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QUESTIONS, HEARTBREAK REMAIN FOR FAMILY OF ZACH PACE



Zachary Pace, in a family photo. Pace's death remains under investigation. Courtesy photo.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-On July 31, 22-year-old Zachary Pace wrote a heartfelt poem for a friend who had passed away suddenly just a week before.

Later that night, Zach was raising money for his friend's family. He had just ordered pizza for everyone when he himself was killed, Zach's older brother Josh Pace told the Mirror last week. To this day, the circumstances of Zach's death and the involvement of the individuals around Zach Pace at the time remain murky.

The cause of Zach's death also remains undetermined, and is under investigation, leaving his family and friends not only bereft but unable to find closure. His obituary states simply, "Zachary Steven Pace was unexpectedly taken from us on July 31, 2019 at the age of 22."

Josh Pace noted that two other local youths, one 22 and the other 19, also died in the weeks preceding Zachary's death. One of those deaths

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DMEA APPROVES \$30M RESOLUTION TO REFINANCE, RELEASES 2018 990'S

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-The monthly Delta Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) Board of Directors meeting was held at 3 p.m. on Oct. 22, 2019. The call to order was followed by the pledge of allegiance and the opening meeting prayer. **General Business:**

The consent agenda included

the approval of the Membership Report and approval of the minutes for the September board meeting.

Board Committee Items: Finance – Audit – Rate Committee (FAR) - Brad Harding, Chair.



During the October 2019 Delta Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) board meeting Board Secretary/Treasurer Brad Harding gave a brief verbal recap of the last two FAR meetings and an update on financing and securing the best rates for refinancing. The DMEA Board unanimously approved refinancing \$30,353,000 in existing debt. Photo by Gail Marvel.

Reader Photo

Spotlight !

Harding said, "This is a short recap of the last two meetings." Committee reports included discussions on vending relationships, looking for more favorable financing, and digesting a 102-page detailed report on internal controls.

Note: Written committee reports are submitted to the board; however, neither

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remains under investigation as well. Josh has many unanswered questions about those incidents and possible connections to his younger brother's sudden, unexplained, death.

"Everybody is frustrated," Josh said. "It's hardest for the families—we can't have closure. We need to know what happened...it's hard enough to grieve for the one person you never expected not to be there."

Though Zach's shooting is being investigated by local police detectives, it has been hard for the family to communicate with officials or obtain information about the case, he said.

Josh said, "Zach was the one who tried to make peoples' day better. He once gave a homeless teen the coat off his back. He worked at Community Options, and he loved it.

"He loved life so much."

What is most concerning is that the same group of people appeared to be involved in all three deaths, Josh said, adding that money appears to have been involved as well—the funds that Zachary was raising for friends on the night of his passing were stolen.

Josh Pace still cannot speak about his

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younger brother without tears welling up.

"He was the only brother I will ever have," he said. "This is not how our life was supposed to be."

Pace hopes that others will pay attention to the rise of violent crime in the area, and how it could impact area youth.

"It will take our entire community to bring change," he said.

"Zach was not perfect," Josh said. Still, "His funeral service at Grace Church was packed."

Josh also said that since his brother's passing, the number 22—Zach's age at the time of his death—continues to recur in ways that remind him of Zachary. And he is not alone in sensing Zach's continued presence.

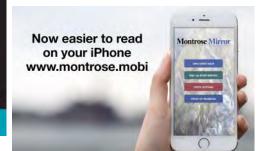
"My nephew had a dream," Josh said. "He said that Zach came to him and told him, 'I'm fine, don't worry about me...I am here with you.'"

A friend of the Pace family has set up <u>a</u> <u>Gofundme</u> to help with expenses.

VFW REMEMBRANCE PLANNED FOR GRANDVIEW CEMETERY NOV. 11

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MONTROSE-On Monday, Nov. 11, at 11 a.m. Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 784 presents a Veterans Day Remembrance at Grandview Cemetery on Hogback Road. There will be lots of flags and a guest speaker.



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the public nor the media are given access to written reports.

Harding said of his written report, "The update is all things related to financing and securing the best rates." Chief Executive Officer Jasen Bronec concurred, "From my perspective that covers it well." **Vote on CFC Proposal**

Harding said, "The FAR committee recommends we enter into the CFC agreement as presented."

Attorney Jeff Hurd said, "This is the loan agreement and promissory note as well." No discussion, information or details of the loan agreement and promissory note were given in the public meeting. Approved unanimously.

In a request for information the *Montrose Mirror* received a copy of the CFC Proposal, which is DMEA Resolution No. 2019-18 "Certificate of Resolution and Incumbency". The resolution calls for a refinance loan in the amount of \$30,353,000.

Excerpt from Resolution No. 2019-18:

RESOLVED, that the Cooperative borrow from National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation ("CFC"), from time to time as determined by the persons designated by the board of directors of the Cooperative, an aggregate amount not to exceed \$30,353,000.00, as set forth in the loan agreement with CFC governing such loan, substantially in the form of the loan agreement presented to this meeting (the "Loan Agreement");

RESOLVED, that the proceeds of this loan be used to refinance certain of the Cooperative's existing indebtedness with its other lenders;

RESOLVED, that the individuals listed below are hereby authorized to execute and deliver to CFC the following documents:

(a) as many counterparts as shall be deemed advisable of the Loan Agreement;

(b) one or more secured promissory notes payable to the order of CFC, which in the aggregate shall not exceed the principal amount of \$30,353,000.00, substantially in the form of the note presented to this meeting; and

(c) if required by CFC, an amended, restated or supplemental mortgage, security agreement and financing statement with CFC and CoBank, ACB, as mortgagees for purposes of securing the loan provided for herein, in such form as the individuals authorize herein may negotiate with CFC.

In a follow-up inquiry, CEO Jasen Bronec was asked if the \$30M refinance was needed in order to move forward with Guzman Energy, or if the refinance was linked to Elevate, a DMEA subsidiary. Bronec responded in an email, "As it is stated in the resolution, this is a refinance of existing debt. This loan facility has nothing to do with our efforts to move forward with a power supplier or financing Elevate debt or obligations to Elevate."

The "Current Financial Documents" published on the DMEA website are for the year 2018; financial data for 2019 has not been posted.

The next FAR committee is scheduled to meet on Nov. 12.

Engineering – Construction – Renewable Energy Committee – Chris Hauck, Chair.

The committee met prior to the board meeting. Hauck said, "The focus of the meeting was vegetation management, an unusually wet season with some trees growing 10 feet a year, cutting trees to a safe level and considering going out for bids. Trimming trees in hot spaces and getting them out of electrical spaces. Other local tree trimmers can come in after the hot spots are trimmed. We're trying to trim the costs."

DMEA, like other electric utilities, are concerned about liability. Hauck said, "The situation [fires] with Pacific Gas and Electric in California has everyone on edge. Loss prevention was discussed."

Vote on Board Policy 20

Board Policy 20 deals with ground source heat pump installation; which DMEA has 132 active systems on their line. The board voted unanimously to eliminate Board Policy 20.

The next committee meeting is sched-

uled for December.

Member Relations – Energy Services Committee – Kyle Martinez, Chair.

Martinez said, "We met the 15th of October and discussed billing cycles and had a rundown of billing operations. The annual meeting will be June 18, 2020."

At the end of the month a survey will be sent out to approximately 1,000-1,500 members. Chief Operating Officer Virginia Harman said, "The survey will cover some of the things we are focused on. It will have both DMEA and Elevate questions, but Elevate will pay their own way. Members will be getting calls and emails to do the survey."

Recent community outreach events have been well attended. Harman said, "We are happy with the questions that we've been asked."

Re-approve Board Policy 2-3.

Martinez said, "We propose no changes to Board Policy 2-3." Board Policy 2-3 deals with the annual meeting and was unanimously re-approved.

Executive Committee – Bill Patterson, Chair.

Patterson said, "The Executive Committee did not meet."

Safety and Occupational Health Report – Virginia Harman, COO.

Harman said, "In September we had one employee injury. His foot was injured when the welds broke on the side of a trailer. There was one accident when someone backed into an employee. The police did not ticket the employee." In the area of training, employees had confined space training, 10-hour OSHA training for crews and 30-hour OSHA training for managers. Harman said, "We had truck inspections and didn't identify any major problems. Eighteen employees participated in a blood drive."

Financial Report – Wade Pynes, CFO.

Wade's report touched briefly on revenue, commercial and residential sales, and capital credits. He said, "The refi [refinance] closes at the end of the month. It is more favorable today. The remainder of my update will be given in

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Executive Session."

CEO Report – Jasen Bronec, CEO.

Bronec said, "You have my written report to review. If you have any questions, I'll be glad to answer them. As you know a lot of my time is in negotiations with Guzman Energy and getting financing in order. We made a trip to Washington DC. We are finalizing details in the purchasing agreement with Guzman. In November we will give the budget to the board."

There were no questions from the board. September 2019 SAIDI (Systems Average Interruption Duration Index) Report – Jasen Bronec, CEO.

Bronec said, "We are doing better than we did in 2017. We have some aging underground cable that has caused outages. Wet years find faults. We are constantly working on them and very few people are effected."

Legal Report - Jeff Hurd, Attorney. The legal report was held for Executive Session.

Tri State Report – Kyle Martinez.

Martinez reported that former Colorado Governor Bill Ritter, founder and director of the Center for the New Energy Economy (CNEE) at Colorado State University, has assembled a group of about 20 people who are working with the new Tri State CEO.

Martinez said, "With the PUC (Public Utilities Commission) there is a lot of jockeying on who gets to say where Tri State is

going. Tri State is being more pro-active, both legislatively and politically. A lot of stuff is going down at Tri State and it's moving quickly."

There is currently a negative credit watch against Tri State. Martinez said, "Tri State has not put the [DMEA] exit fee in their budget. I don't think they want to that number to be out there yet."

WUES Report – Damon Lockhart. Report not captured.

CREA Report – Damon Lockhart. Lockhart said, "There is an Innovation Summit coming up."

Review Unclaimed Capital Credit Fund CEO Jasen Bronec said, "The current balance of the Unclaimed Capital Credit Fund is \$114,239. The next big payment out of this fund will be \$42,000 in scholarships. Next year some funds will go to the Boys and Girls Club."

Future Business

Topics mentioned included receiving a Climate Change Award, upcoming conferences, and various newsletters that mentioned DMEA.

Review/Vote on IRS Form 990

IRS Form 990 is an informational tax form that most tax-exempt organizations must file annually. The 2018 Form 990 will be posted on the DMEA website. Approved unanimously.

Vote on Board Resolution regarding changes to the RS Plan

DMEA's contribution to the employee

retirement plan is capped.

Employees voted to incur the expense of increased premium costs, rather than cut benefits. Approved unanimously.

Executive Session:

General Counsel Legal Update Reminder of upcoming CEO Review Reminder about Board Director Self-Evaluations Power Supply Update **Due to the upcoming holiday season DMEA board meeting are rescheduled:** Nov. 21, 2019, 3 p.m. Dec. 17, 2019, 3 p.m.

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RE-1J BOARD ADOPTS SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET RESOLUTION, TALKS PERFORMANCE DATA



Director of Instructional Services Jessica Beller (R) and STEM/GT Coordinator Jamie Simo (L) led a discussion of 2019 performance data and the district's response to the data.

By Caitlin Switzer MONTROSE-The Montrose County School

District RE-1J Board of Education convened for a regular work session on Tuesday, Oct. 22. With the exception of District A Director Jeff Bachman, all directors were present.

BOARD RESOLUTION 13-2019 SUPPLE-MENTAL BUDGET ADOPTION 2018-2019 Finance Director Emily Imus presented information on Resolution 13-2019, with a concise explanation; Board Resolution 13-2019 moves remaining small rural grant funds from Fund 10 to 41 where the expenditures will be incurred. A review of the year-end 2018-2019 balances identified the transfer was inadvertently excluded from the resolutions approved by the Board at the June 22 Board meeting. Board Resolution 13-2019 was unani-

mously adopted as presented.



ASSESSMENT SCORE DISCUSSION

Director of Instructional Services Jessica Beller and STEM/GT Coordinator Jamie Simo led a discussion of 2019 performance data and the district's response to the data. Beller said that test scores from Vista Charter School will no longer be included in the district's performance data. While school performance data shows improvement at Cottonwood Elementary, Northside Elementary, and some improvement at Johnson Elementary, the district's other elementary schools' scores have dropped.

Five elementary schools are eligible for state funds and support due to low performance and the number of students on Individual Education Plans (IEP's).

Olathe Middle School scores have remained static, but performance data shows improvement at Centennial and Columbine Middle schools. Montrose and Olathe High Schools are both showing improvement. Peak Academy performance scores are down, but the school is accredited with distinction.

RE-1J test scores tend to improve as students grow older, Beller said. "As we go up in grade level, kids get better at taking the tests, or they are just that much smarter." she said. Younger students may not have as much practice with the type of thinking that the CMAS test requires. High school students do not take the CMAS test, but take the PSAT in 10th grade and the SAT in 11th.

The District's response to 2019 performance data will focus on four key targets: student engagement, higher expectations of teachers; strong instruction; and access to grade-appropriate tests.

Simo said that later this month, the Director of the Amplify Colorado Early Assessment tool will meet with Governor Polis to "share our story."

"Our foundational skills are absolutely being built," Simo said.

District F Director Phoebe Benziger asked to see a copy of the slides used for the assessment presentation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of Education entered executive session to confer with an attorney and receive legal advice.

Following the executive session the work session was adjourned.



OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

DON'T BE FOOLED BY MISDIRECTION

Editor:

Folks, I'm one who calls things as they are. If I see an entity doing something wrong, I call them on it. For instance, I and several others challenged a zoning issue affecting our subdivision in Bailey, CO. One of the County Commissioners took exception to me and the assertions I was making. When she asked the County Attorney his opinion, he supported the statements I made by saying, if it smells like a rat, it's probably a rat. I've also challenged our local City Council on issues. My challenges were made through email or directly at a Council meeting. I find it healthy for the citizenry to question those that represent us. Although, it should be done in a respectful manner. Utilizing the press or social media isn't always a prudent means to communicate your grievances. Personal attacks are never appropriate.

Of late we have seen personal attacks against our elected city officials and appointees. Allegations of mismanagement, personal agendas and or back door deals have been made. A certain individual (who is ignorant of the facts) has asserted the Blue-Ribbon Panel was handpicked to rubber stamp the effort to beef up the Montrose Police Department. That assertion is absurd, City Council advertised its intent to form a public committee. They sought volunteers to serve on that committee, nineteen submitted applications, seventeen were selected. The seventeen were all City of Montrose residents with a wide range of backgrounds. After nearly six months of work the committee gave its report to City Council at an open session. Read it yourself, https://www.cityofmontrose.org/documentcenter/view/38936.

There are individuals who question the budgetary practices of the City. Statements made by them are misleading, they don't tell the whole story. There is no mention of cost saving efforts. There is no mention of money being put aside for emergency reserves. The budgeting process is open to the public, in fact there was a budget retreat lately held at The Pavillion to which no one from the public attended. The City reached out to the community to serve on a budget advisory committee, there were no takers. Take a look at the budget yourself at the city website: <u>https://www.cityofmontrose.org</u> under the finance section. Or, contact the Director of Finance, Shani Wittenberg, at <u>swittenberg@ci.montrose.co.us</u>.

I applaud those that speak out. But, if you are going to speak to an issue make sure you have the facts, that your arguments are sound and they are not emotionally driven. Keep personal dislike of an individual out of your quest for change. Fellow Montrosians, if you're still on the bubble regarding the November ballot please do a little research. If not for the immediate issues facing us but for the challenges we will certainly face in the future. There are some folks with loud voices out there that are trying to pull a slight of hand magician's trick on you. Don't be fooled by their misdirection. *Dave Stockton, Montrose*

CITY APPROVES RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR ADAPTIVE PLAYGROUND @ CENTENNIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-All councilors were present when the City of Montrose convened for a <u>special meeting</u> at Noon on Tuesday, Oct. 22.

RESOLUTION 2019-24

The first of two items to be considered was Resolution 2019-24, a Resolution of support regarding the Centennial Middle School GOCO Local Parks and Outdoor Recreation Grant Project. City Grant Coordinator Kendall Cramer helped with the grant process, and presented information to Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Barbara Bynum asked, "Can't the school district apply for a grant on its own?

Kramer responded that only municipalities are able to apply for the GoCO funds.

The grant requests up to \$350K for a playground that is accessible to all, including students who may have physical and cognitive disabilities.

The playground would be the first in the region to be completely compliant with ADA (American with Disabilities Association) requirements, Kramer said.

"People sometimes take for granted how easy it is just to walk down the street or play at the park...for others it can be much more challenging."

All-adaptive playgrounds cost significantly more than traditional playgrounds, he noted.

There are no costs to the City incurred through the grant application, other than Kramer's administrative time. Mayor Dave Bowman expressed that the grant funds could confuse citizens because the monies will pass through the City.

If funds are awarded the City will enter into an Intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with the RE-1J School District, and the money will be placed in a special revenues fund prior to being disbursed to the District, Kramer said.

"The money comes into the City of Montrose as revenue," Bowman insisted. "People need

to understand...we have a problem with some people in the community understanding how our revenue balance works."

Councilor Roy Anderson called the playground grant, "A terrific thing for our community."

Resolution 2019-24 was approved unanimously.

NORTH 9TH AND CASCADE SEWER RE-

PLACEMENT PROJECT CONTRACT AWARD City Civil Engineer Ryan Cushenan presented information on the contract award to Ridgway Valley Enterprises in the amount of \$176,751.30 for construction of the North 9th and Cascade Sewer Replacement Project.

The project will replace the existing sewer line between North Ninth and North Seventh streets. Background-According to the memo prepared for Council, "the City



City Grant Coordinator Kendall Cramer and Civil Engineer Ryan Cushenan at the special meeting of Oct. 22.

budgets funds each year to perform Cured in-Place Pipe (CIPP) rehabilitation of aged sewer lines.

As part of the 2019 CIPP project, the utilities department had initially planned to use the technology to rehabilitate the existing alley sewer line between North 7th and North 9th Streets, but it was later discovered that this sewer line was structurally compromised.

As a result, the utilities department reduced the scope of the CIPP project as to allow for replacement of this sewer line in lieu of the CIPP."

Ridgway Valley Enterprises submitted the lowest qualified bid, Cushenan said, and the project can use the funds originally budgeted for CIPP.

The contract award was approved unanimously; the meeting was adjourned at eight minutes past Noon.



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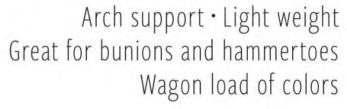


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VOTE NO ON PROPOSITION CC & 2A PSST BALLOT ISSUES

Editor:

Proposition CC and our local 2A PSST ballot issues are similar in design. Both are blatant power grabs for more tax payer monies for their respective entities, the State of Colorado and the City of Montrose.

Prop CC is a not so subtle end run around TABOR, which guarantees monies collected over and above the state limit, are refunded back to taxpayers via property tax rebates or by state income tax returns. In spite of the misleading ballot language of "without raising taxes", this question, if passed, would raise taxes by deleting taxpayer rebates as noted.

2A, on the other hand, is an in your face tax increase, to support additional police hires and a brand new headquarters building. The issue is being pushed by the City and a citizens committee because of a rising crime rate and the need for additional funding for the MPD. The City's own documents show that police budgeting has not been the priority it should have been with the crime increase since 2013. Those same documents show that from 2013-18, the City realized a sales tax surplus of \$17.2 million over budget, and according to August reports will realize at least a \$4 million surplus this year. Absent thorough research into City budgeting trends from 2013 or before, the Citizens Committee recommended a pre ordained tax increase.

It has become obvious to many, that police could be adequately funded from current resources without a tax increase. Both ballot questions deserve a resounding NO vote! With the economy booming, both State and the City of Montrose need to do a better job of prioritizing their funding process.

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MONTROSE -- On Saturday, Nov. 2, the Time Bank of the Rockies will host a fall potluck, along with a special presentation on the issue of "AGEism." Local Time Bank member Cathy Trujillo will present on the topic, as a part of a statewide effort led by the "Changing the Narrative Colorado" campaign. The campaign has set a goal of hosting 100 community conversations statewide between October 25th and November 3rd.

Time Bank of the Rockies Executive Director, Cynthia Harwood, is excited to open up this event to the public. "Our Time Bank members enjoy monthly potlucks where we frequently host presentations on a variety of topics. We felt that this was an opportunity to engage the larger community in a conversation on the important topic of ageism. We hope to see some new faces!"

The event will take place from 6pm to 8pm on Saturday, Nov. 2 at the Meadowlark Apartments (2378 Robins Way in Montrose). There is no cost to attend. The Time Bank of the Rockies will supply the turkey for this fall dinner. Guests are asked to bring a side dish or dessert.

Time Bank of the Rockies is a non-profit organization that encourages the exchange of "time and talent" between its members as a means to participate in an alternative economy. More information can be found at http://timebankoftherockies.com/. More information about Changing the Narrative Colorado can be found at https://timebankoftherockies.com/. More information about Changing the Narrative Colorado can be found at https://timebankoftherockies.com/. More information about Changing the Narrative Colorado can be found at https://timebankoftherockies.com/. More information about the Fall Potluck or to RSVP, contact Cynthia Harwood at 970-209-6886

On the Western Slope of Colorado, within a 20-mile radius of the City of Montrose, there are more than 70 churches and houses of worship. Over a 2¹/₂-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/.



\star is a psst really warranted? \star

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 o	of + 2.7% Pe	er Year)

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
	Excess Colle	cted ^{\$} 17.2 Mill	ion

CITY vs. MPD BUDGETS 2013-2018

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

Total City Budget Increase \$22.5 Million

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	Growth Rate	Per Year)

CITY BUDGET vs. MPD 2017-18 City \$57,836,928 + 37.9% = \$15,892,272 • MPD \$7,126,768 + .6% = \$47,600



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- 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

A YES VOTE:

- 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.

A 📕 🖸 VOTE:

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

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

WEST NILE VIRUS UPDATE FOR DELTA COUNTY Virus Case Count up to 34

Special to the Mirror

DELTA-The Delta County Department of Health is reporting 1 additional human case of West Nile virus for a total West Nile virus case count of thirty-four. Please see the Delta County Website: deltacounty.com for more details on previously reported cases.

The additional human case is a female from the Surface Creek area of the county, diagnosed on October 15th, and is recovering from West Nile virus uncomplicated fever.

The presence of additional cases is a clear indication that West Nile virus remains present and poses a risk to those who are bitten. August through September is 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 to15 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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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

WHO ARE THE OPPOSITION TO 2A AND WHY DO WE CARE?

Editor:

The Montrose OPPOSITION GROUP to the passage of 2A is a loosely and unorganized group of citizens who have a lifelong interest in getting the most for their money and effort in business and personal finance. Ninety percent (90%) of them have been executives in either small or large businesses belonging to themselves others. Throughout their lives they have been steeped in sound business practices and personnel management. They understand the need for sound investment, accountability for funds and actions, a positive bottom line and the necessity to satisfy the owners of the business for whom they worked.

They know that in private life and in business you must live within your means. That it must be earned before it can be spent and that it must be spent on needs rather than desires. They have seen that in business when spending on the desires of management supplants sound business priorities, serious trouble lies ahead.

To these people, balance sheets, income statements, spread sheets, percentages, cash flows and finance are not mysteries of the accounting department but are tools utilized by management to achieve success. They know how to read those reports and how to utilize them to achieve sound business decisions. They fully realize that 'figures can lie and liars can figure' and often do. They know how to determine what's going on.

Government is a business where the biggest difference with business is that governments TAKE money from their 'customers' (taxpayers) treating it as income but not having to show a profit.

As I stated, these Montroseans have been successful and have been well rewarded for their ability to run 'tight performing profitable companies.' For the most part, passage of 2A and the taking of citizens' funds that goes with it is of no financial significance to them personally. While it might irritate them to see money UNNECESSARILY TAKEN from the public for false justifications only to be spent for wasteful and unnecessary purposes, the amount to be extorted from them by 2A is virtually 'no skin off their nose;' it is, however, harmful to their friends and neighbors of lesser financial means very possibly taking food off those family's tables. The OPPOSITION are people who feel their civic duty. These people want sound Government, with sound policies and practices,



building a city that can be supported comfortably on modest taxes. They have lived in this world long enough and in enough different places to know that everyone around them is not as well off as are they; that many of their less comfortable neighbors who must have two jobs and a working partner will take a while to catch up. Taking more of their hard earned money from them for 2A will not help them achieve the American Dream. And like it or not, TAXES, ONCE IN PLACE, NEVER GO AWAY.

The group that supports 2A have proven over the last several months that they want what amounts to a General Sales Tax under the weak but deceptive disguise of supporting our beloved and most necessary boys in blue. Thru the discussions they have had and most significantly NOT HAD with their public, they have proven that their way, exactly their way, is the only acceptable means to THEIR end. They exude the obvious attitude that it is 'their way or the highway.'

Well, we the citizens, do not want government 'their way'. We don't want this new tax. We want the police department funded out of existing tax revenue. We know that there is plenty of money for it in the 'kitty'. We know that a 'new tax' masquerading as a Public Safety type tax is as phony as costumes at Halloween. And we sure hope that you, the citizens and taxpayers of the City of Montrose, can see through their charade AND VOTE NO ON 2A. And while you are at it, VOTE NO ON CC as well a charade by the State to return to unlimited property taxing authority. *Bill Ramsey, Montrose*



VALLEY MANOR CARE CENTER TRICK OR A

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

October 31st (Halloween) from 3:30 p.m. - Until the candy runs out!

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COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

CPW MONITORING SHOWS STABLE LYNX POPULATION AFTER 20 YEARS

Special to the Mirror

DURANGO- Twenty years after Colorado reintroduced the Canada lynx to the state, wildlife managers are monitoring the bigfooted felines in the San Juan mountains using remote cameras and wintertime snow tracking.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife believe the lynx population is stable in the core area of the San Juan Mountains at about 150-250. Biologists know, however, that lynx have also dispersed to other mountainous areas of the state.

CPW released 218 lynx from 1999 to 2006 and all the animals were fitted with telemetry collars so each could be tracked. Before CPW stopped monitoring the collars in 2011, biologists documented that the reintroduced lynx and some offspring were reproducing and expanding their range. In 2010, CPW declared the reintroduction program a success.

No monitoring was done for a few years, but CPW biologists always understood the importance of long-term study. In 2014, CPW biologists launched a 10-year monitoring project that is both high-tech and old school. The project is now in its sixth year.

"Successfully reintroducing lynx was one of the most significant projects Colorado Parks and Wildlife has ever accomplished and it's important that we continue to learn how the lynx are doing," said Scott Wait, senior terrestrial biologist in CPW's Southwest Region. He was on the initial reintroduction team and is one of three lead investigators on the current study.

Because they are elusive and live in remote, high-altitude spruce-fir forests, estimating a precise population of lynx would be prohibitively expensive. Instead, CPW biologists use occupancy monitoring techniques. Occupancy, basically, is a record of the presence of animals in appropriate habitat. The current monitoring is being conducted within a 20,000 square kilometer area (9,600 square miles) in southwest Colorado. Biologists randomly selected 50 units for study, each measuring about 29 square miles and divided into quadrants. One cameras is placed within each quadrant.

In addition, during winter, biologists and wildlife officers survey the plots on skis or snowmobiles looking for tracks and picking up lynx scat and hair – if they can find it – for genetic analysis. Wait explained that most evidence of lynx occupancy is found through snow tracking because surveyors can travel long distances in multiple directions. Tracking is difficult, however, because it must be done within two days of a snowfall and some areas can't always be accessed safely.

For the remote locations, CPW staffers hike or go in by horseback during the warm months to place the cameras. At the sites, scented lures are placed and feathers are hung from branches as attractants.

"Cats are very curious and very sightoriented. So the odors and fluttering feathers, hopefully, bring them past the cameras," Wait said.

The cameras take pictures when movement and heat are detected. Besides the photos, the cameras also record the time, date and temperature.

CPW crews go back to the areas as soon as possible in the spring to retrieve the cameras so that photos can be downloaded into a specialized database. More than 100,000 photos are taken each winter season and sorting through them is an exacting process. Besides lynx, the cameras capture hundreds of pictures of elk, deer, bears, mountain lions, coyotes, birds, etc. While animals in all the photos are identified, looking for photos of lynx is the highest priority. To assure correct identification, two people look at each photo.

Not surprisingly, few cameras get a glimpse of a lynx. On average, only 8-14 cameras capture a shot of a lynx throughout the winter. Biologists employ statistical techniques and use the snow-tracking results in combination with the images to



CPW courtesy photo.

estimate the occupancy rate of lynx in southwest Colorado, explained Eric Odell, species conservation program manager for CPW. He is based in Fort Collins and one of the principal investigators. "We can't feasibly make a precise population count, so we monitor for occupancy," Odell said. "Through our monitoring, the photos and snow tracking, we can look at trends to determine where occupancy is going up or down. We assume that if more areas are occupied by lynx that means the population is doing well and expanding. Conversely, if occupancy is declining, we assume that fewer lynx exist on the landscape and reproduction is not keeping pace with mortality."

The monitoring, Odell said, is showing that the population in the San Juan Mountains is stable. But lynx have also expanded outside of the core area as CPW regularly gets reports of sightings in the central mountains. Considerations are in place to expand monitoring to other areas of Colorado.

CPW would like to know about sightings of lynx throughout the state. Go to this link to file a report: <u>https://</u>

cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/SOC-

LynxSightingForm.aspx. Reports must be filed from a computer. Lynx live at 8,000 feet and above. Large feet are their distinguishing characteristic. Some people confuse bobcats and lynx as both have pointed ear tufts.

To learn more about lynx, go to: <u>https://</u> cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: COMMENTARY

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTS SUPPORT PROPOSITION CC

Colorado Higher Education Op-Ed COLORADO-Colorado is rightfully proud of its strong economy and national reputation as a hub for critical economic sectors such as biosciences, aerospace, energy, agriculture and health care. Yet funding for the driving force behind this success an educated workforce — shouldn't make any of us proud. In fact, it's an embarrassment.

Colorado ranks 48th nationally in funding post-secondary education. We're near dead-last on an investment critical to our state's future. State funding for higher education is 11 percent lower than it was in 2008, at the start of the great recession, even though enrollment and costs have grown.

The good news is we can help remedy that abysmal ranking by approving Proposition CC in November. It asks Colorado voters to remove arbitrary limits to the state budget without increasing the tax rate. Those limits have restricted investment in one of the state's most precious resources — students.

It's not that we don't value education in the Centennial State: We typically rank in the top five among states in percentage of population with a bachelor's degree. The paradox is that many people have moved to our state and brought their degrees with them. We must do a better job of educating our own if we hope to stay competitive. State investment is essential. Importing talent, along with importing a large number of nonresident students to help offset the cost for Colorado students, is not a sustainable model for Colorado's future.

If approved, Proposition CC would earmark 1/3 of revenue for colleges and universities, with another third going to K-12 schools to help prepare students well for

college and careers. The remaining third would go to transportation. The measure would have unprecedented levels of transparency, requiring independent annual audits that detail to Coloradans how the money is spent. Passing Proposition CC would have a direct impact on all students of post-secondary education — everything from community colleges and trade schools to state colleges and research universities. They deliver the highly skilled workforce Colorado needs.

We're joined in support of CC by higher ed CEOs Janine Davidson (Metropolitan State University of Denver), Andy Feinstein (UNC), Tim Foster (Colorado Mesa), Joe Garcia (Community Colleges system), Carrie Besnette Hauser (Colorado Mountain College), Greg Salsbury (Western Colorado), and Tom Stritikus (Fort Lewis).

Technology is rapidly changing the workforce here and nationally. The consulting firm McKinsey estimates that automation could replace 44 percent of jobs in the U.S. by 2030. Jobs for those with only a high school education will be hit the hardest. We need to equip people with the knowledge and skills to drive the economy in our fast-changing state and world.

Our anemic investment in our students hasn't always been this way. In 2000, the state funded two-thirds of a student's cost of higher education, with tuition covering the remainder. Today, that has flipped. Students cover more than twothirds of the cost of public education, and the state covers just a third.

It's incumbent upon higher education to operate efficiently. And while there is always room to find more efficiencies, the



Tony Frank (left) is chancellor of the Colorado State University System. Mark Kennedy (right) is writing as a private citizen. Courtesy photo.

reality is that years of being near dead last in state funding have made Colorado's post-secondary institutions administratively lean and operationally efficient.

The bottom line is that passing Proposition CC will be an investment in Coloradans, one that realizes a substantial return. Investing in a strong human infrastructure is one of the smartest moves our state can make. Doing so without raising the tax rate will help ensure our economy keeps humming. Let's continue to be proud of Colorado's strong and diverse economy and what it means for everybody's well-being.

But let's also be proud that when we had a chance to pass Proposition CC and step up to invest in our students, workforce and prosperity, we did so knowing that all Coloradans benefit.

Tony Frank is chancellor of the Colorado State University System. Mark Kennedy is writing as a private citizen. The college and university presidents mentioned in this piece have done so either as private citizens or in their official capacity with the support of their respective governing board.



OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

MONEY FOR POLICE ALREADY IN CITY TREASURY; CITY OFFICIALS JUST WANT TO SPEND IT ON THE WRONG THINGS

Editor:

President Harry Truman said: "Public office is a privilege, not a right, and people who accept the privilege of holding office in the Government must of necessity accept that their entire conduct should be open to inspection by the people they are serving"

Supposedly Montrose is in such dire need of money that it needs a new tax or it cannot support its police department. Fortunately, that is not the case as several of our investigators have found out by reviewing accounting statements and other city books and records. We have asked that the city publish a list of expenditures of over \$5,000. To no avail. We have asked why there have been nepotistic loans made and why fees have been taken by a public official for booking entertainment. We have, in the past three months, made numerous other requests, and all have been STONEWALLED'.

Confirmation Bias: "An approach often used in politics where practitioners skew information so that it conforms to a preordained partisan view." (Dr. Kent Moors). The 'study' done by the so called BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE on public safety is just such an effort. Guided by an expensive consultant and kept from considering the availability of funds in the existing budget by the 'guidelines' provided to the committee, the city caused Confirmation Bias and the Sales Tax was justified as the only way out of a phony black hole. By their criticism of the opposing faction, the City has endeavored to prove, "that no matter how thorough the analysis of it by that faction (the opposition), the results are not credible unless they conform to the city's prior expectation. See above.

My pappy said, "Never lie and you will never have to wonder what you said." He went on to say, "Never lie to someone who trusts you and never trust someone who lies to you." (even once) Just how many untruths, partial truths, omissions and possible 'just flat out lies' have we heard about the need for 2A. Just to say that there has not been enough money to adequately fund a priority one necessity over the past eight years is one big lie. A second one is that re-budgeting cannot come up with enough money to do the job. How this group, the simple five and the city manager EVER be trusted by any of us again.

In spite of the submission of proper wording for the ordinance in 2A to the city they apparently failed to ever consider it. So the ordinance is weakly worded and provides no guarantee that police department will receive even one red cent. From the way the ballot ordnance is worded, 2A is simply and irretrievably a GENERAL SALES TAX to be used for any purpose the Manager wants to spend it on. I say Nay Nay! Never! without the majority approval of the Council. But the ordnance should never exist unless the expenditure of these funds are mandated to be spent ONLY on the police department and its direct needs. After all, that is what YOU have been told that it will be spent on. Having seen the CITY OF MONTROSE SALES, USE AND EXCISE TAX REPORT, a report provided by the state, the report conveniently disappeared. A mistake? Yes, a mistake that happened again the next month! All to keep the opposition from viewing it and discovering that taxes already in place are bringing in far more than anticipated. Devious and de-

ceptive at best. Crooked at worst. Why does our city feel that our citizens need to be deceived in such a way?

This, my fellow citizens, is just a short list of the consistent inconsistencies of our government in Montrose City. Why would ANY voter with ANY sense have ANY confidence in ANYthing that our city, the council or the manager EVER tells us about the 2A issue or about ANY other issue for that matter. What they have done is quite transparent! For those who understand, no explanation is needed; for those that do not understand no explanation is possible!

Those opposed to 2A say VOTE NO on 2A and for good and substantial reasons. The opposition has disassembled every argument that the city has put forth for 2A except that the cops need more stuff. The opposition has never denied that and in fact just about every opposition writing about 2A has contained such unequivocal support. It is short of amazing how many supporters of 2A have conveniently missed those comments. How convenient! But the opposition has strongly and consistently supported the police department needs. Unequivocally, our police department needs more cops and more stuff. Said for the twentieth or thirtieth time or so, so get it right.

But the money is in the city treasury awaiting to be used for that purpose, the city government just wants to spend it on the wrong things.

Let's force our city government to appropriate the existing funds correctly (priority one first). VOTE NO on 2A. Then go vote no on CC.

William Bennett, Montrose



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MIRROR IMAGES...CAMPERS ON WEST MAIN



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Camping is allowed for 24-hours on City
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been finding the parking lot at the West
Main Trailhead through websites and social
media. These campers, originally from New
York, have been on the road for several
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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

PASSING LANES PROJECT CONTINUES ON U.S. 160/491 NORTH OF TOWAOC Paving underway for approximately two weeks with lengthier delays

Special to the Mirror

MONTEZUMA COUNTY - The Colorado Department of Transportation and contractor Oldcastle SW Group began paving the newly reconstructed stretch of U.S. Highway 160/491 north of Towaoc where two passing lanes are being added. With paving underway over the next two weeks and into early November, motorists can expect travel delays that are lengthier than those to date. From 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Saturday, there will be single-lane, alternating traffic along the paving work zone, which may extend up to two miles in length. A lane shift remains in place 24/7, as does the 11-foot width restriction.

The project is completing these safety improvements:

Construction of alternating passing lanes (approximately one mile in each direction) between mile points 27.75 and 29.75 Realignment of CR A and CR B to create T junctions with U.S. 160/491, improving safety by increasing sight distance for those entering the highway from these

county roads

Construction of acceleration and deceleration lanes on U.S. 160/491 in both directions at these two intersections Closure of CR 21, which lies between A and B, to eliminate access conflicts along this stretch

Installation of a waterline and slip-lining an existing wooden drainage structure under the highway

Installation of new guardrail and guardrail end sections

New fencing, seeding and striping PROJECT DETAILS

CDOT and Oldcastle began this project on May 6, 2019, to construct passing lanes, shoulder improvements, vehicle turnouts and access improvements on U.S. 160/491 north of Towaoc. In March 2018, the U.S. Department of Transportation awarded the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe a \$2 million TIGER grant to help pay for the \$11.2 million project. The work is expected to be completed by late December 2019. GENERAL TRAVEL IMPACTS

Through the project's completion, motor-

ists can expect single-lane, alternating travel where work zones exist, from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Saturday, as well as a 24/7 traffic shift and 11-foot width restriction. Motorists are urged to drive with care through construction zones and watch for workers and equipment.

Please avoid distractions when traveling through the work areas and go "Slow for the Cone Zone!"

PROJECT INFORMATION Those with questions or comments may call the project information line at (970) 560-1211 or write to

us160.491passinglanes@gmail.com. The project web site is www.codot.gov/admin/ projects/us-160-491-passing-lanes. Sign up for CDOT project or travel alerts: bit.ly/COalerts See CDOT's scheduled lane closures: codot.gov/travel/scheduled-laneclosures.html Connect with CDOT on Twitter (@coloradodot) and Facebook (facebook.com/coloradodot)

2019 FINAL YEAR FOR DMEA LED BULB/FIXTURE REBATE

Mirror Staff Report

MONTROSE- The DMEA LED Bulb/Fixture Rebate will end by the end of this year.

Guidelines and Rules: Rebate applications can be found on the DMEA website. All rebates must be submitted by Monday December 16, 2019. 2019 is the last year that Tri-State will be offering this Rebate

-You must be a DMEA member. This application must be completed in full and returned within 120 days of purchase. -You must attach:

1. A copy of your receipt listing your purchase, brand, and model number.

2. Original packaging or electronic photos of original packaging clearly showing the type of bulb and lumen output. Rebates cannot be issued on product with packaging that does not meet this standard.

-Bulbs must be 500 lumens or greater.

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RE-1J MARCHING BAND STUDENTS SHINE @ REGIONALS; STATE COMPETITION CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER

Mirror staff report

REGIONAL- With a score of 79.9 in the regional competition in Grand Junction, Montrose High School was in the 5th spot in Class 4A and Olathe High School was in the top spot in Class 1A with 59.10 going into the State Marching Championships at the US Air Force Academy, which were scheduled for Oct. 28. However, the Colorado Bandmasters Association announced last week that due to the forecasted cold temperatures, wind chill and possible snow the 4A/5A State Championships scheduled for Oct. 28 - 29 were cancelled and would not be rescheduled due to stadium availability and other factors.



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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

JOIN PIZZA & POLITICS FOR OPEN BORDERS DISCUSSION

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Pizza & Politics will host this controversial topic that affects all U.S. citizens and residents on Thursday, Nov.

7th. Guest speakers are Montrose County Sheriff Gene Lillard and Montrose resident Ana Maymi.

Sheriff Lillard has 42 years of law enforcement and over 3,000 hours of special training which includes the FBI National Academy. Ms. Maymi is a retired Judical Interpreter for the Immigrant Community, has 20 years of experience living or working in Latin America, and 3 years' experience working in Europe.

Location: 121 N. 4th Street in Montrose. Program starts at 6:30 pm with pizza and beverage. Q&A will follow both speakers. See you on the 7th!

GMUG PLANS PRESCRIBED PILE BURNS

Special to the Mirror

GRAND JUNCTION-Fire Management Officials from the Grand Mesa, Uncompany and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests' Grand Valley Ranger District have announced plans to conduct prescribed pile burns, pending favorable weather, ground and vegetation conditions.

The objectives of prescribed pile burns is to reduce the risk of larger wildfires and improve ecosystem health by removing debris and vegetation, or fuels, through the planned ignition of slash piles. Slash piles are constructed from the accumulated debris from fuel reduction and hazard tree removal projects. The piles will be burned in project areas where other means of disposal are not feasible.

Safety of firefighters and the public are the most important factors considered when planning a prescribed burn. Fire managers have developed detailed plans and obtained smoke permits from the State of Colorado for each of the planned burns, ignition will only occur if conditions are ideal for a safe, effective burn with good smoke dispersal.

The following prescribed pile burns are being planned:

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Project Area/Name	Location	Number and Type
Lands' End Road	Lands' End Road area	20 hand built piles
Grand Mesa Resort Salvage	e 1/6 mile northeast of Hotel lake	80 mechanically built piles
Blanche Park	Blanche Park Reservoir area	1 mechanically built pile
Horse Mountain	2 1/4 miles north of Alexander la	ke 6 mechanically built piles
Queen Spruce	2 miles southeast of Island Lake	5 mechanically built piles
Cottonwood Salvage	2 miles north of Alexander Lake	Mechanical piles
Skinned Horse	1/4 mile north of Alexander Lake	50 hand built piles
Ward Lake	Ward Lake area	Hand built piles
Paonia Corral	5 miles east of Paonia	1 Pile
Sheep Flats	2 miles east of Bonham Reservoir	100 mechanically built piles

For information on prescribed burns, pile burns, wildfires and fire restrictions on National Forest System lands and other areas, call the Grand Mesa, Uncompany and Gunnison National Forests Fire Information line at 970.874.6602, visit the GMUG Forest website: www.fs.usda.gov/gmug, GMUG Fire Information: https://www.facebook.com/GMUGFireInfo/ or Twitter: https://witter.com/GMUG_NF.

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





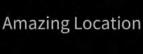


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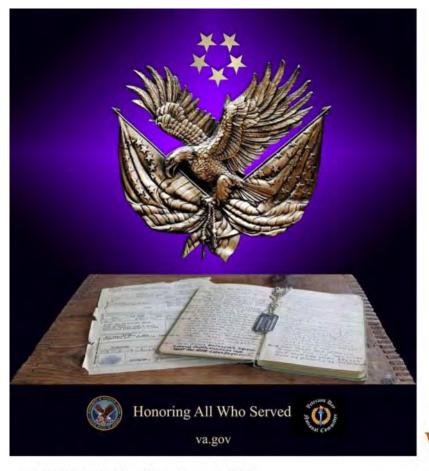
COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

PUC OPENS PROCEEDING TO COLLECT INFORMATION ON DEVELOPMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE USED BY ELECTRIC MOTOR VEHICLES

Special to the Mirror

DENVER -The Colorado Public Utilities Commission (PUC) today opened a proceeding to gather input from stakeholders on what information would be useful for electric utilities to include in upcoming proposals to support transportation electrification. The Commission will also collect comment on additional criteria, beyond items identified in recent legislation, the Commission should consider. Senate Bill 19-077 directs public electric utilities to file no later than May 15, 2020, and every three years thereafter, an application for a program for regulated activities to support widespread transportation electrification within the utility's service area. The legislation established several criteria for evaluating the proposals, including: seek to maximize benefits and minimize costs; improve use of the electric grid; increase access to electricity as a transportation fuel; ensure safety and reliability; contribute to air quality standards; foster competition for charging; include transparent public reporting; and provide access for low-income customers. The Commission and Commission staff will work with electric utilities, stakeholders and other interested participants to collect and organize information, conduct workshops, and make suggestions to inform the plans to be filed next year. The PUC is requesting initial written comments related to the proceeding by Nov. 22, and reply comments by Dec. 6. Interested persons may submit written comments by using the PUC's on-line comment form at <u>www.dora.state.co.us/</u> <u>pacific/puc/puccomments</u> under proceeding number 19M-0574E. Visit <u>https://www.colorado.gov/dora/</u> <u>puc legislation implementation</u> for up-

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At left, a shopper browses, above, a sian beckons at a previous MUMC Down Home Country Bazaar. Mirror file photo.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-It's an event that feeds both body and spirit, with a hot lunch, a bake shop, and a first rate craft bazaar.

The 2019 Down Home Country Bazaar takes place from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 9, at Montrose United Methodist Church, located at 19 South Park Avenue.

The Down Home Country Bazaar has been enticing crowds of shoppers and hungry locals to the church since the mid 70's. Volunteer Mary Lou Jeffers of Montrose remembers how it all began; she can also recall doing plenty of dishes back in the day.

The idea was to have a Fall Festival. "It just kind of evolved," Jeffers said. "I carried food down to the basement of the old First National Bank, I did that twice. We decided we weren't going to do that

what we could do."

Everything had to fit in the Downstairs portion of the church, in two rooms. "With the tables set there, it didn't work worth a darn," Jeffers said, "It was such fun! We would laugh and have a good time."

"George Devor across the street planted pumpkins and all kinds of vegetables for us," Jeffers said. "He even had sugar beets.

"We worked, and worked so hard," she said. "All summer, people were busy making crafts. And after the first soup lunch our treasurer deposited \$900 into the account."

While the Bazaar was successful from the start, some key changes have been made over the years.

"We washed the dishes ourselves for eight years," Jeffers said. "So after that, we had a meeting."

Initial resistance to the idea of buying an automatic dishwasher was soon overcome. Once installed, "It worked wonderbeen built onto the fully," Jeffers said.

> Around 25 years ago, vendors were added to the mix, along with a big bake sale, and Granny's Attic.

Today, the church has a certified kitchen downstairs, with big electric ovens. "We still do soup," Jeffers said. "And we have a coffee shop for people who need a snack."

The Down Home Country Bazaar is well supported by the men and youth of the congregation. "They do the dishes now," said Elaine Baker, also a longtime volunteer for the Down Home Country Bazaar. One thing that has not changed, "We still use the same soup recipe, Hamburger Vegetable," Jeffers said.

Funds raised by the Down Home Country Bazaar have been put to excellent use in the community, Baker said.

Organizations that have benefited from donations include Black Canyon Boys & Girls Club; Dolphin House; Grand Mesa Camp; Haven House; Hospice & Camp Good Grief; Hospital layettes; House of Promise; Montrose High School Baccalaureate; Montrose High School Safe Graduation Party; Olathe High School Safe Graduation Party; Sharing Ministries Food Bank; Shepherd's Hand; and the Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

RADIO ROOM WELCOMES QUICKSAND SOUP NOV. 15

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GRAND JUNCTION-Quicksand Soup is a high energy alternative bluegrass band based in Moab, Utah. Led by songwriter Sand Sheff, Quicksand Soup features top notch instrumental talent and catchy and unique songs. Quicksand Soup will be performing LIVE in the KAFM Radio Room on Friday, Nov. 15! Comprised of songwriter Sand Sheff, lead guitarist David Steward, mandolinist Eric Jones, bass player Alan Snow, and fiddler Tamara Frieda, Quicksand Soup is a well-rounded quintet that will leave crowds wanting more! Music Row Magazine in Nashville, Tennessee has called them the definition of Americana. Their songs are infections with strong country, folk, bluegrass, rock, and even jazz influences. Don't miss out on Quicksand Soup! Tickets are \$20 at the door and may be purchased by calling (970) 241-8801, or online at www.kafmradio.org. The Radio Room is located at 1310 Ute Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501.

MUSH! WITH IDITAROD COMPETITOR KAREN LAND, @ MONTROSE LIBRARY

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MONTROSE-Interested in dog sledding? See Mush! with Iditarod Competitor Karen Land, Presented at the Montrose Regional Library on Nov. 21 From 6-8pm. The sport of dog mushing is a dance across some of the most remote wilderness on Earth. Karen Land ran sled dogs for veteran Iditarod racer Terry Adkins for nearly four years before starting her own kennel and race team. Join Karen and her sled dog Noggin for a fun program for all ages, 6-8 pm on Nov. 21.



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Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes

Paying attention to our Ute neighbors

that Manuel Heart won re-election to Chair of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe (UMUT) by a wide margin at their tribal vote this month, after a term out of office. He was the instigator of the free ski weekend that the Telluride Institute and the Telluride Ski Area have been providing to Ignacio and Towaoc youth for the last couple years. And he gave the Ute invocation at the Telluride Mushroom Festival this year ... According to the Cortez Journal, he supports a plan to grow hemp on the reservation, perhaps bring sports betting to the Ute Mountain casino, and revive the Ute Mountain pottery business in Cortez, which has closed. "Our people make a lot of arts and crafts and need a place to sell those. The pottery store was our first business and has a lot of history, and we need to get it back open," he explained.

OTHER UTE NEWS Archie House Jr. and Darwin Whiteman Jr. were both elected to the UMUT council out of nine candidates who ran this month, and Malcolm Lehi won the White Mesa (UT) council seat by just one vote over Suzette Morris, 32-31. Incumbent Elaine Cantsee came in third with 27 votes ... According to the award-winning Southern Ute Drum, all three Ute tribes - UMUT, the Southern Ute Tribe and the Ute Indian Tribe of Utah - participated in a ethnographic study this summer in the Bonita Peaks Mining District near Silverton conducted by contractors for the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and the Environmental Protection Agency. The primary goal was to identify plant species, locations, and their Ute uses and to identify any toxicological link that may exist due to plant absorption of heavy metals associated with acid mine drainage in the area.

SCIENCE ODDS&ENDS ... Billion-year-old fungi have been found in the Canadian Arctic, according to the August issue of Scientific American. Radioactive dating

MANUEL HEART ... I was delighted to learn techniques confirmed the find, which topped the oldest known fungus fossils by over 500 million years ... An August issue of The Week reported on a deadly fungus that could be spreading due to a warming climate. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have called the multi-drug resistant Candida auris "a serious global health threat," particularly to people with weakened immune systems. Discovered a decade ago in Japan, about one-third of infected patients die. Unlike a virus, which typically radiates out from one source, the superbug emerged simultaneously in multiple countries, including the U.S., India and South Africa. Humans typically develop fungal infections on the coolest part of their bodies, such as feet and fingers, since fungi can't survive the warmer internal temperatures internal. But John Hopkins scientists wonder if a changing climate hasn't allowed this fungus to adapt, unhappily for humans ... Research is ongoing in using the larvae of the Greater Wax Moth (Galleria mellonella), found throughout the world, to digest polyethylene. Students at Clarion University did studies this year that showed that the moths consumed the polyethylene, widely used in plastic production, without any toxic byproduct. The worms, they hypothesized could be "a viable method for reducing plastic waste and the worms could then be fed to chickens without harm ... Speaking of larvae, Wired magazine has touted the benefits of the Black Soldier Fly maggots (Hermetia illucens). The larvae are highly efficient in converting proteins, much calcium, and many amino acids into human edible forms. In 432 hours, 1 gram (0.035 oz) of black soldier fly eggs convert into 5.3 pounds of protein. These decomposers do not produce protein, but convert human-inedible protein into edible food. In addition, BioCycle is using them to convert waste into biodiesel, EnviroFlight feeds brewing waste to them and their poop makes food for prawns, and AgriProtein are building fly farms around the

world to supply farmers with cheap insectbased animal feeds to replace soy and fishmeal.

THE ORIGIN OF BREAD ... It's been long believed that bread devel-

Ute Mountain Ute Tribe Chair Manuel Heart.

Courtesy photo.

oped from farming societies. But the recent discovery of blackened pita-like bread crumbs in a ceremonial building dating back 14,400 years to the Natufian culture in ancient Jordan overturns that belief. Study author Amaia Arranz Otaegui told the Washington Post last year, "Our work shows that bread was not a product of settled, complex societies but of a Paleolithic hunter-gatherer society." However, since collecting and grinding enough wild grains to make flour and eventually bread was such an arduous process, it may have eventually helped spur the development of agriculture.

WEEKLY QUOTA ... "In the Western tradition there is a recognized hierarchy of beings, with, of course, the human being on top-the pinnacle of evolution, the darling of Creation—and the plants at the bottom. But in Native ways of knowing, human people are often referred to as "the younger brothers of Creation." We say that humans have the least experience with how to live and thus the most to learn-we must look to our teachers among the other species for guidance. Their wisdom is apparent in the way that they live. They teach us by example. They've been on the earth far longer than we have been, and have had time to figure things out." - Robin Wall Kimmerer, Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants



Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes, continued

THE TALKING GOURD

Autumn Morning in Philadelphia

I choose to believe the evidence of a world before or after I'm in it hoax and fake as some have claimed dinosaur bones and fossils, salted across the earth by God to test our faith

Yet all over this city mothers serenade babies in many languages and in the courtyard around Independence Hall chestnut and elm leave fall in patterns never the exact same again, large as the parchment of historical documents.

> -Aaron Anstett Colorado Springs from Please State the Nature of Your Emergency





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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

OURAY ELKS HAUNTED HOUSE AND CARNIVAL OCT. 31, NOV. 1st & 2ND

Special to Art & Sol

OURAY-Every year the Ouray Elks lodge presents a Halloween Haunted House and carnival for all area kids and adults, and this year's event will be the biggest and best ever, according to event chairman Tim Walter. "We have more cool special effects than ever, candy for the kids, a great haunted maze and special spooky carnival games with prizes. To make sure that everyone in the area has a chance to experience this great event, we're holding it on three nights: Thursday October 31st, Friday, November 1st and Saturday November 2nd and it's open to the public. We've prepared this for adults as well as the kiddoes, so bring the whole family. We guarantee a great time for all."

For a preview, just check out the decorations outside the lodge! Last year's carnival booths got rave reviews. The fun starts at 5:30 pm each night, and will continue until 8:30 pm. Admission, which includes a trip through the haunted house and one game ticket, is just \$12 for adults, \$10 for kids 5 – 17, \$15 for an unlimited pass, and kids under 5 are free, with a \$2 discount if you bring canned goods for donation to charity.

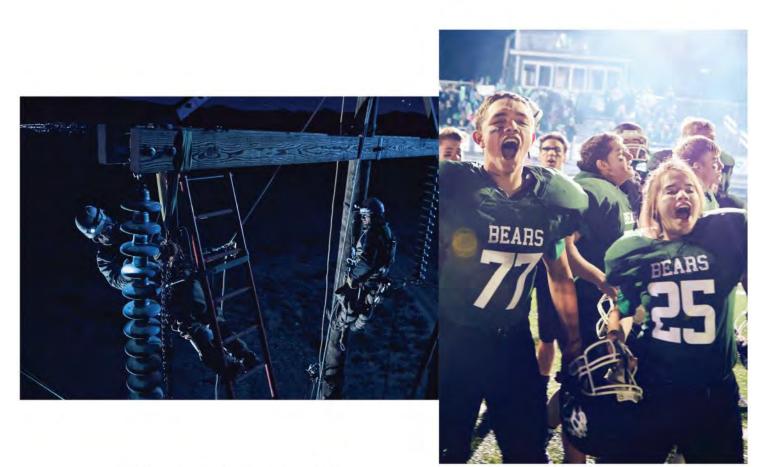
OURAY ELKS VETERANS' DINNER AND TURKEY BINGO NOV. 9

Special to Art & Sol

OURAY-It's November, and that means it's time for Ouray Elks Lodge 492's annual Veterans' dinner and Turkey Bingo Saturday, November 9th, open to the public. The lodge is providing a delicious spaghetti dinner for \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids under 12, or \$25 for a family of four, beginning at 5:30 PM, followed by Bingo at 7:00 PM, and all veterans eat for free! Bingo cards are \$5.00 each, and winners of each of the 10 games will get a full turkey dinner with all the trimmings. There will also be a harvest dessert auction, and drawing for the Elks' gun raffle.

"This is a very popular event, and every dime we take in will go directly to Veterans' support programs," said veterans' event coordinator Manette Steele. "Support of our veterans and active troops is one of the Elks' most important programs, both nationally and locally. Plan on having a great evening of food and fun with us that will directly support America's Veterans. Last year we raised \$1000, and we'd like to beat that this year. Come out, bring the family and enjoy the whole evening."

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Contact one of our care navigators to explore all community services and resources or for a benefits checkup. hike along the Nature Discovery Trail (meet at the Visitor Center). Activities along the trail will include: Hands -on educational stations about spiders, bats, owls, bears, and animal night vision. PLUS a few "spooky" stops!We'll have a campfire and roast marshmallows by the tipi afterwards! Please bring a flashlight and dress appropriately. Please call the park for updates: (970)626-5822. \$8 park pass required.

LIBRARY VOICES PRESENTS "SAVING CREATION," BY ROBIN SMITH

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-Montrose Regional Library welcomes Library Voices: Saving Creation, presented by Robin Smith on Monday, Nov. 18, 6:30-8 p.m. in the Montrose Library Meeting Room. The first people to settle North America 15,000 years ago saw camels, zebras, lions, cheetahs, rhinoceros, and woolly mammoths. They also saw bizarre creatures like the Volkswagen Beetle-sized armadillo called a Glyptodont, ground sloths that tipped the scales at 7,700 pounds, and giant Saber-toothed Cats. But they are all extinct now -57 species of Megafauna gone in the blink of an eye. Where did they go? Is their disappearance related to the 24,000 species of plants and animals worldwide that are threatened with extinction today? If you want to know more, then you must see this fascinating presentation.



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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

14TH ANNUAL BENEFIT FOR COMMUNITY OPTIONS & UNCOMPANGRE VALLEY ALLIANCE

By Jim Womeldorf

MONTROSE-Mark your cultural calendar for Saturday, Nov. 9, as Mountainfilm on Tour is coming to the Montrose Pavilion for the 14th Annual benefit for Community Options and Uncompahgre Valley Alliance. This evening of world-class short films selected from the annual Telluride Mountainfilm festival will inspire film-goers of all ages. Focusing on adventure, world cultures, extreme sports and unusual human endeavors, the films offer something for anyone who loves our world and "the indomitable human spirit."

Sure to please the locals, "The San Juan Dance Club" shows what fun formal dancing can be for singles and couples right here in Montrose. Another of the ten films is "Danny Daycare" a hilarious look at why a parent should never let a stunt mountain biker take care of their infant for a day. A few of the other films include a look at the new Olympic sport of speed climbing in "Up to Speed," a glimpse of Doug Peacock's life in "Grizzly Country," a wingsuit flyover of an active volcano by Roberta Mancino in "Coming in Hot," and a portrait of a pastor who goes on daily runs in the amazing Faroe Islands.

With a staff of 200, Community Options supports 500 adults and children in our area who have intellectual and developmental disabilities with an array of services. Uncompander Valley Alliance is a dedicated group of citizen volunteers who advocate for social justice for all people and who work to preserve the beautiful environment of Western Colorado. Both organizations contribute to the quality and diversity of life in Western Colorado.

Doors will open at 4:30 pm for a Silent Auction and cash bar, with the show starting at 6:30.

Thanks to the generous underwriting support of Four Seasons Investment Advisors, Alpine Bank, Masters and Viner Law Firm, and Karen Mercer, no tickets are required, but there is a suggested donation of \$10. Be sure to come early, as this event typically fills the Pavilion to capacity.

MONTROSE COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM HOSTS TOUR

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MONTROSE-The Montrose County Historical Museum takes a walk on the Spooky Side with tales of ghost stories on Oct. 30th. The museum's ghost authority intertwines history and legends on a walk down Montrose's shadowy Main Street and dark alleyways. Armed with flashlights, patrons will hear mysterious tales of the town's eerie history of paranormal activity and perhaps have their own experiences to share afterward! Montrose County Historical Museum is the starting point for the tour which starts at 6 pm and lasts till about 7:30 p.m.. The cost is \$10/person, please RSVP space is limited at 970-249-2085.











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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS BCBGC'S CRAB CRACK IS BACK

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MONTROSE-The Black Canyon Boys & Girls Club's (BCBGC) 5th Annual Crab Crack fundraiser, presented by Elevate Fiber, will be held on Friday Nov. 15 at 6 p.m. at the Montrose Pavilion. Tickets are \$60 and include all you can eat crab, shrimp, andouille sausage, Olathe sweet corn, potatoes, bread, and dessert. For an extra \$25, you can get an event glass and visit the beer & wine garden. There will be a live benefit auction, special appearance by event mascot Camy Crab, a photo booth, and live music. Tickets and sponsorship information is available online at https://www.blackcanyontickets.com/event/5th-annual-crab-crack/ or by e-mailing btaylor@bcbgc.org. Hurry and get your tickets while you can, this event will sell out! All proceeds from the event benefit the Black Canyon Boys & Girls Club of Montrose and Olathe. For more information on the Club check out <u>www.bcbgc.org</u>.

10 CO STATE PARKS LAUNCHING AUGMENTED REALITY TRAIL MISSIONS IN OCTOBER

Special to Art & Sol

DENVER – Colorado Parks and Wildlife is partnering with Agents of Discovery, an educational mobile gaming platform, to create augmented reality trail missions at 10 different state parks. The missions, which task users with accomplishing educational and fun outdoor activities at state parks, can be accessed by smartphone users by downloading the Agents of Discovery app from the <u>App</u> and <u>Play</u> stores. Missions are free to play and, once downloaded, do not require Wi-Fi or a data connection. Examples at CPW state parks include a Halloween-themed trail at Staunton State Park. St. Vrain State Park has Junior Ranger activities. Barr Lake State Park has a mission on the Neidrach

Trail by the visitor center, as well as a water trail where you take a kayak out on Barr Lake to learn about the history of the park. It's a way that CPW is trying to engage kids and families with nature using technology," said Barr Lake State Park Manager Michelle Seubert. "So many people have smartphones. Instead of fighting with them to keep it in their pockets, why not let them use it to discover interesting things about the park?"

"Over 70 percent of people own smartphones, so why not try to utilize this device that everyone is carrying to help educate and inform people about the cool things and places where they're at?" said CPW Statewide Interpretation & Wildlife Viewing Coordinator Mary McCormac. "They can play games and get info and it's a fun way to integrate technology into outdoor learning."

Get started by downloading the Agents of Discovery app and visiting one of the state parks below.

State parks with augmented reality trail missions Barr Lake Chatfield Cherry Creek Cheyenne Mountain Eleven Mile Ridgway St. Vrain Staunton Steamboat Lake Trinidad Lake

BEAVER PELTS & SLAVES: FORT UNCOMPAHGRE & THE OLD SPANISH TRAIL

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-Author and Fort Uncompahgre volunteer historian Dave Fishell will present a fascinating program on the Fort and the Old Spanish Trail known as the old path. During the early 1800s Fort Uncompahgre; once located near today's town of Delta; was a busy fur trade era post. The northern branch of the Old Spanish Trail also connected the fort with Santa Fe, New Mexico and southern California. This vast region was then part of Mexico. Fishell will also cover horse stealing and the slave trade that probably passed through the Fort, flintlock rifles and how not to throw a tomahawk. This program is brought to you by the Ute Indian Museum and Fort Uncompahgre Interpretive Center. FREE admission. Wednesday, Nov. 6, 6:30 – 8 pm. Ute Indian Museum. 17253 Chipeta Road, Montrose, CO. 970 249-3098.



Early 1800s Fort Uncompanyere. Courtesy photo.



GETTING OUTSIDE WITH CHILDREN AT LOCAL PARKS: FRIENDS OF YOUTH & NATURE

Friends of Youth and Nature

MONTROSE-Color Sunday has come and gone, and less dependable weather makes it harder to get outside with children. Luckily many local parks are easy to access and provide the means to experience nature safely close to home. This can be a family fun challenge: create a parks checklist and have a goal and reward for getting to them all!

Mesa County:

The City of Grand Junction Parks and Recreation Department has a wonderful resource listing all 36 parks alphabetically in the Grand Junction area (<u>https://</u><u>www.gicity.org/residents/parks-</u><u>recreation/parks/</u>). Under 'Parks'' click on each park name and it will give you specifics about the size of the park and amenities available. For example, Autumn Ridge Park is a smaller park of 1.5 acres with picnic tables and grills; Canyon View Park is 110 acres with sports fields, playground, shelters, trails, restrooms and more.

Fruita has a similar website (<u>https://</u><u>www.fruita.org/parksrec/parksites</u>) that describes each of its 12 parks including a bike park with beginning and intermediate skill-building bike pump tracks. The section on this website under parks and trails lists popular hiking and bike trails, giving you the opportunity to take in gorgeous scenery and local wildlife.

On the east side of the Grand Valley, several five-star parks are available in Palisade. Enjoy walking or riding bicycles under the trees along the paved path at Riverbend Park, having a picnic near the play equipment at Veteran's Memorial park, or romping in the green space at the Palisade Community Center park. Addresses can be found by googling Parks and Recs near Palisade, CO. Montrose County:

The City of Montrose website (https:// www.cityofmontrose.org/266/Parks-Trails -Sports-Facilities) lists 29 fabulous parks, open spaces, concrete and single-track trails, and a water sports park. By clicking on the 'interactive map' and 'view larger map' you can see each park with amenities, including the 4.25 acre Montrose dog park located in Cerise Regional Park where you can let Fido play in a safe fenced-in area.

Six parks in and near the town of Olathe are listed on their website (<u>http://</u> <u>www.townofolathe.org/town-of-olathe-</u> <u>parks.html</u>). A variety of facilities are available from Olathe Community Park at the south end of town to the Onion Park on Olathe's north side. The Olathe Town park on 5th street has a spectacular new playground purchased through a Colorado Health Foundation grant.

Delta County:

The City of Delta has 11 parks on their interactive map (<u>https://cityofdelta.net/</u> <u>parksites</u>). Clicking on the name of the park, either on the map or on the list provided, takes you to a detailed description of each fabulous park, including year of establishment and amenities present. The North Fork area includes a listing of 18 parks near the towns of Crawford, Hotchkiss, and Paonia (<u>http://</u>

www.northforkrecreation.com/

parks.html). These descriptions include the Black Canyon National Park and Crawford State Park, as well as the Delta County Fairgrounds adjacent to the Doctor Maloney Nature Park and its new disc golf course. Crossroads Park next to the North Fork Pool on Bulldog Street, has two new bike skill-building pump tracks, as well as



FOYAN courtesy photo.

single-track trails maintained by the North Fork chapter of the Colorado Mountain Bike Association (COPMOBA).

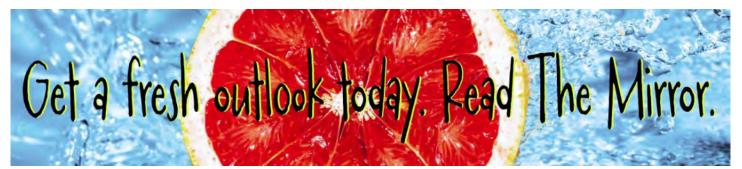
The Surface Creek area, including Orchard City (Cory, Austin, and Eckert) and Cedaredge, have some beautiful parks and recreation facilities.

Information can be found on the internet about these facilities: Orchard City Town Park (https://www.orchardcityco.org/36/ Orchard-City-Town-Park), Cedaredge Town Park (350-398 SW 2nd Ave, Cedaredge, CO 81413), and the Surface Creek Trail in Cedaredge (https:// www.hikingproject.com/trail/7058563/ surface-creek-trail).

These are just a few of the great variety of outdoor resources available close to home. Remember to obey local park rules and be respectful of others' nature experiences.

Get outside with your kids and enjoy all these amazing parks have to offer! For more outdoor safety tips, trail game ideas, and hiking trails, visit the Friends of Youth and Nature website:

(www.friendsofyouthandnature.org). FOY-AN is a non-profit that promotes opportunities for youth and families to go outside, experiencing outdoor activities and exploring nature.



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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 <u>info@bosombuddiesswc.org</u>.

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 through 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 through Dec. 11, 10am - 11am. Family-friendly story time featuring stories, songs, and activities. Toddler-preschool age appropriate.

MONTHLY-

Oct. 23-Adulting 101: Adaptive Tools for Applying for a Job. Oct. 23, 6-8 p.m. Montrose Library Meeting Room. Presented by Janice Becker of Becker Career Counseling, LLC, this is a course to teach people with disabilities how to apply for a job. All adults are welcome to join these free, informative discussions. Refreshments are provided.

Oct. 23-Meet Jennifer Sparks - author of <u>Slow Travel: Escape the Grind & Explore the World</u>, on Wednesday Oct. 23 at 7 pm upstairs in the Cobble Creek Club House - 699 Cobble Drive, Montrose.

Oct. 28-Hispanic Affairs Project presents 'Stories Beyond Borders,' Monday Oct. 28 at 6:30 pm, Montrose Library, 320 S 2nd St. Montrose, CO 81401. RSVP Link here.

Oct. 30-The Montrose County Historical Museum takes a walk on the Spooky Side with tales of ghost stories on Oct. 30th. The museum's ghost authority intertwines history and legends on a walk down Montrose's shadowy Main Street and dark alleyways. Armed with flashlights, patrons will hear mysterious tales of the town's eerie history of paranormal activity and perhaps have their own experiences to share afterward! Montrose County Historical Museum is the starting point for the tour which starts at 6 pm and lasts till about 7:30 p.m.. The cost is \$10/person, please RSVP space is limited at 970-249-2085.

Oct. 31-Trick or Treat @ Valley Manor Care Center, 3:30 p.m. until candy runs out.

Oct. 31, Nov. 1 & 2--Ouray Elks "Delirium" Haunted House, 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm, open to the public. Amazing effects, haunted maze, spooky carnival booths with prizes and more. \$12 adults, \$10 ages 5 – 17, kids under 5 under free, \$15 unlimited pass. \$2 off with donation of canned goods for charity.

Oct. 31-Downtown Trick or Treat, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Main Street. Costume Contest near Real Estate Store 11 a.m.

Nov. 2-San Juan Healthcare Foundation invites you to experience The Jersey Tenors at the Montrose Pavilion. VIP tickets \$100; General Admission \$35. Call 970-252-2580 for VIP reservations. General Admission tickets at <u>www.ourtownmatters.net</u>.

Nov. 4-Montrose Women's Giving Club meets at Bridges of Montrose, 2500 Bridges Drive 5:30 to 7 p.m. Club meets once per quarter to select the next non-profit to receive quarterly donations. Each member pays \$100 per quarter plus a \$10 hospitality fee to participate and has the chance to nominate a non-profit. Members must be present to vote.

Nov. 4-Monday Nov. 4 at 6:30 at Montrose Library, Citizens' Climate Lobby presents National Geographic's Global Meltdown with Bill Nye and Arnold Schwarzenegger explores Earth's warming through the 5 stages of grief to seek solutions and help ease polarization. All welcome.

Nov. 5-Talking Gourds Poetry Club is delighted to welcome "mother poet" Barbara Rockman of Santa Fe to our early November club meeting as featured performer. Mark the date: Tuesday, Nov. 5, at 6 p.m. at the gallery headquarters of our partner -- Telluride Arts, 135 West Pacific Avenue in Telluride.

Nov. 5-From 4-5 p.m., Montrose Regional Library Chess Club-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.

Nov. 6-Adulting 101: Diet & Exercise. On Nov. 6, 6-8 p.m., in the Montrose Library Meeting Room. Learn how to maintain a healthy lifestyle through diet and exercise. Move more – exercise less: Tips for embracing the body's need for movement and escaping the exercise doldrums. Presented by: John Wagner, Fitness Leader, Montrose Recreation District, and Lindsey Fishering MS, RD, CNSC, Dietitian, Montrose Memorial Hospital. This program is free and open to adults of all ages. Refreshments are provided.

Nov. 8-9-Join Ridgway Creative District (RCD) and Ridgway Chautauqua Society at the Sherbino Theater for the fifth annual Ridgway Independent Film Festival on Friday and Saturday evenings, Nov. 8 and 9 from 6:30 – 9:30PM. Doors open at 6 PM at the Sherbino, 604 Clinton St., Ridgway. **Nov. 9-**-Veterans turkey bingo and spaghetti dinner, Ouray Elks lodge, all proceeds go to veterans support. Spaghetti dinner 5:30 pm \$10 adults, \$5/ kids under 12, or \$25 family of four, all Vets eat for free! Bingo starts 7 pm, \$5/card, all 10 game winners get a turkey with all the trimmings.

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Photographer Martin Crespin captured this image of the South Fork of the Gunnison River three weeks ago.

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