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COUNTY BREAKS HHS INTO TWO DEPARTMENTS TO BETTER SERVE CONSTITUENT NEEDS



BOCC Chair Sue Hansen, Commissioner Keith Caddy, and County Attorney Marti Whitmore on Nov. 6.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-In a brief regular meeting Nov. 6, the Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) made a change to the Department of Health & Human Services, breaking it into two departments. BOCC Vice Chair Roger Rash was not present at the meeting. Pastor Buddy Cook of 1st Church of the Nazarene delivered the morning's invocation.

Following the invocation, BOCC Chair Sue Hansen said, "It just reminds me about what a great country we live in...post-election, that we can all debate; we don't agree, but we can come out with solutions that hopefully lead us into the future."

She welcomed visiting City Councilor Doug Glaspell to the meeting.

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TINY HOUSE EXPERTS NOW LOCAL Trailer Made Custom Trailers Now in Olathe

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-The 3rd Annual Manufacturers Expo, hosted by Montrose Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), was held on Friday, Nov. 8 at the Montrose Pavilion.

One highlight of the Expo was the announcement that Trailer Made Custom Trailers, LLC, has become Olathe's newest manufacturer.

Trailer Made Custom Trailers, located in Denver for six-years, relocated to Olathe and officially opened their doors on Aug. 1. Located at 1001 Industrial Ave., the new 32,000 ft facility previously housed Weather-Port.

Owners Damon and Natalie DesChamp have a network of dealers and builders

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Sixty-days ago Trailer Made Custom Trailers co-owners Natalie and Damon DesChamp relocated their manufacturing business from Denver to Olathe, Colorado. Damon said, "We can fix the housing crisis one tiny house at a time. We are building affordable homes, better homes for tomorrow." Photo by Gail Marvel.

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CENTENNIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL HONORS VETERANS' DAY



On Friday, Nov. 8 Centennial Middle School hosted the 24th Annual Veterans' Day Assembly. Above, Centennial Principal Joe Simo welcomed veterans and community members. At right, Retired USAF Lt. Colonel Terri Wilcox addressed students, staff and community members. Wilcox retired from the military in 2008 after 25 and a half years of service. "Ours is a life of service above self," she told listeners, in a moving keynote speech.



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ATTEND RESCHEDULED MONTROSE CITY COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, NOV. 12 @ 11A.M.

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MONTROSE-Montrose City Council will convene for a regular meeting (rescheduled from Nov. 5 due to the Municipal election) at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 12. Council will issue proclamations in support of American Indian Heritage Month; Hospice and Palliative Care Month; and Small Business Saturday (Nov. 30).

ORDINANCE 2490-FIRST READING

Council will consider approving Ordinance 2490, providing and appropriating funds for defraying the expenses and liabilities of the City for the fiscal year starting Jan. 1, 2020.

RESOLUTION 2019-25

Council will consider approving Resolution 2019-25, authorizing the filing of a 1306 Brownfields Cleanup Grant Program application; authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Black Mountain Capital, LLC to prepare the grant application and carry out administrative duties upon a grant award; and authorizing the City Manager to execute the grant contract with the Colorado Department of Health and Environment (CDPHE) and city staff to act on behalf of the grant award.

UNCOMPAHGRE RIVER TEMPERATURE & FLOW DATA COLLECTION SYSTEM DESIGN

Council will consider approving an agreement with Wright Water Engineers for the design of the Uncompahgre River Temper-




City Council will convene for a regular meeting at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 12. Mirror file photo.

ature and Flow Data System in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE RECOGNIZES DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Area Wildlife Manager, Renzo DelPiccolo, along with other District Wildlife Managers, pictured, recognized the DA's Office and two individual Deputy DAs for their efforts and work prosecuting wildlife offense cases in the 7th Judicial District.

The award was presented on November 1, 2019, to the entire staff of the DA's Office for their "...dedication to protecting the wildlife of Colorado and for outstanding efforts to prosecute those who would attempt to steal the 'CROWN JEWEL' of Colorado."

Deputy DA Jason Wilson was recognized for the prosecution of Jon Joseph Miller in Montrose District Court involving the poaching of a bear.

Deputy DA Aubrey Vila was recognized for the prosecution of a complex case in Ouray County involving the baiting of elk during hunting season.

CPW also specifically recognized Deputy DA Matthew Magliaro, Victim Services Supervisor Aimee English, and Legal Services Staff Dawn Schlauger during their presentation.

The District Attorney's Office is committed to being a leader in the State of Colorado in the prosecution of wildlife cases.

Our District boasts some of the best hunting, fishing and recreation country in the world.

As prosecutors, we play a vital role in safeguarding the wildlife resources that are the crown jewel of our State, that sustain our economy and that provide enjoyment to residents and visitors.

We are proud to continue our partnership of outstanding work with the officers and staff of the Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife in the prosecution of cases involving violations of the laws in place to protect our wildlife.



Recognition of DA's Office, 7th Judicial District, by CPW on Nov. 1:

Left to Right: Natalie Renneker, District Wildlife Manager/Montrose-West; Renzo DelPiccolo, Area wildlife Manager; Kelly Crane, District Wildlife Manager/Ridgway; Aubrey Vila, Deputy District Attorney; Jason Wilson, Deputy District Attorney; Garrett Watson, Game Damage/Commercial Parks Manager; Matt Ortega, District Wildlife Manager/Montrose-East; Dan Hotsenpiller, District Attorney; Mark Richman, District Wildlife Manager/Delta. Courtesy photo.



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CPW HONORS VETERANS, ACTIVE-DUTY MILITARY WITH FREE STATE PARK ENTRY 11/11

Special to the Mirror

DENVER - On Nov. 11, Colorado Parks and Wildlife offers veterans and active-duty military members free admission to any of Colorado's 41 state parks.

"It's our small but sincere gesture of appreciation for those who have selflessly protected our country," said Colorado Parks and Wildlife Director Dan Prenzl. "We want to recognize our brave military members for safeguarding our way of life."

"To make Veterans Day extra special, we are providing the opportunity for those who have served, or who currently serve, in our armed forces to enjoy our parks free of charge with friends and family."

The park entrance fee is waived for any individuals sharing vehicles with qualified service members. Military members or veterans must present proof of military service at the park gate to receive free entry. All other park fees, such as camping or fishing fees, still apply.

Military identification methods include:

Military ID card

Applicable DD Form

Veterans Affairs health identification card

A current Colorado Driver's License or state-issued identification card with the veteran seal printed on it

Hiking, biking, picnicking and wildlife viewing are just some of the activities enjoyed in Colorado's state parks in November. [Use our park finder](#) to locate a park near you and plan your Veterans Day visit.

To learn more about other military benefits offered by CPW year-round, visit

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Veterans, Active-Duty Military, and accompanying friends and family can enjoy free entry at Colorado State Parks this Veterans Day. CPW courtesy photo.

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OLATHE MARAUDERS DOMINATE DELTA IN SUPER BOWL GAME



Living up to their name, the Olathe Marauders dominated and won the Super Bowl game on Nov. 2 vs the Delta Jaguars. Courtesy photos.

Mirror staff report

OLATHE—Living up to their name, the Olathe Marauders dominated and won the Super Bowl game on Nov. 2 vs the Delta Jaguars. Final score in the 5/6th grade tackle Football Championship was 39-6.

Said Defense Coach Robert Walraven, “This is Olathe’s first championship since 2003—we lost our first game of the year

and then won 11 games in a row to win the championship!

“I’m proud of our team and the season we had.”

Walraven, who has been coaching for seven years, works with Head Coach John Waterman and Special Teams Coach John Thomas.

“We all help each other,” he said.

The kids on the team brought a fresh

attitude to the game, he added. For one thing, they never gave up.

“They had good team chemistry,” Walraven said. “They played well together. And it was a fun season—we had some close games, where the difference between winning and losing was only a point or two.

“We have a lot of good memories, for sure.”

COMMUNITY MEETING SHORT-TERM RENTALS

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PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no comments from the public on non-agenda items.

COUNTY MANAGER

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda items were accepted, with resolution number 38-2019 added to Item 3 and resolution number 39-2019 added to Item 6.

GENERAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Resolution 40-2019

Commissioners voted to approve Resolution 40-2019, presented by Interim County Health Director Jim Austin. The resolution divides the Health & Human Services Department into two separate, distinct departments: Montrose County Public Health and Montrose County Human Services.

Said Hansen, "...We used to have human services and the public health department as one, under one director. We made the decision that we thought it would be better and more efficiently run if we had two directors. They are very different in the scope, and we thought that would be a better decision."

Austin read Resolution 40-2019 into the record; Interim Human Services Director Jennifer Sherwood was also present.

Commissioner Keith Caddy said, "I think it's a good thing. They are two separate

entities that need to be ran separately...I think one side suffers when the other side is getting good service, and vice versa.

"It's hard to find somebody who can do both jobs."

Resolution 41-2019

Resolution 41-2019 was approved as well, establishing a posted speed limit of 45 miles per hour on the newly-paved section of Dave Wood Road below the Ouray County line. Public Works Director Keith Laube said, "...It's paved from town going up to Dave Wood, (but) the last approximately 20 miles to the County line had been gravel and had been posted at 35 miles per hour. "Now that we have that paved and we have the paint striping completed—we have driven that road—there are three curves that will have advisory speeds posted of less than 45 miles per hour, but the rest of the road is fine to be posted at 45 in our opinion."

Resolution 42-2019

Also approved was Resolution 42-2019, establishing a posted speed limit of 30 miles per hour on FF26 Road extending west to Crabtree Road. Laube said, "This is near Naturita; it's really the extension of Crabtree Road that's in the town limits."

The town section of the road has a posted speed limit of 25 miles per hour and the County section of the road has never had a posted speed limit, Laube said. The road section sees roughly 50 cars per day, and a speed study showed that speeds on

the roadway average 32 to 38 miles per hour. "So, we are proposing a posted speed limit of 30 miles per hour," Laube said.

Planning Commission Re-Appointments

Administrative Support Manager Susan Byrne presented three re-appointments for consideration; all were approved. Re-appointed to the Montrose County Planning Commission for three-year terms ending on Dec. 31, 2022 were David Seymour, Dennis Murphy, and Jim Haugsness (alternate #2). Hansen expressed thanks for the appointees, and to Planning & Development Director White for working with them. "...the Planning Commission puts in a inordinate amount of time in with the decisions of the county and the master plan...I think it's really great that we have such dedicated people and that want to re-up...some of these people have been on a long time, and they still want to do service...I appreciate what you do, Steve.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ITEMS

Two Planning & Development items were presented by White; both items were approved. First was the Distel Minor Subdivision proposal to divide a 46.55-acre lot into two lots at 6750 5600 Road. Second was the Caufield Minor Subdivision proposal to divide a 10.884-acre lot into two lots at 62773 Niagara Road.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at just over 15 minutes.

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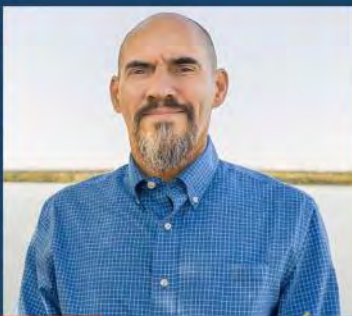


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reaching more than 35 states and a few foreign countries. The company supplies foundations, cold formed steel framing, design and construction of tiny home RVs and park-model modular homes to more than 200 professional builders nationwide.

For more than four seasons the DesChamps worked with Tiny House Nation, which can be seen on A&E or Discovery Networks. Damon said, "In the industry our team is known as the "Tiny House Experts."

Trailer Made Custom Trailers currently employs 15 people, most of whom are new local hires. Natalie said. "We're looking for welders now. Later we will be hiring more people in construction."

Natalie credits MEDC and DCED (Delta County Economic Development) for their help with the relocation process.

Trailer Made Custom Trailers can be reached at 303-990-9497 or office@trailermadetrailers.com.

MONTROSE GROUP TO FOCUS ON DISABILITY INCLUSION

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Graduate student Christine Ungerer, pictured at right, is coordinating a focus group for her master's degree with the focus on Disability Inclusion. This group will meet on Nov. 14 from 6pm-8pm in the Centennial Room, and is open to all who want to help make Montrose more accessible for members of our community.



Graduate student Christine Ungerer will coordinate a focus group on disability inclusion Nov. 14.



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FATAL TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - PEACH VALLEY AREA

Delta County Sheriff's Office

DELTA COUNTY-At approximately 9:15 pm on Saturday, Nov. 9, 2019; the Delta County Communications Center was notified of a serious traffic accident at the intersection of 2100 Road and E Road in the Peach Valley area of Delta. Deputies responded to the scene along with Delta County Ambulance District, Delta Fire Department and Colorado State Patrol.

Upon arrival, deputies discovered two (2) current Delta High School students and two (2) recent high school graduates were injured in the accident. We are deeply saddened to report that one of the occupants, a senior at Delta High School, was

pronounced dead on-scene. Two occupants were transported to St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Junction where they are reported to be in critical condition. One occupant was transported to Delta County Memorial Hospital and is reported to be in stable condition.

Due to this being an active investigation involving juveniles and pending notification of families, no names, ages or other details are being released. We would like to ask that everyone please be considerate of family members during this difficult time and respect their privacy by NOT posting names or details of the accident on social media. Colorado State Patrol's

accident reconstruction team is working to determine the cause of the accident and will share their official findings once their investigation is complete.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all the families and victims in this serious accident and to all the first responders who responded to this scene. This accident will have a profound and lasting impact on our community, students and first responders.

Additional information related to the accident will be shared by Colorado State Patrol and the Delta County Coroner's Office once they have completed their investigations.

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GMUG SEEKS COMMENT ON FOREST HILL MILL & TAILINGS WASHOUT ENGINEERING EVALUATION/COST ANALYSIS (EE/CA)

Special to the Mirror

GUNNISON – The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests' Gunnison Ranger District is seeking public comment during the 30-day public comment period on the EE/CA for the Forest Hill Mill and Tailings Washout site located near the junction of National Forest Service Road (NSFR) #742 (Taylor Road) and NFSR #748, approximately six miles north of Taylor Park Reservoir.

The GMUG is evaluating a non-time critical removal action (NTCRA) to address mill tailings that contain concentrations of metals that may be hazardous to human health and the environment, in accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA).

The Forest Hill site consists of the remnants of a mill and surrounding mine tailings that were historically discharged adjacent to Trail Creek, and areas between

Trail Creek and NFSR #748. Additional tailings washout crossed NFSR #748 via surface water deposited into an Upper Washout Area and into the depositional plain south of Taylor River, called the Lower Washout Area.

The GMUG has conducted a Site Inspection and separate data gap site characterization of the former mill and washout areas, including sampling and chemical analyses of tailings, soil, sediment, and adjacent streams. The results of these studies are presented in the EE/CA report, along with a human health and ecological risk screening.

The objective of the EE/CA is to evaluate and select the removal action alternative that reduces the potential for exposure to acceptable levels, and to reduce the potential for contaminants to migrate or be released.

A public meeting is planned to present the EE/CA report and discuss the removal

action alternatives evaluated:

Meeting Date and Time: November 21, 2019, 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM.

Meeting Location: Fred Field Center, 275 S. Spruce Street, Gunnison Colorado (970-641-8561).

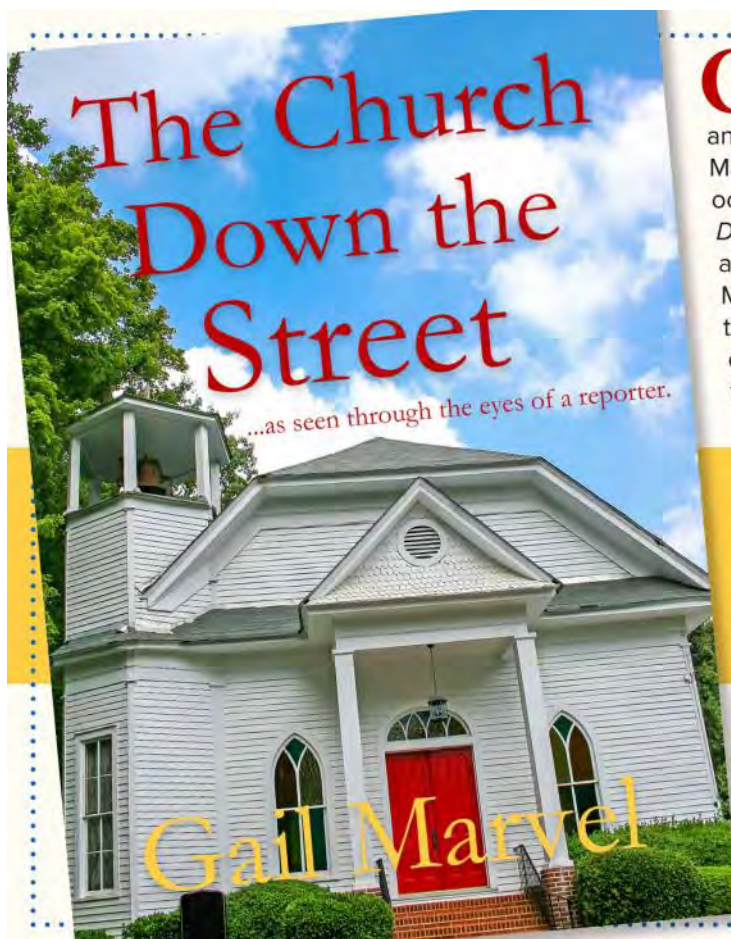
The EE/CA report is available for review at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/ForestHillEECA>.

For further information, contact Curtis Cross, GMUG Forest Engineer, 970-874-6667, curtis.cross@usda.gov

All comments regarding the EE/CA report must be received by the Forest Service by December 12, 2019.

Comments may be: Mailed to the Gunnison Ranger District, 216 N. Colorado, Gunnison, CO, 81230. Delivered to the Gunnison District during business hours, Monday - Friday 8 AM to 5 PM. Submitted by email to: curtis.cross@usda.gov.

For more information, contact the Gunnison District at 970-641-0471.



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

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

GAIL MARVEL

Montrose Author & Reporter



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



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CITY OFFICES TO CLOSE ON VETERANS DAY

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MONTROSE — In observance of Veterans Day, City Hall, Municipal Court, Animal Shelter, Visitor Center, City Shop, Montrose Pavilion, and Police Department offices will close Monday, Nov. 11.

The Black Canyon Golf Course will remain open all day. Police Department offices will be closed; officers will be on duty and responding to calls.

City residential trash customers who would normally receive service on Monday, Nov. 11 will instead be served on Tuesday, Nov. 12 and Wednesday, Nov. 13.

Monday customers located south of San Juan Avenue, will be served Tuesday, Nov. 12. Monday customers residing north of San Juan Avenue will be served Wednesday, Nov. 13.

Recycling customers who would normally receive collection service Monday, Nov. 11 will instead be served Friday, November 15.

For more information contact City Hall at 970.240.1400, or visit CityOfMontrose.org/Holiday.

CITY MANAGER, ASSISTANT TRAVEL TO NASHVILLE FOR ICMA CONFERENCE: BELL APPOINTED TO INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE — Montrose City Manager Bill Bell was appointed to the International City/County Management Association's Governmental Affairs & Policy Committee at the annual ICMA meeting in Nashville last month.

The International City/County Management Association (ICMA) is a worldwide organization that includes city and county managers and other employees who serve local governments. In October, Bell attended his first committee meeting while attending the ICMA Annual Conference in Nashville, Tennessee with Assistant City Manager Ann Morgenthaler. Bell was appointed by ICMA President Jane Brautigam, who serves as the city manager of Boulder, Colorado. Brautigam is the association's president for the 2019-2020 term.

"We had over 5,000 attendees at the ICMA Annual Conference, with local government managers and assistant managers from all over the world participating in educational sessions to learn more about the emerging challenges facing local governments and to study the best practices being implemented in cities across the globe," Bell said.

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GMUG CHRISTMAS TREE PERMITS AVAILABLE NOV. 18

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DELTA-Christmas tree permits will be available for purchase at Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests office locations beginning Nov. 18. The cost per permit is \$8 and may be purchased with cash, check or credit card at National Forest office and vendor locations. There is a maximum of five tree permits per person. Permits will be available and valid from Nov. 18, 2019 through Dec. 31, 2019.

Christmas tree cutting is allowed in most areas on the GMUG with the following exceptions: Wilderness, scenic pullouts, commercial timber sales areas, recreation and ski areas, campgrounds, trailheads, developed sites and administrative areas and otherwise as detailed in the package provided with your permit. Trees may not be cut within 100 feet of any road or trail. Trees must be less than 20 feet tall from the stump, may not be greater than 6 inches in diameter at the base of the tree and the stump height should be no greater than 6 inches high. Topping trees is not allowed (i.e. cutting only the top of the tree and leaving the bottom with limbs attached). Trees are for personal use only and cannot be resold. The tags must be attached to the tree at the cutting location and must be left on the tree until it arrives at its final destination. Maps showing where Christmas tree cutting is allowed are available at all offices where permits are sold and will be provided with permits along with a regulations list.

The GMUG is pleased to continue the 4th Grade Free Christmas Tree Program again this holiday season. Fourth graders are eligible for a free Christmas tree permit through the Every Kid Outdoors Initiative. Every Kid is a nationwide call to action to build the next generation of conservationists. All fourth graders are eligible to receive a fourth grade pass that allows free access to federal lands and waters across the country for a full year. In support of this initiative, the Forest Ser-

vice will make available a free Christmas tree permit to every interested fourth grader who presents a 4th Grade Pass or paper voucher at any GMUG National Forests office location.

Instructions on how to obtain a pass and collect a free tree permit:

In order for students to receive a free Christmas tree permit, they must present a valid 4th Grade Pass or paper voucher printed from the Every Kid Outdoors website: <https://everykidoutdoors.gov/index.htm>. To earn the voucher, simply visit the website, click on the "Get Your Pass" button and follow the instructions to obtain the voucher.

Print out the paper voucher and bring it with you to a District Office on the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests.

The Forest Travel Management Plans and/or weather conditions may close various forest roads prior to or on November 30. As a reminder, Motor Vehicle Use Maps (MVUMs) have been produced for the entire Forest and show forest roads, trails and areas that have been designated for seasonal closures. Motorized users are responsible for obtaining an MVUM to determine where one can drive, ride and recreate. These maps are free and are available at District Offices or on the Forest website: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/gmug>. Snow and winter conditions will dictate road access for Christmas tree harvesting. Conditions associated with winter travel on forest roads may include, but are not limited to: heavy snow, ice, soft shoulders and constantly changing road conditions.

Permit Sale Locations:

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Monday through Saturday
440 N Palmer Drive; Delta, CO
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Supervisor's Office, 8 AM to 4 PM, excluding weekends and holidays
2250 South Main Street; Delta, CO
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Grand Valley Ranger District, 8 AM to 5 PM, excluding weekends and holidays
2777 Crossroads Blvd, Suite 1; Grand Junction, CO

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2505 S. Townsend; Montrose, CO
970-240-5300

Gunnison Ranger District, 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM, excluding weekends and holidays
216 N. Colorado; Gunnison, CO
970-641-0471

Norwood Ranger District, 8 AM to 5 PM, excluding weekends and holidays
1150 Forest; Norwood, CO
970-327-4261

Paonia Ranger District, 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM, excluding weekends and holidays
403 N. Rio Grande Ave.; Paonia, CO
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40486 D Lane, Crawford, CO
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Paonia Flower Shop - Monday-Friday 9 AM-5 PM; Saturday 9 AM-1 PM
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MEDC 2019 EXPO HIGHLIGHTS STATE OF REGIONAL MANUFACTURING



Montrose Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) held their 3rd annual Manufacturers Expo on Friday, Nov. 8, 2019, at the Montrose Pavilion. Approximately 150 people attended the STEMposium round table where attendees listened to 25 local educators, professionals, manufacturers and supporting groups give a brief synopsis about their organization. Photo by Gail Marvel.

By Gail Marvel

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The schedule of events included a STEMposium Round Table from 1 – 2 p.m., with exhibits open from 2 – 6 p.m.

MEDC Executive Director Sandy Head and Montrose County School District Secondary STEM/Gifted Ed Coordinator John Steel facilitated the STEMposium (Science Technology Engineering Mathematics) round table discussion.

Approximately 150 people attended the discussion where they listened to 25 local educators, professionals, manufacturers, and representatives from supporting organizations.

Presenters introduced themselves and gave a brief synopsis on how their organization impacts the Montrose community,

as well as the global community. Discussions highlighted expanding organizations, job opportunities in Montrose and opportunities in a variety of industries. Speakers were relatable and encouraged attendees to visit their booth for one-on-one conversations.

Snippets of information included:

- The state of Colorado has more than 6,000 manufacturers.
- Colorado is known as a recreational state.
- In the state of Colorado there are 144,000 manufacturing jobs.
- Colorado is number one in Aerospace jobs.
- All tasers are built in Colorado.
- Wires for Apple phone chargers are manufactured in Colorado.
- The biggest US export is waste and scrap (Recla Metals).
- Help is available to those who want to market to the federal government.



Mobile Learning Lab. Photo by Gail Marvel.

-There is a demand for private investigators, a profession that relies on technology.

Each year the Expo has continued to grow. Complimenting MEDC on their efforts one presenter said, "Sandy, this is where we all learn what others are doing."

Olathe's newest manufacturer, Trailer Made Custom Trailers, LLC, used the Expo as a platform to announce their relocation from Denver to Olathe.

In the industry, the Trailer Made Custom Trailers team is known as the "Tiny House Experts."

Co-owner Damon DesChamp said, "We were in Denver for six-years and have been in Olathe for 60-days. Let me ask you a question, how would you like to live with your parents forever?" A groan, from youth as well as parents, rippled through the audience. DesChamp noted that America is the only country in the world who doesn't have multiple (generational) family units living together. He said, "We can fix the housing crisis one tiny house at a time. We are building affordable homes, better homes for tomorrow."

The Mobile Learning Lab, which is housed in a semi-truck trailer, experienced an issue with the generator and was unavailable for display until a replacement generator could be found.



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MIRROR IMAGES: MEDC MANUFACTURER'S EXPO

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At right, Tonya Maddox of Our Town Matters, a full-service new media, events and marketing firm, showcased her business at the MEDC Manufacturing Expo.



The schedule of events included a STEMposium Round Table from 1 – 2 p.m., with exhibits open from 2 – 6 p.m. At left, students interact with exhibits.

Below, a vendor displays products designed and carved in Colorado.



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INTERSECTION UPGRADES BEGIN IN MONTROSE COUNTY

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MONTROSE – A Colorado Department of Transportation project improving nearly 50 existing curb ramps, sections of adjacent sidewalks, and curbs and gutters in Montrose and Olathe began last week.

The intersection upgrades will bring them into compliance with *Public Rights of Way Accessibility Guideline (PROWAG)* requirements. These guidelines, developed by the U.S. Access Board, aim to ensure that access for pedestrians with disabilities is provided with the same degree of convenience, connection, and safety afforded the general public.

GENERAL PROJECT SCHEDULE (subject to change): Work began this week at inter-

sections on CO. 348 in Olathe. It then will progress to U.S. 50, CO. 90 and U.S. 550 in Montrose (Please refer to web site for intersection locations; not every corner at each intersection will be upgraded). The project is anticipated to be completed by mid-April 2020, weather permitting.

TRAVEL IMPACTS & CONTACT INFORMATION: Travelers by car, bike, wheelchair or foot can expect various lane and sidewalk closures in existing work zones, during daylight hours, Monday through Friday. Sidewalks, however, are likely to be closed overnights and weekends to allow concrete to set and dry. Access to all businesses will be maintained, but may be temporarily altered. Thank you for going

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The \$1.2 million project is contracted to United Companies of Grand Junction. Please contact the project public information manager at (970) 901-7459 or us50montroseada@gmail.com. Project web site: www.codot.gov/projects/us-550-Montrose-ADA-ramps

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COLORADO OIL & GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION ANNOUNCES DEPUTY DIRECTOR *Scott Cuthbertson to lead COGCC operations efforts*

Special to the Mirror

DENVER - The Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) today announced that Scott Cuthbertson joined the division as Deputy Director of Operations. In his role, he will lead COGCC's organizational operations, program and employee development.

"Scott's extensive experience managing environmental and technical statewide programs will help the COGCC to align and improve our organizational resources and processes. These changes are crucial to our success as we implement our rule-makings," said Director Jeff Robbins. "We welcome Scott and his background to focus on improving our internal best practices and employee development."

Scott has a successful career in natural resources management, with nineteen years of service at the Colorado Department of Natural Resources, where

he was most recently the Deputy State Engineer for Public Safety with the Division of Water Resources. In this role, he managed statewide dam safety, stream hydrography and water well metering inspection teams as well as a Denver based modeling and water information team. Prior to DNR, he had a groundwater consulting firm and was a former refinery

process design engineer and environmental director for Conoco, Inc.

Scott has many years of leadership and management skills and is known for his commitment to his teams and innovative leadership style. He earned a B.S. in Chemical Engineering from Oklahoma State University and is a Registered Professional Engineer.

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COLORADO PARKS & WILDLIFE COMMISSION TO MEET NOV. 14 - 15 IN WRAY

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DENVER- The Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission will discuss an annual review of "General Provisions" regulations (adjusting license fees and license agent commission rates according to adjustments to the Denver-Aurora-Lakewood Consumer Price Index), annual review of "Fishing" regulations, annual review of "Furbearers and Small Game" (turkey hunting season dates and license numbers), as well as regulations pertaining to "Wildlife Properties," "Damage Caused by

Wildlife," and "Passes, Permits and Registrations" at its November meeting.

The Commission will also discuss the Department of Interior Wildlife Officials Exchange Program, Colorado Wildlife Council Campaign Report, Strategic Plan Progress Report and Future Generations Act Report, Commission Resolution Supporting the Executive Order for Conserving Colorado's Big Game Habitat and Winter Range, Recovering America's Wildlife Act Update and Commission Resolution Supporting House Bill, Colorado Wildlife

Habitat Program, and the acquisition of the Crazy French Ranch as fee title acquisition.

The Commission will also discuss multiple Citizen Petitions for Rulemaking to: make Game Management Unit 83 limited for elk hunting during the second and third regular rifle seasons create a reduced price senior small game and fishing combination license allow the use of stone broadheads/projectiles for archery hunting allow the use of an atlatl for big game hunting during archery and other big game seasons allow the sale of all returned big game licenses at all licensing vendors and online, even after the season has started. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. and adjourn at 5 p.m. on November 14 at Elks Lodge #2409, 36355 US-385, in Wray. The meeting will resume at 8:30 a.m. at the same location on November 15 and adjourn at 3:15 p.m.

Additional agenda items include: Department of Agriculture Update Department of Natural Resources Update Financial Update GOCO Update

Annual Capital Program Update Pathways Workshop Update

A complete agenda for this meeting can be found on [the CPW website](#).

The commission meets regularly and travels to communities around the state to facilitate public participation. Anyone can [listen to commission meetings](#) through the CPW website. This opportunity keeps constituents informed about the development of regulations and how the commission works with Colorado Parks and Wildlife staff to manage the parks, wildlife and outdoor recreation programs administered by the agency. Find out more about the commission on [the CPW website](#).

If needed, a final 2019 commission meeting is tentatively scheduled for Dec. 11 - 12 in Frisco.



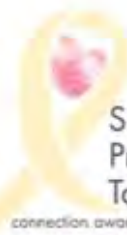
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EAST MIAMI WATER LINE CONTRACT AWARD, ELECTION CODE, LEAF PICKUP, HOMELESSNESS, ICMA CONFERENCE DISCUSSED @ CITY WORK SESSION

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Montrose City Council met with staff for a work session on Monday, Nov. 4. (The Nov. 5 regular meeting of the Montrose City Council was rescheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 12, at 11 a.m. in the City Council Chambers.) All councilors were present for the work session; lunch for council and staff was catered by Stone House restaurant.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussion items included a contract award for the East Miami Water Line replacement and an update to the City's Municipal Election Code.

East Miami Water Line Replacement- City Engineer Scott Murphy presented information on the award of a construction contract to Mountain Valley Contracting (low bidder of eight received) in the amount of \$536,438.10 for the East Miami Waterline Replacement Project.

Background-According to the work session packet, the City's updated water master plan identifies the construction of a dedicated fill line to the City's Sunnyside Tank from the main Project 7 supply line in Highway 50 as a priority capital improvement. The project will add hydrants and redundancy, Murphy said. "This sets us up for the bad years...we are improving fire protection for the Museum of the Mountain West, which is something of a tinderbox and a great community asset."

Mayor Dave Bowman asked whether the project was budgeted for 2019 or 2020.

Murphy said that \$1.1M was budgeted in 2019 and \$300K was budgeted in 2020.

Municipal Election Update

City Clerk Lisa DelPiccolo presented an update to the municipal election code, allowing elections to be cancelled if the only matter before voters is the election of persons to office and there are no contested seats 64 days prior to the election. The change was recommended by the City's legal department, she said.

"This gives us the ability to cancel an election and provide notice to voters," Assistant City Attorney Rachel Allen said.

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

Councilor Judy Ann Files said that she is very excited for Small Business Saturday, Nov. 30. There will be a four-hour Main Street closure as part of the celebration, which will include an interactive ice scul-

ture experience. "There will be live music on every corner, and we'll have carriage rides," City Director of Business Innovation Chelsea Rosty said. Santa will be on the carriage, and there will be hot drinks. The City will be selling Montrose bucks on Main Street. "It should be a great event for the small businesses in town," Rosty said. Mayor Pro tem Barbara Bynum asked if the event is regionally advertised. "We haven't in the past...that's a great idea," Rosty said. "The team at the OBT is doing a great job; this is the first time we have been this prepared. We are working together well—it's a great process." Councilor Roy Anderson asked whether someone must be a city resident to buy Montrose bucks; the answer was no. Mayor Dave Bowman said that the City will issue a proclamation in support of Small Business Saturday. "We will try to have some small-business people here to receive it."

In response to a question about the City's leaf cleanup service, Public Works Manager Jim Scheid said that leaves are falling late this year; pickup will probably continue through the first weeks in December.

Police Chief Blaine Hall told Council that the Walmart robbers were apprehended over the previous weekend following a tip received after a Crime Stoppers alert that Friday. The suspected robbers, recent transplants from out of state, were apprehended in a trailer park, "mostly without incident," Hall said. "Crime Stoppers worked perfectly in this case—when they were arrested, they were on their way out of town." The suspects had loaded up a cart with items at Walmart and slashed a clerk when he tried to prevent them from leaving without paying. In another incident, Hall said that a shoe store clerk in River Landing was assaulted by a transient who was stealing shoes.

Murphy addressed various portions of the Connect Trail project and the dam at Cerro Reservoir. The City has done \$20M in work this year, he said.

Files asked City Manager Bill Bell for an update on the 2019 ICMA conference in Nashville that Bell attended in October with Assistant City Manager Ann Morgenthau. "There were about 5,500 people representing a variety of cities and towns all over the world," Bell said. "We talked about best practices...the biggest thing



Nov. 4 Council work session.

worldwide is housing...that also ties in with the second-biggest thing, homelessness and transients. Everybody is dealing with those...it's a very costly enterprise.

"The idea is to have comprehensive wraparound services," he said. "To really do it, you have to have hundreds of millions to resolve homelessness.

"No community has that kind of money."

As for the conference itself, "it was really fun," Bell said. "We always meet up as the Colorado group later."

For Morgenthau, "It was a great opportunity to talk about the challenges of working in this profession, and the politics." Bell said that he will purchase the virtual conference and make it accessible for department heads who did not attend. "They can brown-bag lunch it," he said. "The keynote speakers are always really interesting." Next year's event is in Toronto.

Councilor Doug Glaspell asked if there were concerns over the Lighthouse homeless shelter using Centennial Plaza as a pickup and drop-off point. "It's a good location in my opinion," Bell said, noting that there were issues with previous locations including the Montrose Library. "If you're going to pick a spot Centennial Plaza makes sense." Centennial Plaza is adjacent to the Montrose Police Station, Bynum said. "It's probably safer."

"There are still issues," Bell said. "People sleep in the restroom...it's everybody's restroom. People need a place to sleep but people need a restroom too."

Bowman said that he would participate in an election night party at Horsefly Brewing Company. "The polls close at 7... there will be a group of us at Horsefly with our phones and computers. By 8:30 the whole thing should be over with."



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SAN MIGUEL POWER PROPOSES A RATE CHANGE IN 2020

Special to the Mirror

RIDGWAY-San Miguel Power Association, Inc. (SMPA) has announced that it proposes to increase the access charge on members' bills. The increase will amount to \$1 per month or \$12 per year above the current charge for the majority of SMPA members. The updated fee is proposed to take effect January 1, 2020. Consumers will make their first payments of the new fee in February.

SMPA's Chief Executive Officer, Brad Zaporski explained. "We have embarked on several large construction projects, throughout our system, to improve system reliability and to replace aging equipment and infrastructure. Because these projects are fixed costs and are not related to the amount of energy we sell, it is appropriate to recover these costs through the access charge and not through the energy charge."

In-depth rate analyses have revealed that SMPA's current access charge is well below what it should be to cover fixed costs that are not associated with the amount of energy that SMPA sells. Therefore, consumers should expect that necessary future rate increases will be in the access fee. "The board has favored an incremental approach to raising the access fee and is very sensitive to making sure that we do

not over collect. As a not-for profit utility, there is no incentive to over collect on rates as this only creates a liability that we must pay back to the membership in the future," said Zaporski. One of the major improvements to which Zaporski referred is the proposed Red Mountain Line Rebuild. This project will replace a power transmission line—some parts of which are over 100 years old—in extremely rugged and treacherous terrain. The current line crosses Red Mountain Pass and serves Ridgway, Ouray, and surrounding parts of Ouray County, which is the fastest-growing county in SMPA's service territory. In addition to its age, this line sustained considerable damage in this year's historic avalanche cycle. As a complement to its focus on infrastructure that will improve service reliability, SMPA takes a comprehensive approach to promote energy conservation, energy efficiency and the use of local renewable energy. How does this relate to the proposed rate change? In the past, members have questioned if raising the fixed access fee, rather than the energy rate, disincentivizes energy efficiency. "Many energy efficiency and roof-top solar projects that we have worked on with our members are influenced by a payback analysis," stated Wiley Freeman, SMPA Member Services

Manager, "There is no doubt that increasing our access charge is less favorable to the economics of that kind of analysis, but our experience has shown us that economics isn't the only ingredient for success in these projects." According to Freeman, the payback isn't always what makes or breaks a project. "Tackling up-front costs, choosing the right technology, getting educated about the available options, and navigating regulations is where we have seen the biggest progress on efficiency, conservation and renewables," Freeman explained. "We have to strike a balance," said Freeman, "and that is why we take a comprehensive look at our programs and how our members are impacted by rates." Before the SMPA Board of Directors votes on the proposal, they are seeking comments from the members of SMPA. Two rate hearings have been scheduled, the first will take place before the regular Board Meeting on Nov. 19, 2019 at the SMPA Office in Nucla (170 W. 10th Ave.), and the second will be before the Dec. 18, 2019 meeting at the SMPA Office in Ridgway (720 N. Railroad St.). Both hearings begin at 9 AM. Consumers are encouraged to attend one or both of these meetings. Members may also submit written comments or questions to rates@smpla.com.



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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE SALUTES MILITARY VETERANS



Veteran Adam Stump enjoys the view during a hike in Shenandoah National Park. Stump served in the U.S. Air Force from 1993-2014 with two deployments to Afghanistan. Image courtesy of Adam Stump.

courage all Americans to pause and reflect on the significance of the holiday and the freedoms we enjoy thanks to the courageous service of the men and women in our military.”

“We are grateful for the brave men and women who have answered the call to serve in the military,” said National Park Service Deputy Director David Vela. “We invite all veterans to continue the long tradition of enjoying respite, recreation and relaxation in their national parks. From the peaceful quiet of watching wildlife to the thrill of whitewater rafting, parks are full of activities that refresh the body and soul.”

“We fought for this land, now it’s time to enjoy it,” said Adam Stump, a combat veteran who frequently visits national parks to hike and soak in the surroundings.

“National parks provide amazing opportunities to appreciate the beauty and history of this country that we served to protect.”

Throughout the country, take advantage of the resources in 419 national parks to paddle, fish, hike, bike, swim, climb, ex-

plore or simply relax. Special events taking place include: Tours of a [Nike missile site in Golden Gate National Recreation Area](#) and the chance to chat with [Cold War veterans in Gateway National Recreation Area](#).

[A highway dedication and sign unveiling ceremony in Three Rivers for Colonel Charles Young of the U.S. Army’s Buffalo Soldiers. Colonel Young was the first superintendent of Sequoia National Park.](#) Screening and discussion of a documentary featuring nurses who served in the Vietnam War era at [Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore](#).

The National Park Service’s American Military website provides a list of additional events, as well as information about other military-related connections to national parks.

Veterans Day will be the last fee-free day in 2019. Active duty members of the military and permanently disabled veterans are also eligible for free [year-round park passes](#).

The passes provide free admission to more than 2,000 national parks, wildlife refuges, national forests and other federal recreational areas.

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WASHINGTON – The National Park Service will commemorate [Veterans Day](#) on Monday, Nov. 11, with special events and [free admission](#) nationwide.

“In recognition of the bravery and patriotism of America’s military veterans, all national parks will waive entrance fees for visitors on Veterans Day,” said U.S. Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt.

“While visiting our national parks, I en-

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

PRESIDENT AND REPUBLICAN CONTROLLED SENATE ARE TEARING APART OUR CHECKS AND BALANCES SYSTEM

Dear Editor:

It was with great sadness when I read the two Opinion Letters in the **MONTROSE MIRROR** on November 4th. Both writers blame everything that is going wrong, on the Democrats, and claim the impeachment process is "baseless" and that there are "no grounds" to justify this action. One of them stated that "Looking at all those who hate President Trump makes him even more likeable!" The reverse could be said that, "Looking at all those who like President Trump makes him even more despicable."

It is time to quit blowing a smoke screen trying to hide what this president has done and is doing to OUR country. The people of the United States are divided in ways we have never ever seen in our lifetime. And I will throw the first stone. I too am guilty. Now when I first meet someone, I find myself trying to decide their political view and what they believe in. I never felt like that. My parents, one a Democrat and one a Republican; they would joke that they cancelled each other's vote. Now there is vileness, malice, and bigotry.

I saw a large sticker on the back of a diesel pickup truck window in Montrose that read, **100% Certified WHITE BOY**. I was sickened by this display, whether or not it adverized a clothing company or was just making a statement. I watched a woman heckle Greta Thunberg, a 16 year old Swedish climate change activist, while she gave a speech. I repeat - she is sixteen years old! And she is speaking up because our politicians won't.

Two things pushed me over the tipping point. Until then, I just wanted to see Trump voted out of office. But then he contacted the president of Ukraine attempting to gather "dirt" on another

presidential contender. How is that NOT interfering with our election process? Going to another country and asking for help? And do not answer by saying "read the transcript". There is no known "transcript" of that phone call from Trump to Zelensky. There are only recorded notes. And then using a non-government employee, one Rudy Guiliani, to meet with foreign leaders to also gather information on a presidential candidate. Unbelievable.

We have two sons, liftimers in the military who have made several deployments in the Middle East. One morning we awoke to find that our special forces were walking away from our allies, the Kurdish forces, that have fought so hard against ISIS. No planned withdrawal. No plan to strengthen the ability of the Kurds to continue their fight. No consultation or endorsement from our military generals or admirals. Just one man, after a phone call to Erdogan of Turkey, gave a gift to the Russians. And then Trump moves the troops, not home, but to guard the oil fields in Syria. And his statement he wants to get us out of the Middle East? He just sent 2,000 American troops to Saudi Arabia after abandoning the Kurds.

I am not a Democrat. But I can never be a Republican under a group of predominately white males who will not stand up to the president. Rand Paul, he who once believed in personal privacy as a stanch Libertarian, now calls for the whistleblower to be named and be questioned. Lindsey Graham, said if he heard any information about a quid pro quo, would speak out. Now he says it's all "B.S." and he won't read any of the testimony. And Republicans are trying to discredit anyone who testifies about Trump's illegal phone call to Ukraine. Calling career State De-

partment, military, and C.I.A. individuals as being not really American, as traitors, as cowards, and as Never Trumpers. In conclusion, one writer also talked about all the positive things the president has done. Like the biggest tax cut that is creating our largest deficit ever. He left out other negatives. Over 85 environmental regulations have been wiped out by Trump. The tariff war that is NOT helping our farmers, yet he comes up with huge subsidies to appease and pay these farmers and ranchers at the taxpayers' cost. Promising some form of gun safety after the Odessa-Midland, Texas and Dayton, Ohio shootings. That too went away. I can go on and on.

Our Constitution was written with a system of checks and balances. That the executive, legislative, and judicial branches will provide oversight so no one entity will exceed its authority.

The president and the Republican controlled Senate are tearing apart our checks and balances system. The hatred and lack of empathy for one another is a direct result of one man. And that man; a bully, a womanizer, a liar, a man in love with dictators rather than our allies, and a man who bought his way out of military service, must pay the consequences. Impeachment.

To quote a North Carolina pastor, John Pavlovitz, "Our Democracy is in peril, but our most treasured relationships with people are in tatters too."

Let's just stop and listen to the testimony from people who care about the United States of America. Not those with vested interests in making money or getting re-elected. And then let's heal our relationships with each other.

Sincerely

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BASEMENT BOUTIQUE CRAFT SHOW BACK FOR 45TH YEAR

By Caitlin Switzer

REGIONAL—When local artist, author, volunteer, and retired educator Wendy Burrell first joined the Basement Boutique Craft Show in 1986, she created ornaments and specialty potpourri to sell. Today, Burrell is still bringing her work to the Basement Boutique (Nov. 29-30 at the Montrose Pavilion) but now creates designs with pressed flowers.

"I grow my own flowers, dry them, and put them in frames," Burrell said. "And a couple of years ago I started making hummingbirds out of flowers, and I put them in a shadow box."

Though she does own a traditional flower press, Burrell finds it more efficient to improvise.

"I put the flowers in old phone books, and then pile my old sewing machine on top. They stay in there for a month or two."

Opening the pressed blooms to see a bit of fleeting beauty preserved is always exciting, she said.

"I do a lot with larkspur," Burrell said. Wendy Burrell's work reflects her love of animals as well; as a longtime board member for the Montrose Animal Protection

Association (MAPA), she ran a very successful educational youth poster contest for many years and remains active in the organization.

As an artist, Burrell has developed a strong following. Her work can be found year-round at the Creative Corner Artisan Co-op and annually at the Basement Boutique. It helps that for the past 45 years, "The Basement Boutique was and is the premiere craft show in the area," she said. "It's a juried show, so that everything is approved by the board. Nothing is made from a kit or manufactured."

This year's Basement Boutique Craft Show features 31 creatives from surrounding communities and from Montrose, including the return of renowned Montrose Potter Bill Wilson.

As always, with a central checkout area, shoppers are free to browse uninterrupted.

"I am excited about our lineup of artists," Burrell said.

The Basement Boutique Craft Show takes place at the Montrose Pavilion (1800 east Pavilion Place). Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 29 and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 30.



Basement Boutique Craft Show Board member Wendy Burrell (left) is pictured with Santa, Kathie Johnson, Ardie Halverson, and Lori Biggins-Sullivan in 2019, along with items donated by craft show attendees on behalf of Sharing Ministries. Courtesy photo.

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DEER IN THE RUT: BE CAREFUL!



Deer, especially bucks, can get tangled in nets and backyard items. Bucks are in the rut, so be careful and clean-up the yard. This deer, tangled in Durango, was freed from the net. CPW courtesy photo.

Special to Art & Sol

DURANGO— Mule deer are entering their mating season – known as ‘the rut’ - and Colorado Parks and Wildlife reminds everyone to be careful around deer and especially bucks which can act aggressively at this time of year.

Colorado residents are also asked to remove items from their yards in which deer can be entangled. Items include, but not limited to: hammocks, game nets, swings, lawn chairs, tomato cages, kids' toys, bicycles, hanging lights, etc. Wandering bucks are prone to get tangled in backyard items.

Bucks have a one-track mind at this time of year – they want a mate. So they can become agitated if any other animal, object or person appears to be posing a challenge. Dogs are often targets and they can be badly injured by a buck's antlers. Several attacks have been reported around the state this fall. Deer can become aggressive toward humans, so stay well away from them. Do not try to get close for that selfie. The ‘rut’ lasts until about mid-December; if you live in an area where you see lots of deer, take precautions.

CPW recommends:

- Keep dogs on a leash.
- On walks, with or without your dog, stay as far away from deer as possible.
- Don't allow dogs to roam free.
- Make sure your dog is safe when it's outside.
- Never let your dog chase deer or other wildlife.
- Never leave food outside that could attract wildlife.
- Tell children not to approach deer or any other wildlife. For more information about Colorado's wildlife, go to: cpw.state.co.us.

Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes

More from my trip to the Hudson Valley



Art and Kush reunited at Catskill Cloud House, with Gerry McDonald peeking in the doorway (photo by Carol McDonald).

COEYMAN'S HOLLOW ... My European friends would have called it a holiday. A week visit to the home grounds of Gerry & Carol McDonald -- as gracious and delightful hosts as they were van-mates at last year's Gary Lincoff Memorial Mushroom Tour to Chile ... I detailed some of our adventures last week. Got to go hiking on their property. Long low rock walls where Dutch settlers homesteaded, before the English drove them off. And then the Americans drove the Loyalists up to Canada. Cleared fields all gone back to mixed hardwood and conifer forest ... Took a saunter around a Hudson River park, checking out local fungi ... Tagged along with Michelotti on one of his Catskill Fungi mushroom tours near Kingston, not far from his family home in Big Indian ... Visited Olana, the castle-like home of painter Frederick Church with its panoramic views of the Hudson River and Valley, crossing over the Rip Van Winkle Bridge to get there ... Tasted wines at the friendly Clermont Vineyards & Winery in Germantown, where the garrulous owner offered us great stories and several interesting wines, including a delicious Arandell (white) and a desert wine, Jeropiga ... Took an evening for dinner out with the McDonalds and an open mic poetry event at Club Helsinki in touristy Hudson, where I led off the performances.



George Quasha in his home (photo by Art Goodtimes).

KUSH ... My legendary friend, archivist par excellence, moved his Cloud House collections from San Francisco to Catskill-on-the-Hudson a couple years ago. He was difficult to corral via email. And I avoid phones like leprosy. Since the McDonalds lived nearby, we surprised him at his new digs on my trip to New York State last month... When we met in the Seventies, Kush ran an open-door drop-in poetry center in the Mission, with regular readings every Thursday night. Kerosene lanterns. The dim smoky light of candles. Everyone sat on the floor. Kush served tea in second-hand cups. We'd listen to Robert Kelly or Michael McClure read dazzling poetry, or some street person happened in with a story to tell, a heartsong to share. A group of us started to become regulars. Steve Abbott. Dennis "The Trucker" Dunn. Barbara Roether. Andrew Hayes (aka Harpo Flux). David Moe, who published a "dirty" newspaper on racks around the City with

an erotic scene on the cover and poetry inside ... We did street theater. Rolling out long "whale tongues" down the steps of the Civic Center Library with poems scribbled into the figurines on a rolling preschool mural. Our prop for reading Whitman, Neruda, Dickinson to citizens and passing pigeons ... Then Kush moved to a co-op bookstore in the Duboce Triangle with my good poet friend Robin Hunt-Covelli, who now lives in Santa Fe ... After that I moved out of the City, and we only kept in yearly touch. He was living in a shabby walk-up over a Chinese market on a busy corner in the Fillmore's New Addition the last time I visited. There'd been a police gun battle in the street below his flat (filled to the gills with books, tapes, literary relics & ephemera). After (and during) a stint as a teacher at New College of California, Kush became the universal guerrilla video recorder of poetry readings in the Bay Area (with permission or without). It's said his libraries of recordings far outstrips the San Francisco Poetry Center. Several attempts to help him get a suitable repository for his collections and to begin allowing access to them came to naught ... Eventually he and some pals took everything to the Hudson Valley, where I walked up one day and knocked on his door ... It was a lovely reunion. He showed us around. Displayed some old San Francisco treasures. Performed Lew Welch and Whitman from memory. A marvelous remembrance of things past.

GEORGE & SUSAN QUASHA ... As it worked out, Gerry and Carol had seen a performance by George Quasha at Bard College a few months before I arrived. Impressed, they'd connected and had intended to meet again. George and Susan attended the *Fantastic Fungi* screening in Rosendale where Gerry introduced us. I knew Quasha's name from working with Jerome Rothenberg on the first Talking

Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes, continued

Gourds Poetry Festival in 1989. And from reading books for the last 40 years from the venerable poetry publishing house, Station Hill Press ... Invited for a visit, we stopped at their lovely home on Station Hill Road in Barrytown. Their large performance space off the back of the house was dazzling. All kinds of instruments lined the walls. There was a video recording set up ... In addition to a deep spiritual life, George was a musician, a painter, a poet, and a sculptor, whose axial stones were iconic and had premiered in New York museums and galleries. Widely published, he was awarded a Guggenheim fellowship for video art and an NEA fellowship in

poetry.

And Susan was a graphic designer, photographer and driving force between the handsome editions that Station Hill Press put out ... It turned out George and I knew many of the same poets of the last 30 years – poetry on the national level was something I had followed closely ... Most generously, George filmed me for his ongoing video project: *art is/music is/poetry is: Speaking Portraits* – recording over 1000 artists, poets, and composers in 11 countries saying what in their view art is ... An amazingly brilliant man and a charming

one with an equally amazing partner, visiting the Quashas was one of the highlights of my trip back east.

WEEKLY QUOTA ... “If time could run backward, like a film in reverse, we would see this mess reassemble itself into lush green hills and moss-covered ledges of limestone.

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MAGIC CIRCLE PERFORMANCE OF TUCKER FALLS HITS HOME FOR AUDIENCE



The bare set before the play. Photo by Nanci Gibbons.



The cast of Tucker Falls brings the set to life. Courtesy photo.

Mirror staff report

MONTROSE-When Nanci Gibbons set out to attend Tucker Falls at the Magic Circle Theatre Friday night, she was not sure what to expect. Written and directed by M.A. Smith, Tucker Falls runs from Nov. 8-Nov. 23. "It was awesome," Gibbons said after the performance. "It was very moving and very powerful—I think it really hit home for a lot of people."

The play centered around a family, with a patriarch and children facing end-of-life decisions.

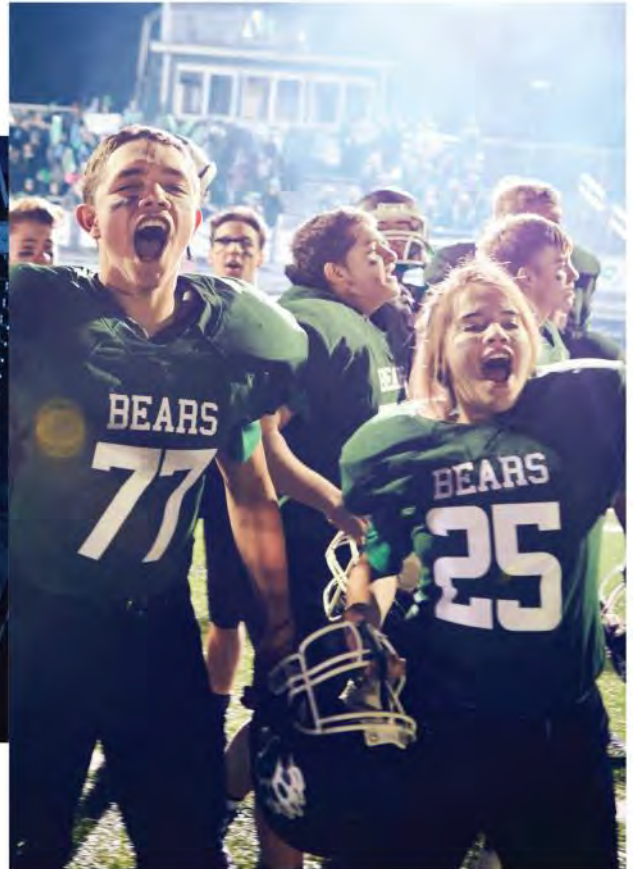
"You could feel the connection between them," Gibbons said. "You could sense how the situation could tear a family apart or bring them together."

"It was an excellent play."

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CEDAREdge – Okay, it's off the beaten path, but not too far to go for a good meal. My friend Michael and I happened to be in the little burg to

check out the amazing Grand Mesa Art Center the other afternoon. Really this much great art and events? In Cedaredge?

When I asked where we might get a good bite to eat, we were directed across Main

Street to the Lost Mesa Grill. "Best place in town," we were told. And it wasn't a lie. Nothing fancy, but great menu for such a small town and restaurant.

The French Onion soup was to die for . . . and that was just the beginning. Mike the soup guy raved, and me, I smartly tried the soup special of the day. Hello.

Crab, butternut squash soup? Creamy and redolent of crab, yummy. Already more than satisfied we'd found a winner, I indulged Michael's love of BBQ and we split a sweet and savory pulled pork sandwich (\$9) which came with cole-

slaw and, wait for it . . . tater tots. You have a choice of fries or tots. Can't remember when I last tasted a crispy tater tot. Okay, not gourmet, but different and good. Pass the ketchup please.

We both were in the mood for a little white and the Chardonnay didn't disappoint. Hey, after an afternoon pursuing great art, why not a great Chardonnay for \$5 a large glass? Our little early dinner was square in the middle of the price range here. Lost Mesa Grill offers up daily specials ranging from burgers (\$9.50 – 12.50) with unique names like "Ghost Canyon, Blue Mesa, Back Alley") 1/3 lb. Homestead natural beef on a artisan bun with either ghost pepper cheese, BBQ sauce, blue cheese and bacon, or smothered in green Chile, etc.

Or, you might try the hefty salads: Roasted Beet, Grilled Chicken and goat cheese, Cobb, or Steak Caesar (\$13 – 15).

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Instead of that yummy pulled pork sandwich you might choose fish and chips, a portobello sandwich, BLT croissant, chicken burrito or wrap, Po Boy – fried catfish or shrimp – or Lost Mesa cheesesteak. (\$9 – 12).

The dinner menu starts at 4:30 p.m. and includes fresh veggie, baked potato, fries, rice or those tater tots (\$14 – 20). Try the baby back ribs, chicken parmesan, jumbo shrimp, grilled petite sirloin, or ribeye steak, or chicken broccoli alfredo or catfish filet.

Now, mark my words, you don't want to skip dessert here. Mike and I split a piece of pumpkin pie with bourbon flavor and crunchy pecans that was a little slice of heaven. \$5. With whipped cream please.

Next time you find yourself in the Cedaredge neighborhood don't miss this little place and you might just check out the Grand Mesa Art Center. Why wouldn't you? Lost Mesa Grill, 130 W. Main Street, just off Highway 65 in Cedaredge. 970-856- 3431.

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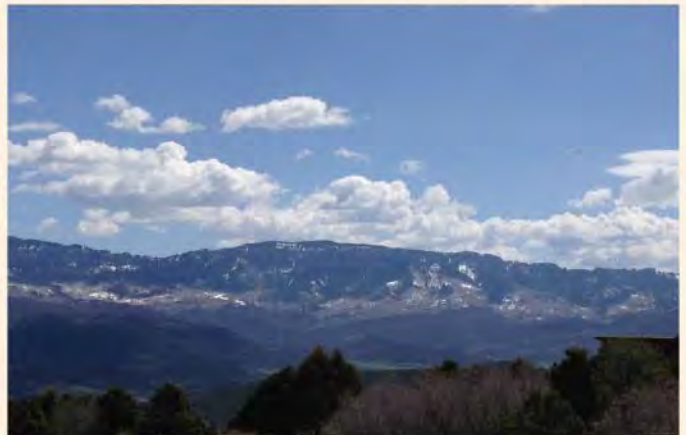
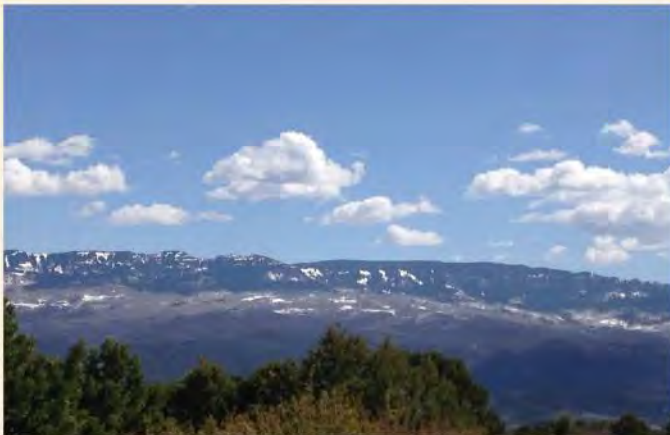
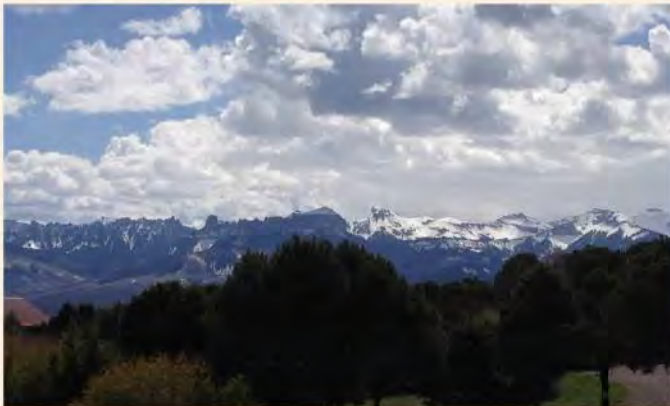
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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

NATIONAL TREASURE RAGTIME PIANIST TO PERFORM IN OURAY

Special to Art & Sol

OURAY-The Ouray County Performing Arts Guild will feature ragtime and boogie woogie pianist Bob Milne in a performance on Sunday, Nov. 17, 2 p.m. at the Wright Opera House in Ouray.

Milne has delighted audiences and had an extraordinary musical career for 55 years. He has been noted as the finest interpreter of ragtime music, and his piano playing is "something that must be seen and heard to be believed." The Library of Congress has called him "a national treasure," and the Department of State has named him a musical ambassador to Europe and Asia. He is a self-taught pianist and says that when he was younger, "I thought everyone knew how to play the piano - I visualize my fingers on the keys and I can just play."

Multi-tasking is all pretty normal for Milne, who has a form of synesthesia, which allows him to physically experience things in his mind. The pianist has been studied, interviewed and taped by scientists. Penn State neuroscientist Kerstin Bettermann established that Milne has the unusual ability to mentally "play" up to four symphonies in his head simultaneously. Mine finds all the attention curious because, "That's just the way I am."

He began as a French horn player, performing in the Pontiac Symphony by the time he was in 10th grade at Rochester High School. He went on to the Eastman School of Music at the University of Rochester in New York and sat as first-chair horn for the Rochester and Baltimore Philharmonic Orchestras. When symphony politics became too much, he left to become a pool player, earning a living legitimately playing in pool competitions up and down the east coast. As a self-taught pianist, he has played professionally as a pianist since 1964. There were lean years during the 1980's, however in 1990 he was invited to play piano at the Cheyenne Opera House. That performance



The Ouray County Performing Arts Guild will feature ragtime and boogie woogie pianist Bob Milne in a performance on Sunday, Nov. 17. Courtesy photo.

started Milne on the new path of a touring pianist, playing more than 250 shows per year in large concert halls and posh clubs, where he met and became friends with such well-known men as David Rockefeller and George H.W. Bush, both of whom he has performed for numerous times.

Milne is also a composer, to include an Opera called *The Legend* based on Washington Irving's *Sleepy Hollow*. Barnaby Palmer, conductor and music director at the San Francisco Lyric Opera, says "Robert Milne is a national musical treasure. With the creation of *The Legend*, Mr. Milne deserves to be considered in the company of an Aaron Copland or Leonard Bernstein; one of the truly great American composers."

He teaches music history at various universities around the country, and is also the founder and director of the Frankemuth Ragtime Festival in Michigan, as

well as playing at music festivals and concert halls all over the country. At this point in his life, he presents about 100 shows a year. A performance by Bob Milne at the piano is unforgettable. During the high energy program, Milne will switch back and forth between different pieces of ragtime and boogie woogie music and carry on conversations with the audience the entire time. Advance tickets are \$18, \$20 at the door and \$5 for students (18 years and under). A cash bar will be available. More information and tickets may be found at www.ocpag.org.

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

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

LOCAL POETS CHEAVENS & OSAN OFFER 2ND LITERARY NIGHT IN NOVEMBER

Special to Art & Sol

TELLURIDE -The Talking Gourds Poetry Club is delighted to host a second poetry reading in November featuring locals Suzanne Cheavens and Stephanie Osan.

Mark the date: Tuesday, Nov. 19, at 6 p.m. at the gallery headquarters of our partner -- Telluride Arts (address below). Suzanne Cheavens has lived in the San Juan Mountains for more than half her life. The natural world is her greatest source of inspiration. The journey into poetry is a relatively new one, though as a journalist, columnist, and sports writer, hers is a world of words.

The decision to embark into the poetic arts emerged — like most of her poems — out of the blue, but she was guided by the discipline of “a poem a day” endorsed and practiced by Poet Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer.

In a modern twist, rather than scrawl her droplets into notebooks Suzanne instead “self-published” and posted her daily poems on social media. People noticed. She persists. A published (real, that you can hold in your hand) collection is in the works.

A devoted husband, two inscrutable cats, two adult children, Ma Nature and a vast community of creatives in the theater, music and writing realms are the underpinnings of her joy and motivation.

Stephanie Osan is a multidisciplinary artist, performer, poet, and designer. She holds a BFA in Design and a BA in Literature of the African Diaspora from the University of Texas. A co-founder of the Telluride Dance Collective, Stephanie has extensive dance training in a wide variety of styles; she lives to move.

As an artist, her work has been shown at the Center for Contemporary Craft in Houston, the VAC Gallery in Austin (TX), and locally at Ah Haa and Ghost Town. In her free time, she designs educational experiences -- currently, websites that help people navigate personal finance decisions.

The theme prompt for the second meeting in November will be “Growing.” Members of the Poetry Club are eligible for a free broadside copy of a select poem of the featured reader(s) crafted by Daiva Chesonis — co-owner of another of our partners, independently-owned Between the Covers Bookstore. Non-members can

purchase the broadsides at the store. Membership forms are available at the club meeting.

For our last reading of the year, on Dec. 17th in Telluride, San Miguel County Poet Laureate Emerita Elissa Dickson will give a holiday show before she leaves for a six months sabbatical. Theme prompt will be “Time.” Poetry Club readings in Telluride start at 6 p.m. beginning with Club News & Other Business. Following that, the featured reader shares work for 30-45 minutes. There’s a short break. And then we pass the Gourd, and everyone gets to share their own poem -- or a piece by a favorite author on the month’s theme. **Time & Place**

The Telluride address of the Telluride Arts Gallery is 135 W. Pacific Ave. — across the street from the entrance to another of our partners: the Wilkinson Public Library.



Osan, left, and Cheavens, right. Courtesy photos.

STRAY GRASS RETURNS TO THE RADIO ROOM DEC. 7

Special to Art & Sol

GRAND JUNCTION-Stray Grass, a popular bluegrass band in the Grand Valley, is returning in Concert on Saturday, Dec. 7 in KAFM’s Radio Room. Come out to enjoy the band’s smooth sounds. Their sound includes a high-energy interpretation of acoustic music. Although played on traditional instruments, the musical styling of Stray Grass are anything but traditional! Stray Grass musicians include guitarist/vocalist Ted Shook, Byron Walcher on banjo, Dave Rowley on bass, and Garry Tullio on mandolin and vocals. Stray Grass has opened for the Infamous Stringdusters, Cadillac Sky, Hot Buttered Rum, Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, and many others.

Tickets are \$20. To purchase tickets, go online at kafmradio.org, or call 970.241.8801 to pay by phone during business hours. The Radio Room is located at 1310 Ute Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501. Doors open at 7pm, and concert begins at 7:30pm.



Stray Grass courtesy photo.

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

10 YEARS OF FOREST RESTORATION ON THE UNCOMPAHGRE PLATEAU

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MONTROSE-Learn about ten years of restoration on the Uncompahgre Plateau.

Topic is presented in the Montrose Library Community Room by the League of Women Voters serving Montrose and Delta

counties. Guest Speaker: Todd Gardner Silviculturist and Forest Restoration Coordinator, U.S. Forest Service.

UTAH NEWS BRIEFS

POMPEII: THE EXHIBITION TO OPEN NOV. 23



POMPEII: The Exhibition is set to premiere on Saturday, Nov. 23rd and will run through May 3, 2020. Courtesy image.

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SALT LAKE CITY- POMPEII: The Exhibition is set to premiere on Saturday, Nov. 23rd and will run through May 3, 2020. The exhibition promises to be one of the most historically significant, immersive, and highest-attended exhibitions The Leonardo Museum has ever hosted.

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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-

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. Special harvest dessert auction, too! Open to the public, come support our veterans! 970-626-4239 for information.

Nov.11-Monday, Nov. 11, 2019 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.

Nov. 14-Memory Support Open House, Valley manor Care Center, 2 to 4 p.m. 970.249.9634

Nov. 14-City of Montrose Budget Open House, 4 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at 107 S. Cascade Avenue.

Nov. 14-Disability Inclusion Focus Group will meet on Nov. 14 from 6pm-8pm in the Centennial Room and is open to all who want to help make Montrose more accessible for members of our community.

Nov. 15-5th Annual Crab Crack! All you can eat crab & shrimp with all the fixings. Friday Nov. 15, 6 p.m. at the Montrose Pavilion. Tickets at <https://www.blackcanyontickets.com/event/5th-annual-crab-crack/>. All proceeds benefit the Black Canyon Boys & Girls Club.

Nov. 15-Join us for Friday Flicks at the Montrose Regional Library. Meet in the story time room! 4 to 5:30 p.m. Ever wanted your own dragon? Come watch How to Train Your Dragon to satisfy all fire-breathing, flying needs.

Nov. 16-Native American Heritage Program, 11 a.m. to Noon at the Montrose Regional Library. Celebrate Native American Heritage Month with guest flutist Bobby Jimenez and a craft and game provided by the Ute Indian Museum.

Nov. 16-Superb Ragtime Jazz Musician, returns to Montrose! Montrose Center for the Arts presents BOB MILNE, “the best ragtime, boogie woogie pianist in the world”... Nov. 16 - 7pm, Methodist Church, 19 S. Park, Montrose. Tickets: Adult \$20, Youth \$15, free for kids 12 and under. Tickets available online at www.mc4arts.net or at the Art Center, 11 S. Park, Montrose.

Nov. 17-On Sunday, Nov. 17, 2 p.m. – Bob Milne, Ragtime and Boogie Woogie pianist, Wright Opera House, 472 Main Street, Ouray. Advance tickets \$18, \$20 at the door and \$5 students (18 and under) at www.ocpag.org.

Nov 18 08:30 to 11:00 am Police/Fireman/First Responder Breakfast. *Time to give back*. The Elks honor our local Police Dept, the Fire Dept, Sheriff's Office, and Colorado State Patrol by providing them a sumptuous breakfast cooked and served by Elk volunteers. This is only one way of showing our support for those that *risk their lives everyday* trying to save ours.

Nov. 18-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.

Nov. 20-Around the World in 60 Minutes at the Montrose Regional Library, from 10 to 11 a.m. Join us in the library meeting room for a multi-lingual story time event.

Nov. 20-Please join Montrose Regional Library on Wednesday, Nov. 20, 5:30-7 p.m. for a reception celebrating a photographic exhibit of life in Montrose and our sister library city, Plovdiv, Bulgaria.

Nov. 20-Charmaine Thompson of the Manti-La Sal National Forest in Price, Utah will present a talk in Montrose. It will be about a whole vessel found in that area of Utah, and what scientists were able to learn from studying it in context with all that is known about the archaeology of Eastern Utah. The public is invited to the free presentation at the Chipeta Chapter meeting, 7 p.m., Methodist Church of Montrose, 19 S. Park Street.

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