into skilled employment will be honored. These apprentices have made a real difference in the business they work for and are laying the groundwork for their professional success. This award honors their exemplary performance and capabilities.

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Mentor Awards

Behind every great apprentice is a trusted advisor, a person who has always been available for support, recommendations and training. Mentors forge a unique and meaningful relationship with apprentices when they need it most. This award pays tribute to those who help build skills, set goals and offer real world insights into getting things done.

Employer Awards

This category provides awards to businesses who have made an extraordinary commitment to improve the availability and accessibility of apprenticeship programs. These employers are providing an invaluable opportunity to apprentices to hone skills, develop new skills and gain a first-hand understanding of an industry.

Program/Partnerships Awards

Partnerships between businesses, educators, and other community organizations maximize the capacity of each to provide

crucial services to expanding the apprenticeships model in Colorado.

This award recognizes the best practices that are bolstering apprenticeships and inspiring new collaborations across the state.

If you know an apprentice who is making exceptional contributions to his or her workplace or a mentor who is providing guidance and helping apprentices overcome challenges; If there is a business that is growing its own talent with apprenticeships or a program or partnership that has made noteworthy strides in helping Colorado meet its talent needs, this is an opportunity to recognize those achievements.

You can read about last year's award winners **here**. Nominations for 2019 should be submitted at the website, <http://bit.ly/CAANoms>.

The deadline is Sept. 15.

Questions about the nominating process can be directed to cwdc@state.co.us.

PREScribed BURNING CONTINUES IN MONTROSE COUNTY

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Southwest Colorado Fire and Aviation Management Unit plans to continue prescribed burning on public lands managed by the BLM in Montrose County as early as Sept. 9, 2019, or as conditions allow.

"In past years, we've successfully used prescribed fire within the Sims Mesa and Dry Mesa projects. Continuing these prescribed burns will reduce hazardous fuels, improve big game habitat and reintroduce fire to a fire-adapted ecosystem on about 760 acres of pinyon-juniper woodlands,

Gambel oak and sagebrush," said Rusty Stark, BLM Fire Management Specialist.

"The burn plan contains weather conditions and air quality thresholds which ensure control of the burn and minimize the potential smoke impacts to local communities."

The prescribed burns may take multiple days to complete once initiated, and will be monitored throughout the process to ensure public safety.

Smoke may be visible in the area of Government Springs Road, south of Montrose and also about 10 miles south of Hwy 50 between Grand Junction and Delta. Most

of the smoke will lift and dissipate during the warmest parts of the day.

Smoke may be visible in the area for several days after a burn is completed as vegetation in the interior continues to smolder.

A Smoke Permit from the Colorado State Air Pollution Control Division which identifies atmospheric conditions under which the burn can be implemented was obtained by the BLM.

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

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ART & SOL

LATIN CULTURAL CELEBRATION TO SHARE TRADITIONS, FOOD, ENTERTAINMENT



The renowned San Juan Folklore Group will dance for the event. Courtesy photo.

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE —The Latino community on the Western Slope of Colorado has cultural ties to South America, Central America, and Mexico. In honor of that heritage, the 8th annual Latin Cultural Celebration is a yearly highlight and purposeful gathering of people and friendships from across two continents.

Sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the public is invited to come and see the various cultures, partake of authentic foods, and enjoy the festive entertainment.

Several hundred attended last year's event. Because turnout at the Celebration is growing, it will take place in Montrose as always, and this year it will also be held in Olathe as a community of prominent

Latino heritage.

"We want to share these beautiful and varied traditions with our friends and neighbors," said Sergio Munguia, president of the San Juan Branch, a local Spanish-speaking congregation of the Church.

The Celebration will feature cuisine and displays representing various countries, including Mexico, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Argentina, Chile, Bolivia, and Venezuela.

The renowned San Juan Folklore Group will dance for the event. They were the winner of the People's Choice Award at the 2019 "Dancing with the Stars" competition in Montrose. The program includes the exciting Machete Dance, back by popular demand after last year's performance.

"Everyone is so loving," said Sherry Burr, one of the organizers of the event. "There are hugs instead of handshakes." Many have enjoyed associating with the local Latino culture in Sunday meetings, week-day activities, and the annual Latin Cultural Celebration.

Millions of members of the Church around the world speak Spanish. "Based on present membership growth rates, Spanish is projected to be the largest language group in the Church, with English being second." (churchofJesusChrist.org)

Nicolas T. Taylor, president of the Montrose Colorado Stake, oversees 3,700 members of the Church from Gunnison to Naturita. Himself a former missionary to Colombia, he said, "This is the eighth year for this celebration and each year it just gets better."

"It is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate a culture that is such a big part of our area," he said. "Our church has deep roots in Mexico and Latin American countries, and it continues to grow locally to serve Hispanic people."

The local San Juan Branch of the Church provides a Sabbath Day observance and gospel forum in Spanish for all of Hispanic heritage. They meet on Sundays at 11:30 a.m. in the Montrose meetinghouse. Visitors are always welcome.

This year's Latin Cultural Celebration will be held on Saturday, Sept. 14, 6-8 p.m., at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1521 South Hillcrest, in Montrose.

The event will also occur on the following Saturday, Sept. 21, 6-8 p.m., at the Community Center, 115 Main Street, in Olathe.

Individuals and families from Montrose, Olathe, Delta, and all surrounding communities are invited to attend.

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Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes

Lack of Rain returns to the Slope



Poet Kathleen Cain. Courtesy photo.

DROUGHT REDUX ... It's back with a vengeance. We're getting a few light sprinkles in the high country. But not enough and not in time for the chanterelles this year, which were very spotty, though the boletes and hawkwings did well ... There's lots of mushrooms in the mountains. But there's just those three that I know well -- find repeatedly, are hard to mis-identify, and taste choice ... My pond's surface scum is sinking. Though the water's lasted all summer so far. Last year it went dry in May. So I feel lucky. But this continuing drought is fraying all our nerves.

HEADWATERS TURNS 30 ... George Sibley shaped the visionary so it fit the academic. Ed Quillen and Randy Russell made it a convocation of progressive mountain elders. John Hausdoerffer took a lovely turn. And now Melanie Armstrong carries this ground-breaking Headwaters conference on Ecological Citizenship ... Thirty years of brainstorming, out-of-the-box talks, community tours and even heated discussions. It's free. Sept. 20-22. At Western Colorado University in Gunnison. This summer's Dept. of Interior whistleblower Joel Clement to give Friday night's keynote. Go here for schedules, locations, registration <western.edu/headwaters>

RACE ... It's such a bogus category. Unscientific. And yet I can't tell you the number

of organizations that require me to state my "race" on their forms. It's totally ridiculous ... If you want to know my ancestry, I can tell you that. I have some Spanish blood from conquistadors who came to California in the 1790s. Does that make me Hispanic? I say yes these days. But mostly I'm Italian on one side and English/Scotch/Irish on the other ... But that's only one generation back.

My grandmother was an orphan born in Japan. She spoke better Japanese than English. Does that make me Asian-American? I don't think so ... But it's a total crap shoot ... In an excellent obituary for geneticist Luigi Luca Cavalli-Sforza in *The Economist* last fall, they spoke of his studies in the variations of DNA itself. One project he did was sorting 1000 people into five clusters, according to the similarity of their DNA. The obit notes, "...the clusters matched the labels by which humans had long grouped themselves intuitively: West Eurasians, East Asians, Native Americans, New Guineans and Africans. He soon concluded, though, that race was not a scientifically valid way to classify them. Europeans, for example, were about two-thirds Asian and one-third African, but after millennia of mixing there was no such thing as pure Asian or pure African either. Skin colour [sic], or the shape of a nose, were just superficial adaptations to climate and place."

VOTING INTEGRITY ... While J. Alex Halderman and Jen Schwartz's *Scientific American* article in the September issue on the gaps in cybersecurity around voting systems in various states, "How To Defraud Democracy," notes that many states are at risk -- without clear paper trails, with old voting machines, with lack of audits. But Colorado and Rhode Island are the only states in the country that

"require a statistically rigorous process called risk-limiting audit, although other states are moving in that direction" ... Clearly Colorado is a leader in election integrity not just cannabis legalization.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES ... Outside the Sawpit Store on the way to Telluride: "FREE BEER and False Advertising" ... Outside the Base Camp Food & Fuel gas station in Dolores/Montezuma County: "I ate Bambi"

MUSHROOM RITUAL ... Dave Valentine of Telluride has a neat trick he learned up in the Pacific Northwest while mushroom hunting. He takes the first bolete and chanterelle of the year, smears them on his shoes as a sacrifice, and spreads the spores.

POWER LINES ... Aboveground power lines, besides being responsible for serious fires around the county, have another disadvantage from underground transmission lines -- night-time bird collisions. But James Dwyer, a wildlife biologist at utility-consulting firm EDM International in Fort Collins, has a better idea ... Near-visible UV light can be used to illuminate power lines. A study this spring in *Ornithological Applications* recorded significant less collisions when UV light systems are used.

OLD MONTROSE ... Some of us remember when Oak Grove Road was the edge of town, and others when the National Guard had an equipment yard where the Wells Fargo is now on Niagara and Townsend.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE ... Ah, sadness ... The Leaning Pisa Spruce at one of the big curves going up Dallas Divide on Highway 62 from Placerville has finally fallen over. Uprooted by the wind. It now lies prone, with all its ungreening branches and gnarled roots. The wind won. We One.

Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes, continued

THE TALKING GOURD

Symbiosis

We march up the trail at mid-morning.
You in search of gemmae cups.
Me along for the day.
The Latin words of earth and plants
roll from our lips like litanies.
How you praise the earth this day
and share in its high power.

We are each the ant and the fungus by turn.
Some days I cut fresh leaves and flowers.
chew them up, and lay the growing ground.
Other days you do.
We drop our power on the field
the way we drop our blood.

I plant my history.
You plant yours.
From it grows the stuff of life
that we can live on.

*-Kathleen Cain
from Self-Conscious (Celtic Rose Press, 1980)*



COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

AN ABBA-SOLUTE MUST-SEE! MAGIC CIRCLE PLAYERS PRESENT MAMA MIA!

By Patti Powell

MONTROSE-Get ready to rock out as Magic Circle Players present one of the most feel-good musical comedies ever produced – *Mama Mia!* Featuring the infectious songs of the worldwide-popular group ABBA, you'll recognize and sing along with the exuberant cast to "Dancing Queen," "Money, Money, Money," "Take A Chance On Me," and "Thank You For The Music" just to name a few.

The lively plot intertwines 20 of ABBA's memorable songs into the story of hard-working Donna (Jamie Gann) who operates a small hotel on a colorful Greek island. Donna's bride-to-be daughter Sophie (Shannon Rediger) dreams of having her father walk her down the aisle but she doesn't know who he is and Donna won't talk about him.

Donna's oldest friends, flirty Tanya (Jill Vincent) and whimsical Rosie (Amy Priest),

help alleviate Donna's worry about money and the upcoming wedding by reminiscing about their free-spirited time as a dynamo pop singing group.

Trying to find out the identity of her father, Sophie secretly invites three men from Donna's past to the wedding. The arrival of Sam (Dave Olson), Harry (Richard Fitzgerald) and Bill (Dalyn Pearson) is an unwelcome surprise to Donna and the fireworks and fun begin.

A big production such as *Mama Mia!* requires experienced partners to lead the large and talented on-stage ensemble. Veteran Magic Circle Director Merrilee Robertson has teamed with Assistant Director Mary Dietrich, Music Director Dave Olson and Choreographer Pam Carlson to provide a rousing musical experience.

"This is a sunny, funny musical and I am just thrilled with the chemistry between the cast members," said Robertson. "I

directed Jamie when she was only 13 and it's wonderful to have her back at Magic Circle so many years later."

With music and lyrics by Benny Andersson and Bjorn Ulvaeus, some songs with Stig Anderson and based on a book by Catherine Johnson, *Mama Mia!* will keep you dancing, singing and smiling long after the final bows.

Evening performances of *Mama Mia!* are at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays September 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27 and 28. Sunday matinees are at 2:00 p.m. on September 8, 15, 22, and 29. Tickets are available online at

www.magiccircleplayers.com, by telephone at (970) 249-7838, or in person at the Magic Circle Theatre box office, 420 South 12th Street, Montrose. Box office hours are 2-5 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays through September 28, and two hours before each performance.

POETIC SPIRIT AND ACCOMPLISHED GUITARIST TO PERFORM SEPT. 14

Special to Art & Sol

OURAY-The Ouray County Performing Arts Guild presents Japanese singer-songwriter Hiroya Tsukamoto to perform at the Wright Opera House on Saturday, September 14 at 7:30 p.m.

Blending world music, jazz and folk, Tsukamoto has been described as eclectic, immersive and mesmerizing; his music will take the audience on an innovative, impressionistic journey filled with earthy, organic soundscapes that impart a mood of peace and tranquility.

Born and raised in Kyoto, Japan, Tsukamoto received a scholarship to Berklee College of Music in Boston, Massachusetts in 2000. Since then, he has been performing nationally and internationally including appearances at Blue Note in New York with his group and Japanese National Television. To date, he has released six al-

bums, three with his group "INTEROCEANICO" and three solo albums. He has also recently won second place in the International Finger Style Guitar Championship in 2018.

"Hiroya immediately impressed the audience with his technical prowess on the guitar. Then as the concert progressed, he also revealed himself to be a skilled songwriter, a poetic spirit, and an engaging story teller. With a stage presence that is both humble and confident, Hiroya is a generous performer who won every heart in the house." -Gordon Peery / *Monadnock Center for History and Culture (Peterborough, NH)*

Advance tickets are \$18, \$20 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.



Hiroya Tsukamoto. Courtesy photo.

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.

FAVORITE FALL HIKE WITH CHILDREN IN WESTERN COLORADO



Friends of Youth & Nature, courtesy photo.

By Anita Evans,

Friends of Youth and Nature 501c3

Color Sunday, September 29, 2019, is just around the corner, and with it come the opportunities to get out into nature and experience the amazing yellows, oranges, and reds that come with aspen fall foliage. Aspen trees are amazing for more than just their beautiful leaves. They provide winter feed for elk and habitat for black bear and other species unique to Colorado. The following are three of our favorite family hikes on nearby public lands. Pick one nearest you or check out our website at www.friendsofyouthandnature.org/maps.html for more hiking ideas in your backyard!

If you live in or near Montrose, one of our absolutely favorite fall hikes with children lies just to the south near the town of Ouray in the Uncompahgre National Forest. An easy 3.5 mile loop combines the Portland Trail with a portion of the Upper Cascade Falls trails. It explores the basin below a huge amphitheater of eroded cliffs rising through mature aspen trees above the eastern side of Ouray and features scenic viewpoints to appreciate this formation along with the peaks of the San

Juan Mountains rising to the south and west of town. Our children always enjoyed looking for magic: bear claw marks on the aspen bark, feathers on the trail, and snail shells nestled in the rocks along the path. You can always soak off the trail dust in the Ouray pool afterwards! How to get there: From Montrose drive south on highway 550 for 45 minutes to Ouray. Continue past Ouray for about a mile to the Amphitheater Campground and turn left onto the campground access road. The turnoff is past the second switchback leaving town. Follow the paved road into the campground keeping left at all intersections. The trailhead, marked for the upper Cascade trail is located at the top of the campground. Check out more details about this hike, and possible extensions into a longer hike at: hikingwalking.com and search for the Portland Trail description, under featured destinations of Southwestern Colorado.

Delta County residents can travel east to the West Elk Wilderness area taking the Kebler Pass Road (Colorado 12) towards Crested Butte. The Cliff Creek Trail, featuring a hike to Beckwith Pass, is a 4.7 mile round trip to the top of Beckwith Pass and back, and wanders through one of the largest Aspen groves in Colorado. This hike is rated moderate because of its elevation gain of about 1000 feet over 2.35 miles to the summit of the pass, but it is easy even for young hikers if you take

it slow with a few snack breaks. The wildflower fields, mature aspen stands, and amazing views are worth the trip! This year the wildflowers have outdone themselves and are as tall as most hikers as you make your journey up this magical trail. How to get there: From Hotchkiss drive east on Hwy 133 to the Kebler Pass turn off, following Hwy 12 for 17.9 miles. You will pass the Lost Lake Campground turnoff and turn off on the signed Cliff Creek trailhead. Drive up the dirt access road for 0.2 miles to the trailhead parking area. A trail description and trail map can be found at www.hikingwalking.com under central Colorado featured trails, Beckwith Pass via Cliff Creek.

Mesa County residents have the Grand Mesa National Forest right in your backyard! After driving up through the Pinyon-Juniper, Oak brush, and finally into the Aspen, you reach one of the most beautiful hikes on the Grand Mesa. The 2.8 mile Mesa Lakes trail loop begins at the Mesa Lakes Campground above Powderhorn Ski Area. You can add another 0.7 miles with a short out and back to Lost Lake, which involves a moderate climb with stunning views. This trail has the added value of fishing opportunities at Mesa Lake, South Mesa Lake, and Lost Lake.

How to get there: From Grand Junction, head west on I-70 to exit 49 for Highway 65 South towards Mesa/Collbran. Go 25 miles to Mesa Lakes Lodge. Drive into the lodge area and turn left just before the cabins.

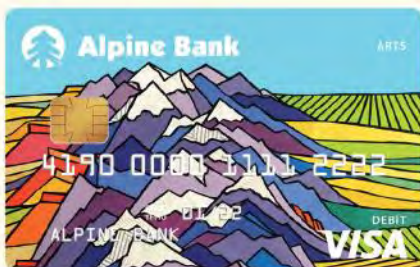
Follow the paved road to a parking area just beyond the trailhead. A map and short description of the Mesa Lakes trail can be found on www.alltrails.com/trail/us/colorado/mesa-lakes-trail.

For more outdoor safety tips, trail game ideas, and hiking trails, visit the Friends of Youth and Nature website:

www.friendsofyouthandnature.org). FOY-AN is a non-profit that promotes opportunities for youth and families to get outside, experience outdoor activities, and explore nature.

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

LIBRARY VOICES PRESENTS BILL SYCALIK: RUNNING A MARATHON IN ALL 61 U.S. NATIONAL PARKS: LIFE GOALS ARE A STEP AT A TIME

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-Bill Sycalik is a former management consultant who quit the corporate life in New York City to reconnect with nature. His goal: to run 26 miles in each of America's National Parks. Two years into the nearly-completed project, Bill shares his insight into making life changes, and the importance of wilderness in our lives. Hear Bill speak at the Montrose Library at 6:30 on Friday, Sept. 27. Then join Bill and the San Juan Mountain Runners on a group run at 8 a.m. on Saturday morning, Sept. 28.

MONTROSE WILL HOST URBAN RENEWAL DEAL MAKING SYMPOSIUM FOR WESTERN SLOPE COMMUNITIES

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE – Downtown Colorado, Inc. is proud announce the second workshop in the Western Slope Reinvestment and Redevelopment Symposium (WSRRS) series: Deal Making with Urban Renewal, to be held Tuesday, Sept. 17th 8:45 AM – 4 PM in Montrose, Colorado.

This workshop will feature presentations and small working groups to enhance attendees' knowledge of redevelopment processes and partners including the financial elements of urban renewal projects. The workshop will include a deep dive into how urban renewal can support community efforts to address brownfield, historic buildings, and housing projects. This event is geared towards community development professionals, urban renewal board members, and anyone from the

public and private sector who are interested in learning more about partnerships and negotiations for redevelopment and other urban renewal projects.

"DCI is proud to partner with our Western Slope members to facilitate the Reinvestment and Redevelopment Symposium Series." Said Katherine Correll, Executive Director of Downtown Colorado, Inc. "As a Colorado native, I am proud to be a part of the effort to reuse land and buildings and maintain more of our green spaces in the effort to create walkable, sustainable, and economically viable communities."

Building on the urban renewal discussions held at the first WSRRS in Durango this June, the event will offer an interactive small working group activity for participants to read a pro forma and conduct third party review of a case study.

The activity will empower participants to understand the financial gap that exists in redevelopment projects versus new development and why it is important to have tools to encourage redevelopment of land and buildings. Participants will also get the chance to discuss project and vision challenges and roadblocks through an open Q&A session.

Participants are invited to arrive on Sept. 16th for a pre-event happy hour starting at 4:30PM, and be ready for the full event kicking off the morning of September 17th. Join us for a day dedicated to developing your tools and resources for urban renewal projects.

More information about this event and registration can be found at: <http://www.downtowncoloradoinc.org/event-3431343>



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NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

EVERY KID OUTDOORS PROGRAM PROVIDES FOURTH GRADE STUDENTS WITH FREE ENTRANCE TO PUBLIC LANDS

Special to the Mirror

WASHINGTON – Fourth grade students can get a free annual pass to visit more than 2,000 federal recreation areas with their families, classmates, and friends. The [Every Kid Outdoors](#) Program is an interagency collaboration between the Department of the Interior, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and U.S. Forest Service that provides fourth graders with free access to explore, learn, and recreate in spectacular settings, including national parks, wildlife refuges, marine sanctuaries, and forests.

"Introducing fourth grade students to America's public lands provides them with limitless opportunities to have fun, be active, improve fitness, and learn critical skills," said **Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt**. "Visits on class trips or family vacations to the rich variety of astonishing landscapes and historic treasures located on public lands will result in unforgettable experiences and, hopefully, forge lifelong connections to the outdoors."

The bipartisan John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management and Recreation Act, which was signed into law by President Trump on March 12, 2019, authorized funding for [Every Kid Outdoors](#) for the next seven years.

To obtain the free pass, fourth grade students visit the [Every Kid Outdoors website](#), participate in a short educational activity, and download a voucher. The voucher is valid for multiple use between Sept. 1, 2019 and Aug. 31, 2020 to correspond to the traditional school year. The voucher may be exchanged for a keepsake pass at participating federal lands.

The voucher or pass grants free entry for fourth graders, all children under 16 in the group and up to three accompanying adults (or an entire car for drive-in parks) to most federally managed lands and waters. The pass does not cover expanded amenity fees such as camping or boat



Auriza Ugalino Photo Jayla Raymond Janeal Maurera, Audrey Phan Maple Elementary Fourth Grade Every Kid Outdoors Seward Park Seattle / NPS Photo.

rides.

The great outdoors make a great classroom. Fourth grade educators are encouraged to take advantage of the wide range of educational programs and tools associated with the [Every Kid Outdoors](#) Program. Educational activities, field trip options, information and tools in English and Spanish, and the ability to print vouchers for passes for students are all available on the website.

The [Every Kid Outdoors](#) Program replaces the Every Kid in a Park Program that was established in 2015.

The program focuses on children 10 years of age—the age of most fourth graders—based on research that indicates children ages 9–11 are at a unique developmental stage in their learning where they begin to understand how the world around them works in more concrete ways and they are more receptive to engaging with nature and the environment. By focusing on this age group year after year, the program aims to ensure every

child in the United States has the opportunity to visit their Federal lands and waters by the time he or she is 11 years old, thereby establishing a lifelong connection to enjoy and protect our American outdoor heritage.

There are seven federal agencies participating in the [Every Kid Outdoors](#) Program. You can search for participating lands and waters (by agency) through the links below:

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service <http://www.fws.gov/refuges/?ref=topbar>

U.S. Forest Service <http://www.fs.fed.us/ivm/index.html>

National Park Service <https://www.nps.gov>

U.S. Bureau of Land Management <https://www.blm.gov/visit>

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation <http://www.usbr.gov/recreation/>

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration <http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/visit/>

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers <http://www.usace.army.mil>

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

10TH ANNUAL TELLURIDE HORROR SHOW ANNOUNCES FIRST WAVE OF FILMS & GUESTS

Special to Art & Sol

TELLURIDE- Telluride Horror Show has released the first wave for its 10th Anniversary film festival, scheduled for Oct. 11-13, 2019 in Telluride, Colorado.

The first wave includes horror icon Joe Bob Briggs, a TUCKER & DALE VS. EVIL tribute, the first round of special guests, and several returning filmmakers with feature and short films making their U.S. and Colorado Premieres.

Joe Bob Briggs will bring his "How Rednecks Saved Hollywood" show to the Telluride Horror Show and will also host a special 10th Anniversary presentation of TUCKER & DALE VS. EVIL, which screened at the inaugural Telluride Horror Show in 2010 and is considered one of the best redneck movies and horror comedies

of all time. Director Eli Craig will be in attendance after the screening to answer questions from Joe Bob Briggs and the audience. Kelly Link will serve as this year's Guest Author, leading "Creepy Campfire Tales" (the festival's public reading), as well as participating in a book signing and conversation with returning Guest Author Jeremy Robert Johnson (*Entropy in Bloom, In the River, Skullcrack City*).

Link is the author of the collections *Stranger Things Happen*, *Magic for Beginners*, *Pretty Monsters*, and Pulitzer finalist *Get in Trouble*. Guest Artist Joshua Hoffine will share new work and will present a slideshow of his renowned horror photography, along with a teaser for his forthcoming film NIGHT OF THE HATCHET MAN. A limited number of signed prints



will be available at the festival. Fangoria's Meredith Borders rounds out the first wave of special guests, returning as a Guest Host.

THE RADIO ROOM PRESENTS HARMONY AND BRAD



Special to Art & Sol

GRAND JUNCTION-Harmony and Brad are a high energy acoustic duo from Boulder Colorado founded in 2015. Blending rock and world music together, Harmony and Brad use violin, guitar and voices to create a unique musical experience. Harmony and Brad will be performing LIVE in the KAFM Radio Room on Saturday, Nov. 2nd.

In 2018 the duo released their freshman release "Purple" which received radio play in 20 different states and almost a dozen countries. In March of 2019 they released their sophomore CD "Green" which has been following in Purples footsteps by getting wide-spread radio play.

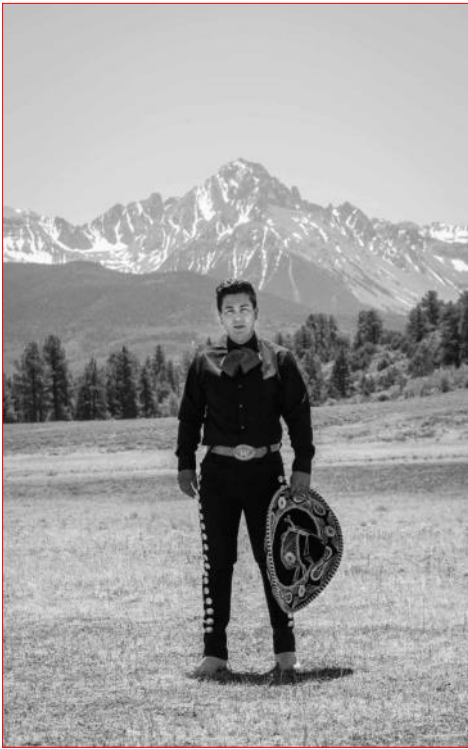
The duo performs over 120 shows a year in the USA and Europe. Performing music often dubbed as "Optimist Rock", Harmony and Brad specialize in feel good music that's paired best with a cool drink on a warm day.

Come share an evening of virtuosic musical happiness with this energetic acoustic duo! A must-see performance. Tickets are \$20 at the door and may be purchased by calling (970) 241-8801, or online at www.kafmradio.org. The Radio Room is located at 1310 Ute Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501.

At left, Harmony and Brad. Courtesy photo.

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

FORT UNCOMPAHGRE GEARING UP FOR 3RD ANNUAL MEXICAN HERITAGE CELEBRATION



Special to Art & Sol

DELTA— It's fiesta time at Fort Uncompahgre on the Old Spanish Trail with the 3rd annual Mexican Heritage Celebration set for September 14, 2019, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Mariachi singer Alberto Mejia and La Nueva Generación Folkloric Dancers will entertain throughout the day, and local vendors will feature traditional Mexican food, fresh produce, handcrafts, and a beer garden. Kids' activities include the children's folkloric dress contest, piñatas, and crafts. Admission is free.

Fort Uncompahgre on the Old Spanish trail is a replica of a fur-trading post established in 1828 by Anthony Rubidoux in what was then Mexico. The Fort remained in operation until the mid-1840s when it was attacked by a band of Ute Indians. The Fort's annual celebration honors the Mexican trappers and laborers who worked at the Fort during that period, and those who ultimately died defending the post against an Indian attack.

Additional information: For additional information, contact Chris Miller, Executive Director of the Interpretive Association of Western Colorado, 970-640-7076. Courtesy photo at left Alberto Mejia.



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UNKNOWN STORIES OF DOWNTOWN MONTROSE

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE—Don't miss the "Legends and True Tales" walking tour of the season where you will enjoy the "Unknown Stories of Downtown Montrose" on Sept. 10, starting at 6 pm. This short walk will take you to the alleys of our historic downtown and where you will learn the locations of our first jail, courthouse, and stories that had happened behind the closed doors in our historical buildings. Along with some of the stories of our famous visitors who had "come" to town to work, live or visit. The cost is \$10/person, and space is limited. Please call 249-2085 for reservations or information.



COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

RIDGWAY ADVENTURE SPORTS SELECTED AS SEPTEMBER 2019 RIDGWAY CHAMBER MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Special to Art & Sol

RIDGWAY-In an ongoing effort to promote and get to know our local businesses and organizations, the Ridgway Area Chamber of Commerce has selected Ridgway Adventure Sports as September 2019 RACC Member of the Month.

Ridgway Adventure Sports is owned and operated by Andy Persio and Amanda F. Swain, originally from Pennsylvania and New Hampshire respectively. Both Andy and Amanda have been in love with the Ridgway area after coming to it regularly for 30 years to visit family and for schooling. In the fall of 2017, they saw that there was no longer an outdoor gear shop in town and knew it was now or never to make their dream come true. They came back to search for a location and toured the Fort Smith building. Both loved the historical significance and the physical space, and were soon excitedly seeing their vision fall into place as they signed a lease.

"This fall, we are excited to expand our physical space and will bring the full-service ski-tuning shop in house. Last year most of the tuning was out of our home garage, so getting our team on site will be a great benefit to customers," Amanda said. "We just started offering online bookings for our bike rentals and demos, which will translate in the winter to online booking for our AT skis, splitboards, snowshoes, and cross country skis."

To learn more about Ridgway Adventure Sports, go online to <https://ridgwaycolorado.com/news-events/september-2019-member-of-the-month->

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

'FOUR CORNERS/ONE BOOK' PROGRAM SLATED

Six Southwestern Cities Join to Launch Regional Community-Wide Reading Program



Author C. Joseph Greaves. Courtesy photo.

Special to Art & Sol REGIONAL-Six cities and their public libraries have joined forces to launch an annual regional reading program to be called "Four Corners/One Book" with the stated goals of promoting literacy, encouraging dialogue, and building community through the shared experience of story. The towns of Montrose, Cortez, Dolores, Mancos, Ignacio and Moab have selected *Church of the Graveyard Saints* by C. Joseph Greaves as the program's inaugural title. An author event to launch the program in Montrose will be held at Maggie's Books (345 E. Main St.) at 7 p.m. on September 23, 2019. The launch party will feature a meet-and-greet with author Chuck Greaves, book sales and signings,

and a drawing for free copies of the book. Public book discussions and author talks are slated for January of 2020.

About the Program

Community-wide reading programs designed to promote civic unity through the power of literature have proliferated since the Washington Center for the Book pioneered the concept in 1989. "Literature lets us explore different ways of being in the world," said Montrose Library Assistant Director Tania Hajjar. "Readers bring their own perspectives to a story, and discussing all these interpretations can help us learn more about the world and about each other. Four Corners/One Book will give us another way to come together as a community."

About the Book

Church of the Graveyard Saints, set in the Four Corners, tells the story of a young woman's return to her small hometown only to discover that the oil and gas boom

promising prosperity to the larger community is threatening her family's ranching heritage. Of the novel's central theme, *Publishers Weekly* wrote: "Can one go home again? Greaves explores this question with both passion and compassion, taking readers on a lyrical, vivid tour of the West."

About the Author

Writing both literary fiction (as C. Joseph Greaves) and mystery fiction (as Chuck Greaves), the author has been a finalist for most of the major awards in crime fiction including the Shamus, Macavity, Lefty, and Audie, as well as the New Mexico-Arizona, Oklahoma, and Colorado Book Awards. He is the author of five previous novels including *Hard Twisted* and *Tom & Lucky*, the latter a *Wall Street Journal* "Best Books of 2015" selection and finalist for the 2016 Harper Lee Prize. Mr. Greaves lives, writes, and farms in the Four Corners region.



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 September 10, 2019

Jackpot \$ 10,000 +

The day we had been waiting for finally arrives; we have a Bingo Jackpot worth over \$10 Grand. This Tuesday Sept 10th is the night to go after BIG MONEY and we expect an overwhelming number of people to show up at Montrose Elks for their chance to win spectacular Jackpots. Doors open for this special Bingo session at 4:30 PM. Card sales start at 5:30 PM. An "Early Bird" set of 5 quick games begins at 6:30 and the main Bingo session of 8 games, including 3 Progressives starts at 7:00 PM. During the main Bingo session Progressive Game 2 is worth \$417 and Progressive

Game 4 is valued at \$400. Either game can be won by reaching Bingo in 37 numbers or less. Progressive Game 6 has an amazing Jackpot worth \$10,337. This Jackpot can be won by reaching Bingo in 53 numbers or fewer.

You might want to show up early to get a seat. No seats may be saved with exception for a disabled person as designated by the Games Mgr. Limited seating. One seat per Player. When Maximum Capacity is reached, Bingo card sales will stop. For the best Bingo game in the area be sure to visit Montrose Elks Lodge every Tuesday evening to play Bingo. Montrose Elks Bingo is the destination to get away and laugh with old friends or make new ones.

(Open to the public)

The first Annual Elks Karaoke Competition reigns in September at Montrose Elks

Lodge! Sing for fun or sing for the cash prizes that will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Winners. Contestants will perform at 7:00 PM on Weds Sept 11th, and

18th, and the Grand Finale will take place on Sat Sept 21st. A one-time \$20 entrance fee will be gathered that makes up the cash prizes. Drink specials will be available every night at the competition. Join the fun and celebrated singing by locals rising to the occasion. This will be a fun-filled event! Open to the Public.



SAVE THE DATE! UPCOMING REGIONAL EVENTS

CURRENT/ONGOING-

MAGIC CIRCLE THEATRE-AN ABBA-SOLUTE MUST-SEE! Magic Circle Players present one of the most feel-good musical comedies ever produced – *Mama Mia!* Get your tickets now! Evening performances of *Mama Mia!* are at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays September 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27 and 28. Sunday matinees are at 2:00 p.m. on September 8, 15, 22, and 29. Tickets are available online at www.magiccircleplayers.com, by telephone at (970) 249-7838, or in person at the Magic Circle Theatre box office, 420 South 12th Street, Montrose. Box office hours are 2-5 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays through September 28, and two hours before each performance.

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@bosombuddieswc.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 Chris Hebert at 970-901-5876 for details.

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

Montrose Toastmasters meets every Monday at 6 pm with official meetings on the 2nd and 4th Mondays. The other Mondays will be "working" meetings. They are held at Brookdale Sunrise Creek, 1968 Sunrise Drive, Montrose, Second Floor, Media Room.

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 Wednesday of each month. Montrose County School District Office- 930 Colorado Ave. Information 970-765-7406.

MONTROSE COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN MEETING

Noon - third Fridays. Hampton Inn, 1980 North Townsend Ave. Information: Dianna 970-249-0724

READING TO ROVER-Montrose Library. Every Tuesday, Sept. 3rd – Dec. 10. 3:30 - 4:30pm. Read to a Morningstar Therapy Dog. Call 970.249.9656 option 2 or visit the children's desk to sign up for a 15-minute reading time.

THE BOLD AND THE ITALICIZED (ST). Montrose Library. Every Wednesday, Sept. 4 – Dec. 11, 10am - 11am. Family-friendly story time featuring stories, songs, and activities. Toddler-preschool age appropriate.

MONTHLY-

Sept. 9-6:30 Montrose Library meeting rm. The Human Element is by James Balog of Chasing Ice and interrelates Human influence on environment. Citizens Climate Lobby will show 1 hr 15 min film to be followed by discussion. All humans welcome.

Sept. 10-ROCK ART OF THE PARADOX VALLEY, 1 p.m. @ Montrose Senior Center (1800 East Pavilion Place).

Take this picturesque journey through the ancient lives in Paradox Valley through the rock carvings they left behind.

Presenter: Glade Hadden, geologist.

Sept. 10-Alpine Photography Club Meeting, Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2019, 7pm. Colorado Mesa University, 245 S. Cascade Ave., Montrose, Room 206. Presentation: Family Portrait & Wedding Photography by Jayna Rosentreter

Tech Tip: 'Processing that Shot' by Jim Pizarowicz. Sharing Topic: Decisive Moments (3-5 images). Critiques: Open & Anonymous (up to three images). The public is welcome.

Sept.10-Don't miss the "Legends and True Tales" walking tour of the season where you will enjoy the "Unknown Stories of Downtown Montrose" on Sept. 10, starting at 6 pm. This short walk will take you to the alleys of our historic downtown and where you will learn the locations of our first jail, courthouse, and stories that had happened behind the closed doors in our historical buildings. Along with some of the stories of our famous visitors who had "come" to town to work, live or visit. The cost is \$10/person, and space is limited. Please call 249-2085 for reservations or information.

Sept. 11-Wednesday, Sept. 11th at 6 pm. Yoga for Cyclists, at the Brewery! Cost: \$10 (cash only). Experience a deep release for those tight legs, hips & back! This unique class will take place on the outdoor patio at 2 Rascals Brewing Co. All mats and props will be provided by Yoga House. All abilities are welcome! After class, grab a cold brew and talk cycling with us!

Sept. 12-Ignite Montrose. Join us for an evening of fast-paced presentations. Community members share their adventures, hobbies, travels, ideas or other passions in 5 minutes (20 slides). Be inspired, entertained and motivated! Sept. 12 at 7 pm at Intrinzik, 512 East Main, Montrose.

Sept. 13-Friday Flicks, Montrose Library. 4 - 5:30PM. Join us in the story time room! As the days get shorter, let's head to Hawai'i and celebrate the little monster in all of us by watching Lilo & Stitch.

Sept. 14-15-Montrose Regional Airport Tribute to Aviation, 9a.m. to 4 p.m. Free to the public.

Sept. 14-Join the League of Women Voters and CO Secretary of State Jena Griswold for a discussion on the pro-democracy bills passed during the recent legislative session. TOWN HALL, Saturday, Sept. 14, City Hall - Centennial Room, 433 S 1st Street, Montrose, 3:30pm - 4:15pm (doors open at 3:15)

Sept. 14- 'ALIVE AND STILL KICKIN' VARIETY SHOW, 11 a.m., \$5. This VARIETY SHOW is full of surprises, great talent and good BBQ along with all the fix in's. Start at 11 PM with BBQ and entertainment that includes Cheryl Clapton, Bruce Pollard, The Huck, Tim Veazey, a Magic Show, Barber Shop Choir, comedy skits and much more!!! JOIN THE FUN as All donations support our 'Pay It Forward' Senior Lunch Fund. Info: Marilyn Huseby 970 901 9914.

Sept. 14-Smart Cycling 101. Sept. 14 @ 9 am - 3 pm \$25. Montrose Rec Center. Become empowered to ride your bicycle on the road with confidence and competence! This course combines indoor instruction and discussion, a bike handling practice session, and a guided ride around Montrose to experience and discuss the principles of vehicular cycling.

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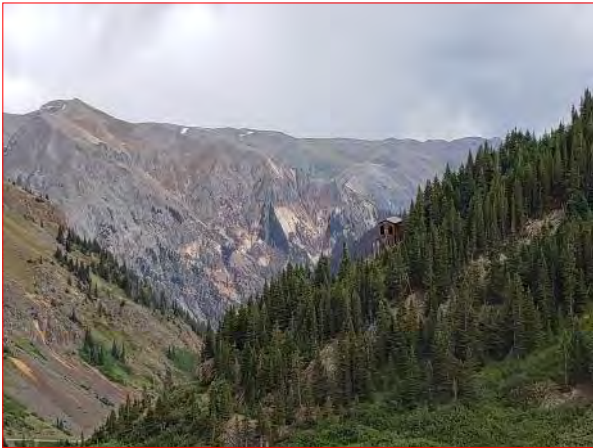
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READER PHOTO SPOTLIGHT: DEB REIMANN!



Deb snapped these photos of (from top left) wildflowers in Eureka Gulch; the South Fork of the Animas River; and the Tram Transfer House at Eureka Gulch.



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