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## CELEBRATE THE OPENING OF HILLCREST ROUNABOUT WITH LUNCH SPECIALS @ DIVOT'S

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-The room is sunny and inviting, with one of the best patios around and big screen TV's for sports viewing. The food is excellent. And with a new roundabout set to open soon on Hillcrest, Divot's restaurant at the Black Canyon Golf Course may no longer be the best kept secret in Montrose.

Expect great burgers and fries here, and delicious salads made with fresh greens from South River Aquaponics. Divot's also offers a full bar.

Divot's owner Janece Culver has a proven track record of success with other Montrose eateries including the former favorite Shanty II, which she founded. At Divot's, "We're doing salad specials, like Cobb or a chicken Caesar,"

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*Divot's at the Black Canyon Golf Course will be offering lunch specials to celebrate the opening of the Hillcrest roundabout.*

## RE-1J SUPERINTENDENT, FINANCE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCE RESIGNATIONS



*At the Sept. 10 Board of Education meeting, both RE-1J Superintendent Stephen Schiell and Finance Director Adam Rogers announced plans to retire.*

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-At the [Sept. 10 regular meeting](#) of the Montrose County School District RE-1J Board of Education, both Superintendent Stephen Schiell and Finance Director Adam Rogers announced plans to retire. All directors were present for the meeting with the exception of District A Director Jeff Bachman.

### DONATIONS

Following approval of the meeting agenda, Schiell drew applause when he noted a \$1,500 donation of school supplies made by Sheila of Shattered Image.

### CELEBRATIONS

Pomona Elementary School Principal Chris Lehman recognized physical education teacher Amanda Connelly and special needs paraprofessional Jessica Laird for excellence.

Connelly is "intensely organized and always prepared for each class," Lehman

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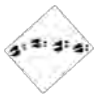
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*This fun-filled event is open to the Public.*

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## CITY TO CONSIDER FUNDING PRIVATE RENOVATION PROJECT, MAYOR PLANS SPECIAL PRESENTATION

### Mirror staff report

MONTROSE-Montrose City Council will convene for a work session at 10 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 16 and a regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 17.

### WORK SESSION

Montrose City Council will welcome three new City employees at the work session of Monday, Sept. 16. Joining City staff are Utilities Worker Justin Bacas, Animal control Officer Shelly Robillard, and Fleet Mechanic John Amis.

Discussion items will include a façade grant program and housing project initiatives. Council will consider providing \$63,926 to Martin McHugh as requested for asbestos abatement and remodel of the Eagle Building at 1500 East Main Street into residential units. Finished residential apartments would rent for \$1,000 monthly.

A written report from the Montrose County Housing Authority is included in the [work session packet](#).

Items to be considered in upcoming meetings and work sessions include: Sept. 30-GoCo grant application for Centennial Middle School; Oct. 1-Youth Council applicant interviews; new hotel and restaurant liquor license for Shanghai Palace; Oct. 15-Youth Council appointments and short-term rentals; Nov. 5-Retail liquor license store license transfer for Pour House;

As yet unscheduled is a housing needs analysis report.

### REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Dave Bowman will give a special presentation at the [Council meeting](#) of Tuesday, Sept. 17.

Council will consider appointing Danielle Godt to the City's Historic Preservation Commission.

Also to be considered is a new hotel and restaurant liquor license for Himalayan Pun Hill Kitchen.

Council will consider approving Ordinance 2485 on second reading, designating Montrose City Hall at 433 South First Street as a City of Montrose historic

property.

Also to be considered on second reading are Amended Ordinance 2486, imposing a public safety sales and use tax, establishing the Public Safety Sales and Use Tax

Fund, and 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.

Council will consider Ordinance 2487 on first reading, designating the Potato Growers site at 39 West Main Street a historic



**Montrose City Council will consider providing \$63,926 to Martin McHugh as requested for asbestos abatement and remodel of the Eagle Building at 1500 East Main Street into residential units. Photo by Gail Marvel.**

property. Council will consider Ordinance 2488 on first reading, creating the Riverwood Estates Improvement District; and Ordinance 2489 on first reading, establishing the rate of assessment for the Riverwood Improvement District.

Council will consider approving the bear Creek Subdivision Filing No. 4 Final Plat.

Following staff reports, Council will adjourn.



## UNO & DOS

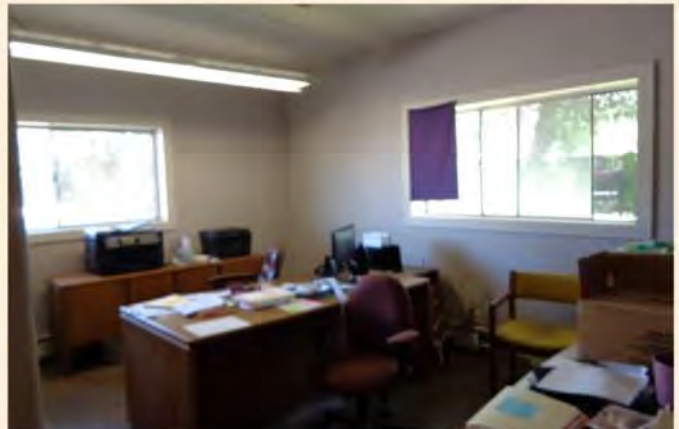
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## TRICKLE PARK ROAD TEMPORARY CLOSURE

### Special to the Mirror

DELTA-The Trickle Park road (NFSR #121) will close intermittently for the removal and replacement of culverts.

-Road will be intermittently closed at milepost 11.2 during the removal and replacement of culverts. During excavation and backfill there will not be a readily available bypass.

-The purpose of this project is to replace

currently deficient culverts with a bottom arch culvert to allow for the passage of all native aquatic and riparian species.

-Road is expected to be closed the week of September 16 – September 20, 2019.

-This project will improve aquatic habitat by providing a stress free road-stream crossing promoting robust aquatic communities and resilience to climate change stresses.

-Heavy equipment will be encountered during the construction process. Please use caution.

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding during this short-term road closure. For additional information, project updates or questions please contact Robert Dasey 970-589-5429 cell; 970-263-5808 office; or by email at [rob-ert.dasey@usda.gov](mailto:rob-ert.dasey@usda.gov).

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## OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

### POSSIBLE ENGINEERED TAX HIKE BY THE CITY OR TERRIBLE MANAGEMENT?

*Editor:*

Fellow citizens are alerting all of us as to what a bad deal this proposed tax hike for a police building and "all of a sudden" being in need of fourteen additional Police Officer's and six support personnel.

Before we rush into indenturing our self's and a couple of generations of Montrose Citizens yet to be born for the next thirty years let's put on our inquisitors' hats for a minute and examine the origins of this proposed tax hike by City Council.

Questions:

1. How many additional police officers SPECIFICALLY has the POLICE DEPARTMENT asked for per year over current staffing levels the last seven years?
2. What number of additional Police Officers over current manning levels did City Council allot for and hire?
3. It is no secret Montrose is growing and police assistant calls are up. How many years has the Montrose Police Department and City management been aware of the increased workload of the Montrose Police Department?
4. Did Citizens ever have a conversation or alert the Montrose Police Department in years past for an immediate need to start hiring more Police Officers?
5. Does the Montrose City Police Department leadership and City Council consider public safety it's number one priority? If no, why?
6. If yes to #5, why was any other expenditure by line item funded prior to funding and fully staffing the Montrose police Department.
7. A call for listing every expenditure by the city of \$5,000 or more regardless of category been initiated in the press by a citizen or citizens.

Does the City Council agree that should not take longer than a week to print out and publish in the press?

8. A call for City Council to denote by asterisk ( \* ) all individual line item expenditures of \$5,000 or more that are deemed to be more important than fully funding the Montrose Police Department?

When these questions are answered are

we to ask is how did we get to a critical situation all in one year without a gradual and prudent business plan from the city administration to deal with this problem? Let's start there and not be blindly let down another emotional tax hike that we will never recover from.

9. What's the deal here? Do we have either total neglect of the Police Depart-

ment by City Management or was this an engineered crisis/tax hike?

Note: The City has stated it has given the Police department over \$2,200,000 over the past seven years. Sounds like a lot but when divided by 7 years comes out to be only \$300,000 per year on an average. Just saying.

*Al Benson, Montrose*



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## CELEBRATE OPENING OF ROUNDABOUT WITH LUNCH SPECIALS @ DIVOT'S From pg 1

Culver said. When it comes to sandwiches, "Our Reubens are really good, and so are the Clubs.

"Once the roundabout is done, I will be running lunch specials to get the working folks in here for lunch."

The game will be on during football season, with drink specials as well.

Right now Divots' is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. during the week, with slightly extended hours on Friday and Saturday nights.

The restaurant will remain open through the winter holidays, Culver said, and can accommodate up to 70.

Now that Fall has arrived, Cook Eric Beck

will be doing a marinated sirloin, pairing perfectly with a glass of red wine.

"We will be booking Christmas parties," Culver said. "And the patio will be open until it gets too cold."

[Divot's](#) is located at 1350 Birch Street at Black Canyon Golf Course. The phone number is 970-249-4653.

## OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

### CITY COUNCIL, PLEASE VOTE TO REMOVE SALES TAX BALLOT INITIATIVE

Dear Editor:

To save credibility within the governance and management of this fine community, my recommendation to Council is to act bold and vote to remove the sales tax ballot initiative for 2019. This entire process, along with the valid scrutiny that extends beyond the public safety "ask", requires a complete & comprehensive reset.

Scott Damman, Montrose



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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### STAT PARTNERS TO OFFER COMMUNITY PRESENTATION ON SALEM-KEIZER THREAT ASSESSMENT MODEL

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE—Montrose County School District RE1-J, Montrose County Sheriff's Office, The Center for Mental Health, and the Montrose Police Department have partnered to bring the Salem-Keizer System of Assessing Student Threats to the region. The goal of the program is to provide regional school, law enforcement, and mental health providers a standardized process for threat assessment. The kick-off of this program creates a team of professionals—the Student Threat Assessment Team (STAT)—dedicated to creating a path of success for students at-risk. The community is invited to attend a presentation on the Salem-Keizer Threat Assessment System on Thursday from 9-11am at the Montrose County Event Center.

"This program places an emphasis on whole family health," said Laura Byard, Regional Director for The Center for Mental Health. "Ongoing assessments will help families and students engage with services, break down barriers, and foster a collaborative effort for success."

This week, professionals from across the region are receiving both Level I and Level II threat assessment training to learn how to complete a threat assessment. In the advanced training, team members will learn how to conduct an investigation and present the findings to the Student Threat Assessment Team. At a district level, trained professionals will be the eyes and ears for the program. In the event of a behavioral issue or indication of self-harm, case information will be gathered and look

at the entire picture. Various indicators and questions will help determine the level of threat and work to establish supervision strategies and resources to help mitigate the threat and support the student. At that point, the team will meet to discuss the issues and determine a plan to help get the student back on a path to success.

"The threat assessments are critical to helping our youth and the community understand that the system is there to help support them. This is a community-oriented solution to a community problem. If students do not have the resources or a path for success in school, it is likely that law enforcement will eventually have contact with them as adults. The STAT wants to help work with these children when problems are first emerging to mitigate future issues. This threat assessment model is designed to help protect youth and the challenges many of them face today," said Montrose County Sheriff's Office Lieutenant Ted Valerio.

School District Director of Safety and Security, James Pavlich, echoed the sentiments regarding the importance of communication as he said, "In the past, a student at-risk either with behavior issues or suicidal indicators had the possibility to have several contacts with different agencies—school, mental health, and law enforcement. Each contact is often a cry for help and may not have been communicated to the other agencies, especially during summer months or in the years following graduation. This new system creates a

team that meets to assess the student's individual situation and factors that may be contributing to behavior issues, and creates a path back to success for the student. Commander Matt Smith from the Montrose Police Department emphasized, "This system and training is a prevention-based model. It seeks to foster collaboration between community stakeholders, which is often a lacking component when addressing threats in our community. The most exciting aspects of this model for law enforcement are the front-end management of potential risks, and the supervision of those cases subsequent to their discovery."

The program is presented by John Van Dreal, a school psychologist and director of security, safety, and risk management for the Salem-Keizer School District in Oregon. Mr. Van Dreal is an internationally recognized expert in threat assessment and a pioneer of multidisciplinary threat assessment. He has instructed and presented to education staff, mental health staff, and law enforcement officers from more than 300 educational institutions.

The community presentation will be held at the Montrose County Event Center (1036 7th Street) on Thursday, Sept. 12 from 9-11am. The presentation is free to the public and community leaders and organizers are encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be provided by the Montrose County Sheriff's Office. The event will also be live-streamed on the Montrose County Sheriff's Office Facebook page ([fb.com/MontroseCountySO](https://fb.com/MontroseCountySO)).



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## A FRESH POINT OF VIEW...MOVIE REVIEW::IT: CHAPTER 2



Jack Switzer, 16.

By Jack Switzer  
MONTROSE-  
Entering the dark theatre felt eerie...I had shown up a few minutes late and was unaware of what I was about to walk into. I heard screaming from

within, and I was already on edge as it was. I bit my tongue and drew back the curtain so I could go in and sit down. I was immediately thrown into a state of shock--on the screen was the first kill scene for IT: Chapter two, and they had really taken it up to a whole new level from the last movie. Seeing Pennywise again made me

remember what it was that made me so afraid of him. I had long forgotten the grandeur of Bill Skarsgard's performance as the intergalactic child devourer. As I thought about this, someone had moved behind me, and I had realized that I had been so impressed by the movie's opening scene I didn't even think about taking a seat.

IT:Chapter two directed by Andy Muschietti was an incredible movie, with wonderful casting. The adult versions of the kids from IT:Chapter one look as though it actually is the losers club all grown up and mature; despite some of the movie's flaws it was truly a wonderful movie to watch. Despite, also, the intense number of jump scares and very high percentage of gore.

The only complaints I have about the movie are the CGI and the waste of some screen time. The scares and creatures in the movie are definitely more computer generated than clown monster--it wasn't as scary because of them. Ignoring the monsters, the main story has some flaws--particularly a plot point that requires each member of the losers club to go back to Derry and recover their memories of what happened 27 years ago, due to Pennywise essentially erasing their memories after they left Derry. Collecting their memories did not impact the end of the movie.

Overall, the movie is truly incredible, and I would recommend it to anyone who wanted to watch it. Just be sure you can handle horror before going into it

## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### FORAGE ESTABLISHMENT, RENOVATION & MANAGEMENT DEMONSTRATION PLOT OPEN HOUSE

#### *Special to the Mirror*

HOTCHKISS-Landowners are invited to attend the "Forage Establishment, Renovation & Management Demonstration Plot Open House," on Friday, Oct. 4, 2019. This event will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Delta County Fairgrounds located at 403 S. 4th Street, Hotchkiss, CO in the southeast corner of the fairgrounds, by the river.

The demonstration plot offers a hands-on view of 17 species of irrigated grasses and another 17 species of dryland grasses suited for the local area climate and soils. These grasses can be used for agricultural and natural resource conservation purposes, such as: growing hay, grazing livestock,

weed suppression, erosion control, and enhancement of wildlife habitat.

This year's Open House features experts from Colorado State University Extension, Colorado Department of Agriculture, Natural Resource Conservation Service, Delta Conservation District, and other industry leaders. Attendees will be able to take a self-guided walking tour and discuss their property needs with local professionals. Booths on a variety of topics including pasture, livestock, soils, and invasive weed management will be set up at various stations at the demonstration plot.

Open House participants will also be able to demo rangeland monitoring apps that help users interpret soil and plant signs in

landscapes in order to make better management decisions, observe a soil texturing demonstration that landowners can use to assess their own soils, ask local experts specific questions and discuss the best options to help you meet your agricultural and natural resources management objectives.

The project is a cooperative effort by CSU Extension, USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service, Delta Conservation District, Delta County, Colorado Association of Conservation Districts, and private enterprise partners.

The program is free and there's no cost to participate. For more information call 970-874-2195.

## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION BEGINS HIRING FOR 2020 FIELD SEASON

***More than 900 temporary jobs available across national forests and grasslands in Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, and Wyoming***

*Special to the Mirror*

DENVER- September 6, 2019 – The Rocky Mountain Region of the USDA Forest Service announced today the availability of over 900 temporary jobs for the 2020 field season across national forests and grasslands in Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, and Wyoming.

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rado, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, and Wyoming is online at

[www.fs.usda.gov/detail/r2/jobs](http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/r2/jobs). Information regarding available temporary jobs across other parts of the country is available at [www.fs.fed.us/working-with-us/jobs/temp](http://www.fs.fed.us/working-with-us/jobs/temp). Job seekers can apply for temporary jobs through USAJOBS,

[www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov), Sept. 16-30. Additional application information is available on the Forest Service's [How to Apply](#) webpage.

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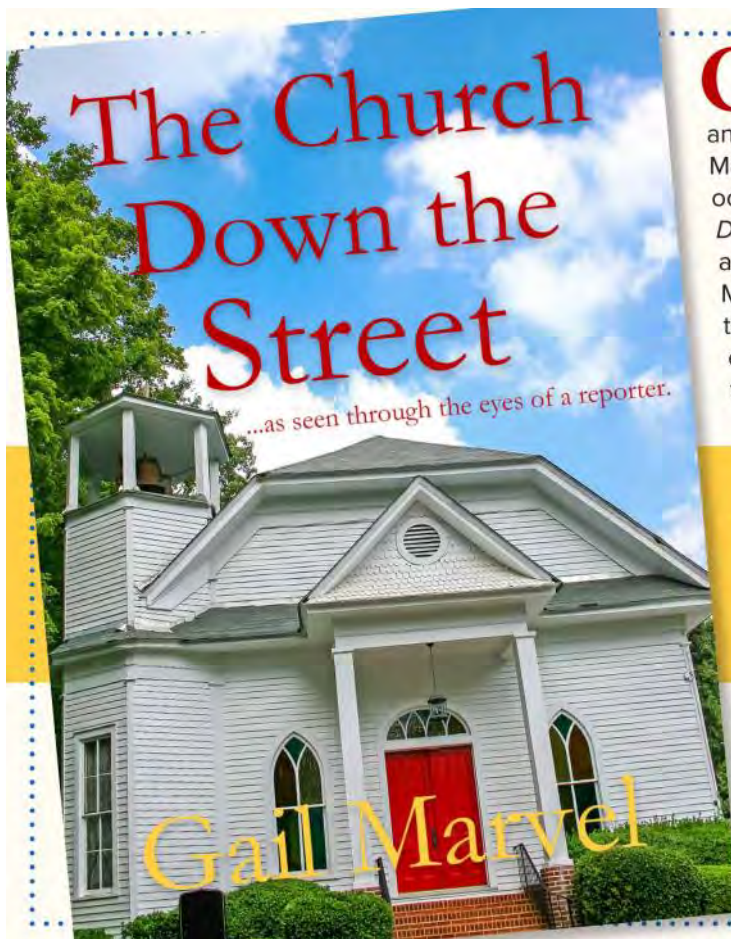
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**O**n the Western Slope of Colorado, within a 20-mile radius of the City of Montrose, there are more than 70 churches and houses of worship. Over a 2½-year period, reporter Gail Marvel visited most of these congregations on two separate occasions, 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](http://Amazon.com) and [wingedpublications.com](http://wingedpublications.com).

#### **GAIL MARVEL**

*Montrose Author & Reporter*



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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### SAN JUAN UROLOGY RECEIVES 'BETTER PERFORMER' STATUS FROM THE MEDICAL GROUP MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-Medical Group Management Association (MGMA) has recognized San Juan Urology as a "better performer" in 2019 because of superior operational performance, specifically value and productivity, compared with similar medical group practices nationwide.

Better performers are systematic about improvement — they invest time in the effort, they invest resources, and they maximize the tools and information available to them.

Over the past 2 years, San Juan Urology has embarked on a complete redesign of the company. In 2017, San Juan Urology contracted with Peak Professionals, LLC, another Montrose based company, to lead their organizational management and redesign. Together, they have increased urologic service delivery 83%, growing from 1.2 full-time equivalents (FTE) in de-

mand to 2.2 FTE. Outstanding referral time went from 10 months to 24 hours. New patient consultations can be completed within 1 week.

Surgeons, Drs. Peterson and Luskin are amongst just 1% of urologists in the country providing an advanced whole prostate removal surgery for cancer that has lower complication rates than usual care known as Retzius-Sparing Prostatectomy, are the only providers of High-Intensity Focused Ultrasound (HiFU) treatment for prostate cancer in Colorado, and are the only Center of Excellence in the treatment of BPH/enlarged prostate using the UroLift system in Colorado. San Juan Urology uses Blue Light Cystoscopy with Montrose Memorial Hospital for the earliest and most comprehensive detection of bladder cancer, something only found in Montrose and in just one hospital in Denver. Further, San Juan Urology has been an active voluntary

participant in the Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative, known as TCPI, a Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services quality improvement initiative.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> <https://innovation.cms.gov/initiatives/Transforming-Clinical-Practices/>

"This is the first year that San Juan Urology has been recognized as a 'better performer' with MGMA," says Joe Adragna, MD, MHA, MGH, CEO of Peak Professionals. "We are incredibly proud of our surgeons and staff for making this possible. Recognized as being in the top 20% of practices in the nation for value and productivity is no small feat but no surprise given the dedication of these true professionals. We are incredibly grateful for the support that Montrose provides and we look forward to meeting the challenge of delivering world-class urology services right here in Montrose."



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## RE-1J SUPERINTENDENT, FINANCE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCE RESIGNATIONS

**From pg 1**

said.

Laird works with students who have disabilities, he said. "She helps in any way she can to support all students," Lehman said. "...she wants every student she works with to succeed."

"I am excited to be able to honor them both," he said.

Cottonwood Elementary School Principal Jack Christensen recognized Lead Custodian Glenn Smith and Fifth Grade Teacher Abigail Stetson.

Smith does incredible work, Christensen said. "You would never meet a nicer person ever," he said. "Glenn makes the students and staff feel comfortable...he is the one who puts the coffee on in the morning."

Mrs. Stetson does an incredible job making sure all students have the help they need," Christensen said. "...The kiddos know they are loved in Mrs. Stetson's class."

### COMMUNITY INPUT

Ashley Carothers spoke about the difficulty her husband's daughter is having as a result of a district policy that does not allow students to be transported to more than one middle school in the district. The policy causes difficulties when the student stays at her father's house, a 35-minute drive from town. Though Superintendent Schiell had approved a special process last year that allowed the child to be safely transported to both schools as needed, the director of First Student Transportation, the RE-1J bussing contractor, declined to approve the process this year, Carothers said.

She asked that the District help the family achieve sensible, safe, pickup and dropoff arrangements for the student.

"The bus passes within two blocks of Centennial Middle School while driving to the high school," Carothers said.

### SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE

Schiell said that negotiations with the Uncompahgre Education Association (UEA) are already picking up; there will be meetings on finance and on the annual contract on Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.

"With (District F Director) Phoebe terming out, we will want a new board mem-



**Ashley Carothers spoke to the Board of Education about a bussing issue on Sept. 10.**

ber to attend," Schiell said.

"I would really like to do that," District E Director Sarah Fishering said.

Said Board of Education President Tom West, "This will be a good position for Sarah...Phoebe did a great job."

Schiell also announced his own retirement at the end of the 2019-2020 school year, adding that this marks his 43<sup>rd</sup> year in education.

"I have had a great career," Schiell said.

"I continue to state that our school district is full of opportunities...the MCSD board of education is the best which I have ever had the honor to serve."

His voice breaking, Schiell thanked school board directors present and past, as well as teachers and support staff. "Laurie Laird is the best administrative assistant I have ever worked with," Schiell said. "We still have a lot of work to do every day; our students need every day to be successful."

Said West, "Mr. Schiell, we really appreciate what you have done...a miraculous job. We really appreciate that we are a better school district because of you."

RE-1J Board Vice President Gayle Johnson told Schiell, "You were such a wonderful hire...such a gift to us in so many ways."

Fishering expressed gratitude as well.

"Thank you for all of the children you have helped over the years. Public education is a calling, not just a career."

"When someone does something for that

long, you've either got to be crazy or you've got to love it," District B Director Jacob Suppes said.

Benziger thanked Schiell for giving the district so much advance notice. "You're going to be a hard one to replace," she said. "I am going to miss you."

### ENROLLMENT REPORT

Rogers provided a [September enrollment](#) update, but cautioned that the numbers are "extremely liquid" at this point. Vista Charter School has seen a 15 percent increase in enrollment so far this year, he said. District-wide, "We are up 31 students at the moment," Rogers said. "But don't get excited over this number yet; we still have three weeks to go." If the number remains the same as of the Oct. 1 count, it would mean \$262K in increased funding for the district, he said.

"It's a little bit of good news, but don't run around saying it's great," Rogers said.

Said West, "It will be interesting to see what October holds."

### QUARTERLY FINANCIALS

Rogers presented a second quarter [quarterly financial report](#), as well as [an investments report](#).

"Fund balance wise, we look really good for next year," he said.

Johnson thanked Rogers, who will retire as of Sept. 12, for his work on behalf of the district. "For a long time we had no interest-bearing accounts...you've done

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## **RE-1J SUPERINTENDENT, FINANCE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCE RESIGNATIONS**

### **From previous pg**

wonderful things getting the budget back in line, and interest is like found money for us.

"You'll miss us."

The board welcomed Rogers' replacement, Finance Director Emily Imus, who has worked in the accounting department for several years. "These are hard shoes to walk in," Imus said. "We in the department have appreciated his support and knowledge."

#### **DISTRICT PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK/ECE UPDATES**

Schiell provided an update [on the District Performance Framework](#) and on CMAS

scores over time. "We were a little flat in 2019...we've got things going in the right direction." PSAT scores are up a little; SAT's are down a little, he said.

Early Childhood Center Director Penny Harris presented [an update](#) as well. Of the 102 kids currently served, 80 are living below Federal poverty level, and 25 students are qualified as homeless. During the program year 370 individuals volunteered their services, Harris said. There are 57 students currently on individual learning plans (ILP's).

"We are continuing to enroll students," Harris said.

The closure of the Tender Hearts Preschool Sept. 6 left several students without care, she said. "We have already started interviewing and placing those kids."

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

The Board of Education unanimously approved [Policy BEDH](#) on second reading. Fishing said, "It was rewritten to make it a lot easier to understand how the public gets to speak during a board meeting."

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

[Consent Agenda](#) items, including a [personnel report](#), were approved unanimously as presented. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

## **REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS**

### **NATIONWIDE, \$650 MILLION IN LIFE INSURANCE FOUND FOR CONSUMERS**

*Special to the Mirror*

DENVER - Since its inception in 2016, the Life Insurance Policy Locator has found nearly \$12 million for Coloradans in lost life insurance policies or annuities. The locator is available on the [website of the Colorado Division of Insurance \(DOI\)](#), part of the Department of Regulatory Agencies.

Each year, millions of dollars in life insurance benefits go unclaimed by beneficiaries who can't find their deceased loved ones' policies, or in some cases may not even know the policies exist. The locator connects consumers with those lost policies.

This free online tool, maintained by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC), has received 2,797 requests from Coloradans since November 2016, which turned up 796 matches of [lost or misplaced life insurance policies or annuities](#), with claims amounts of \$11,970,835 through July 31, 2019. Nationwide, 145,432 requests have led to

46,665 matches with claim amounts of \$650,520,451 over the same time.

"Calls to the Division asking how to track down a life insurance policy or annuity are surprisingly common," said Kate Harris, Chief Deputy Commissioner of Insurance for Health and Life Policy. "It used to be a long, difficult search, but now the Life Insurance Policy Locator gives consumers a way to easily search for policies and annuities. We encourage anyone who thinks there is a family member's policy out there to submit a request."

The policy locator requests are secure, confidential and free. Any matches found by participating insurers are reported to the Division of Insurance through the NAIC Life Policy Locator. The insurance companies then are responsible for contacting beneficiaries.

Who can use the locator?

Anyone. This service is open to the public, including beneficiaries and legal representatives.

If a requester is a beneficiary and is noti-

fied by the company that a lost policy has been found, what information do people need to request their benefits?

Typically, a certified death certificate and company claim form must be submitted to the insurer which found a policy.

How long does it take for a request to be completed?

It may take up to 90 business days to receive a response. Please note a requester will not receive a response if no matches are found, the requester is not the beneficiary, or the requester does not have legal authority to obtain information about the deceased. Find more information and the locator itself on the DOI's ["Life Insurance Policy Locator" page](#).

As part of Life Insurance Awareness Month, the NAIC is hosting a Twitter chat to correct misconceptions about life insurance on September 17, 2019, at 1 p.m.

MT, for people to ask questions of experts. Use the hashtags

#ProtectTomorrow and

#NAICInsuranceChat to participate.





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## OPINION/EDITORIAL: COMMENTARY

# COURTS PLACE UNREPRESENTED ABUSED MOM IN HARM'S WAY, BLOCK HER FROM HOME & KIDS

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—She is the kind of mom who makes me feel guilty. My bright, funny, young, bi-polar, friend—we will call her “Priscilla”—has always worked, paid for her children’s expenses, made sure they had enough to eat, and helped them with their school work. I have trusted her with my own children and would not hesitate to do so again.

So when she turned up at our home recently, frightened, confused, with only the clothes on her back and no place else to go, I was shocked. My gentle friend—she is non-violent, and does not smoke or imbibe in anything other than an occasional glass of white wine—had found herself on the wrong end of a protection order put in place almost immediately after she filed (without legal representation) for a divorce from her longtime husband, in which she cited ongoing abuse of herself and her children. The protection order against Priscilla, issued by Judge Cory Jackson on Aug. 22 at the request of the Uncompahgre Volunteer Legal Aid (UVLA) staff attorney on behalf of her husband, is so comprehensive that she was ordered to stay away from the home, her children, their schools, and the family cat.

Apparently, the fact that Priscilla takes medication for a bi-polar illness was enough to justify her being left to the streets without so much as money, a toothbrush, transportation, or her own

social security card—which now appears to have been used by someone else in years past to obtain fraudulent loans.

To me, it appears that Priscilla’s illness has been used to vilify her and deprive her of her civil rights. The non-profit Uncompahgre Volunteer Legal Aid service, which would seem on the surface to be a local resource for her, is instead representing her older, far wealthier, husband, a man who owns property and a car, but whose work history appears to have been extremely sporadic. My concerned and outraged phone calls to the courts, to UVLA, and to CASA of the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District (which informed Priscilla that she could see her children at a charge of \$20 per hour once her husband makes arrangements) have mostly not been returned. Still, it has been weeks since Priscilla was allowed contact with her two young children, though they are and have always been the center of her life.

In Montrose, even hardened criminals and drug addicts often are able to maintain parental rights; so it is worth noting that Priscilla passed a random drug screen with flying colors during her job search this week, and was hired on the spot. She entered a karaoke contest at the Montrose Elks Lodge, where she was good enough to advance to the next level, all in hopes of winning a prize that will help her get back on her feet and into a place of her own. At the next round of the Elks



*Priscilla, on her way to a meeting with her guardian ad litem last week.*

karaoke competition, Priscilla plans to sing, “Can’t smile without you,” to express her feelings for her two young children.

And yet, despite her hard work and progress, Priscilla finds herself more heartbroken and unsettled by the hour, her reasons for living and even her clothing and belongings now seemingly out of reach.

So in my humble opinion, I can only say to those in the 7<sup>th</sup> judicial District who can justify treating a loving, kind, hard-working, and yes--bi-polar--mother as though she is a parasite who must be destabilized and cast out without representation, clothing, food, a place to stay, or a chance to see her children, I can say only that at some point you too will stand before a higher power to be judged.

And unlike Priscilla, you may be found wanting.

## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS PROGRAM ON 2019 BALLOT

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE—The League of Women Voters invites the community to attend its program Everything Leading Up to the 2019 Ballot:

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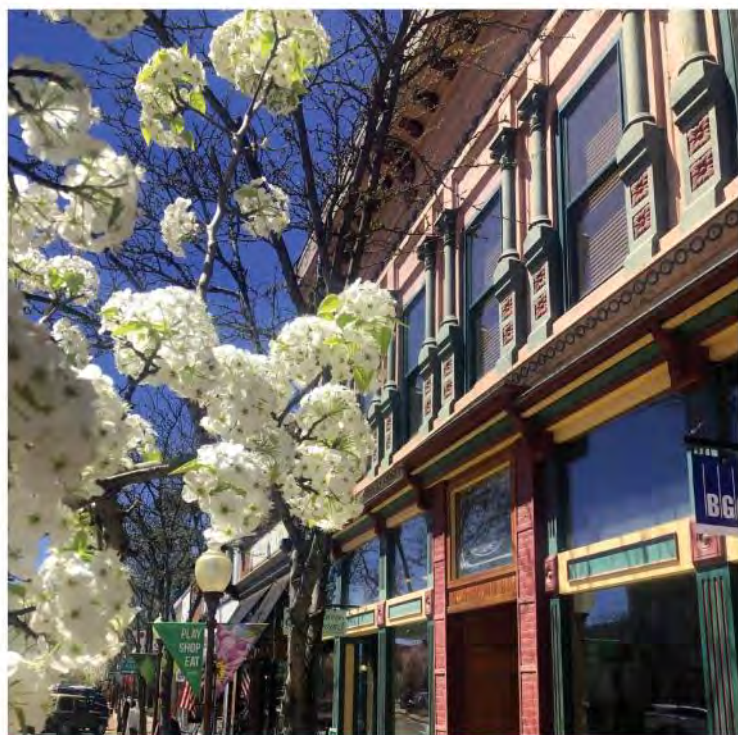
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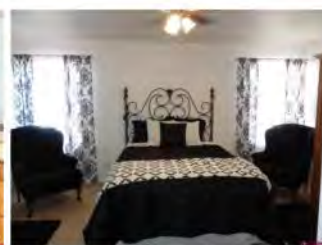


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## OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

### OBJECTS TO VON HELMS LETTER, GRATEFUL FOR PRESIDENT

*Editor;*

The drivel in Holly von Helms' letter accusing white men of being angry and revengeful was so childish and immature it could have rated a spot next to the Beetle Bailey cartoon in Sunday's paper where they were talking about hot air. Of course her purpose was to pin mass shootings on "white" men in their act of "revenge". Actually, she's the one with the anger! Angry with men; Angry with their color. This is a sick example of sexism and racism that the hard left democrats preach they're against, but it's apparently okay when they practice it and they do. So here we have her democrat brand of sex-a-phobia and race-a-phobia!

Helms just needs to study history and learn how many "white men" have fought and died and suffered terrible injuries in wars all over the world to give her the freedom to write such hateful remarks about them. She should be grateful we have a President who loves America and has demonstrated relentless promise-keeping in correcting the ills the previous eight year democrat regime had inflicted upon America. He is a truly unique leader in American history. While other presidents have gotten rich in office, President Trump is losing the millions of dollars he would have made staying in private life. On top of that he donates all of his salary to charity. Contrast that to the Clintons who are now multi-millionaires. Money acquired while in office and they kept their salary. And Obama who now can afford a \$15 million dollar ocean-side mansion. Again, money acquired while in office and he kept his salary. So much for the global alarmists who claim oceans are rising and will swamp those coastal areas!

And every so often when democrats have nothing important to rail about they start screaming reparations for slavery. But they ignore the sex slavery young girls are enduring from the human and drug trafficking heading to our southern border. Young girls 12 years and older are given birth control before the trip and checked for pregnancy upon arrival. And since democrats fight for open borders they won't talk about that slavery.

And how is it Russia donated \$0 dollars to the Trump campaign, but donated \$145,600,000 to the Clinton foundation and President Trump was the one investigated? Typical Democrat hypocrisy that's how!

*Jerry Bartholome, Montrose*



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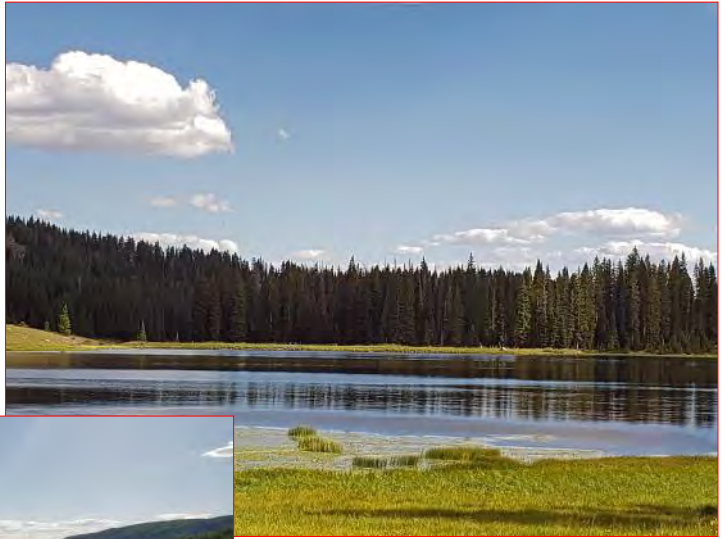
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## OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

### A CLOSER LOOK AT 10 YEARS OF POLICE BUDGETING

*Editor:*

In two previous letters, I shared some of my research into City budgeting / funding for the MPD from 2010 forward. Since a crisis in MPD funding came to the fore a year ago, one would certainly think that an in depth study of previous years budgeting / funding history would have been the first order of business in determining the cause of MPD insufficient funding. That logical course was not to be. The craftily worded "charge" to the PSST Committee was ONLY to find ADDITIONAL funding sources for the MPD.

It is becoming increasingly clear, now that some PSST Committee members are speaking out publicly, that the City steered any conversation away from studying past MPD budgeting / funding. As noted by one member, deliberation was aggressively directed toward a predictable outcome.

My research into 10 years of police budgeting / funding shows at the very least, the City could have done a much better job in that respect. Below please find the 2nd section of my research of the City document site in trying to determine if the City has truly prioritized funding the MPD.

*Dee Laird, Montrose*

#### COMPARISON OF OVERALL CITY BUDGET vs MPD FOR 2017-18

With crime rates steadily increasing, look at the comparison of budgets for 2017-18

City overall budget	57,836,928	+37.9%	=	+15,892,272
MPD budget	7,126,768	+6%	=	+ 47,600

Note:

- 1- In one year City budget grew 333.8 times as fast as MPD
- 2- Audit report for that year shows the MPD got an influx of after the fact funding ending up \$1,927,252 over budgeted amount . Obviously that budget was inadequate and the City magically found 1.9 million for the MPD.
- 3- If the City can suddenly materialize 1.9 million for the MPD in this budget cycle, they can certainly do so in successive years by prioritizing MPD funding on a yearly basis.

#### SALES TAX BUDGETS vs ACTUAL RECEIPTS

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE/MILLIONS
2013	12,768,266	14,205,928	+1.4
2014	12,262,917	14,356,594	+2.1
2015	12,850,174	15,941,550	+3.1
2016	13,244,724	16,646,728	+3.4
2017	14,329,156	17,451,496	+3.1
2018	14,544,093	18,604,978	+4.1

	EXCESS COLLECTED IN MILLIONS	+17.2
2019	Collections thru June 2019 running 3.7% above 2018	

Note:

- 1- From 2013-2018 the City took in 17.2 million more in sales tax than what was budgeted
- 2-Where did all that extra money go? If crime was increasing, why were MPD budgets not increased sufficiently?



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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS OFFER DIVERSE SOLUTIONS TO MINE RECLAMATION IN THE SAN JUANS

#### *Special to the Mirror*

OURAY-Artificial intelligence, beer ingredients, college student trainees, Good Samaritans, and Superfund sites will all be discussed during the ninth annual San Juan Mining & Reclamation Conference. Under the theme of “Changing Approaches,” this year’s conference presenters will share insights and answer questions about the effectiveness of traditional and innovative approaches to cleaning up the environmental impacts of abandoned mines.

The San Juan Mining & Reclamation Conference will be combined with the third annual Innovation Expo in Silverton on Sept. 24 to 26. The two events will once again bring together diverse mining and reclamation experts from industry, government, nonprofits, and academia to develop solutions and partnerships to address watershed pollution from abandoned mines.

“I look forward to this event each year because of how many diverse stakeholder groups are brought together. Our world of environmental cleanup and mine reclamation is such a small niche community, and interactions between colleagues and peers is such an important part of the learning process. This conference presents a great venue for sharing ideas and techniques that are currently being used in the field,” said Jason Willis, P.E., Colorado Abandoned Mine Lands (AML) Program Manager at Trout Unlimited Inc.

Willis, who previously worked at various engineering firms in structural, geotechnical, environmental, and civil engineering, has been involved in mine restoration across southern Colorado, including the Kerber Creek Restoration Project. His conference presentation will highlight liability protections that Good Sam organizations should consider before taking on an AML cleanup.

The morning keynote on Sept. 24 will be presented by Steven Cook, Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Office of Land and Emergency Management at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency since February 2018, and Chair of the Superfund Task Force since May 2018. Prior to the EPA, he was in-house counsel at Lyondell-Basell, a large, multi-national chemical and refining company where he oversaw the health, safety, environmental and security legal work on a global basis. The afternoon keynote will be given by Kelly Tucker, Environmental Programs Specialist in the EPA Office of Wastewater Management and Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund Program.

Morning presentations also include a comparison of voluntary vs. regulatory approaches to abandoned mine cleanup by Dr. Peter Butler of the Animas River Stakeholders Group. A panel discussion about Superfund legalities within historic mining districts will include attorneys John L. Watson of Spencer Fane, Paul Nazaryk of Ramboll International, Anthony Edwards of Sholler Edwards, and Stan Dempsey Jr. of the Colorado Mining Association.

Afternoon presentations consist of: a pilot project to address the water quality impacts of acid mine drainage with a passive mitigation treatment using spent brewers grain by Tahne Corcutt of the Beer2Clear Initiative; student projects providing on-the-ground, real-world experience in site assessment, monitoring, and stakeholder engagement for abandoned mine cleanup by Luke Danielson of the Western Alliance for Restoration Management; and the application of artificial intelligence and biomimicry to mine reclamation by Madeline Gonzalez Allen of IBM and InnoVital.

Also on Sept. 24, the Student Challenge Poster Session will be judged, displayed

and scholarship awarded for the best entry demonstrating innovation solutions to acid mine drainage through integrated research, collaborative partnerships, or sustainable market opportunities. This session will include a networking happy hour with micro brewery beers.

On Sept. 25, conference organizers will guide field trips to abandoned mines and reclamation sites around the Silverton area, followed by a Lightning Talk in conjunction with StartUp Colorado featuring speed pitches by startups and entrepreneurs presenting their innovative ideas to industry leaders and experts. The evening will finish at Silverton Town Hall with a showing of “The Mine Next Door” documentary about the Idarado Mine’s history.

On Sept. 26, the Innovation Expo will be a full day of demonstrations and presentations related to mine reclamation innovation and best practices, treatment of mine drainage and waste, developing valuable products from mine water and waste materials, and new methods of monitoring, remote sensing and modeling. Presenters include experts from the University of Chile, Colorado School of Mines United States Geological Service, Fort Lewis College, and several engineering companies.

Event sponsors include Newmont Mining, Heritage, Linkan Engineering, and Ouray Silver Mines, as well as several companies, government agencies, associations, and universities. The Conference Committee for the 2019 San Juan Mining and Reclamation & Innovation Expo includes the Animas River Stakeholders Group, Headwaters Alliance, Mountain Studies Institute, San Miguel Watershed Coalition, and Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership.

For conference information, agenda and registration, please visit <http://www.mountainstudies.org/expo>.

## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### THREE REGIONAL UTILITIES JOIN SOUTHWEST POWER POOL MARKET

*Special to the Mirror*

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, and the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) announced Sept. 9 their decision to join Southwest Power Pool's (SPP) Western Energy Imbalance Service (WEIS) market. When SPP launches the WEIS in February 2021, it will become the market administrator for these and potentially other utilities in the west. The market will centrally dispatch energy from these participants throughout the region every five minutes, enhancing both the reliability and affordability of electricity delivery from utilities to their customers.

"SPP has a proven track record in operating energy imbalance and full day-two markets," said Paul Sukut, Basin Electric CEO and general manager. "SPP's experience makes them an excellent choice for operating a market. Adding to the advantage of SPP is their independent board of directors, a proven stakeholder process, and a governance structure that specifically includes commissioners from state regulatory commissions."

"Through the WEIS, our regional utilities are moving forward together with a cost-effective solution that quickly increases market efficiencies, reduces expenses for our members and electric consumers, and supports Tri-State's rapid transition to cleaner energy," said Duane Highley, Tri-State's CEO. "Our entry into the WEIS advances the goal to provide utilities across the west options to participate in a real-time, beneficial market solution."

"We are committed to seeking mutually beneficial partnerships consistent with sound business principles," said WAPA Administrator and CEO Mark A. Gabriel. "With the pace of change in the electric industry increasing, generation options evolving, and pressing needs regarding balancing area operations, we have a need to look at different market structures for WAPA's diverse customers and needs. Our

goal is to keep our value at the highest level while adhering to our core value to do what is right."

WAPA's agreement includes the firm electric service loads and resources of Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program—Eastern Division, Loveland Area Projects and Salt Lake City Area Integrated Projects, in the Upper Great Plains Western Area Balancing Authority (WAUW) and Western Area Colorado Missouri Balancing Authority (WACM) footprints.

As the market's administrator, SPP will maintain the reliability of the region's transmission system and meet demand with the most cost-effective generation available, reducing wholesale electricity costs for participants. Like SPP's previous markets, the WEIS will provide price transparency of wholesale energy, allow parties to trade bilaterally and hedge against costly transmission congestion.

SPP is accepting commitments from additional customers to be included in the market's initial go-live through Oct. 25, 2019. SPP is committed to the long-term success of the WEIS and plans to operate under a Western Joint Dispatch Agreement, which guarantees participants a say in the market's ongoing evolution. Utilities do not have to be a member of the SPP regional transmission organization (RTO) to participate.

An overview of the WEIS' design is now available at [www.spp.org/weis](http://www.spp.org/weis).

"We're a stakeholder-driven organization that believes in the power of partnership," said Nick Brown, SPP president and CEO. "We want to do more than just launch a wholesale electricity market in the west. We want to work with utilities to understand the challenges they face and develop smart solutions that benefit the whole region. That's how we operate as an RTO, and it's how we plan to administer this and other contract services in the west."

The WEIS is one of several components of SPP's Western Energy Services family of contract-based products. SPP also admin-

isters the Western Interconnection Un-scheduled Flow Mitigation Plan and is on track to launch reliability coordination services for a number of western utilities in December 2019. It is also in the early stages of developing planning coordination services, by which it would help utilities study and plan upgrades to the region's transmission system.

About SPP: Southwest Power Pool, Inc. manages the electric grid and wholesale energy market for the central United States. As a regional transmission organization, the nonprofit corporation is mandated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to ensure reliable supplies of power, adequate transmission infrastructure and competitive wholesale electricity prices. Southwest Power Pool and its diverse group of member companies coordinate the flow of electricity across 66,000 miles of high-voltage transmission lines spanning 14 states. The company's headquarters are in Little Rock, Arkansas. Learn more at [www.spp.org](http://www.spp.org).

About Basin Electric Power Cooperative: Basin Electric is a consumer-owned, regional cooperative headquartered in Bismarck, North Dakota. It generates and transmits electricity to 141 member rural electric systems in nine states: Colorado, Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming. These member systems distribute electricity to about 3 million consumers.

About Tri-State: Tri-State's mission is to provide reliable, affordable and responsible power in accordance with cooperative principles. Tri-State is a not-for-profit generation and transmission cooperative with membership including 43 distribution cooperatives and public power districts that collectively serve 1.3 million people across nearly 200,000 square miles of the West, including the states of Colorado, Nebraska, New Mexico and Wyoming. For more information, visit [www.tristate.coop](http://www.tristate.coop).





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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### WIMP 5 PRESCRIBED BURN PLANNED FOR NORWOOD RANGER DISTRICT

#### *Special to the Mirror*

DELTA-GMUG Fire and Fuels Crews will begin prescribed burning operations on the WIMP 5 project area, as early as September 12, or as conditions allow.

-The project area is located nine miles southeast of Norwood, CO, south of Goodenough Road (NFSR #516).

- Approximately 850 acres are planned for treatment with aerial ignitions.

-Objectives for burning operations include: increasing the resiliency and reproduction of native ponderosa pine stands, protecting adjacent private property from the spread of catastrophic, unplanned wildfires and reducing slash from mechanical treatments.

- One day of ignition is planned, the project area will be patrolled and monitored for several days following ignition.

-Caution is advised as smoke will likely be visible in and around Norwood and near Divide Road (NFSR #402), Davewood Road (NFSR #510) and Highway 550.

For information and updates on prescribed burns, wildfires and fire restrictions on National Forest System lands and other areas, call the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests Fire Information line at 970.874.6602, visit the GMUG Forest website ([www.fs.usda.gov/gmug](http://www.fs.usda.gov/gmug)), Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GMUGFireInfo> or Twitter: [https://twitter.com/GMUG\\_NF](https://twitter.com/GMUG_NF).

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



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### WEST NILE VIRUS UPDATE FOR DELTA COUNTY

#### *Special to the Mirror*

DELTA-The Delta County Department of Health is reporting a twelfth human case of West Nile virus. Furthermore, nine mosquito samples collected from the City of Delta have tested positive for West Nile virus.

The twelve human cases are as follows:

- The first case is a female from the North Fork region of the county, diagnosed on August 9th, and is recovering from West Nile virus uncomplicated fever.
- The second case is a male from the North Fork region of the county, diagnosed on August 16th, and is recovering from West Nile virus encephalitis.
- The third case is a male from Delta, diagnosed on August 16th, and is recovering from West Nile virus uncomplicated fever.
- The fourth case is a male from the North Fork region of the county, diagnosed on August 19th, and is recovering from West Nile virus encephalitis.
- The fifth case is a male from the Surface Creek region of the county, diagnosed on August 23rd, and is recovering from West Nile uncomplicated fever.
- The sixth case is a female from Delta, diagnosed on August 27th, and is recovering from West Nile virus meningitis.
- The seventh case is a female from the Surface Creek region of the county, diagnosed on August 27th, and is recovering from West Nile virus meningitis.

• The eighth case is a male from the North Fork region of the county, diagnosed on August 29th, and is recovering from West Nile virus uncomplicated fever.

• The ninth case is a male from the Surface Creek region of the county, diagnosed on September 5th, and is recovering from West Nile virus encephalitis.

• The tenth case is a male from the North Fork region of the county, diagnosed on September 6th, and is recovering from West Nile virus uncomplicated fever.

• The eleventh case is a female from the North Fork region of the county, diagnosed on September 9th, and is recovering from West Nile virus uncomplicated fever.

• The twelfth case is a female from the Surface Creek region of the county, diagnosed on September 9th, and is recovering from West Nile virus uncomplicated fever.

The presence of positive samples of mosquitoes is a clear indication that West Nile virus remains present and poses a risk to those who are bitten. August through September are when most human cases of West Nile virus have been reported in Colorado. "West Nile virus can be a serious illness and residents should understand the health risks associated with this virus" said Delta County Environmental Health Director Ken Nordstrom.

Health officials say most people bitten by a West Nile virus infected mosquito show no symptoms of illness; however, some people may develop symptoms 3 to 15 days after being bit by an infected mosquito. About 1-in-5 infected persons will have mild illness with fever, and about 1-in-150 infected people will become severely ill. Physicians are urged to test patients for the West Nile virus if they show signs of fever, altered mental status, suspected meningitis or encephalitis, or sudden painless paralysis in the absence of stroke, in the summer months.

The Health Department strongly urges the public to take precautions and take preventative measures against being bitten by mosquitoes and becoming infected with the virus.

The following prevention tips are encouraged:

- Drain standing water on property.
- Dusk and Dawn- avoid being outdoors at this time when mosquito activity is high.
- DEET is an effective ingredient to look for in bug repellent.
- Dress in long sleeves and pants during dusk and dawn and in areas where mosquitoes are active.
- Screen windows and doors of your home to keep the mosquitoes out.

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[www.fightthebitecolorado.com](http://www.fightthebitecolorado.com) Phone: 1-877-462-2911





## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### HISPANIC AFFAIRS PROJECT JOINS THE NEW AMERICANS CAMPAIGN

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-The Hispanic Affairs Project (HAP) recently joined the national New Americans Campaign (NAC) to help eligible permanent residents with their citizenship applications.

In 2015, HAP received formal recognition/accreditation from the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to provide immigration legal assistance, especially to low-income families and in rural areas of western Colorado, where access to legal resources is limited.

Every month, HAP collaborates with the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services and the United States District Court District of Colorado to support naturalization ceremonies. A special naturalization ceremony will take place on Wednesday, September 18th at 10:00 am in the amphitheater of the Colorado National Monument in Fruita, Colorado. Around 60 immigrants will take the Oath of Alle-

giance and receive their certificates of naturalization. To celebrate together with these new citizens, HAP will launch its Western Colorado New Americans Campaign to spread to encourage and assist as many eligible legal permanent residents as possible to apply for naturalization over the next 12 months.

HAP is currently organizing citizenship clinics in Grand Junction and Montrose. During these clinics, citizenship candidates receive an orientation about the application process, requirements, eligibility evaluation, and answers to legal questions on an individual basis.

"We are very excited to be part of this campaign to assist more people and to educate the community about the immigration system. We estimate that around 1,070 residents in western Colorado could qualify for citizenship and we are here to help everyone who needs our support," said Ricardo Perez, Executive Director, Hispanic Affairs Project.

An important piece of HAP's community outreach as part of this campaign happens through the support of Marketa Zubkova, HAP's Program Coordinator, who assists with applications while also educating the community about immigration fraud prevention.

According to Zubkova, "many notaries public or businesses with services in Spanish have been filling out documents but have neither DOJ authorization nor knowledge of immigration laws. We have seen families who have used these services and have completely lost the opportunity to adjust their migratory status."

NAC is a national network of organizations that transforms the way aspiring citizens navigate the path to becoming new Americans.

It is committed to connecting lawful permanent residents (LPRs) to trusted legal assistance and critical information that simplifies the naturalization process.

<https://www.newamericanscampaign.org/>



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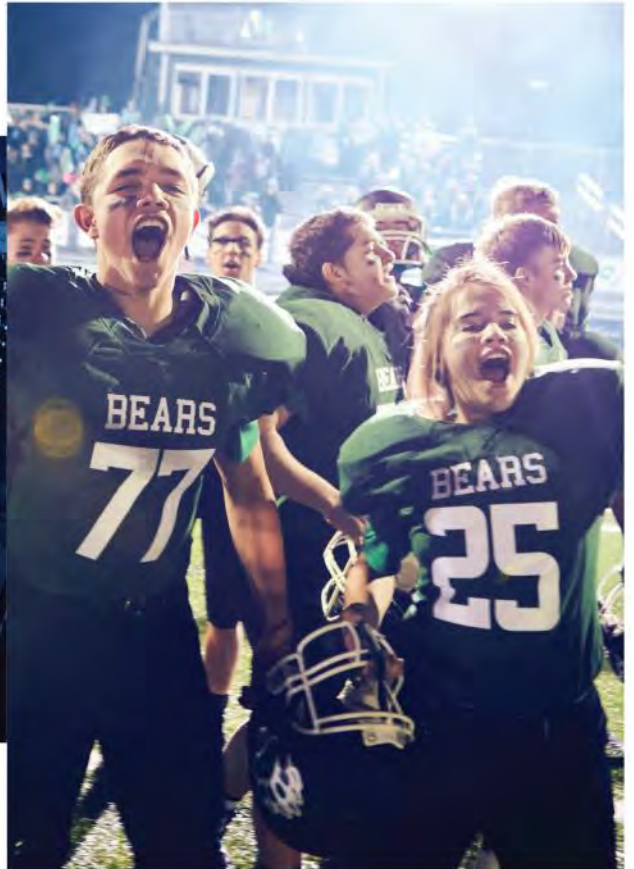
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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### BLM ISSUES DECISION TO IMPROVE RECREATION IN MONTROSE COUNTY

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) issued a decision today to lease approximately 44 acres of public land to Montrose County to develop the Shavano Gateway Recreation Area. The new area will improve recreation opportunities with the addition of trailhead parking, restrooms, picnic areas, and an off-highway vehicle training and obstacle course.

Twenty miles of single-track trails will be developed on public land adjacent to the recreation area and will accommodate large group events. Last year, recreation on BLM-managed lands in Colorado gener-

ated \$618 million and supported more than 5,000 jobs.

The BLM and Montrose County partnered with the Western Slope 4 Wheelers, Back Country 4x4's, Uncompahgre Valley Trail Riders, and the Colorado Plateau Mountain Bike Association to design the Shavano Gateway Recreation Area's facilities.

The facilities will also support the Dry Creek Recreation Area trails, the 160-mile Rimrocker Trail to Moab, UT and the new 20-mile single-track trail system.

"This decision supports our commitment to being a good neighbor," said Greg Larson, Field Manager of the Uncompahgre

Field Office. "We will continue to provide diverse recreation opportunities and improve access to public land while supporting the social and economic development of the area."

The BLM may ultimately convey this public land to Montrose County under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, which allows a land transfer following a successful lease period. Secretarial Order 3373 ensures land transactions aid in public access and recreation opportunities.

For more information on the Montrose County Shavano Gateway Recreation Area project, please contact Jana Moe at 970-240-5324 or [jpmoe@blm.gov](mailto:jpmoe@blm.gov).

## SHAVANO GATEWAY PROJECT: ONE STEP CLOSER

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE- Montrose County received a positive step forward for the Shavano Gateway Project today: the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) informed the county that there was no significant impact noted following an environmental assessment. At this time, the BLM will move forward to consider a lease of approximately 44 acres of public land to Montrose County.

Ultimately, the land will be transferred to the county following a successful lease period. This area will contain the majority of the Shavano Gateway Project to include staging areas, restrooms, picnic areas, and more. Additionally, the area includes the creation of 20 miles of new single-track trails.

"We are pleased and appreciative of the decision made by the BLM. Our thanks goes out to the staff at the Uncompahgre Field Office for helping us get to this point," said Deputy County Manager Jon Waschbusch. "This is a great project that serves broad interests in the community.

Our partners at Colorado Plateau Mountain Bike Association (COPMOBA) have done an excellent job with trail design and we're excited that they can now move forward with fundraising and construction. The additional trails will be a nice community asset and also provide Montrose the opportunity to host formal events like high school mountain bike races."

The BLM and Montrose County have partnered with Western Slope 4 Wheelers, Back Country 4x4's, Uncompahgre Valley Trail Riders, and the COPMOBA to design the facilities at the Shavano Gateway Recreation Area. Several groups will be applying for grants and fundraising to help construct the trails.

"This project will be an asset to both the motorized and non-motorized community. The club has been proud to be a part of this process as it will help increase ATV accessibility on the Uncompahgre Plateau and surrounding recreation areas," said Uncompahgre Trail Riders ATV Club President Rich Jakino.

"The approval of this trail system comes

after several years of collaborative work between the Montrose-Uncompahgre Trails (MUT) chapter of COPMOBA, the BLM, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Montrose County, and the OHV community. We are excited to bring a high quality, professionally designed non-motorized trail system to Montrose.

Having this trail system so close to town will be a great amenity for the community for years to come," said Renata Raziano, President of the Montrose Uncompahgre Trails Chapter of the Colorado Plateau Mountain Bike Trail Association.

The area proposed as part of the project contains the eastern trail-head for the Rimrocker Trail. This 160-mile dirt trail has been gaining popularity in the OHV, ATV, and mountain biking communities.

The addition of the staging area will be beneficial to the riders looking to park trailers, as well as gear up for the trail.

For more information on the Rimrocker Trail, please visit [here](#); to learn more about the Shavano Gateway Recreation Area Proposal visit [here](#).

## OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

### CITY GOVERNMENT HAS GENERATED A CRISIS

*Editor:*

Tomorrow is the 17th of September, the day scheduled for the second reading of the Public Safety Sales and Use Tax Ordinance.

When you hear what they read, you will know how false the drive is by the City Manager and his five duped counselors to levy another tax upon the public (who sincerely want to support the Policy Department.) truly is. As this Ordinance stands, it is an effort to collect grossly more taxes under the guise of a Public Safety need and to enable the City Manager to pilfer those funds by redirecting any and all funds to other uses.

If Section 2 D is not changed to something similar to the following, their push for a "Public Safety Sales.....Tax" is a fraud. They want your 'permission' to manipulate the budget so that they can reduce the amount of general fund money provided to the Police Department. The following text would preclude that:

Change Section 2 D to read as follows: "THE CITY OF MONTROSE SHALL CONTINUE TO FUND PUBLIC SAFETY FROM THE CITY GENERAL FUND AT AN ANNUAL AMOUNT NOT LESS THAN 12% (TWELVE PERCENT) OF THE TOTAL CITY BUDGET. THIS AMOUNT SHALL NOT BE REDUCED FOR ANY REASON BUT MAY BE INCREASED BECAUSE OF THE NEEDS OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT THAT MAY NOT BE ADEQUATELY COVERED BY THE PUBLIC SAFETY SALES AND USE TAX FUND."

Justification: To make the Police Department funds a percentage of a budget line item would permit the Police Department budget to be reduced by leaving the per-

centage the same and reducing the line item. A percentage of the TOTAL BUDGET would keep this manipulation from happening. The 12% figure is from the 2018 budget.

If section 5-15-40 B 5 is not changed to something similar to the following, their push for a "Public Safety Sales.....Tax" is a fraud. As it exists in this section, the City Manager exclusively controls the Police Chief and the Police Department with the EXCLUSIVE power he is given to approve or disapprove ANY expenditure that the Police Chief might request for his department. THE POLICE CHIEF SHOULD HAVE THE EXCLUSIVE POWER TO SPEND ALL POLICE DEPARTMENT FUNDS SUBJECT ONLY TO THE RESTRAINTS PLACED UPON HIM BY HIS ELECTED OFFICIAL'S OVERSIGHT. (city council. As it is, the City Manager could re-appropriate ALL these Sales Tax Revenues to Parks and Recreation (for instance) or to Mayfly (for another instance) or for a new car for the city manager.

Change section 5-15-40 B 5 to read as follows: "THE POLICE CHIEF SHALL FROM TIME TO TIME PRESENT A PROPOSED LIST OF ITEMS OR USES THAT SHALL BE PURCHASED WITH THE MONIES IN THE PUBLIC SAFETY SALES AND USE TAX FUND TO THE CITY COUNCIL. THE COUNCIL SHALL APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE LINE BY LINE THE PROPOSED PURPOSES. IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY REQUIREMENT, THE CHIEF IS AUTHORIZED TO SPEND SUFFICIENT MONIES TO COVER THE EMERGENCY REQUIREMENTS WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL, FILING A COMPLETE AND ACCURATE REPORT REPORT

OF SUCH EXPENDITURES TO THE COUNCIL AT ITS NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING."

Justification: This places the supervision of the uses of these funds directly in the hands of our elected officials, not a salaried bureaucrat who buy tightening or loosening the 'purse strings' can Co-opt the control of the Police Chief, the operation of the Police Department and the enforcement of the law in the City of Montrose.

We pay the Chief to be Chief, not an under-chief accountable to a salaried bureaucrat city manager. The Chief should be totally responsible for his actions and the actions or inaction of his department, as Chief.

We disagree with the requirement for a sales tax to fix the shortage of police funds as other funds can be made available. This is a city government generated crisis.

We emphatically and totally disagree even more with a Public Safety Sales and Use Tax that will be able to be pilfered and used for ANYTHING other than exclusively public safety purposes.

We, who have dealt with a councilman (woman) or two in our lifetimes recognize that with the final ballot count in their elections, it is a rare council person who has the humility to understand that he/she does not know it all about everything.

Further, we have recently seen that even the best intentions of at least two of them have not precluded voting in 'their own self-interests.' This attitude and practice needs to be stopped.

*William Bennett, Montrose*

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## OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

# DEFEAT CITY SALES TAX MEASURE

*Editor:*

Manipulation. Here's how it works. First government (in this case ours) maneuvers tax dollars to pet projects of their choosing to the extent that it undermines primary government funding responsibilities. Then comes the 'lets hide behind a citizen's committee' movement. Now the results desired by the council can be assured. An 'independent moderator' is contracted (who paid for him?) and knows full well by his interviews what is expected. So knowing who paid him and having been guided by the interviewer he knows just how the wind blows. By some magic this committee of plain old citizens suddenly is blessed with a special title of 'Blue Ribbon Committee'. Transformation of the results into a 'power point' presentation group and the campaign begins.

In our fair city we are not sure whether the 'Blue' in 'Blue Ribbon Committee' is symbolic of the color blue for 'boys in blue' or it is blue simply because it represents the tax and spend crowd.

In my opinion: We have had two 'blue

ribbon committeemen' come forward to cast a dark shadow about the committee deliberations both indicating to the MDP that the outcome of these so-called 'unguided' deliberations was as "predictable as the fall in September". Question is, if this outfit is so 'blue ribbon' how come the other 18 ribbon holders did not decipher the code.

Well, we did not get into this police funding pickle overnight. Nor did we do it in a vacuum. The retired chief knew the department had personnel and equipment problems. The current chief knew it too. Who fell asleep at the wheel? Since, as it stands right now, the chief is subordinate to the City Manager I would say that he knew it too. Now did the council know of it? Yes, if their eyes were not glued shut. So all of this 'so called government' knew it and ignored it. Either that or they planned it with a sales tax movement in mind. In short, our city has not been served well by these people. It came about because a few citizens who don't know 'squat from Shinola' have allowed

the City Manager to have his way with them.

All these business give-aways and nice-to-have items that have been a way of Montrose life lately have cost our city dearly. They really have not improved Montrose one wit. Such civic largess to the private sector must stop. Dumping more money into the city treasury for them to blow is not the way to control this wasteful spending. Disapproving this Public Safety Sales and Use Tax is a beginning. As a matter of fact, it would be a great start. We must hold them accountable. We must stop the back room agreements with businesses. We must stop the self-serving behavior. And where we find illegal activities we must see to it that the individual or group is prosecuted.

Defeat this sales tax measure. Don't give them any more money for their favorite businessman or friend. Let us take them to task for their past and replace all of them in the near future.

Put a stop to our manipulation, now.

*Bill Ramsey, Montrose*

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## ART &amp; SOL

## MAMMA MIA! SPARKLES AT MAGIC CIRCLE THEATRE

*By Caitlin Switzer*

MONTROSE-The house was packed for the Magic Circle Theatre presentation of Mamma Mia! on Friday, Sept. 13.

Theater Manager Lisa Rediger welcomed all to the performance, reminding the audience that opportunities to participate abound. "Come play with us," Rediger said.

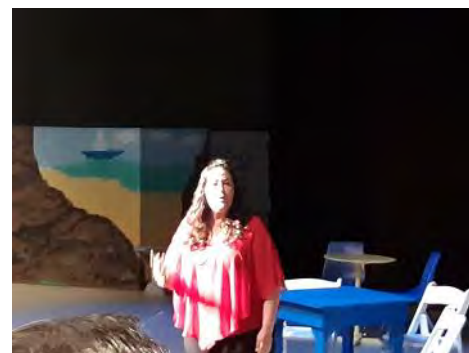
A first-rate production of Mamma Mia!, directed by Merrilee Farmer Robertson and with music and lyrics by Benny Andersson and Börn Ulvaeus, offered a high energy, upbeat experience that had the audience laughing, clapping, and singing along.

The story of a young woman trying to find out who her father might be before she walks down the aisle herself, Mamma Mia! stars Shannon Rediger as Sophie

Sheridan and Jamie Gann as her mother Donna Sheridan. The three possible fathers, men from Donna's past, are played by Richard Fitzgerald, Dalyn Pearson, and David Olson.

With a seemingly endless supply of bright, energetic pop songs made famous by the Swedish group Abba, the performers sing, dance, and frolic their way through the confection of a script, set on the fictional Greek island of Kalokairi.

Rediger is fresh and confident; Gann is beautiful and believable as a mother whose long lost suitors suddenly converge. David Olson is especially compelling in the role of Sam Carmichael, but also serves as musical director for the production. The supporting players and ensemble cast are all star quality, including perennial show-stealer Jill Vincent as Donna's for-



**"Come play with us," Theater Manager Lisa Rediger told the audience at the Magic Circle Theatre's 60th Anniversary season opener Friday.**

mer band mate Tanya.

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## Japanese American Poet

Mary Oishi is one of twelve U.S. poets in 12 Poetas: Antologia De Nuevos Poetas Estadounidenses a project of the Mexican Ministry of Culture. Her poems have appeared in numerous anthologies, poetry journals, newspapers, and digital publications.



# Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes

## Dolores LaChapelle remembered

**DURANGO AREA** ... Raw food advocate and Telluride Mushroom Festival permanent faculty, Katrina Blair hosted a gathering of a few of the late Dolores LaChapelle's close friends at the Silver Star Hut outside Hermosa this weekend ... It was a glorious backcountry hideaway, carved into the steep hills of La Plata Canyon. Blair, who runs the Turtle Lake refuge in Durango, also runs this inexpensive vacation rental for small groups. Sleeps up to 12 folks, with room for tents too. Highly recommended. Go here to learn more: [www.silverstarhut.com](http://www.silverstarhut.com) ... Huddled around a forest campfire Friday evening, we shared memories of our times with Dolores. It helped that it was the night of full moon. We drummed and chanted with gusto. We also looked at photos and clipings about Dolores that her daughter-in-law brought us to share, and we spent some times brainstorming how, as we move into the future, we might honor this amazing woman, who spent the last years of her life writing and promoting the deep ecology perspective of her Way of the Mountain. It's been just over a dozen years since Dolores passed -- Winter Solstice, 2007 ... Her books and her teachings changed my life. And the lives of a number of my friends. It's with great fondness I recall visiting her hand-crafted Silverton cabin, talking philosophy, environmental ethics and a hundred other topics on her rough-hewn front porch, with its wild garden and nascent aspen grove ... She was never famous, although her books sold best in Europe. She was a solo thinker and writer, not connected with any university. And so her name lives on with only a small coterie of like-minded cultural creatives here on the Western Slope ... But so much of what I've done in my life, I attribute to the things I learned from Dolores -- building a poetry community here on the Western Slope, jumping into the state, regional and local political fray for 20 years in San Miguel County, leading a life of voluntary simplicity in one place -- rooted and learn-

ing to live with the natural world as partner and lover ... She is a woman who deserves to be celebrated.

**FOOTBALL** ... Taking the Eagle Rock Shelter's 13,000-year-old perspective that we here on the Western Slope can claim as heirs (most of us through residence, if not ancestry), the NFL seems like just the latest incarnation of the America's millennia-old tradition of *Ulama* ... Currently still played in Mexico, especially in Sinaloa, *Ulama* is descended from the Nahuatl version of the Mesoamerican ballgame -- one of the oldest continuously played sports in the world and THE oldest known game using a rubber ball ... Archaeologists have uncovered rubber balls dating to at least 1600 [BCE], ball-playing figurines from at least 1200 [BCE], and nearly 1500 ancient ball courts spread around South America, and perhaps up into what is now the Southwestern U.S. ... It's no wonder modern football has an appeal deeper than merely hyped-up gridiron mania of televised manhandling, staccato running, Sumo wrestling and the aerial acrobatics of today. Football feels like the ancestor of this ancient *Ulama* tradition, just suited up in new gear.

**Y.A. TITTLE** ... Icon of my early youth, died a couple years ago at 90. He was celebrated in the obits as ace quarterback for the New York Giants, but it was as a San Francisco 49er that he became my first idol ... I grew up in the Fifties. The oldest of three boys. My dad was an ardent Niner fan. That meant weekend afternoons cloistered around the black&white Zenith, or if it was a local game and there was a regional blackout in the Bay Area where we lived south of the City, around the AM radio ... While Dad lounged in his favorite weekend chair, we boys had the assigned job of releasing from their icy lock-up and popping the tops off Dad's Burgermeister beercans -- a task for which we were usually rewarded the first sip. All my life, I



*Art Goodtimes, Steve Smith, Jeri McAndrews and Dolores LaChapelle at the Idaho Earth First! gathering, July, 1986. (photo courtesy of the LaChapelle collection of Ananda Elise Foley).*

must admit, I've savored that first sip of a cold lager, and only drank the rest for the buzz, not for taste or refreshment ... Our California fall was invariably about post-WWII male bonding with my hard-working dad and two brothers -- over football ... Immediately after watching Hugh McElhenny, Joe "The Jet" Perry and John Henry Johnson team up with quarterback Y.A. Tittle for some outrageous plays -- win or lose -- my brothers and I would take to the tract-home dead-end street we lived on, or race off to the nearby grass of McKelvie Park, for a pickup game with the neighborhood kids ... Football was our life-blood. Our pride as San Francisco-born. We loved the game.

**SUPERBOWL LXVII** ... A classic match-up in a post-Katrina New Orleans Superdome between my homies, the Niners and the American Football Conference champs, the Baltimore Ravens. *Ulama* on the big screen -- a spectacle Coliseum style. Live video clash of East Coast versus West Coast. Old World European versus New World Post-Mayan. Oglesby's Pacific Cowboys versus those Atlantic-leaning Yankees. The Illuminati versus Anonymous ... Half the nation taking advantage of the culture's silly macho entertainment break from the daily diet of disasters, blackening



## ***Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes, continued***

the headlines. Camps rooting for their gladiator proxies. Timed skirmishes in a winner-takes-all battle. Insulting the other side ... And then for the Niner faithful. The ignomy of losing. After the cruel musical chairs of conference run-offs. After a winning season ... So close. So far.

**SEAHAWKS** ... My gumbah Steverino -- who traipsed the San Francisco hills with me in the Seventies living on the fringes of the Haight's Hippie Nirvana -- moved to the San Juan Islands, married and settled down. Turncoat, he ended up loving the

expansionist Seattle Seahawks with a devotion almost as addictive as his first sip of Anacortes java, while scouring the sport pages of PI.

At least as compelling as his morning steamed bath. ... Our friendship survived, but just barely.

## **THE TALKING GOURD**

### **Requiescat in Pace**

-for St. Joe's Rhet Class of '65

Ah, sadness ...

The Leaning Tower Spruce  
at one of the big curves going up  
Dallas Divide on Highway 62  
from Placerville has  
finally fallen over

Uprooted by the wind

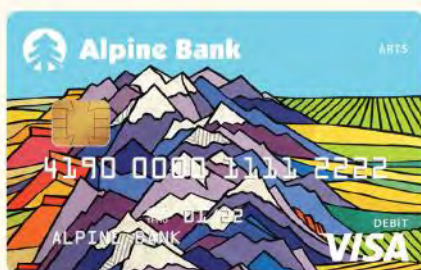
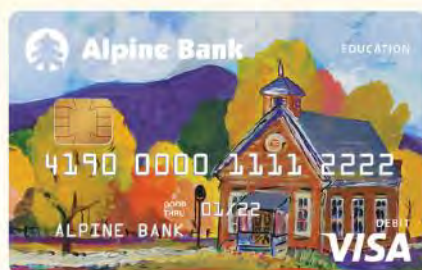
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with all her ungreening branches  
trunk & gnarly roots

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## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

### 25 BREWERIES ON TAP FOR 14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MONTROSE OKTOBERFEST

#### *Special to Art & Sol*

MONTROSE – On Saturday Sept. 21, local non-profit All Points Transit, Black Canyon Homebrewers Association, TEI Rock Drills & Fly Rod Safe Company present the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Montrose Oktoberfest. The event will be from 1pm to 6pm at the Centennial Plaza in Downtown Montrose. For the 9<sup>th</sup> year, the event benefits All Points Transit, a local non-profit organization providing essential transportation for seniors, persons with disabilities and the general public in communities throughout Montrose, Delta, Ouray and San Miguel counties.

Oktoberfest has gained a reputation for bringing fantastic live music to downtown Montrose. This year is no exception, with performances from local reggae-greats “Niceness,” as well as “A-Mac and the Height,” a Denver based band who defines their style as “alternative rock intertwined with reggae and hip hop.”

If the music doesn’t draw one out, perhaps the incredible variety of craft beer will. This year, Oktoberfest will have 25

breweries represented. To participate in the tasting, purchase a ticket for \$25 at [montrosebeerfest.com](http://montrosebeerfest.com). That purchase gets you a sampling cup which is good for unlimited use from 1:00-6:00. Tickets will be sold for \$30 at the gate. Remember to bring cash for ticket purchases at the gate.

For the fifth year, there will be a costume contest with prizes in youth and adult categories. Adult winners will receive some cold, hard cash for their efforts! The “Stein Hoisting” competition will also return, with prizes for both male and female winners. Weehawken Dance will perform international dances to add to the Oktoberfest flavor. Weehawken will also lead us in our annual group “Chicken Dance!” The Yoga House will host two sessions of “Beer Yoga” in the plaza area, open to anyone who wants to try it out! They will have extra yoga mats on hand for those who want to participate.

Volunteers from the Montrose Rotary Club will be out in full force, cooking up bratwursts to raise funds for local pro-

jects. The DLICIOUSFOODCO truck, Pop’s Kettle Corn and Hobo’s will round out an enjoyable selection of festival food for the event.

Oktoberfest serves as All Points Transit’s largest fundraiser. In 2018, All Points Transit delivered 80,000 rides throughout the region. The non-profit is facing significant increases in operational expenses over the next few years, primarily due to rising insurance costs and wages.

Oktoberfest serves as an essential mechanism to help offset these increases. Local fundraising helps All Points Transit gain additional grant dollars from foundations and the Colorado Department of Transportation.

Oktoberfest is a great way for our community to come out and support transit and senior services in our region.

Tickets, which include the beer tasting and a commemorative cup, are \$30 at the door, or can be purchased online in advance for \$25. Visit [www.MontroseBeerFest.com](http://www.MontroseBeerFest.com) to purchase.

### AWARD-WINNING PEGGY MALONE AND TERRY NASH TO PRESENT COWBOY POETRY AT RIDGWAY OLD WEST FEST

#### *Special to Art & Sol*

RIDGWAY—Two distinguished artists are slated to present cowboy poetry in Ridgway, Colorado during the new Western festival, the Ridgway Old West Fest (ROWF). Peggy Malone and Terry Nash will share poetry and music about life in the West on Saturday, October 12. Attendees will have two opportunities to hear them at the ROWF at the Cowboy Music & Poetry sessions. One begins at 10 am and the second performance will be at 1 pm.

At the outset of her career, Peggy Malone won an Emmy for “Singin’ A Cowboy Song”, which was featured in a PBS special, “A Night At The Rodeo” and went on to receive many other accolades. Malone

was inducted into the Colorado Country Music Hall of Fame in 2006. Named 2013 CCM Entertainer of the year and CCM 2016 Female Vocalist, Malone was recipient of the Legends of Legends Award in 2017.

The International Western Music Association (IWMA) honored Terry as its 2018 Male Poet of the Year. Nash has been involved with cowboy poetry for more than 25 years.

Nash believes, as a cowboy poet, in keeping the Western heritage alive and has stated, “All of us have a rural heritage in our past, even if it was multiple generations ago. This genre of music and poetry speaks to that heritage, and therefore speaks to each of us and helps us all rec-

ognize the commonality between all humanity.”

The first annual Ridgway Old West Fest, organized by the Ridgway Western Heritage Society will celebrate Ridgway’s film, ranching and railroad heritage in conjunction with the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the movie True Grit, which was released in 1969. In the fall of 1968, famous director Henry Hathaway brought a cast and crew to Ridgway and Ouray County to film much of the movie that earned John Wayne his only Academy Award.

The three-day festival will take place October 11-13.

For more information and to see a full schedule of events, go to [www.RidgwayOldWestFest.org](http://www.RidgwayOldWestFest.org).

## MIRROR IMAGES...ALTRUSA VOICE OF THE SAN JUANS

*With show stopping talent, Lisa Kramer, left, took first place as the 2019 Voice of the San Juans; below, Finalist McKinley Nichols brought down the house.*



*Above, all contenders gather on the stage; below left, finalist Lyss VanVleet chats with Emcee; Finalist Lizzy Ficco at her piano.*





## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

### GMUG WELCOMES ACTING DEPUTY FOREST SUPERVISOR

*Special to the Mirror*

NORWOOD--The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests announce Sean Ferrell as the new Deputy Forest Supervisor on a 120-day temporary assignment.

Ferrell joins the GMUG from Camino Real Ranger District of the Carson National Forest in Penasco, New Mexico where he serves as the District Ranger.

Sean started his career in the Forest Service as a volunteer on the Tongass National Forest in Alaska, monitoring salmon returns. For the next 18 years, he worked on fish recovery on National Forests in Colorado, New Mexico, Oregon and Washington. Ferrell also served as the Natural Resource Staff Officer and Forest Partnerships Program Manager on the Deschutes National Forest in Bend, Oregon, where he launched an award-winning Children's Forest and Friends group.

"I'm excited for this opportunity to be part of a community that loves its public lands," said Ferrell "the Western Slope is near and dear to me as a place that I connected with in my earlier life as a native of Colorado, and formed me as a public land steward. This is an extraordinary opportunity to give back to a place I love."

Sean is a native of Colorado and is a graduate of Fort Lewis College. He currently

resides in Talpa, New Mexico with his wife Anne and their daughter, along with three dogs, 13 chickens, 30 roller pigeons, and a lizard. In his spare time he

enjoys spending time backpacking, hiking and being a part-time documentary film maker. Sean will begin his temporary assignment Sept. 29.



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## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

# HOT TUB NOW ON DISPLAY AT ALPINE BANK ON MAIN STREET IN MONTROSE

### Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-If you've ever wanted a hot tub in your backyard, this is your chance to get one and help your local Bosom Buddies Breast Cancer Support Group of Southwestern Colorado.

Hot Water Productions is teaming with Watkins Manufacturing and Alpine Bank to donate a pink hot tub for an online auction to raise funds for Bosom Buddies. Through August 2019, Bosom Buddies has helped more than 370 people with financial medical assistance totaling almost \$75,000 and has awarded six scholarships.

"We need everyone's support to keep our assistance programs going at this pace," said Patti Powel of Bosom Buddies. "We see the Hot Pink Hot Tub Online Auc-

tion as a fun way to kick off our fundraising efforts leading up to our 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk/Run on October 12<sup>th</sup>."

"All funds raised for Bosom Buddies are spent locally to support the residents of southwestern Colorado affected by breast cancer," said Jane Marie Amundson of Alpine Bank. "We are pleased to be a sponsor."

"We hope to raise as much money as possible for Bosom Buddies," says Paul Derence, owner of Hot Water Productions. "The retail price of the hot tub is \$3,995 and the starting minimum bid is only \$750."

The entire amount of the highest bid will go to Bosom Buddies, 100%, so we hope to receive a big response."

Derence emphasized, "We understand that a pink hot tub may not be the best match to your existing décor, but the outside of the hot tub can easily be painted with any exterior latex-based paint to match the siding on your home or your existing patio. You could, also, build an enclosure around the spa to give it a built-in look."

Powel added, "We are asking everyone to go online, take a look at the hot tub, and enter a bid. You can help your community and have a new hot tub in your back yard by Thanksgiving."

For a link to enter a bid in the Hot Pink Hot Tub Online Auction, visit [bosombuddieswc.org](http://bosombuddieswc.org) or [hotwaterproductions.com](http://hotwaterproductions.com) or Alpine Bank's Facebook page.

*Congratulations!*  
to *Lisa Kramer*  
*winner of the VOICE*  
of the San Juans



*Runners Up*  
Elizabeth Ficco  
Lyss VanVleet  
Mckinley Nichols



Thank you to all of the contestants, judges, sponsors, volunteers, and The Pavilion for making this evening a success.



## MIRROR IMAGES...2019 TRIBUTE TO AVIATION



*B17 Sentimental Journey and beauty on the runway, photos by Brad Switzer.*



## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

### TERRY ROBB TO PERFORM AT HEALTHY RHYTHM GALLERY OCT. 20

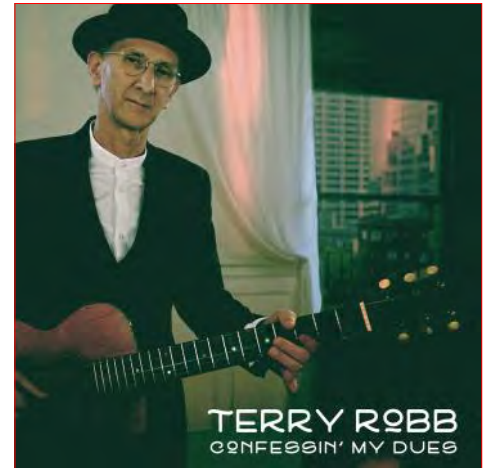
#### Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE- Terry Robb will perform Oct. 20 at Healthy Rhythm Art Gallery, 68 S. Grand Ave. in Montrose. Robb delivers blistering live performances on his Confessin' My Dues Tour. "One of the hottest acts I have seen in some time," lauded Greg Johnson, president of the Cascade Blues Association. "Confessin' My Dues is yet another example of Terry Robb doing what he does best – leaving us with a sense of awe and joy with every note he plays. It's a winning formula that continues to lead the pack."

Terry Robb is an acclaimed fingerstyle guitarist, singer, composer, arranger and record producer. His work is featured in

Hollywood films, documentaries and biographies, such as *Game of Thrones*, *The Horse Whisperer*, and *Dance of Death: The Life of John Fahey*, American Guitarist. He is associated with the American Primitive Guitar genre through his collaborations with Fahey, and is regarded as a virtuoso of acoustic blues guitar. In his multi-decade career, Robb has released 15 acclaimed albums as a solo artist, and performed at festivals and concert halls across the United States, Canada and Europe.

For more information, visit [www.terryrobb.com/bio](http://www.terryrobb.com/bio). Healthy Rhythm Art Gallery, 68 S. Grand Ave. in Montrose. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15-



\$20 adv; \$17-\$22 door. <http://healthyrhythm.net>

### MARY OISHI TO BE FEATURED POET AT SEPT. TALKING GOURDS

#### Special to Art & Sol

TELLURIDE--The Telluride Institute's Talking Gourds poetry program kicks into lyric gear with the first autumn Poetry Club meeting featuring Mary Oishi on Monday Sept. 16 in Norwood and Tuesday Sept. 17 in Telluride. Times are 6:30 p.m. in Norwood and 6 p.m. in Telluride.

Oishi, who lives in Albuquerque, is a Japanese American poet and public radio professional who was raised by the KKK. She started her 23-year public radio career at KVNF in Paonia, Colorado, and worked for 2 more public stations as both Development Director and on-air host of blues programming, most of those at KUNM in Albuquerque. Currently she is host of Wang Dang Doodle, a blues show on KSFR in Santa Fe.

She is also in the final edits stage of her memoir, *The Little Jap That Lillie Raised*, and several children's books about a dog

named Mingus. Oishi is the author of *Spirit Birds They Told Me* (West End Press, 2011), and co-author of *Rock Paper Scissors* (Swimming With Elephants Publications, 2018) -- finalist for the 2018 New Mexico/Arizona Book Award for Poetry.

She is one of twelve U.S. poets in *12 Poetas: Antologia De Nuevos Poetas Estadounidenses* (La Herrata Feliz and MarEsCierto, 2017), a project of the Mexican Ministry of Culture. Her poems have appeared in numerous anthologies, poetry journals, newspapers, and digital publications.

The reading on Monday Sept. 16 will be in Norwood at Million Miles Away and Tuesday Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> at the Telluride Arts Gallery across from the Wilkinson Library. The theme for the reading will be Blue.

In October, the 14<sup>th</sup> in Norwood and the 15<sup>th</sup> in Telluride, Marie Luna of Paonia

will be the featured reader. The theme will be Growing.

In November we will have two readings. Nov. 5 Barbara Rockman of Santa Fe will be the featured reader at the Telluride Arts Gallery. Author of *Sting and Nest: Poems* (Sunstone Press, 2011), which won the New Mexico-Arizona book award, she teaches at the Santa Fe Community College and has a new book out: *to cleave* (Univ. of New Mexico Press, 2019). The theme will be Going Home.

Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> in Norwood and Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> in Telluride, local poets Suzanne Cheavens and Stephanie Osan will share the spotlight. The theme will be Fall Colors.

And for our last reading of the year, on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> in Norwood and Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> in Telluride, San Miguel County Poet Laureate Emerita Elissa Dickson will give a holiday show before she leaves for a six months sabbatical. Theme will be Time.



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## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

# KIDS SKI FREE PASS AND GEMS CARD FROM COLORADO SKI COUNTRY NOW AVAILABLE

### Special to Art & Sol

DENVER —Registration for Colorado Ski Country USA's (CSCUSA) industry leading 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Passport Program and the Colorado Gems Card is now open. The Passport Program, now in its 24<sup>th</sup> year, is unparalleled with its access to 22 ski areas and Colorado's signature winter sports, skiing and snowboarding. It has been widely emulated across the country due to its success. The program is ideal for families of all types including those that have never visited a ski area, are new to Colorado or are lifelong skiing or riding families.

Fifth grade students receive three days of free skiing or snowboarding at each ski area, providing any Colorado child or family an affordable opportunity to experience skiing or snowboarding in Colorado. Sixth grade students have access to 88 days on the slopes for as little as \$1.25 per day. Fifth graders who have never been skiing or snowboarding may be eligible for a free lesson and equipment rental.

The Gems card is ideal for Passport families looking to explore Colorado, season pass holders looking for an add on product or non-season pass holders who want the flexibility to ski with someone or on their own as they explore the state. For just \$30, Gems Card holders can enjoy 22 days of discounted skiing at 11 ski areas across the state with buy one, get one free or 30 percent discounted adult lift tickets.

For the 2019-20 winter, the Passport Program will be digital, allowing passport families to enroll in the program online and visit 22 Colorado ski areas without needing a physical pass. The digital process will further streamline access to par-

ticipating ski areas and ease the trip to the ticket window for families looking to enjoy Colorado's signature winter sports of skiing and snowboarding.

### CSCUSA 5th and 6th Grade Passport Program

The 5th Grade Passport provides fifth graders three days of free skiing at 22 CSCUSA member ski areas. The 6th Grade Passport allows sixth graders four days of skiing at the same 22 ski areas for \$110 if purchased during the

early season, after which the price will increase to \$130 until January 31, 2020.

CSCUSA's First Class lesson program complements the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Passport Program and provides eligible fifth graders who have never been on the slopes the possibility of getting one (1) free ski or snowboard lesson and one (1) full equipment rental at a participating ski area of their choosing.

To register for the Passport Program and for more information about First Class Lessons, parents can visit

[www.ColoradoSki.com/Passport](http://www.ColoradoSki.com/Passport). The CSCUSA Passport Program enjoys the support of presenting sponsor Christy Sports, which provides one (1) free equipment rental to all Passport holders per season redeemable at any Christy Sports location.

Participating resorts in the 2019-20 Passport program include: Arapahoe Basin, Aspen Highlands, Aspen Mountain, Buttermilk, Cooper, Copper Mountain, Echo Mountain, Eldora, Granby Ranch, Howelsen Hill, Hesperus, Kendall Mountain, Loveland, Monarch, Powderhorn, Purgato-



Courtesy photo Colorado Ski Country USA.

ry, Snowmass, Steamboat, Sunlight, Telluride, Winter Park and Wolf Creek.

### Colorado Ski Country Gems Card

The 11 Gems ski areas are some of Colorado's best ski areas offering visitors authentic, world-class Colorado skiing and snowboarding in all parts of the state.

For just \$30, the Colorado Gems card provides either two 2-for-1 adult lift tickets or two 30 percent (30%) off adult lift tickets at each of the 11 Gems. This provides up to 22 days of discounted skiing or riding at these ski areas.

For more information or to purchase a Colorado Gems card, visit [www.ColoradoSki.com/Gems](http://www.ColoradoSki.com/Gems). The CSCUSA Gems card enjoys the support of presenting sponsor HEAD Wintersports.

Participating resorts in the 2019-20 Gems Card program include: Arapahoe Basin, Cooper, Echo Mountain, Eldora, Granby Ranch, Hesperus, Kendall Mountain, Loveland, Monarch, Powderhorn and Sunlight.

The Gems card is not valid from 12/22/2019 to 1/1/2020.

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## 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 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](http://www.magiccircleplayers.com), by telephone at (970) 249-7838, or in person at the Magic Circle Theatre box office, 420 South 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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. 18**-Adulting 101: Applying for a Job-Sept. 18, from 6 pm to 8 pm in the Library Meeting Room. A course to teach adults the basics of applying for a job. Presented by Janice Becker, MRC, Career Coach at Becker Career Counseling, LLC.

**Sept. 19**-Art Club, Montrose Library from 3:30pm - 4:30 pm. We will be using pastels to create pop art inspired by Keith Haring's graffiti art; leave with 1-2 completed works. This program is intended for kids ages 4-12 and their caregivers, but families are welcome.

**Sept 21**-Lake City Uncorked Wine & Music Festival! For more information visit [www.lakecityfestival.org](http://www.lakecityfestival.org)

**Sept. 22**-"Gettin' There" Free Fall Concert-Sunday, Sept. 22nd, 3 p.m. at the Montrose Pavilion. Transportation is the idea.

Can you ride it or ride in it? Does it fly, run, sail, or drive? Come and enjoy a whimsical concert about *Gettin' There!* The concert is free! For more information visit [www.montroseband.com](http://www.montroseband.com) or call 970-596-1188.

**Sept. 23**-THE HISTORY OF MONTROSE, 1 p.m. Trace the history of Montrose Co from the removal of the Ute Tribe to the development of the county and the building of the city of Montrose.Presenter: Zilla May Brown, Historian.

**Sept. 24-26**-San Juan Mining & Reclamation Conference and Innovation Expo, Silverton, Colorado. Historic, scientific and policy presentations, demonstrations, panel, roundtable discussion, field trips, film and more. Open to the public. For registration details, go to <http://www.mountainstudies.org/expo>.

**Sept. 27-28**-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. 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.

**Sept. 28**-K-9 Storytime, 10 a.m. at Montrose Regional Library. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to hear a story from Sgt. Searcy and K9 Tigo and ask questions after!

**Sept. 28**-2nd annual Love Your Gorge volunteer event, Saturday, Sept. 28, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Ouray Ice Park, Ouray--Volunteer to make improvements to the riparian areas of the Uncompahgre River Gorge in Ouray. Then, enjoy a picnic and party to celebrate our efforts. Organized by the Ouray Ice Park and Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership with funding from the Frank L. Massard Trust. For more Information: <http://www.uncompahgrewatershed.org/event/2nd-annual-love-your-gorge-volunteer-event> or contact UWP at 970-325-3010 or [uwpcommunications@gmail.com](mailto:uwpcommunications@gmail.com).

**Oct. 1**-Montrose Regional Library Chess Club, 4-5 p.m.Join us in the library meeting room for once monthly chess club, chess boards and pieces provided. Children under age 7 must have an adult with them, no sign-ups required.

**Oct. 2**-Bike/ Walk to School Day.

**Oct. 2**-Falling for Fossils at the Montrose Regional Library, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Explore actual fossils, learn about local places to find them, and make a fossil of your own. Join us in the library meeting room to get messy and have fun!

**Oct. 9**-Wednesday, Oct. 9th 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!

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