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### **COUNTY POSTS NEW SPEED LIMIT IN 10-MINUTE MEETING**



The Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) convened for a regular meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 2.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-All commissioners were present for the Oct. 2 regular meeting of the Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC). Also in attendance was Montrose City Councilor Doug Glaspell. The invocation was delivered by Pastor Mike Lundberg of the Church on the Hill.

Action items for the meeting, which lasted less than ten minutes, included posting a speed limit at 5400 and Easter roads.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no comments heard from members of the public.

#### **COUNTY MANAGER**

County Manager Ken Norris had no changes to the meeting agenda.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Consent Agenda items were approved unanimously.

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### MY DAY WITH A FAMOUS ATHLETE: CRESTED BUTTE FLYFISHING GUIDE & CHEF AMY SMITHERS

By Christopher Larsen

CRESTED BUTTE-I love snowboarding and love the outdoors. I grew up on a private lake in eastern Nebraska that was attached to a farm. Whenever I wasn't bailing hay or walking beans, I had the opportunity to fish. So when I was recently afforded an interview with one of fly-fishing's premier athletes, Amy Smithers of Crested Butte, I seized the chance.

Amy and I began our adventure at Alpine Angling in Carbondale, where Jeff and Tony were both instrumental in helping us find some good water to fish in a season (2018) when the region was in a historic state of drought.

We settled on the

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Crested Butte Fly fishing professional Amy Smithers is an avid catch and release proponent, and talks about conservationism every chance she gets. Photo by Chris Larsen.

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### **REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS**



### **PUBLIC MEETINGS**

**Oct. 8**-Downtown Planning Workshop. 6-9 p.m. at the Knights of Pythias Building, 33 South Cascade Ave. Open House format; refreshments provided.

**Oct. 10**-Town Meeting. One Community Safer Together. Thursday, Oct. 10: noon and 6 p.m. and the Cascade Hall, CMU campus, Montrose.

**Oct. 14-**Citizens Climate Lobby meets on Monday Oct. 14, 6:30 p.m. at the Montrose Library. CCL monthly meeting reports on climate strike day worldwide. Attendees to Wild West conference share. All welcome.

Oct. 15-Neighborhood Watch meeting will discuss and demonstrate how to stop the bleed to prevent a person from going into shock and dying. Montrose Neighborhood Watch meets 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.

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If you are interested, please contact Connie Williams at <a href="mailto:cb13williams@gmail.com">cb13williams@gmail.com</a>.



### MY DAY WITH A FAMOUS ATHLETE From page 1

the "The Frying Pan," a small tributary of the Roaring Fork River that flows from Independence Pass below Aspen. There is a small reservoir that feeds the little river that was flowing at 110 percent of capacity due to the release, so Amy had some water to work. And let's just say the difference between our fishing styles could not be more stark--Amy doesn't stay in one spot waiting for a catfish to take some bait on the bottom of the lake. In fact, she is a flurry of activity that I would liken to a hummingbird more than a beer-saturated flatlander fishing in the middle of the night. Although I can "jig and pig" and work a buzz-bait or "Hula Popper" from a boat, Amy is on a whole different level then this bass fisherman.

Sadly, no one the first day was catching anything, which afforded us some time to talk. I was delighted to find out that this single mother of two is a mentor to young women and children in her chosen vocation as a fly-fishing guide. She has been operating Reelgirladventures.com out of Crested Butte for two decades. Amy began her fly fishing career in Bozeman Montana, where she studied fishery and wild-

life management at Montana State University. Amy is an avid catch and release proponent, and talks about conservationism every chance she gets. She points out the difference between when a fish is feeding versus striking in anger like fish do to spinner and buzz baits. She rarely catches a fish that isn't just hooked harmlessly on a lip. According to the National Park Service "Catch and release fishing improves native fish populations by allowing more fish to remain and reproduce in the ecosystem." So, Amy is in good company when it comes to catch and release. https://www.nps.gov/subjects/fishing/ catch-and-release-fishing.htm In the time that has elapsed since last summer when I interviewed Amy, she has accepted a position performing her second-best talent... did I mention that Amy is a chef? In fact, the night she showed up at my house she took a random selection of flank steak from the freezer and created a masterpiece of culinary delight. I must tell you it's hard to keep up with Amy! That's right boys, she can not only catch it, but she can fry it up in a pan too. Also, the entire trip I noticed Amy picking up tid-bits of trash.



Fly fishing pro Amy Smithers in "The Frying Pan." Photo by Christopher Larsen.

Right in the middle of our shoot, when she thought no one was watching, Amy picked up an old Budweiser Light can and placed it in a spot where she could easily retrieve it. It was a simple small act; one that that can add up to real change.

It is true that fly fishing is not a sport that draws huge television audiences. Amy doesn't get humongous corporate endorsements, nor does she live in the lap of luxury. Some new gear from time to time and the quiet adoration of folks like me is about it. Still, Amy Smithers is a world class athlete, making her sport, her state, and her world a better place, every day.



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### \* IS A PSST REALLY WARRANTED? \*

The PSST Committee failed to research MPD funding history before recommending higher taxes.

#### HISTORY OF MPD BUDGETS 2010-2018

Year	City Mgr.	Budget \$	Increase % per yr.	\$ Under or Over Budget
2010	Watt	5,637,147		- 229,355
2011	Sellers	5,739,043	+ 1.8	- 1,905,470
2012	Bell	5,773,462	+.6	+ 2,050,304
2013	Bell	5,960,783	+ 3.2	- 330,360
2014	Bell	5,792,096	- 2.8	+ 338,984
2015	Bell	6,175,985	+6.6	+ 421,022
2016	Bell	6,842,070	+ 10.7	+ 260,028
2017	Bell	7,079,144	+ 3.9	- 30,513
2018	Bell	7,126,768	+ .6	+ 1,927,252
	(Avg. Gr	owth Rate	of + 2.7% Pe	er Year)

#### CITY vs. MPD BUDGETS 2013-2018

	City	Budgets	
Year	Total \$	Increase % per Yr.	% Under or Over Budget
2012	41,055,930		
2013	35,375,240	- 13.8	+ 56.1
2014	39,903,390	+ 12.8	- 14.1
2015	40,707,689	+ 2.0	
2016	40,580,448	3	+ 42.0
2017	41,944,716	+ 3.4	
2018	57,836,928	+ 37.9	÷ 6.0

(+ 7.0% Annual Growth Rate Per Year) Total City Budget Increase \$22.5 Million

### SALES TAX BUDGETS vs. **ACTUAL RECEIPTS**

Year	Budget \$	Actual \$	Difference in \$ 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
	Evenes Colle	cted \$17.2 Mill	ion

	MPD	Budgets				
Year	Total \$	Increase % per Yr.	% Under or Over Budget			
2012	5,773,462					
2013	5,960,783	+ 3.2	+ 25.0			
2014	5,792,096	- 2.8	- 2.8			
2015	6,175,985	+ 6.6				
2016	6,842,070	+ 10.7	+ 22.2			
2017	7,079,144	+ 3.9				
2018	7,126,768	+.6	÷ 6.0			
(+3	.7% Annual	<b>Growth Rate</b>	Per Year)			

Total MPD Budget Increase \$1.2 Million

CITY BUDGET vs. MPD 2017–18 City  $^{5}$ 7,836,928 + 37.9% =  $^{5}$ 15,892,272 • MPD  $^{5}$ 7,126,768 + .6% =  $^{5}$ 47,600



### **BE INFORMED** BEFORE VOTING

Ta DECIDE



- Does history indicate priority funding for the MPD? When MPD extra funding was really needed, the
- City magically found the funds.
- · Where did the excess money go?
- · Why didn't the excess money go to the MPD?
- . The City budget grew 333.8 times as fast as the MPD from 2017-2018
- · The City budget percentage growth rate was almost double the rate of the MPD
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- · means higher taxes forever on everything you buy, in addition to current tax obligations
- essentially caps general fund contributions to the MPD
- allows the City to control how MPD expends those funds.

### VOTE:

- Does not change how the MPD operates
- is a mandate for the City to re-prioritize MPD funding from existing sources.

### **REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS**

### **BLACK CANYON BOYS & GIRLS CLUB YOUTH OF THE MONTH**

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE/OLATHE--Check out the latest Black Canyon Boys & Girls Club (BCBGC) Youths of the Month! Alana was chosen as our Montrose Unit's Youth of the Month for September. Staff chose to recognize Alana for this award because of her great attitude and willingness to help with anything. Alana continually steps forward to help with extra projects or clean up after others without being asked. She always has a great attitude. She not only cares a great deal about her family and friends but she is also one of the kindest people we know. Joslynn was chosen as our Olathe Unit's Youth of the Month for September. Joslynn is able to make anyone smile. She is 9 years old and a third grader at Olathe Elementary School. She loves hanging out in the craft room or playing board games with her friends. She is always helping the other kids with their homework and is one of the first to grab a broom when it's time to clean up.



Alana was chosen as our Montrose Unit's Youth of the Month for September.



Joslynn was chosen as our Olathe Unit's Youth of the Month for September. Courtesy photo.





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### **OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS**

### IT'S TIME FOR HEALTH CARE FOR THE COMMON GOOD

To the editor:

It's time for health care for the common good.

There has been much talk in the news about how our government should best approach the issues of our time. Some ideas, such as improvement in our health care system, have been labelled "socialism" and therefore not appropriate by those opposed. I would like to briefly explore the concept of socialism and whether it relates to our current political debate.

The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines socialism as "a system or condition of society in which the means of production are owned and controlled by the state."

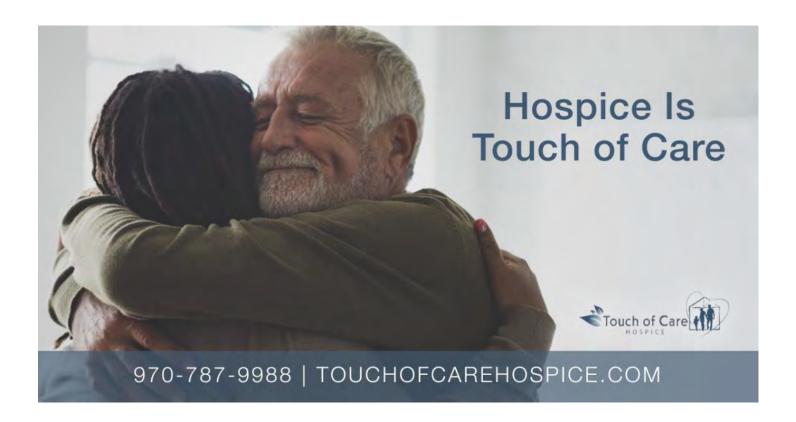
In the late 19th century, many reformers advocated allowing unions for blue-collar workers and developing social support systems for the disadvantaged. Others called this radical socialism. Nevertheless, these ideas have become part of mainstream society. Furthermore, there are many programs that benefit us all via our local, state, and federal governments including police, fire, and sanitation departments, and existing health care programs.

I prefer calling these programs for the common good. I think most people would agree it is better to have the government running these public programs.

Now the case of improving health care in the U.S. is particularly instructive. Progressives have proposed a "Medicare for All" system. Those opposed often label this as a socialist idea. Realistically, improved Medicare for all simply means the government pays health care providers for care provided to its citizens. The government does not own the means of production, and medical providers remain independent. Improved Medicare for all is not socialism, but rather a program for the common good.

So using the term socialism in viewing reform programs is counterproductive. Instead we should look to whether a given program provides for the common good. I think improved Medicare for all would accomplish this.

Laird Cagan, MD, Crested Butte



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### COUNCIL CONSIDERS MODULAR CONSTRUCTION, CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR LIFT STATION ELIMINATION SEWER PROJECT @ WORK SESSION

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-The Montrose City Council work session of Monday, Sept. 30 began several minutes late due to the late arrival of Mayor Dave Bowman. "I apologize for being tardy," Bowman said. "But we were discussing conflict resolution with a bunch of ten year olds." All councilors were present; lunch for Council and staff was catered by The Stone House restaurant.

City Manager Bill Bell did not attend the work session due to illness; Assistant City Manager Ann Morgenthaler was present. **COUNCIL DISCUSSION** 

Senior Planner Garry Baker presented information and a video on modular building methods under planned development regulations. Baker discussed how a modification of City code would allow the City to keep up with building trends and benefit from the economic advantages of today's modular construction, which is built indoors in a factory environment and meets or exceeds the City's currently adopted building codes.

Though Montrose presently has manufactured housing built to HUD regulations, "Modular construction is not addressed in the code," Baker said, "It is an up and coming way to build homes and a lot of other structures." With all weather construction of components, modular construction is cost-effective and customizable, Baker said. "Mountain towns have been making good use of modular construction."

He showed photos of modular buildings that have been included in recent development proposals, and noted that one of the reasons for the popularity of modular construction is the labor market, which has seen a drop in skilled tradespeople in recent years. With modular construction, manpower works indoors and is crosstrained.

"At the end of the day, the delivered product is a much better product, qualitywise," Baker said. A hotel built by traditional methods can take 22 months; a modular hotel can be built in 15 months. "The market is changing."

A proposed zoning amendment would

allow modular and factory built housing, and gives complete discretion to the City, Baker said. Following further discussion between Council and staff, Morgenthaler noted that modular units could be part of a planned development proposed in Montrose. "This is a good way to begin this process," she noted.



City of Montrose Senior Planner Garry Baker (center) presented information and a video on modular building methods under planned development regulations at the work session of Monday, Sept. 30.

Councilor Roy Anderson said that modular construction could help to address Montrose's workforce housing issues.

City Engineer Scott Murphy spoke about Lift Station Elimination Sewer Project Change Order No. 1. The City's engineering department learned of "pretty gross" survey and design errors in the project plans that would require redesign of portions of the project and would ultimately result in an expansion of the project's scope of work. Murphy said that the \$113,400 requested for construction of the additional sewer line on Ogden Road is necessary to complete the project. "It's still way under the original budget," Murphy said. "It will be complete this year."

#### **GENERAL COMMENTS**

Councilor Judy Ann Files said that park rangers from Tara National Park in Serbia will be visiting Montrose (Tara National Park is a "sister" park to the Black Canyon of the Gunnison). Though Montrose previously discussed becoming a "sister city" with the Serbian community where the national park is located, "We can't do the sister cities thing," Files said, adding that the process is expensive.

"I am really interested that the park in Serbia looks like the Black Canyon," Mayor Pro Tem Barbara Bynum said. "It's cool. But I am not sure it benefits our citizens."

Files said that Tara National Park is very expensive. "Locals can't afford to go there, so they have all international visitors."

Pointing out that Vail has a sister city in Japan, "They use it as an excuse to go there," Bynum said, "but I don't see how it benefits their city."

Files said that she had declined an invitation to attend an event in Serbia. Still, "We will be hospitable to their rangers who are coming here."

"Visitors from Serbia can come here and see and visit our national park," Anderson said. "Please stay in Montrose!"

Assistant City Clerk Mikayla Unruh, a former youth council member herself, will now be working with Montrose Youth Council. There are presently 11 seats open and ten applicants, Unruh said.

Bynum said that the weekly forum discussions will move once again, this time to Cascade Hall at Colorado Mesa University, Montrose. Bring your own coffee. Anderson called the new forum location, "really cool."

"When you walk in, it doesn't look fantastic," Files said. "Just keep going."

Councilor Doug Glaspell asked Police Chief Blaine Hall if there are "problems at the library."

Hall said, "On occasion...we are encouraging the library and CMU to call us."

Bowman said that ballots for the November election will be mailed on Friday, Oct.

There will be a comprehensive plan meeting at the Knights of Pythias Building at 6 p.m. on Oct. 8, Baker said.

### COUNCIL CONSIDERS MODULAR CONSTRUCTION, CHANGE ORDER From previous pg

The Connect Trail Project is almost a year ahead of schedule, Murphy said. "We'll have a grand opening when it gets warm in the spring."

Glaspell said that he appreciated a recent tour of the Potato Growers Building, now designated as a historic structure by the City. Efforts to allow a liquor license at Carneceria Sonora market are moving forward, City Clerk Lisa DelPiccolo said. Though already approved by the City, the license has been delayed at the state level due to proximity to the former Bottle Barn. "Bottle Barn has to surrender the license," DelPiccolo said. "...it has worked out, but it took a while...we all wanted it to happen, but Bottle Barn held the cards."

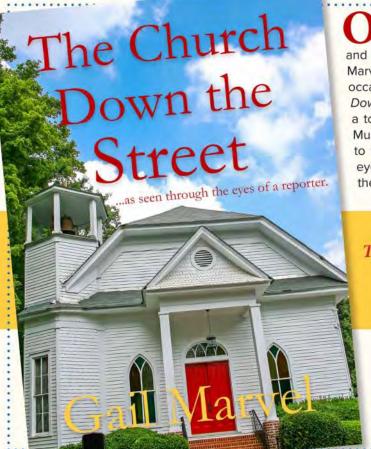
City staffer Chelsea Rosty said that there are 12 new participants in the Montrose U leadership course, a longtime program of the former Montrose Chamber of Commerce. "The chamber gave the City quite a bit of money to run it for the next two years," Rosty said. "We are really proud to have it."

### **REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS**

### LOWV TO HOST FORUM ON BALLOT ISSUES, BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATES OCT. 10

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The League of Women Voters invites the community to attend STATE BALLOT ISSUES CC & DD and Re1-J SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES FORUM/MEET & GREET on Thursday, Oct. 10 at Noon in the Montrose Library Community Room. Q & A to follow. The League's ballot issues pamphlets will be available.



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 and
wingedpublications.com.

### GAIL MARVEL

Montrose Author & Reporter



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

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### **REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS**

### RIDGWAY SCHOOL BOARD MEET & GREET OCT. 8

Special to the Mirror

RIDGWAY-School Board candidates in the upcoming 2019 election will meet with voters next week to discuss their platforms and provide insight into their candidacies.

This will be an opportunity for citizens to talk to candidates, ask the tough questions and learn about how each contender intends to move the Ridgway School District forward. Candidates for November's elec-

tion are Valene Baskfield, John Countryman, Brian Patton and Aimee Quadri, who is already serving on the School Board. Valene, Aimee and John are vying for two 4-year seats and Brian is running unopposed for one 2-year seat. Attendees will have an opportunity to speak one-on-one with candidates to understand how each plans to govern effectively in regard to their vision, accountability, advocacy and leadership. Eatery 66 will have drinks

available for purchase (no food).

Date: Tuesday, October 8

Time: 6:30 – 8 PM

Location: Eatery 66, Ridgway, CO
The event is sponsored by D3 Indivisible
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Platform Uniting Colorado's 3rd Congressional District for a Stronger
America.

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### **REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS**

### OCTOBER MARKS NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH Colorado Secretary of State Encourages Coloradans to Prioritize Cybersecurity

Special to the Mirror

COLORADO-October 1 kicks off National Cybersecurity Awareness Month, a collaboration between government and industry to raise awareness about the importance of cybersecurity and to provide Americans with resources to help them be safer and more secure online.

"The Colorado Secretary of State's office has been a leader on cybersecurity. We

conduct frequent and rigorous risk assessments and monitor our elections and business filings systems to protect against threats. National Cybersecurity Awareness Month is the perfect opportunity to remind Coloradans to do the same," said Secretary of State Jena Griswold.

Here are a few simple steps you can take to set up secure systems:

-Set up multi-factor authentication on

your online accounts.

- -Create complex passwords for your online accounts, and use distinct passwords for each account.
- -Check your privacy setting so you know what information about you is available online
- -Keep tabs on your apps check your app permissions regularly and only keep apps you use.

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### LIFE SENTENCE IMPOSED ON NASHIKA BRAMBLE

7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District news release
MONTROSE-On Oct. 1, 2019, The Honorable Keri A. Yoder imposed one life sentence without parole upon Nashika Bramble for each of two counts of Murder in the 1st Degree. These two life sentences are to run consecutively.

Nashika Bramble was convicted by a jury of twelve on July 17, 2019, of two counts of Murder in the 1st Degree for the deaths of her two daughters, namely: Hannah Marshall and Makayla Roberts.

This Office extends their condolences to the family members of these two young children. We also extend our appreciation to the jurors and alternate jurors for their service during this trial, as well as to the staff of the Montrose and San Miguel Combined Courts in Colorado. These verdicts and resulting sentences are due to the hard work, diligence and dedication of the San Miguel Sheriff's Office, the Colorado Bureau of Investigation, and the prosecution team consisting of members of this District Attorney's Office and the Colorado Attorney General's Office.

### COUNTY POSTS NEW SPEED LIMIT IN 10-MINUTE MEETING From pg 1

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATIVE**

Commissioners unanimously approved Resolution 36-2019, to post a speed limit on 5400 Road and Easter Road.

According to the agenda, the section of 5400 Road being considered extends from Easter Road north to State Highway 348. The section of Easter Road being considered extends from 5400 Road east to State Highway 348. Both sections of road are paved, straight, and relatively flat. There has been no posted speed limit for 5400 Road and the posted speed limit was 40 mph for Easter Road.

"We did a speed study," Public Works Director Keith Laube said. "People are traveling anywhere from 41 to 58 miles per hour.

### **NEW FIELD FORESTER HIRED**

Special to the Mirror
MONTROSE-A new
field forester with
extensive knowledge
of the Montrose area
is now available to
help guide private
landowners through
the forest management process. The
Colorado State Forest
Service recently hired
longtime Montrose



Tanya Banulis. Courtesy photo.

resident Tanya Banulis to assist with field operations. Jodi Rist, supervisory forester for the CSFS Montrose Field Office, says she brings a wealth of skills in natural resources and working with the public to this position.

Banulis will be working on diverse forestry programs, including Good Neighbor Authority timber sales on federal lands, wildfire risk reduction in communities, urban and community forestry, Forest Ag, forest health issues and wildlife habitat improvement projects.

Landowners can reach Banulis at the CSFS Montrose Field Office, which serves Montrose, Ouray and San Miguel counties, at 970-249-9051.

"If you don't post a speed limit, people drive fast," he said.

Staff recommended a posted speed limit of 45 mph. "Forty-five is kind of the max in the county," Laube said.

"So we will be hearing from all the people who drive 58 miles per hour," BOCC Chair Sue Hansen said.

Following approval of Resolution 36-2019, the BOCC reconvened as the Montrose County local Liquor Licensing Authority, unanimously approving renewal of the <u>Tavern Liquor License for Cedar Bowl</u> <u>Three Coins</u> on West 10th Avenue in Nucla, as presented by Clerk to the Liquor License Board Eloise Lentz.

"We don't want to get in the way of Cedar Bowl Three Coins...thank you Eloise Lentz for a stellar performance," Hansen said.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Valley Manor Care Center would like to invite parents and children in grades 5 and under to a fun Trick or Treating event on

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### **MIRROR IMAGES...LOCAL SCENES BY DEJA SUE**

At right, Berg Harvest gave each student from the Paonia Elementary School a stunning pear from our Western Slope. 1st grader Max paid it forward to photographer, Deja Sue.



Watching the dog days of summer slip away. Great Dane Willow.



Photos by Sue Williamson, Regional Mirror Correspondent.

Below, The men in blue surrounded by Colorado autumn.



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### COUNCIL INTERVIEWS FOUR YOUTH COUNCIL APPLICANTS, APPROVES LIQUOR LICENSE FOR SHANGHAI PALACE, INC.

Mirror staff report

MONTROSE-Wearing a button showing support for Measure 2A, the City's proposed public safety sales tax increase, Montrose Mayor Dave Bowman welcomed everyone to the regular City Council meeting of Tuesday, Oct. 1. All councilors were present for the meeting.

### CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No comments were heard from the public; minutes of the Sept. 17 Council meeting were approved unanimously.

#### YOUTH COUNCIL APPLICANT INTERVIEWS

Four youth council applicants were introduced to council; MHS Junior Zach Oldroyd, MHS Sophomore Mari Wilson, Peak Academy Senior Rhiannon Allen, and home schooled sophomore Gunnison Clamp. Students introduced themselves; each answered a question and offered their reasons for wanting to serve. "See you all in two weeks," Bowman said when the interviews were completed, noting that the remainder of the applicants will be interviewed at the next Council meeting.

"...Thank you all for your time and for coming tonight," Mayor Pro Tem Barbara Bynum said.

### NEW HOTEL AND RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION

Council considered a new hotel and restaurant liquor license at 216 N. Townsend Avenue for Shanghai Palace, Inc. Applicant Chan Hong said she owns Shanghai Palace restaurant with her family—"my siblings, my mom and my dad, and my uncle."

"We want to be in this community a long time...we are hoping this community will welcome us," Hong said. Restaurant customers do request alcohol with meals, she said. A petition was submitted with 158 signatures, 94 were determined to be valid and in support of the license, City Attorney Stephen Alcorn said.

Citizen David Stockton spoke in support of the license. "I've been to Shanghai Palace several times...I think it's a very professionally run organization...Shanghai Palace brings a good option to us in the oriental food business."

Councilor Roy Anderson asked what would happen if he came to Shanghai Pal-

ace for dinner with his granddaughter and just ordered two Singapore Slings.

"I would ask you why you're drinking two, sir," Hong said, "when you're with your grand-daughter first of all. And I would make sure that you only have one first, and when it's halfway then you can have your next one."

The liquor license for Shanghai Palace, Inc. was approved unanimously.

### ORDINANCES 2487, 2488, 2489, SECOND READING

Ordinances 2487 (designating the Potato Growers site at 39 West Main Street a historic property); 2488 (creating the Riverwood Estates Improvement District); and 2489 (establishing the rate of assessment for the Riverwood Estates Improvement District) were approved on second reading.

Prior to approval of Ordinance 2487, applicant Greg Fishering spoke about the Potato Growers building. Unusual finds in the structure include the vault room in the basement, "That's cool," Fishering said. "They had more money than the banks, because they accepted all the agriculture on one side and they had to pay the farmers, and on the other side was the train and they got the money from the train... you wouldn't expect that inside the warehouse." Recent finds also include historic ledgers.

"The palette elevator in the middle is the coolest thing," Fishering said. "That's staying."

The outside of the building will be restored to its appearance in 1909, in the only known picture.

"I think on behalf of the entire council we wish you nothing but the best of luck," Bowman said.

Bowman also commended staff for work on the exhaustively discussed Riverwood Ordinances, and City and County officials for working together. "Great job everybody," he said.

#### STAFF REPORTS/GENERAL COMMENTS

City Manager Bill Bell said that there are openings for volunteers on the City's Citi-



At the Oct. 1 City Council meeting, Mayor Pro Tem Barbara Bynum said that the weekly forum discussions will now take place at CMU's Cascade Hall, above.

zen Budget Advisory Committee, and discussed youth golf, including the upcoming boys' state championship tournament at Bridges.

"We're planning on having them win state...I am going to be taking time off work to go hang out with the kids and cheer them on...It all starts with free golf for kids at Black Canyon Golf Course," Bell said. "Competitive sports brings a lot of people to our community; that's why we support it and want to continue to do that."

Councilor Judy Ann Files congratulated City Engineer Scott Murphy on the creative sign near the newly-opened Hillcrest Roundabout that reads, "If you don't go 30 miles per hour we'll put the potholes back in."

"Thank you for doing that," Files said.
Anderson commended the recent issue of the <u>City Beat newsletter</u>, which includes an article on the comprehensive planning process and on business service organizations. "I encourage everyone to please read it."

Bynum promoted the Forum, an informational group that meets on Wednesday mornings between 8 and 9 a.m.

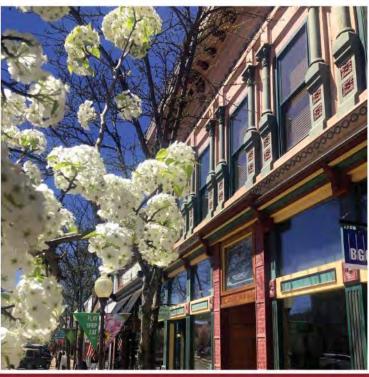
The Forum will hold its Wednesday morning meetings at Cascade Hall on the Colorado Mesa University Campus as of Oct. 2.

Bowman listed Homecoming Weekend activities, and said, "It's a big weekend for our kids...hope you all have a great time."

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.



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### **REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS**

### BLM CELEBRATES 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF GUNNISON GORGE NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA DESIGNATION

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-- The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is celebrating the 20-year anniversary of the designation of Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area (NCA) to honor the NCA's positive impact on the local community and visitors. The NCA was established to protect its outstanding geologic, scenic, wilderness resources, as well as its diverse recreation opportunities.

"The Gunnison Gorge is one of the crown jewels of BLM's National Conservation Lands and a tremendous asset to local residents and visitors alike," said Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area Manager Edd Franz. "Visitors can catch trout in a Gold Medal fishery along the Gunnison River, experience a hike in wilderness, or enjoy a trail ride on an off-highway-vehicle or mountain bike all in the same day."

The BLM is partnering with Colorado Canyons Association to host several events in October to commemorate the 20-year anniversary. Event details are online at: <a href="http://ow.ly/fsLj50wqSdx">http://ow.ly/fsLj50wqSdx</a>.

The NCA encompasses 62,844 acres with a diverse landscape, ranging from adobe badlands to rugged slopes with a unique mix of lush river corridors contrasting with sandstone cliffs and high desert canyons. At the heart of the NCA is the Gunnison Gorge Wilderness Area, home to a stunning black granite and red sandstone canyon formed by the Gunnison River.

The NCA was designated through the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park and Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area Act of 1999 on October 21, 1999. In 2003, the Black Canyon of the Gunnison Boundary Revision Act expanded the NCA from 57,725 acres to its current size.



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### **OPINION/EDITORIAL: COMMENTARY**

### **ASK THE CITY MANAGER:** What is The Truth About City Finances?

By Montrose City Manager Bill Bell MONTROSE-There have been many guestions asked of city staff and elected officials as of late regarding our City budget process, sources of funding and spending priorities...especially those related to public safety. Unfortunately, there has been much misinformation spread to our citizens lately based on rumor, assumption, and anti-tax sentiment, but not based on actual facts and figures within the appropriate context. Therefore, I have been asked to provide some information and examples of how we handle our finances at the City to help our citizens understand what is really happening within your local government.

The City operates in a fiscally conservative fashion and tries to be as frugal as we can by keeping the number of full-time benefited positions to a minimum (we have reduced our city staffing numbers considerably since 2008). In fact, most departments have not seen new positions created during that time, other than the police department who we have authorized to hire up to 4 additional officers each year for the past several years. In other divisions such as parks and streets, we have replaced full-time positions with many seasonal employees who can provide more manhours at a lesser cost. We also contract out locally for many services such as janitorial, carpentry, painting, landscaping, and concrete work because we can get a good product at a reduced cost.

From 2008-2012, the City did not offer much in the way of employee wage increases and we went into simple maintenance mode for most services because the local economy was suffering. We have been digging out of that hole ever since. In 2011, there was over \$20million in facilities maintenance and over \$40million in street maintenance facing the City. At one point we reached staff reduction levels of 28%. The City was also depleting its reserve funds and it was not able to meet

an annual basis. Since 2012, we have extended our vehicle and computer replacement by several years and we have established Operating Reserve Fund policies based on best practices (90 days for Enterprise and 180 days for General Funds).

We have also applied for and received millions of dollars in grant funding over the past 7 years, to accomplish great things such as Broadband/High Speed Internet availability, the Connect Trail Initiative, several major street projects such as East Oak Grove Road, several roundabouts, Hillcrest extension, Grand/Rio Grande extension and crosswalks; as well as other capital projects such as the Riverbottom Park restroom, Sunset Mesa improvements, CMU Campus Quad construction, Police Department roof replacement, and city-wide Brownfields cleanup...just to name a few. The City was also a critical partner to many non-profit expansion projects such as PIC Place, HopeWest Hospice, Region 10, All Points Transit, Montrose Recreation District, the Montrose/ Olathe School District, CASA, Ute Indian Museum, Rotary Clubs, Habitat for Humanity, and Sharing Ministries Food Bank...just to name a few. It is important to know that much of our "new revenue" each year is pass through collections to the Recreation District and grant money that is earmarked for capital projects and can't be used for anything else.

We are asked a lot about the creation of our Montrose Urban Renewal Authority named Colorado Outdoors. This is an award winning urban renewal project that will bring approximately \$200 million of private investment into our community over the next 23 years. Despite rumors, the City did not give millions of dollars to Mayfly/Ross Reels. The URA borrowed approximately \$8million from the City's Water Fund savings account at a 4% interest rate (which tripled the interest earnings for our City water customers) in order to construct "public improvements" such

the required Capital Fund contributions on as streets, water, sewer, curb & gutter for the Phase I area of the URA development. This money went to local contractors who built that public infrastructure and it did not go to Mayfly/Ross Reels. This project is already prompting many new manufacturing companies, hotel & restaurant owners, and housing developers to do business here in Montrose.

> You might ask: "Why can't the City just stop building new things and fund only our Police Department?" The answer is that the City has a responsibility to serve the needs and desires of 20,000 residents and even more regional visitors. We currently give 45% of our General Operating Funds to public safety and that number continues to grow every year. If we were to stop everything else, the PD would grow, but our infrastructure, facilities and services would suffer dramatically.

> I want to finish this piece with a request that all Montrose citizens please try to ignore the negativity and hateful comments being spread by a small group of people who thrive on chaos. The amount of misinformation and false financial information being passed around is both astonishing and disappointing. The City Staff and Council are here to serve the Montrose public and we would love to be contacted in person, over the phone, or via email if anyone has questions about City processes, policies, or practices. We would love to have more people on our citizen's budget advisory committee and we would always love to have more attendance at our budget work sessions. Please contact us!

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### **REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS**

### **EDCC'S 2019 DRIVE-LEAD- SUCCEED CONFERENCE** Challenge: Be the Change, Before Change Changes You

Special to the Mirror

COLORADO SPRINGS-On Oct. 9-11, economic development stakeholders from across the state, elected officials, and local business leaders, will gather at the Cheyenne Mountain Resort in Colorado Springs for Economic Development Council of Colorado's (EDCC) 2019 Drive | Lead | Succeed Conference (click for more information and to register), the premier statewide economic development event of the year. This annual conference aims at providing the knowledge, tools and connections necessary to foster a growing Colorado economy.

This year we are challenging conference goers to "Be the Change, Before Change Changes You!" As Economic Development

professionals, it's our responsibility to lead (EDA). our communities through potential growth opportunities and navigate through challenges that may arise.

This three-day conference will challenge our attendees to look to the future for their communities, what resources will they need, and how will they implement the changes needed to stay in front of "change".

We are thrilled to announce our headlining speakers; Eric Canada - a national thought leader in economic development; Betsy Markey – Executive Director of the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT); and Angela Martinez – Regional Director of the **Economic Development Administration** 

A glimpse into what sessions will cover Corporate Social Responsibility – the changing face of business

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For more information and to see our exciting lineup of speakers, panelists, and key topics, click here.

### MIDDLE MAMM FIRE CLOSURE ORDER

Special to the Mirror

DELTA-The Grand Mesa, Uncompangre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests and the White River National Forest (WRNF) have announced a closure area around the Middle Mamm fire. The remote, lightning-caused blaze is burning in the Battlements area along the boundary of the two forests and will continue to be managed for resource benefits throughout fall. Public access to the closure area along the border of the two forests will be limited. The closure area includes approximately 2 miles of the Battlement Trail (National Forest System Trail [NFST] #527), which will be closed between the intersection with the Brush Creek Trail (NFST

#529) and East Brush Creek Trail (NFST #504). This closure is being enacted in the interest of public health and safety. The public is asked to adhere to this closure and pay close attention to all signage. Hunters currently located in the closure area are encouraged to relocate camps as soon as possible. The public's patience and understanding is greatly appreciated on this matter. For questions concerning this emergency closure, please call the Rifle Ranger District (WRNF) at 970-625-2371, the Paonia Ranger District (GMUG) at 970-527-4131, or the Grand Valley Ranger District (GMUG) at 970-242-8211.

For more information about the Middle Mamm Fire, please visit:

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### **OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS**

### **RE: AL READ SEPT. 25 LETTER IN MONTROSE PRESS**

Editor:

Mr. Read's letter to the Montrose Press on 9-25 19 contains no truth. He accuses Conservatives of being against everything. He said they were against freeing the slaves and racial integration.

Not so! He should be reminded it was a Republican president, Abraham Lincoln, who freed the slaves! And it was democrats who opposed racial integration. Democrats voted to oppose civil rights for minorities in over 80% of the legislation since 1933. In fact, democrats opposed the 1964 civil rights act! They included influential democrats Richard Russell of Georgia, Hill and Sparkman of Alabama, Fulbright and McClellan of Arkansas, Holland and Smathers of Florida, Talmadge of Georgia, Ellender and Long of Louisiana, Eastland and Stennis of Mississippi, Ervin and Jordan of N.Carolina. Johnston and Thurmond of S. Carolina, Gore Sr. and Walters of Tennessee, H. Byrd and Robertson of Virginia, and Robert Byrd of W. Virginia. Remember democrat Robert Byrd? He even recruited 150 of his friends to

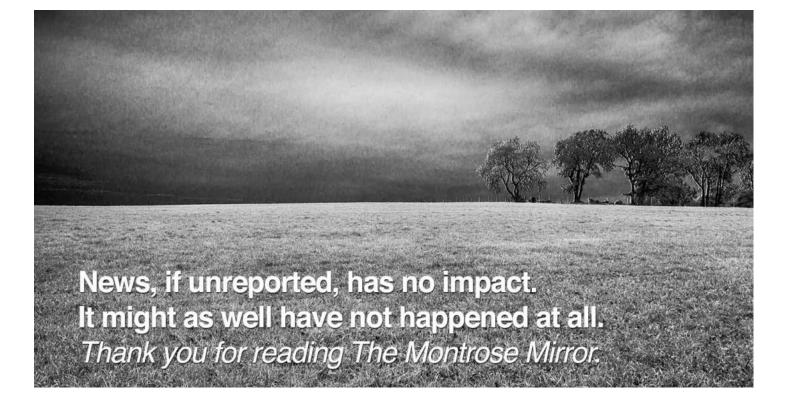
start a chapter of the KKK in the early 40's! He was soon elected the top officer (Exalted Cyclops). He wrote to a fellow democrat Senator, "I shall never fight in the armed forces with a negro by my side...". And democrats kept re-electing him to the U.S. Senate from 1959 to 2010! Not a peep from democrats about his racial hatred! Even Democrat Woodrow Wilson said he favored women suffrage!

Integration? Conservatives were against FORCED integration by busing young school children across huge cities just to mix the races. If leftists admitted the truth they would say blacks were also against that useless, expensive, and failed democrat social experiment. And who does he know who is against interracial marriage as he smugly claims? Social Security? Conservatives are against some of the democrat rules that prevent freedom to arrange personal investments. And republicans have never told women they couldn't prevent pregnancies.

Read said we now live in a "kind of social-

ist paradise"! Paradise?? Does he mean like Venezuela? He said our roads are socialist, water is socialist, sewers he said he "poops" in are socialist, police and fire depts. are socialist. Airports are socialist. Public lands are socialist and even the fish! He should study what socialism really is. It is based on government ownership, management, or control of the means of production and the distribution and exchange of goods. Where he "poops" and how he gets there is not in the category of "exchange of goods"!

Instead, he should have explained why democrats won't help secure our borders, why democrats voted against the middle-class tax cuts, and why there is always plenty of government money for unlimited expansion of welfare programs for illegal immigrants, but a Social Security beneficiary gets next to nothing for increases. In fact, they haven't done anything for America since they took over the House of Representatives. Their jealously of Trump only demands, impeach....impeach!





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### COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

ELECTRONIC RECORDING TECHNOLOGY BOARD AWARDS GRANTS TO LINCOLN, CHEYENNE, LAS ANIMAS, MONTROSE, PUEBLO, AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES

Special to the Mirror

COLORADO-The Electronic Recording Technology Board (ERTB), housed in the Secretary of State's office, has awarded grants to 6 of Colorado's rural counties. The ERTB was created in 2016 with the mission of developing, maintaining, improving, replacing, or preserving land records systems in our state. The grants help counties -- especially in rural Colorado -- invest in technological upgrades. During the August and September board meetings, the ERTB awarded these counties the following grants:

#### Lincoln:

**\$9,000** for licensing and annual maintenance fees; **\$36,392** for indexing 270 books of historical land records.

**Cheyenne: \$18,780** for cybersecurity upgrades, indexing, internet hosting services, and annual maintenance.

**Las Animas: \$197,000** for digitization and indexing of historical land records, and improved online services.

Washington: \$41,290 for new hardware and annual maintenance.

**Montrose: \$18,304** for reimbursement of plat printer and annual maintenance.

**Pueblo: \$200,000** for digitization and indexing of 1,526 books of historical land records.

"I am pleased that the Electronic Recording Technology Board is once again able to help counties in rural Colorado invest in much needed technological upgrades. Lincoln, Cheyenne, Las Animas, Washington, Montrose and Pueblo counties will now be able to meet more of their constituents' needs," said Secretary of State Jena Griswold.

The ERTB was created in 2016, after a working group made up of real estate, title, lending, and legal professionals, as well as county subject-matter experts conducted an evaluation of Colorado's recording systems. Since the its creation, the board has awarded more than three million dollars to ensure county clerks are able to improve and maintain property records, marriage licenses, and other important documents.

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### **REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS**

### GMUG FIRE AND FUELS CREWS TO BEGIN PRESCRIBED BURNING OPERATIONS IN THE 25 MESA PROJECT AREA

Special to the Mirror

DELTA-GMUG Fire and Fuels Crews to begin prescribed burning operations in the 25 Mesa Project Area as early as Monday, Oct. 7, or as conditions allow.

Project area is adjacent to National Forest Service Road (NFSR) #503 (25 Mesa Road) (NFSR 503), 25 miles west of Delta, CO. Approximately 1200 acres are planned for treatment, with one to three days of ignition planned, weather dependent.

Caution is advised as smoke will likely be visible near NFSR #503 (25 Mesa Road), and in and around the towns of Montrose, Delta and Olathe.

The project area will be patrolled and monitored for several days following ignition.

The objectives for this burn include increasing the resiliency and reproduction of native ponderosa pine stands, protecting adjacent private property from the spread of large unplanned wildfires and reducing vegetation slash from mechanical treatments.

For information and updates on prescribed burns, wildfires and fire restrictions on National Forest System lands and other areas, call the Grand Mesa, Uncompanyer and Gunnison National Forests Fire Information line at 970.874.6602, visit the GMUG Forest website

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The Grand Mesa, Uncompandere & Gunnison National Forests manage approximately 3 million acres of

land in Southwest Colorado within Delta, rose, Ouray, Sagu Garfield, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Mesa, Mont-Miguel counties.

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### **OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS**

### SKY-HIGH CITY MANAGER SALARY PAID OUT OF ESSENTIAL CITY FUNDS

#### Editor:

Please review the attached document (which is a financial spreadsheet) which shows that Montrose City Manager Bill Bell is now being paid almost \$219,000 in salary and benefits (includes social security, Medicare, health/vision/dental insurance and retirement).

Not included in this spreadsheet is his use for City and personal business (including vacations) of a City provided Chevrolet Suburban (purchased new for him) which is burning taxpayer funded fuel and eating up maintenance costs at taxpayer expense. This vehicle is no doubt in the City's fleet and use of it being expensed against the Fleet Department. This came about when the City Council decided that it was more cost effective to buy him a vehicle than pay him \$375.00 plus mileage for using his personal vehicle as was agreed to in his 2011 contract. They claim that he and the City use the vehicle "for citywide familiarization tours with tourist groups, Montrose leadership class members, potential businesses during recruitment visits, new employees and elected officials during community infrastructure tours." Really?

What is most important here is to see how his salary and benefits are expensed off against the various City funds including and never in the past been done before 2019, the Retail Sales Enhancement Fund (which formerly had funded the Montrose Area Merchant's Assoc. - MAMA) and the Tourism Promotion Fund. These dollars come from area businesses that have City of Montrose sales tax licenses and who give the City 2% of their "vendor fee" for doing the government's tax collection work to fund a program to enhance retail sales in Montrose.

City of Montrose Records Request 9/24/2019

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Retail Sales Enhancement

Tourism Promotion

Sewer Collection

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Retail Sales Enhancement	\$	-	\$	-	3.75%	\$	6,375.00	\$	2,023.74	
Tourism Promotion	\$	- 2	\$	120	3.75%	\$	6,375.00	\$	2,023.74	
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Those monies were NEVER INTENDED to pay a portion of the City Manager's salary! All I can say is that those are restricted funds and for them to be doing this is absolutely wrong and potentially criminal. I CANNOT believe that they are doing this, yet our "out to lunch" City Council is letting this happen right beneath their collective noses!

The other City budgetary funds shown on the spreadsheet are being tapped too in order to pull money into his budget for his salary. Questions need to be raised by this tactic

I cannot believe that he spends 15% of his time working on the Water Distribution enterprise of the City. This may be acceptable to the auditors, but I don't think it looks good!

Please disseminate this information far tax is not the solution! and wide as further reasons why the City's David White, Montrose

Ballot Issue 2A (Public Safety Sales Tax-PSST) must be defeated and the MPD funded correctly from the General Fund!

Base Salary Market

106,000 \$ 180,000 \$ 216.315

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Morgenthaler current salary = \$98.000

Median

Bell current salary = \$170.000

In closing, remember that Bell oversees, on an annual basis, roughly 140-150 employees including seasonal ones. The County Manager oversees almost 400 and his salary is \$40K less than the City Manager's not including benefits. The City Attorney's salary and benefits are up there too. Yet, we don't have enough cops on the street nor can we house and equip them?

These salaries and benefits are symptomatic of a much greater problem that WE must fix! Firing the City Council next April and installing fiscally conservative Councilors is a must in order to take care of our public safety problem. A permanent sales tax is not the solution!

David White. Montrose



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### **REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS**

### NEW INTEGRATED PHYSICIAN JOINS DELTA HOSPITAL TEAM

Special to the Mirror

DELTA-Delta County Memorial Hospital (DCMH) is excited to announce Michelle Barhaghi, M.D., F.A.C.O.G., A.B.O.I.M., A.B.I.H.M. as the newest physician to join the Premier Women's Healthcare of Delta team.

"We are excited and honored to welcome Dr. Barhaghi to Delta County Memorial Hospital and to the Premier Women's team," said Jason Cleckler, DCMH CEO. "Someone with her impressive experience, minimally invasive and integrative approach will be beneficial in creating greater access to women's health services to our patients and community."

Dr. Barhaghi is an obstetrician and gynecologist that is double board certified in integrative medicine with knowledge and experience serving diverse populations.

"Integrative Medicine is about changing the focus of "medicine" to one of health and healing rather than disease," said Dr. Barhaghi. "You can "cure" a disease--like hypertension --with the use of a medication, but this is not the same as healing the patient."

Dr. Barhaghi said that her practice principles are based primarily on an integrative approach that incorporates both conventional and complementary therapies to achieve the least invasive and least toxic methods necessary to facilitate health.

"A healing-oriented approach emphasizes the physician-patient relationship as a dynamic partnership," said Dr. Barhaghi. "This allows for insight into the patient's culture, beliefs and lifestyle to effect fundamental changes in behavior that will allow you to reach optimum health."

As women move through various phases of life they are presented with different gynecological issues, explained Dr. Barhaghi.

"If you have access to physicians and people experienced in providing solutions, then we can have those conversations to come up with several alternatives," said Dr. Barhaghi.

"That is where integrative medicine comes in. I like to provide women with an array of options depending on their lifestyle and then we can come up with a treatment plan."

Preventative medicine has always interested Dr. Barhaghi, and after left her hometown of Denver to attend Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in New York for her undergraduate degree in Bio Chemistry and Bio Physics.

"I was on the premed pathway which led me to Mount Sinai Medical School in New York," Dr. Barhaghi said. "After medical school I did my residency in Washington D.C. and after that I went to New Zealand for one year and worked as an OBGYN in their public health system and experienced a different approach to health care."

While working in New Zealand, Dr. Barhaghi said she gained valuable experience working in a different environment and with a different culture. She worked closely with the Maori population and gained a unique perspective on healthcare.

"I also went to South Africa and worked closely with local tribes there," said Dr. Barhaghi. "It was a really intense experience seeing the need for doctors in the area. That led me to volunteer for Doctors

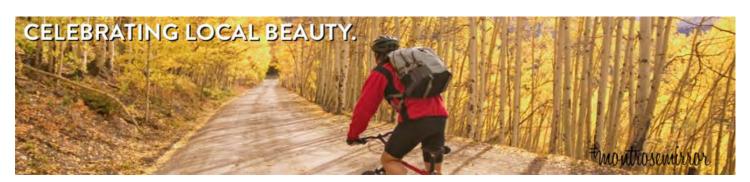


Michelle Barhaghi, M.D., F.A.C.O.G., A.B.O.I.M., A.B.I.H.M. Is the newest physician to join the Premier Women's Healthcare of Delta team. Courtesy photo.

Without Borders where I worked in Northern Nigeria. It was an honor to serve people on a global scale."

In Nigeria, Dr. Barhaghi helped provide healthcare for women who otherwise wouldn't have access to services such as C-sections. For many of the women and families that she served, providing those services saved their lives.

Dr. Barhaghi has also worked as a laborist in New York and most recently finished running a solo practice in Los Angeles before deciding to make a home on the Western Slope.





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### **OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS**

### CITY MANAGER-ASST. CITY MANAGER COMPENSATION

2012 Annual 2012

Wage\*\*

Editor:

**CITY MGR: 2012** 2019 \$145,317 \$223,966 7 Yr increase \$ 78,649 54% [ 7.7%/yr]

ASST. MGR: 2019 \$ 130.988 Market comparables used by City to set salaries:

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Delta \* Frie

\*Evans Glenwood \*Golden

**Grand Junction** \*Greenwood Village

Gunnison \*Lafayette \*Louisville

\* Steamboat Springs Montrose County

Towns with \* are all Front Range area towns in an entirely different socioeconomic class

than Montrose.

City salary comparables should only be Western Slope towns

Using out of area comparables distorts local Montrose salaries

Dee Laird, Montrose

Records Request 9/24/2019

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### **OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS**

### MONTROSE BOURGEOISIE SOON TO QUALIFY AS ELITIST

### Mayor even allowed to book entertainment for city-sponsored functions and collect a fee

Editor:

It is surprising how often we sense that something is amiss without being able to put our finger on it. Well now I've got it figured out insofar as Montrose city government is concerned. We have five city councilors and a city manager all trying to climb to the status of elitists. I'll name them the 'super six'.

We have five councilors striving to achieve exaltation to the social status of Elite through ascension to their august elected office. In modern terms they have become KIA---KNOW IT ALLs---who, because of the exalted position of their office, can tell the rest of us how it's going to be. But they are only following their leader who claims we should have more taxes because 'we are below what everyone else is paying'. Making a cool \$243,000 plus an expense account, a credit card, a travel mileage allowance and Lord knows what else he has the audacity to charge off to the rank and file of Montrose. Mr. Bell has already entrenched himself in city hall as the City Elitist. So the 'super six' say, "Its only \$29.00 a month!" Well that is 7 pounds of burger on a poor man's table or three meals meat for a four member family. (each month). For a year that is \$348.00, not a bad car payment) At Mr. Bell's rate of pay that \$29.00 will never be missed! I mean, he only draws about \$20,000 a month---well that is according to what we

have been told.

We have families in this down doubling up in houses and apartments because they cannot afford separate accommodations. Much of this and we will have tenements. The next thing you will know is that the less than well-funded families will be moving to where they can afford it. Then try to find a gardener or a house-keeper, a handyman or a clerk, a carpenter or a mechanic. Prices of workers will approach those in Telluride!

But it does not have to be this way. Montrose has enough money. What Montrose does not have is a decent city council. Not one of them ever had to make a bottom line and a city manager who does not want to make a decent bottom line EXCEPT IN HIS PERSONAL BUDGET. His idea is to spend it all and ask (demand) for more so that he can squander it all on some frivolous tunnel under the highway which, from the day it opens, will be a shelter full of malefactors, rats, derelicts, bums, deviates and defecation along with two full time cops trying to keep all of them out. Enough money for ten cops. The good part of this is at least with this facility Montrose will not have to build another crapper in the park for a million dollars. How many cops is that?

A city council that gave money to a in order, as it is, BEFORE providing a member's family business (is this a conflict of interest?); who allows its leader, your Bill Bennett, Montrose

mayor, to book entertainment for the citysponsored functions and collect a fee. Is that a kickback? Enough money for two cops.

I'd bet that if a decent proper audit were to be done on total money the City Manager gleans from the public purse, we could cut his pay in half and pay for another cop. Maybe we ought to?

I just found money enough for 21 cops and I have not even looked at the city budget. Give me the budget and I will find the money for 20, 30 or 40 more 'cops, and the citizenry will not even feel the expenditure.

Who is funding all this pro-2A propaganda? City money? Your money? And if it is private money, why? Because 2A is simply NOT FOR THE COPS. It is a general sales tax referendum solely using the police department to wrench everyone's heart. Scare everybody, fund the cops and it will be ok. Well, fund them OK but with existing funds.

Put the tunnels, parks and such on the ballot and see if those kinds of EXTRAS get voted for. It is being funded from the elitists who like all the goodies funded first.

Defeat 2A and demand that the 'super six" do what they are being paid for.

Demand that they put Montrose' house in order, as it is, BEFORE providing any more money for them to squander!

Bill Bennett, Montrose

# The Mirror: many views, one newspaper.

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### **MIRROR IMAGES...OUT & ABOUT @ APPLEFEST!**







John Nelson of Delta County Living and Dineout Montrose captured these images over the weekend at AppleFest in Cedaredge.





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### RIDGWAY RAILROAD MUSEUM TO HOST GATHERING OF GALLOPING GOOSE RAILCARS OCT. 11 - 13

Special to Art & Sol

RIDGWAY-The weekend of Oct. 11 - 13 will provide a unique opportunity to experience the railroad heritage of the San Juan Mountains as the Ridgway Railroad Museum presents a Gathering of the Flock of famous Galloping Goose railcars at the 200 N. Railroad Street location.

The weekend kicks off on Thursday and Friday with guided hikes along the route of Otto Mears' Silverton Railroad, from Red Mountain Pass to the Albany town site below Ironton.

Thursday's route will go from the top of the pass to the Guston town site, and the Friday route will continue from Guston to the Corkscrew turntable, then to the railbed's terminus north of Ironton. Trip leader Don Paulson advises that these downhill hikes require some bushwhacking, so participants should wear long pants, bring lunch and weather gear, and be in good shape. Meet at the Corkscrew Gulch 4WD trailhead, 7.8 miles south of Ouray on US 550, by 9 AM. Call Paulson at 626-622-8160 for information). 626-622-8160 for information. There is a \$ 10 fee for nonmembers.

Saturday night, Museum President Karl Shaeffer will give a free lecture, "Motors and Galloping Geese" at 7 pm at the Ridgway Community Church.

Saturday starts with an open house at Don Paulson's extensive model layout between 9 am and noon (call Paulson at



Motor 1. Photo by John Nelson/Dineoutmontrose.com.

The main event, rides on Goose 4 from Telluride, Goose 5 from Dolores, Motor 1 and Inspection Car 1 from Ridgway will run from 9 am to 5 pm both Saturday and Sunday at the museum's main facility on North Railroad Street. Railfans will have unlimited opportunities to ride these historic icons from Ridgway's past for just \$5 each day. In Addition, the Colorado Railroad Museum in Golden will bring Goose number 6, which will increase our number of operating vehicles to five: Geese 4, 5, and 6, Motor 1 and Inspection Car 1. This is a very special event that may not happen again for years. Children under age 10 will ride for free. For more information about Ridgway Railroad Museum's Gathering of the Flock, call 970-626-4239 or 970-318-0322.

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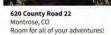
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### **COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS**

### **50 YEARS OF TRUE GRIT AND STILL GOING STRONG**

Special to Art & Sol

RIDGWAY-The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the famous John Wayne movie, True Grit, will be happening in Ridgway, Colorado the weekend of Oct. 11-13. Many activities are planned for that weekend. The Ridgway Public Library will offer a silent auction of a rare shadow box featuring a photo of the True Grit house before the renovations and an actual piece of the original house siding. Who knows John Wayne may have placed his hand on that very spot. The box will be on display at the Ridgway Library and the auction will begin at 10 am on Friday Oct. 11. The winner will be notified on Monday Oct. 14. Don't miss your chance to own a piece of legendary movie history. For more information please contact Ridgway Public Library at 970-626-5252 or email ridgwaylibrary@yahoo.com.

# DON'T MISS FREE 'BACK TO THE OLD SPANISH TRAIL' FIELD TRIP OCT. 19 & 21

Special to Art & Sol

DELTA-Join Chris Miller, Executive Director, Fort Uncompahgre and the Interpretive Association of Western Colorado along with Jon Horn, Alpine Archaeological Consultants, Montrose. CO. on a field trip to explore the Old Spanish Trail location in Delta County. Miller will share with you the points of interest along the North Branch of the Old Spanish Trail (OST) and future plans to interpret the history of the trail and why Antoine Robidoux picked the strategic location for his Fort Uncompahgre. Jon Horn will share the location of segments of the Old Spanish Trail anf the history.

The general location of the Fort is what has been referred to by author (Baker 2008) as the Great Delta topographic gate on the Gunnison River. The topography at this location allowed easy passage north to the Colorado River and southward into the Uncompahgre Valley until the railroad arrived in the area in the latter nineteenth century, the area known as Robidoux Bottoms had remained the primary fording place on the Gunnison River along the old path which later became the North Branch of the Old Spanish Trail and then the Salt Lake Wagon Road. History tells us

that before the Spanish exploration of Western Colorado, the native inhabitants had a variety of routes for traveling on the Western Slope. With Spanish exploration those routes were utilized along with native guides, bringing explores up from such colonial outposts as Santa Fe into our region. Rivera, exploring in the summer and fall of 1765 being the first in Western Colorado to travel along the western San Juan Mountains north into the Delta area. Rivera's travels with the assistance of native guides would expose the Spanish to the many trails and topography of our region. These explorations would lay the foundation for individuals like Antione Robidoux to trap furs, host trappers, trade with the Utes prior to the Mexican War in

While seeking the Colorado River Juan Rivera and his company arrived at these bottoms and forded the Gunnison River in the fall of 1765 (Baker 2008, Hendricks, and Sargent 2011). During their trips of 1776 Father's Dominguez and Escalante also arrived at the great Delta travel gate though they struck the river a few miles above the Robidoux Bottoms. Even to the present day this travel gateway has been used by nearly all travelers who wished to

pass north and south up the western slope of Colorado. "Nearly all that we know about Robidoux's old trading post comes from accounts left by such travelers. Robidoux clearly sited his enterprise at the most strategic travel gateway in the region." Steven G. Baker, Uncompahgre Valley Ute project, Centuries Research, Inc. Montrose, CO.

The movement of trade goods and livestock over the Northern Branch during the Spanish, as well as the Mexican period provided the foundation for later American exploration starting with the Gunnison Expedition in 1853.

The Fort was officially certified as the first non-Federal Interpretive Center on the OST by the National Park Service and BLM co-administers of the Trail. The public is invited to attend one of two schedule fields trips, Saturday, Oct. 19 and or Monday Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>. Transportation will be provided by the Interpretive Association of Western Colorado. Please plan to meet at the Fort no later than 9 am either day and returning no later than Noon.

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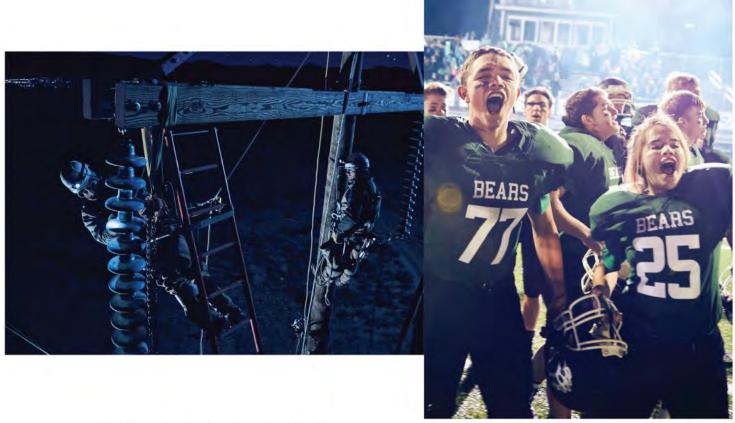
# COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: EDUCATION MONTROSE HIGH SCHOOL OCTOBER DIVISION AWARD WINNERS



Special to Art & Sol MONTROSE-Montrose High School October Division award winners are L-R Adrian Diaz-Segura, Ruby Gehm, Jorge Baeza, Payton Lee-Parker, Aiden Hutto, Callie Davis, Caitlin Ogoe, Isabela Serrano, and Sarah Packard.







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### **COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS**

### NEFF TO LEAD TALK ON BIOMOLECULAR ARCHAEOLOGY OCT. 11

Special to Art & Sol MONTROSE-At a special meeting date of Friday, Oct. 11, the Chipeta Chapter of the

Colorado Archaeological Society will present a talk by NADIA NEFF on Biomolecular archaeology, which is the study of DNA,

guest lecturer at Fort Lewis College and is presently a PhD student at University of New Mexico. She will discuss research examples such as battlefields, infanticide in ancient Rome, the introduction of corn to the Northeast, and the diet and environmental changes at a 10,000 year old site in Belize, using isotope analysis of rodent remains. This meeting replaces the usual Wednesday meeting of the Chapter, and will be at 7 p.m. at the Montrose Methodist Church, 19 S. Park Street. The public is invited.

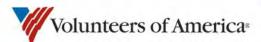


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### **MONTROSE YOGA** FESTIVAL OCT. 11-13

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Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-Yoga House is hosting Montrose's first ever yoga festival at the Montrose County Fairgrounds & Event Center Oct. 11-13. The mission of the festival is to celebrate yoga on the Western Slope and to inspire and grow the community. The festival schedule includes a variety of yoga classes led by local instructors and workshops from presenters around the state as well as a vendor fair from 2-7 PM on Saturday. Registration is open now and includes an all access 3-day festival pass and a thank you tote bag. The cost of advanced registration is \$75, or \$100 at the door. Vendors include Lululemon, Darc Moon, Lucky Tree Studio, Birds & Berry Studio, Don't Be a Weenie Food Truck, doTerra and Colorado Yoga & Life Magazine. Classes will be led by local instructors from Yoga House, Spring Creek Yoga, Revive Body and Soul Yoga and Uncompahgre Yoga Circle. Workshops led by local instructors as well as guest presenters, Brian Coones, Alana Yerman, Kali Durga Yoga and The Alchemy of Sound. Register today to join the fun and learn more about your yoga practice within a supportive and growing community.



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### **COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS**

# UNITED CHURCH OF THE SAN JUANS PLANS SPECIAL COWBOY WORSHIP SERVICE DURING RIDGWAY OLD WEST FEST

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RIDGWAY-The United Church of the San Juans will host a special Sunday cowboy worship service 10 a.m. October 13 as part of the Ridgway Old West Fest.

This casual service will celebrate our Western heritage and God's creation through rousing songs, Scripture, and a Bible-based sermon by Pastor Pam Stofferahn. The service will feature local musicians as well as invited guests including Ron and Dee James, Julie Larusson, Rob Datsko, Bob Larson, Dale Laidlaw and Jim Link. Singers include Terry Butler, Lisa Davitian, and Vince Snowbarger. Guest singers from Buena Vista are Rev. Rebecca & Clark Poos.

"Western artwork from our congregation will be displayed in our sanctuary along with ranch décor. Wear your western duds and come prepared to experience an old-fashioned church service," said event coordinator Carolyn Snowbarger. The church is located at 295 N. Lena in Ridgway.

Ridgway Old West Fest is a three-day festival (October 11-13) celebrating our local film, ranching and railroad heritage as well as the 50th anniversary of the movie True Grit. For a complete listing of events and ticket information check the festival website, www.ridgwayoldwestfest.org.



# 27th Annual



Dosom Guddies

> 5k Walk 5k & 10k Run

Saturday, 12 October 2019 Montrose Pavilion

Registration-8:00 am

Start-9:00 am

Presented by:



Register Online at: www.bosombuddiesswc.org

\$30 pre-registration - \$35 day of event



### MONTROSE ELKS LODGE: ELK TRACKS





Special to Art & Sol MONTROSE-Welcome to Elk Tracks, a periodic update of what is taking place at our local Montrose Elks Lodge, located at 801 So. Hillcrest, Montrose CO 81401.

Tuesday October 8, 2019

HUGE Jackpot over 12 Grand! Progressive Game #6 is now at \$12,653. This Tuesday is the best day to play Bingo at the Elks for your chance to win this HUGE Jackpot. The \$12,653 Jackpot will be yours if you reach Bingo with 53 #s or fewer; if not, the game will continue for the prize posted based on attendance.

Progressive Game 2 Jackpot has reached "MUST GO" worth \$500 and will be awarded no matter how many ball/ numbers it takes to reach BINGO. The 1<sup>st</sup> person to reach Bingo wins!

Progressive Game #4 was won last week

and starts over at \$400. This \$400 can be won by reaching BINGO in 37 numbers or fewer or the posted Jackpot will be paid.

Seating for this event is limited, so you might want to show up early. One seat per Bingo player. Once capacity is reached, ticket sales will stop. Doors will open at 3 PM, Early Bird Bingo starts at 6:30, and the main Bingo session starts at 7 PM.

Dinner will be Pulled Pork sandwiches for \$5, including a soda pop. We'll also have \$3 pints of beer available in the Lounge. For a good time with a chance to win great Jackpots, stop by the Elks Lodge to play Bingo Tuesday nights.

We are located at 801 South Hillcrest Drive in Montrose, CO 81401. It's a wonderful way to spend the evening having fun! *Public is welcome, funds raised playing Bingo support local charities*.

# HURSCHMANN EXHIBIT @ HEALTHY RHYTHM ART GALLERY

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE- Healthy Rhythm Creative Group and Wil and Amy Harmsen of Canyon Print, Frame and Design, present "LAST DANCE WITH MARY JANE (one more time to kill the pain) :: EXCLUSIVE LIVE CONCERT PHOTOGRAPHY by PAUL HUR-SCHMANN" • Opening Night, Thursday Oct. 10, 2019, at Healthy Rhythm Art Gallery, located at historic Sampler Square (68 S Grand Ave) off West Main in downtown Montrose, Colorado. Paul Hurschmann Fine Art concert photography will be on display for viewing and purchase between 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Opening Night. The Artist will be in attendance for this event. A Q&A period is included. The exhibition runs from Oct. 10 through Nov. 14. "I'm really looking forward to having Paul Hurschmann's Fine Art concert photography from the '70s, '80s, and '90s on display at the Gallery," said Healthy Rhythm Art Gallery owner/curator Ken Vail. Mountain View Winery will pour wines at this event. Mountain Rose Catering will provide delicious finger foods. You must be 21+ years of age to purchase and consume alcohol.

Montrose Elks Lodge #1053 801 S. Hillcrest, Montrose CO 81401

# Bingo Jackpots

October 1, 2019

Progressive Game #6 \$11,971

Win with 53 #s or fewer, or the game continues for the prize posted

Progressive Game #4

\$1,199 "Must Go"

Jackpot will be awarded to 1st player that reaches BINGO

Progressive Game # 2 \$471

Win with 37 #s or fewer, or the game continues for the prize posted

Lasagna Dinner 55

Limited Seating



Doors Open at 3 PM, Early Bird starts at 6:30 PM main Bingo session starts at 7 PM



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### FIFTH GENERATION LOCAL MARIE LUNA TO READ IN OCTOBER



Marie Luna is the featured reader for the Telluride Institute's Talking Gourds Poetry Club gathering Tuesday Oct. 15. Courtesy photo.

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TELLURIDE ... Her mom was born in the hospital that now serves as Telluride's Historical Museum. Marie Luna is the featured reader for the Telluride Institute's Talking Gourds Poetry Club gathering Tuesday Oct. 15 at 6 p.m. at the Telluride Arts Gallery across from the Wilkinson Library.

Marie Luna has been writing since she was four years old. She taught herself to read with old encyclopedias while living on a ranch in the range of the Sleeping Ute Mountain. She was obsessed with Lord Byron and E. E. Cummings by the time she was seven. She has been attempting to write poetry that's palatable to humans for over a half century. (Her dogs seem to like it, but they're an easy audience.) Her childhood in Western Colorado included long days on a horse, checking on cattle in deep desert canyons or steep mountainsides at high elevations in the searing sun. Her deep love of the natural world's creatures and plants was

fostered by solo time in the wilderness, fishing with her grandparents in remote places or camping by herself with only a dog for company from the age of five. Her writing reflects the deep lover relationship she has with wilderness. Her family has been blessed to live on the Western Slope of Colorado for five generations, in remote and beautiful places. She is honored to have been able to be a mother in such inspiring places as the San Juan Mountains. She raised her sons in the range of the mountain Shandoka, the Storm-

bringer.

She has deep gratitude for her teachers, such as Bill Ashbaugh of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, who was her uncle and mentor. He taught her horse-whispering and took her to sacred dances all over the Southwest, furthering the positive relations and reciprocities that her family has maintained with the original inhabitants of these lands. This sparked her further study with mentors in many countries, as she refined her immersions in *curanderismo* which created a life-long vocation of creating healing events and protocols for people from all walks of life.

The theme for club members at October's reading will be "Healing."
Since Mon. Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> is Indigenous Peoples Day, instead of a poetry reading in Norwood, the Telluride Institute has teamed up with the Wilkinson Public Library and Friends of the Library to bring to town Robin Wall Kimmerer, indigenous author, professor of Environmental Biology, and the founder and director of the Center for

Native Peoples and the Environment. It's part of the Library's community read project: One Book, One Canyon. Kimmerer will lead a writing workshop from 1:30-3:30 at the Library, and a book signing and talk at 6 p.m.

In November Talking Gourds Poetry Club will have two readings. Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> 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 (site to be announced) and Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> in Telluride, local poets Suzanne Cheavens and Stephanie Osan will share the spotlight. The theme will be "Growing."

And for our last reading of the year, on Dec. 16th in Norwood (site to be announced) and Dec. 17th 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."

Poetry Club readings in Norwood begin at 6:30 p.m. and in Telluride at 6 p.m. beginning with club news — readings, books, etc. Next the featured reader shares work for 30-45 minutes. There's a short break. And then we pass the Gourd, and everyone gets to share their own poem -- or a piece by a favorite author on the month's theme.

The Telluride address of the Telluride Arts Gallery is 135 W. Pacific Ave. Sites in Norwood will be announced in future press releases.





# MEMORY SUPPORT OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, Nov. 14th 2 pm - 4 pm - Open to the public

Enjoy guided tours of our warm, welcoming Memory Support neighborhood while learning about our exceptional programs, specialized services and gracious amenities. Discover Valley Manor Care Center's person-centered approach to care and explore available resources. We look forward to meeting you!

- · Proclamation for National Alzheimer's Awareness Day
- · See our new kitchen allowing residents to observe & engage in meal prep
- Refreshments served
- · Live music
- Receive a small token of appreciation for attending





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### **SAVE THE DATE! UPCOMING REGIONAL EVENTS**

#### **CURRENT/ONGOING-**

**BOSOM BUDDIES OF SOUTHWESTERN COLORADO BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP** meets every Wednesday from noon till 1 pm at 645 South 5th Street in Montrose. For more info email <a href="mailto:info@bosombuddiesswc.org">info@bosombuddiesswc.org</a>.

**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 970-209-8173.

#### 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-

Oct. 8-6:30 – 8:pm. Library Voices: Ann Doolan-Fox. Montrose Library Meeting Room. Get Inspired! Enjoy this book talk about *Celtic Road Home*, by Ann Doolan-Fox. This is her story of embarking on a path of "most resistance" and dancing/surviving her way around seven different countries. Her very descriptive, dramatic and often humorous narrative takes you on a journey of constant life adventures. Book signing from 7:30-8 p.m. This is a free program.

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!

Oct. 9-Adulting 101: Financial Know-How .Oct. 9, 6-8 p.m., Montrose Library Meeting Room. Presented by Jim Elder, founder of ElderAdo Financial, this is a course to teach adults the basics of financial management and planning. All adults are welcome to join these free, informative discussions. Refreshments are provided.

**Oct. 10**-Ridgway Railroad Museum guided hike, part 1 – Along historic Silverton RR route, top of Red Mountain to Guston, all day hike. Meet at Corkscrew Gulch 4WD trailhead 9 am sharp, 8 miles south of Ouray. 626-622-8160 for details..

Oct. 10-Town Meeting. One Community Safer Together. Thursday, Oct. 10: noon and 6 p.m. and the Cascade Hall, CMU campus, Montrose.

Oct. 10-The League of Women Voters invites the community to attend STATE BALLOT ISSUES CC and DD & Re1-J SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES FORUM/MEET & GREET Thursday, Oct. 10, at Noon in the Montrose Library Community Room. Q & A to follow.

Oct. 11-13-Yoga House is hosting Montrose's first ever yoga festival at the Montrose County Fairgrounds & Event Center Oct. 11-13, 2019. The festival schedule includes a variety of yoga classes led by local instructors and workshops from presenters around the state as well as a vendor fair from 2-7 PM on Saturday. Registration is open now and includes an all access three-day festival pass and a thank you tote bag. Advanced registration is \$75, or \$100 at the door. Studio: 970-462-9977; <a href="mailto:yogahouseco@gmail.com">yogahouseco@gmail.com</a>. Studio Manager: <a href="mailto:helloyogahouseco@gmail.com">helloyogahouseco@gmail.com</a>.

Oct. 11-Ridgway Railroad Museum guided hike, part 2 – Historic Silverton RR route, Guston to Albany mill site below Ironton, all day hike. Meet same as Thursday, 9 am sharp. 626-622-8160 for details.

**Oct. 11**-Chipeta Chapter of the Colorado Archaeological Society will present a talk by NADIA NEFF on Biomolecular archaeology, which is the study of DNA, proteins, fats, and other trace substances in archaeological sites. This meeting replaces the usual Wednesday meeting of the Chapter, and will be at 7 p.m. at the Montrose Methodist Church, 19 S. Park Street. The public is invited.

Oct. 11-Ridgway Railroad Museum lecture, "Motors and Galloping Geese," 7 pm Ridgway Community Church.

Oct. 12-Death Café-Saturday, Oct. 12, 3 - 4:30 pm, Montrose Library Meeting Room. At a Death Cafe, people gather to eat cake, drink tea, and discuss death. These confidential discussions are group-led, with no specific

themes or agenda. The discussion will be facilitated by Amiessa Dawn Jutten, clinical social worker. Participation is limited to 12; pre-registration at the library is required. For more information, call the Montrose Library at 970-249-9656.

Oct. 12-2019 Gathering of the Flock: Ridgway RR Museum, 200 N. Railroad St., 9 am – 5 pm. Unlimited rides on Galloping Geese 4 (from Telluride), 5 (from Dolores), Motor 1 and Inspection Car 1, \$5 for full day, kids under 10 free. 970-318-0322 for information.

Oct. 12- Model train open house, home of Don Paulson, 9 am - noon, 626-622-8160 for directions.

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Oct. 14-Citizens Climate Lobby meets on Monday Oct. 14, 6:30 p.m. at the Montrose Library. CCL monthly meeting reports on climate strike day worldwide. Attendees to Wild West conference share. All welcome.



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### **MIRROR IMAGES...OUT & ABOUT!**







Above right, Autumn color. By Brad Switzer.

Top and below left, Space was the theme for the 2019 Montrose
High School Homecoming Parade. Photos by Priscilla Thompson.

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