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## NEW POLICE PATROL OFFICERS TO TAKE OATHS; MAYOR TO DISCUSS CHANGES TO CITY CHARTER THIS WEEK AT COUNCIL

### Mirror staff report

MONTROSE—Montrose City Council will convene for a work session on Monday, Dec. 2 and for a regular meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 3. Highlights will include a discussion of possible changes to the City charter by Mayor Dave Bowman at the work session, and a ceremony to celebrate the pinning of badges and oaths of office for two new Montrose Police Patrol Officers, Jace Cline and Chelsey Payne, at the regular meeting.

### WORK SESSION

Council will interview Historic Preservation Commission Applicant Michael J. Prouty.

Discussion items will include an electric vehicle charging station; a request for funding by the Montrose Economic Development Association (MEDC); a Fishing is Fun grant application; Design change order No. 1 for the Sunset Mesa Water Tank replacement; the 2020 City-owned vehicle

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## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DOES NOT TAKE A HOLIDAY, EXPERTS SAY; OURAY COUNTY CONTINUES TO VIOLATE CRIME REPORTING RULE



*Hilltop Community Resources, above, has emergency Latimer House safehouses in Delta and Grand Junction.*

### By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—We have all heard of “hate crimes.” But what about “love crimes?”

According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, one in seven women and one in 25 men have been injured by an intimate partner; intimate partner violence is most common against women between the ages of 18-24. On a typical day, domestic violence hotlines nationwide receive more than 20,000 calls. For victims of domestic violence in Montrose, Delta, Ouray, or Mesa counties, there are emergency Latimer House safehouses in both Delta and Grand Junction, run by Hilltop Community Resources. Victim advocacy for those who experience sexual assault or domestic violence is also available in all four counties on a case-by-case basis, said Hilltop’s Domestic Violence Services Director Leslie Sparks.

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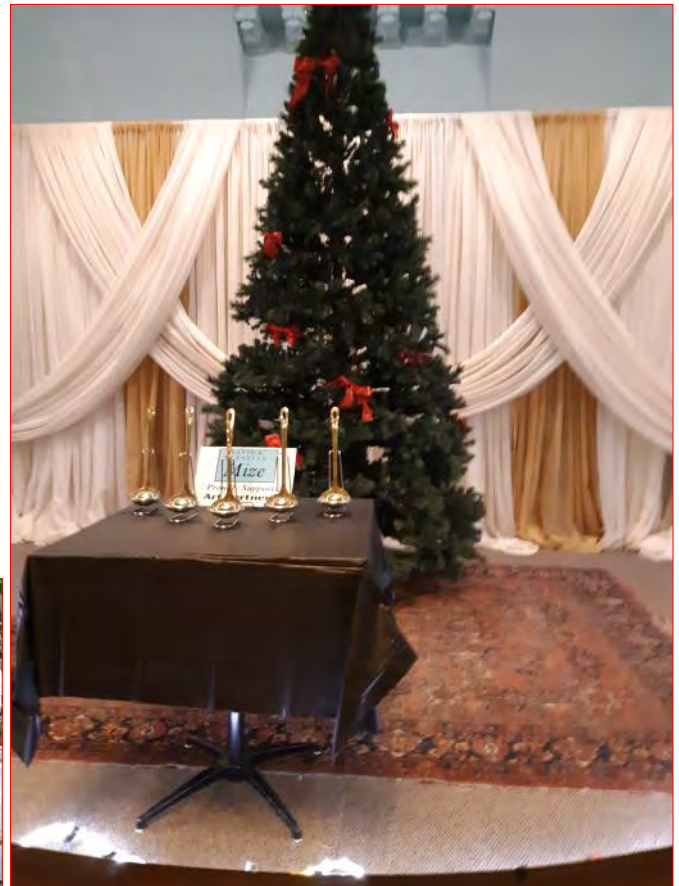
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Spotlight with Deb Reimann!*

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Trooper Tips!*



## MIRROR IMAGES: OUT & ABOUT



*Community events over the weekend included the Partners Chili Bowl Fund-raiser (top two photos) and the Basement Boutique Craft Show (below).*

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### CSU EXTENSION ANNOUNCES 2020 WESTERN SLOPE BEEF COW SYMPOSIUM

#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE—All cattlemen and women are invited to attend the 2020 Western Slope Beef Cow Symposium held Friday, Jan. 10, 2020, beginning at 9 a.m. at Friendship Hall located at the Montrose County Fairgrounds. Cattle producers from all segments of the beef industry will benefit from this day full of education and networking.

This year's Western Slope Beef Cow Symposium features industry-leading speakers from Colorado State University, IMI Global, Superior Livestock Auction, the Livestock Marketing Information Center, and more. The \$35 registration fee includes lunch, sponsored by Kinikin Processing, access to the trade show, and entry into

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This symposium is sponsored by AgRisk Advisors, American Ag Credit, and Bank of Colorado.

The 2020 Western Slope Beef Cow Symposium will cover topics including, Identifying and Managing Calf Health Issues, Returns to Beef Quality Assurance in Video Auctions & PRF Insurance Decision Tool, Cattle Market Outlook: Fundamental Drivers Impacting Marketing Decisions, Value Added Programs, and Marketing Cattle in Western Colorado.

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disposal list; revisions to the City's fee schedule; the City council work session meeting schedule; and possible changes to the City Charter. Upcoming items may include the following:

**Dec. 16-**2019 Downtown Area Revitalization Team (DART) Summary; designation of official posting places.

**Dec. 17-**Historic Preservation Commission appointment; Special meeting/Executive Session.

**Jan. 7-**Special meeting/executive session.

As yet unscheduled are the City's 2020 Annexation Plan Report and potential changes to City Code concerning modular construction.

### **REGULAR MEETING**

The Montrose Police Department will issue oaths to new officers and the City will issue a proclamation in support of the

Montrose High School Boys Golf Team, state champions.

Council will consider approving the transfer of a Retail Liquor Store liquor license at 10 Bristlecone Drive from Trieu and Than, Inc., doing business as Pour House, to K Lingling, Inc., doing business as Pour House, for consumption off the licensed premises.

Council will consider approving Ordinance 2491 on first reading, revising Chapter 1-17 of the Official Code of the City of Montrose regarding municipal elections.

Council will consider approving Ordinance No. 2461 which appropriates funds to defray the expenses and liabilities of the City of Montrose during the fiscal year beginning Jan. 1, 2019; said expenditures of the City of Montrose over and

above those anticipated at the time of the adoption of the original budget for the fiscal year beginning Jan. 1, 2019.

Council will consider approving the Columbine Middle School Land Dedication Plat and Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City of Montrose and Montrose County School District RE-1J.

Council will consider approving a contract with National Meter and Automation in the amount of \$85,663 for an Automated Meter Infrastructure (AMI) software upgrade, as discussed previously in work session. Council will consider awarding a bid for the Spruce Point Air Injection Vault to EFI-Solutions in an amount not to exceed \$123,274, as discussed previously in work session.

Following staff reports Council will adjourn.



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"We have a rapid re-housing program," Sparks said, "And we have a 24-hour crisis line-844-990-5500; we are here to help." Services also include safety planning and support, she said.

"When we meet with someone, we always go over a safety plan," Sparks said. "This is a client-driven program, and we want to assist them with their goals."

Legal aid is available as well, she said, as is assistance with basic needs.

"We are trying to 'front-end-load our services,'" Sparks said, "to give people the best chance of getting out of a situation. We also help them access other community resources; we want to have information available for people on a broad spectrum of services as part of our family resource center, and we can refer them to wrap-around programs."

Hilltop's services are free, she added. "Unfortunately, the numbers (of victims) are not decreasing, as hard as everyone tries," Sparks said.

Statistics: According to the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence, while victims of domestic violence may actually be less likely to reach out for help during the holidays, domestic violence is a year-round issue that does not take a holiday.

Here in Western Colorado, even statistics are hard to come by; while some counties report crimes to the state, others, such as Ouray County, do not, though Colorado Revised Statute 24-33.5-412.(5) requires each Colorado law enforcement agency to submit crime, arrest, stolen and recovered property data to the CBI. In 2018, the Montrose County Sheriffs' Office reported 30 violent crimes (consisting of Murder, Non-Consensual Sex Offenses, Aggravated Assault and Robbery) with a clearance rate of 73 percent, of which 66.7 percent involved female victims and 33.3 percent male victims. Also in 2018, the Montrose Police Department reported 69 violent crimes with a clearance rate of 71 per-

cent, of which 57.1 percent involved female victims and 42.9 percent male victims.

The Delta County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) reported 39 violent crimes in 2018, with a clearance rate of 36 percent. Of those, 71.8 percent involved female victims and 28.2 percent male victims. The Delta Police Department reported 21 cases of violent crime, with a clearance rate of 62 percent. Of those, 42.9 percent involved female victims and 57.1 percent male victims. Despite recent requests from crime victims, the Ouray County Sheriff's Office, Ouray Police Department, and Ridgway Marshall's Office did not report any crimes at all in 2018.

On Oct. 8, 2019, Ouray County Sheriff Lance Fitzgerald informed Mirror correspondent Sue Williamson in an email that the Ouray County Sheriff's Office has not been using the UCR or NIBR system to report crimes to the CBI or the FBI for approximately 15 years.

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### MOUNTAIN VILLAGE BRINGS INTERNET UPGRADE & NETWORK REDUNDANCY

*Special to the Mirror*

MOUNTAIN VILLAGE-The Mountain Village Broadband Department is proud to announce that Mountain Village's internet connection has been successfully upgraded in partnership with **Mammoth Networks**, creating a stronger network for customers.

This makes our internet redundant, meaning the connection is fed to Mountain Village both from the south (from

Albuquerque via Durango) and from the north (from Denver, via Montrose).

Having a redundant internet connection prevents us from significant outages as there are now two sources of connectivity.

While the system is not entirely failproof, Mountain Village is now much better equipped to prevent major long-term outages. This upgrade also allows Mountain Village to purchase on-demand broad-

band to meet increased internet needs during the busy holiday season. To read more about this exciting upgrade, please visit our **blog**.

Additionally, the Town of Mountain Village is developing a text message notification system to better notify customers and the community-at-large in the case of internet outages, power outages and more. This system is expected to launch by the holiday season in December.



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### CENSUS BUREAU PAY RATE HAS INCREASED

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DENVER—On Dec. 1, the U.S. Census Bureau pay rates increased across the nation for the many positions available to conduct the once-a-decade census. These positions offer competitive pay, flexible hours, paid training and weekly paychecks. Pay rates vary by position and location, with rates in Colorado ranging from \$16 to \$22.50 per hour. The selection process for census taker positions begins in January 2020, with paid training occurring in March and April. Please visit [www.2020census.gov/jobs](http://www.2020census.gov/jobs) to apply and for a list of available positions, which include recruiting assistants, clerks, office operations supervisors, and field supervisors. To determine the estimated pay rate in an area, visit [www.2020census.gov/en/jobs/pay-and-locations/national-map.html](http://www.2020census.gov/en/jobs/pay-and-locations/national-map.html). The census is the largest peacetime deployment of civil servants across the country. For the first time ever, it will have an online option, which will make filling out the form easy, safe and secure. The 2020 Census is a count of where everyone lives as of April 1, 2020, which is officially designated as Census Day. By this date, most homes will receive an invitation to participate online, by phone, or by mail. For households that do not self-respond, the national door-to-door enumeration begins in May and ends in July.

For more information on the 2020 Census, please visit [www.2020census.gov/](http://www.2020census.gov/).



## SHERIFF REFUSES TO RETURN CAR CLUB DONATION INTENDED FOR OXX & ROO

*"Under Colorado law, a donation is considered a gift," Lillard wrote*



The Black Canyon Classics Car Club made a \$4,000 donation to the MCSO K9 Fund on behalf of K9's Oxx and Roo in August of 2018. Courtesy photo.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—On May 22, Peggy Brahler of the Black Canyon Classics Car Club spoke at a public meeting of the Montrose Board of County Commissioners, to ask that the Montrose County Sheriffs' Office (MCSO) return a \$4K donation made in August, 2018 that was never given to the intended recipients. The donation was made to the MCSO on behalf of then K9 Deputies Oxx and Roo, for their work within the community and their support of the 2018 Black Canyon Classics Classic Car Show.

Oxx and Roo are now with the Delta County Sheriff's Office, where former MCSO Officer and K9 Handler Keith Sanders is presently employed.

Montrose County Sheriff Gene Lillard responded to Brahler's request with a letter. "Under Colorado law, a donation is considered a gift," Lillard wrote, "which is irrevocable once it is delivered by the donor and accepted by the donee. The Montrose County Sheriffs' Office accepted this donation more than a year ago. The \$4,000 was a donation to the Montrose

Year	Amount	Total
2010	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
2011	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
2012	\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00
2013	\$1,000.00	\$4,000.00
2014	\$1,000.00	\$5,000.00
2015	\$1,000.00	\$6,000.00
2016	\$1,000.00	\$7,000.00
2017	\$1,000.00	\$8,000.00
2018	\$1,000.00	\$9,000.00
2019	\$751.61	\$9,751.61

County Sheriff's Office K9 fund and the donation is irrevocable."

Lillard went on to state that the MCSO had sent \$9,751.61 to the Delta County Sheriff's Office in December, when the K9 officers left Montrose for Delta County. "It is my position that the Car Club's donation was included in the money transferred to the Delta County K9 Program. As a result, the Montrose County Sheriff's Office will not be returning the donation made by the Black Canyon Car Club for \$4,000."

However, Sanders said that MCSO's K9 fund was started in 2010, and all funds were raised by the dogs and himself with-



A K9 fund spreadsheet, above left, and letter from Montrose County Sheriff Gene Lillard, above right.

out taxpayer dollars. The \$9,751.61 represented the balance of the K9 fund prior to receipt of the Car Club donation. According to Brahler, Sheriff Lillard attended a meeting of the Car Club in March, where he told those present that he had already returned the \$4K to Sanders.

A spreadsheet of the MCSO K9 fund shared by Sanders shows that \$4K remained in the fund following the disbursement to the DCSO.



## COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

# HANDLE AND PREPARE FOODS PROPERLY TO AVOID GETTING SICK THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

### Special to the Mirror

DENVER- The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) reminds Coloradans to follow some simple food safety tips so their holiday feast doesn't turn into a holiday fiasco. "The most frequent causes of foodborne illnesses are from foods kept at unsafe temperatures, inadequate hand washing, inappropriate food handling, and preparing and serving foods on soiled services or with contaminated utensils," said Troy Huffman, retail food program coordinator at Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. "Other causes include cooking foods such as eggs, poultry and meats below the proper temperature. By following some simple food safety guidelines, holiday parties and meals will be safe and enjoyable for all."

Here are some basic tips:

**Cool all leftovers:** Leftovers should be cooled to 41 degrees F or lower within four hours after cooking. Do not leave foods containing meat, dairy, eggs, fish or poultry at room temperature. This includes casseroles and pumpkin or other custard pies that are popular during the holidays.

**Wash hands:** Use with soap and warm water before food preparation and after using the bathroom, changing diapers, sneezing, coughing, eating, drinking, or smoking. Also, wash hands after handling raw meat, eggs, fish, or poultry.

**Don't cross-contaminate:** Bacteria can spread throughout the kitchen and get onto cutting boards, knives, sponges and countertops. Minimize cross-contamination risks by thoroughly cleaning and sanitizing knives, cutting boards, and other utensils, particularly

between the preparation of raw meat and foods that will not be further cooked. Using a commercially prepared sanitizing wipe can be an easy and quick cleaning alternative to help minimize cross-contamination.

**Cooking Temperatures:** Buy a cooking thermometer, and use it properly. The thermometer should be placed in the thickest part of the food and don't let it touch bone, fat, or gristle. Turkey and stuffing should be cooked separately to 165 F and ham to 145 F before serving. Recipes with eggs must be cooked thoroughly to 155 F or above. If egg dishes do not require cooking, such as homemade eggnog or salad dressing, use pasteurized

egg products instead of shelled eggs.

**Thaw Foods Properly:** Do not thaw foods at room temperature. Plan enough time to thaw food in the refrigerator, placing thawing items on a tray to catch any juices that may leak from the packaging to avoid cross-contamination of other foods. The number of days a frozen turkey takes to thaw in a refrigerator depends on the size. A turkey 4-12 pounds takes one to three days to thaw; 12-16 pounds takes three to four days; 16-20 pounds takes four to five days; and 20-24 pounds takes five to six days.

**If you're ill:** When you're not feeling well, do not prepare or handle foods.

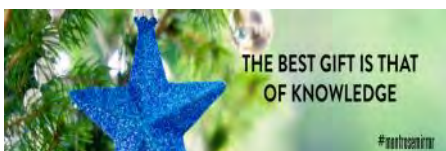


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## OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

### MOVING BEYOND THE 2A CHARADE, READY TO ACT?

*Editor:*

The Montrose community needs to act now. Or? (explained below). For this opinion piece I'd like to keep the focus on what the 2A vote means, and urgent considerations for the Montrose community.

#### **As slim as 35 voters**

By a very slim margin, the passing of 2A solidified funding for the progressive policy vision of Montrose City Manager Bill Bell and supporting City Council members. The passing of 2A resulted in a city sales tax increase of 18% (\$3,400,000 annually), and added fresh buckets of money to spend on more pet projects, further grow the city bureaucracy, and pad the list of accomplishments for Mr. Bell's resume (which is shaping up quite well for a Boulder interview).

It didn't take long for the community to reaffirm its distrust with City and Council governance. Flush with a forecasted new pile of dough post 2A vote, Council voted 4-1 to pull \$670,000 out of the 2020 public safety budget and place it towards a TBD capital project(s). It appears the Council debate on the \$670,000 centered around procedural flexibility vs. principle. Only one Council member, Mayor Bowman, stuck with principle and the promises made to residents.

It appears Mr. Bowman voted NO to the entire 2020 city budget based on the promises he made to the Montrose community related to public safety budgeting, regardless of the 2A outcome. Any of us may agree or disagree with Mr. Bowman's votes or policy opinions, but it should be noted and applauded that in this case he kept to his word.

#### **Engineering growth at our expense**

No doubt desirable areas, like we are fortunate to live in, will grow simply because they fit a lifestyle that draws people. Myself, a recent example. Organic growth, it's inevitable. Contrary to the simplicity of organic growth, one piece we are seeing within the City's progressive policy plan is the *engineering of growth*, creating and incentivizing growth; and guess what, it's on the back of the city resident and taxpayer.

One example, and a prime one to note, Montrose is a city that is now millions of dollars into a speculative real estate project. Do many residents understand the money they pay to the City (water/sewer bill, sales tax, etc.) has been used to hedge a commercial real estate development? How the heck did that happen? A speculative deal with taxpayer dollars, quite frankly, it is astonishing. (Prediction: the City will propose to start filling up that empty dirt with a subsidized hotel and subsidized housing projects. Millions of dollars fronted by the City, filled with more City subsidized projects.)

#### **Good judgment comes from experience**

Folks, there are Montrose community members that have seen this type of story play out, local government straying way beyond its intended role. Power grabs to control and centralize authority. All the while, recklessly spending other people's money. Parts and pieces don't add up and we are often left to wonder, what is really going on behind the scenes?

My goal is to offer some thought into an important conversation, help to inform, and to promote fairness and awareness

within the process. The beauty of 2A is that the community became engaged and enlightened. Even better, post 2A looks like the engagement is continuing.

Ultimately, the City of Montrose citizens "own" the direction of the City by being involved and scrutinizing the policies of who they elect to City Council. The early 2020 election to fill three City Council seats is a very important election. No doubt, it is time to shake up City Council.

#### **Or? ...Boulder**

The City of Montrose governance is headed down the path to Boulder. I am sure the 276-mile concrete sidewalk, authorized in the name of public safety, will be budgeted soon. The path is early stage, but the fundamentals of elitism, overreach, control, and arrogance are all in place. It is happening.

The good news about early stage, the path can be corrected, and can be done so during the April 2020 City Council election. Or, if you approve of the City's current vision and direction, simply support to stay the course.

The irony of the 2A "win" is it brought a lot of important issues to light and got a lot of people out of hibernation. Montrose residents and voters can engage, voice concerns or support, or run for Council. The April 2020 City Council election is a big deal for Montrose and needs to be taken seriously.

Meanwhile, City Manager Boulder Bill is working on his list of accomplishments, getting the boxes checked off to make for an ideal front range city manager candidate.

*Scott Damman, Montrose*



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### STATE LABOR DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES PUBLIC COMMENT FOR COLORADO OVERTIME RULE

#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-The Colorado Overtime and Minimum Pay Standards Order #36 (COMPS), formerly known as Minimum Wage Order, is now open for public comment. COMPS is the source of critical Colorado wage rights and responsibilities beyond those provided by federal law, which includes eligibility for the Colorado

minimum wage; overtime pay for work past 40 hours per week and 12 hours per day; meal and rest breaks; and other employee and employer rights and responsibilities.

Public comments are now being accepted through December 31st. More detail on the order including a complete schedule of rulemaking dates can be found at

[coloradolaborlaw.gov](http://coloradolaborlaw.gov). Comments can be submitted online at [comps.cdle.co](http://comps.cdle.co) or sent directly to the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment's Division of Labor Standards and Statistics by email ([michael.primo@state.co.us](mailto:michael.primo@state.co.us)), fax (303-318-8400), or mail (Division of Labor Standards & Statistics, 633 17th Street, Denver CO 80202).

### COLORADO OIL & GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION COMPLETES FIRST RULEMAKING UNDER SB 19-181

#### *Special to the Mirror*

DENVER - The Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) has announced that the Commissioners adopted new protective flowline rules during its hearing, held in Greeley. SB 19-181 directed the Commission to complete four rulemakings by July 1, 2020, and the flowline rulemaking is the first to be completed.

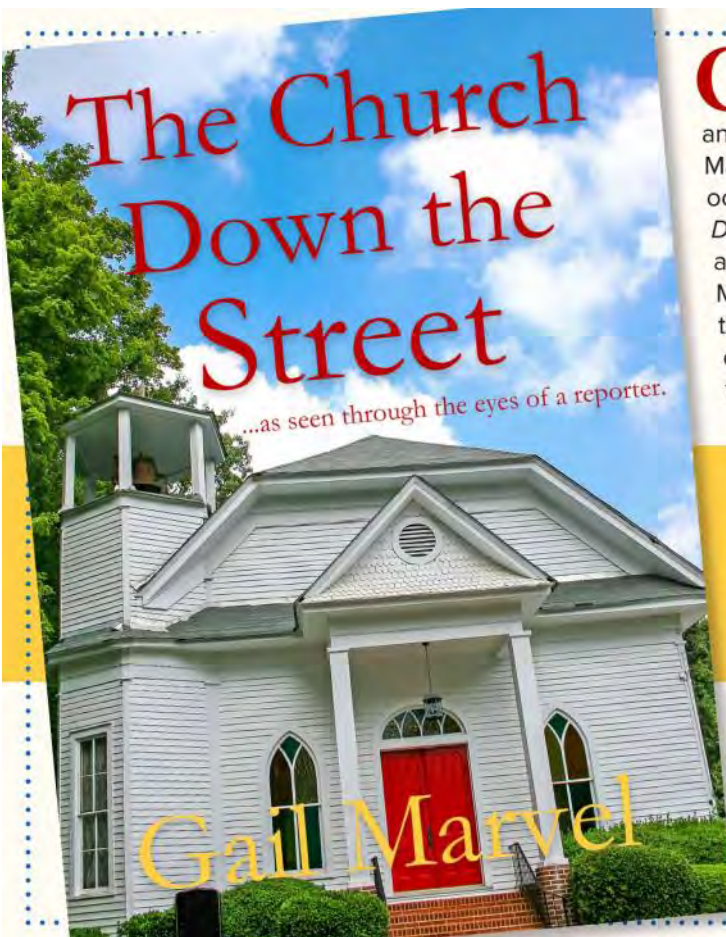
SB 19-181 directed the Commission to engage in rulemaking that will "allow the public disclosure of flowline information" and evaluate and determine when a deactivated flowline must be inspected before being reactivated in addition to considering its inactive well and flowline rules.

The COGCC is in the midst of reviewing its rules and procedures to evaluate what

changes are required to reflect the new law's requirements.

COGCC's December Hearing will be held in Denver.

To learn more about the flowline rules, participate in any meetings, the rulemaking schedule, or comment using the online portals, visit the COGCC website: [www.colorado.gov/cogcc](http://www.colorado.gov/cogcc).



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](http://Amazon.com) and [wingedpublications.com](http://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/](http://www.montrose.mobi/).



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## OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

### WHERE WERE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS WHEN MHS BATHROOMS WERE DESTROYED?

*Editor:*

Several years ago, around the time of a huge school shooting episode somewhere, our town engaged in a passionate discussion of school and campus safety. At that time the superintendent wanted none of the security business or talk. His attitude was apparently "don't sweat it, I know how to handle this." One of my last remarks about that issue was to the effect that he would be gone from Montrose BEFORE we would see the foolishness of his position. In regard to terrorism we have not been called to account. At that time we had two, that is 2 school safety officers for our 8 schools. One was generally at the High School. Who knows where the other officer was. One thing for sure, we have just been provided with a stern warning---our administrators and the city council do not know squat about security and leaving it to them will bring forth dire consequences.

Somewhere in between then and now both of those officers have disappeared. I presume that is because of the alleged financial shortages in the city that just tried to re-allot \$670,000 from police to other purposes and because the police chief turned in over \$400,000 unspent at the end of the year.

Good, well-trained, police officers know what is going on on their beat. It is their job. It is expected of them. They are there, they listen, they look, and they have contacts. They are available to be told things.

So this week or last, partitions in two of the boys bathrooms at the high school were ripped from the wall and were bent beyond use by someone. This, of course, probably made significant noise. Chances are that these two incidents did not happen at the same time. Of course no one heard, saw or knew anything.

I opine several things;

1. Someone heard something, nobody is telling.
2. The whole student body knows who did it.
3. That a campus cop may have prevented it by just being there.
4. That a campus cop could have laid his hands on the perpetrators immediately after the first incident.
5. And that our city administration was and is culpable by virtue (?) of not funding our entire campus cop program, because they wanted the public to feel the shortage of funds to win on 2A.
6. That the administration of the Montrose schools and the administration of the

high school are culpable because they never raised Cain with the city about not having enough campus cops as promised five or so years ago.

Citizens, mostly you parents, should be raising holy terror about what could have happened instead of a couple of crapper stalls being broken. If these students (or were they students?) could do this and escape detection, what else can and has been going on at that campus over the past five years? What would have happened if "little Johnny nerd" had stumbled upon the miscreants?

Is it not easy to see that parts of the puzzle are missing? When parts are missing, when you try to move it, it falls apart. The City of Montrose, in their effort to garner passage of 2A by every means, which in spite of the 'sales pitch' was and is a General Sales tax, let part of a vital CHILD SAFETY PROGRAM go missing, delicately balanced functions are upset---they go missing---if you will.

Now none of us can say that a campus cop on patrol would have stopped this vandalism but he might have. And that, of course, is what policing is all about. Fear of being caught keeps most of us straight--why do I not speed?

*Bill Bennett, Montrose*



*ANONYMOUS*

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## COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

### NEW APP HELPS DESIGN BUILDINGS THAT USE BIOMASS FOR HEAT



Wood chip pile to be used for biomass heat.  
Courtesy photo.

#### Special to the Mirror

FORT COLLINS-With the onset of the winter heating season, the Colorado State Forest Service is debuting a new tool to help builders make new buildings more climate conscious and less dependent on non-renewable sources of energy.

The Biomass Ready tool helps builders, architects, engineers, planners and others in the building trade to design new buildings that can incorporate biomass as a heating source. Biomass is woody plant

material, derived from the trunks and branches of trees.

Firewood, for example, is a commonly known form of biomass that provides fuel for heating. Like firewood, wood chips can be used as fuel for wood-burning systems that heat buildings.

"Woody biomass is a clean and renewable alternative for heating today's new buildings," said Tim Reader, wood products program specialist with the CSFS. "Unfortunately, many builders are not aware of the simple design considerations that make it easy and inexpensive to incorporate a biomass heating system as part of their new building construction."

To address this dilemma, the CSFS worked with the USDA Forest Service's Wood Innovations Program and the Wood Education and Resource Center to develop the Biomass Ready app.

This online tool walks builders through five steps to ensure new buildings can incorporate a biomass heating system.

Even if a biomass heating system is not a viable option for a builder today, this tool

ensures that the new building would be able to incorporate one in the future.

"Applying some simple and low-cost design elements in a building's design today can make it easier to transition to a biomass heating system in the future," Reader said, "so the building is biomass ready."

He added that biomass is a good option for buildings in the public sector, such as schools, correctional facilities or community centers. Several cities and towns in Colorado, such as Boulder, Fort Collins and Fairplay, have public buildings with biomass heating systems. Reader noted communities that have active wildfire mitigation programs are good candidates to design buildings that use biomass as their primary heating source. By removing trees to reduce wildfire fuels on the land, these communities produce the wood, or biomass, needed for wood-burning systems.

To view the Biomass Ready app, visit [www.biomassready.org](http://www.biomassready.org). For more information on biomass as a fuel for heating buildings, contact Reader at (970) 247-5250.

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## COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

### EXPECTED REVISIONS TO COLORADO NON-FARM PAYROLL JOBS

*Special to the Mirror*

COLORADO-Second quarter 2019 Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) results indicate Colorado total nonfarm payroll jobs estimates will be revised up for this period with the release of benchmarked estimates in March 2020. June 2019 estimates are expected to be revised up by about 300 nonfarm payroll jobs. April and May 2019 estimates are expected to be revised up by about 5,100 and 10,500 nonfarm payroll jobs, respectively.

Applying these results through October 2019 brings estimated total nonfarm payroll jobs in October to 2,791,800. This change brings over the year payroll job growth estimates through October 2019 to 54,400 or 2.0 percent.

The final March 2020 benchmarked series are expected to vary from these estimates due to new seasonal adjustment factors and new estimates of nonfarm payroll jobs not covered by the unemployment insurance program.

Industry sectors expected to undergo an upward revision to payroll jobs estimates in the 2nd quarter<sup>1</sup> include trade, transportation, and utilities (~5,400), construction (~5,100), financial services (~3,700), and information (~1,100). Payroll jobs estimates for manufacturing and government may also be revised upward.

The industry sectors expected to undergo a downward revision to payroll jobs estimates are professional and business services (~9,600), leisure and hospitality (~4,200), and other services (~1,400). Payroll jobs estimates for education and health services and mining and logging

may also be revised down.

Payroll jobs estimates for the Denver (~10,500), Fort Collins (~2,500), and Greeley (~1,600) Metropolitan Statistical Areas are expected to be revised up in the 2nd quarter<sup>1</sup>. Estimates for the Pueblo and Colorado Springs Metropolitan Statistical Areas may also be revised upward. Total nonfarm payroll job estimates for the Boulder (~4,200) and Grand Junction (~1,100) Metropolitan Statistical Areas are expected to be revised down.

Expected Revisions to Colorado Nonfarm Payroll Jobs based on 3rd quarter 2019 QCEW data will be released Thursday, February 20, 2020.

Every month of the year other than February the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, releases estimates of Colorado nonfarm payroll jobs for the previous month based on results from a survey of business establishments. Estimates for Colorado are produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for total nonfarm payroll jobs and specific industry sectors or groups of sectors across the entire state, and for the seven metropolitan statistical areas.

In February of each year these survey based estimates are compared to and adjusted in a process called "benchmarking" based on administrative records available since the release of the survey estimates. The results of that comparison are released in March.

For instance, at the beginning of the 2020 calendar year Colorado nonfarm payroll jobs estimates for the 4th quarter of 2018 and all of 2019 will be benchmarked based

on information available from the QCEW program for the 4th quarter of 2018 and the first three quarters of 2019. These updated estimates will be released in March 2020.

The source of these administrative records for the QCEW program are unemployment insurance reports Colorado employers are required to file quarterly with the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment. Among other information, employers include the number of people employed at the firm for each month of the quarter for which the report is being filed. Although only firms with employees covered by the Colorado Unemployment Insurance program are required by state and federal law to submit these reports, this quarterly census of employment covers about 98 percent of all nonfarm payroll jobs and about 88 percent of total employment in Colorado.

Aggregated by industry, the QCEW data are more closely aligned with the definition of nonfarm payroll jobs than with total employment. This is because an individual holding more than one job is counted only once in the total employment estimate but multiple times in both QCEW and the nonfarm payroll jobs estimates. Total employment estimates are by place of residence while both QCEW and payroll jobs are by place of business.

Though the official nonfarm payroll jobs estimates are benchmarked only once a year, data from QCEW are available quarterly and, once available, can be compared to the official series to see by about how much the official statistics will be adjusted.

<sup>1</sup>Values shown are June estimates.





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## OPINION/EDITORIAL: COMMENTARY

### CITY 'POP-UP' STORE THAT COMPETES WITH MAIN STREET RETAILERS IS A LOSE-LOSE SITUATION FOR US ALL



*The City of Montrose has opened a "popup" retail shop at 324 Main Street.*

#### *Mirror staff editorial*

MONTROSE—As small business owners in Montrose work to ensure a successful 2019 Holiday season—a time of year when many may earn the bulk of their annual income—they face numerous challenges. In addition to spending their OWN money,

entrepreneurs in the retail industry face obstacles that can include finding qualified employees in an increasingly competitive job market, affording the rising cost of brick and mortar facilities, and facing competition from big box stores and online mega-retailers like Amazon.

Many small retailers spend long hours working in their own establishments without the safety net of a regular paycheck. So when the City of Montrose, which collects a lucrative sales tax from business owners, chose to open a retail outlet of its own at 324 Main Street in Montrose this year and last, some local shops could not be blamed for crying foul.

Because not only does the City of Montrose use that "pop-up" space to hold the annual sale of Montrose Bucks --paid for with a retail sales enhancement (RSE) fund derived from local retailers--it stocks its shop at 324 Main Street with merchandise that directly competes with merchandise

offered by existing merchants and staffs the "business" with City employees.

We believe it's time for the City to re-direct its focus back to what the citizens of Montrose expect—clean and well-maintained roads and sidewalks, public spaces that are safe for citizens of all ages and abilities, and a community that is accessible to all, including people in wheel-chairs.

Because to use taxpayer dollars to compete with local business is a situation that ultimately hurts the City's tax base.

After all, Montrose Mayor Dave Bowman is a former Main Street business owner himself, having owned and operated the excellent Blue Sky Music store back in the day.

Perhaps the Mayor can recall his own retail experience, and convince Council that government competing directly with local retailers is a short-sighted strategy and a lose-lose situation for us all.



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## TROOPER TIPS: PASSING SAFELY ON TWO-LANE ROADS



**Colorado State Patrol  
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*By Trooper Gary Cutler*

COLORADO-One of the things about living in rural parts of Colorado means often having to travel on two lane roads. Where it is sometimes a lot more pleasant than driving on a big highway, it can have its

drawbacks. One of those is not having a passing lane you can access the entire time you are traveling that roadway. In Colorado, there are 11 state statutes that talk about the proper way to pass another vehicle. I'm going to hit on a few of them this month.

Passing on the left in an unsafe manner. This is one I see a lot of times. When you are going to pass a vehicle going the same direction, there are a multitude of items to make sure you are going to be able to pass safely. The law states you must do so in a safe manner. This means not getting too close to the vehicle you are about to pass. In other words, don't ride their bumper.

The second part of this is when you pass make sure you give the vehicle being passed a safe amount of space before going back into their lane. If you cause the other vehicle to slow, or worse yet brake hard because you came in too close

to them, you are in the wrong.

Also keep in mind the area you are making your pass needs to be sufficient enough to be able to complete the pass before the lines dividing the lanes go back to a solid line. So this means if you start your pass when there is a dotted line and you do not get back over to the right lane prior to the lines going solid, you may be cited for passing in a no passing zone. You are also not allowed to go over the speed limit to pass another vehicle.

When being passed on the left by another vehicle: This is another violation I see quite often. When being passed on the left, the driver is required to give way to the passing vehicle and shall not increase speed while being passed.

Passing a bicycle on the left: If passing a bicycle on the left will cause you to go into the oncoming lane of traffic, you must wait for the lane to be clear of vehicles that are coming from the other direction. You cannot force the other car to have to slow or move onto the other shoulder because you are passing a bicycle even if you are only going partially into the other lane. The same goes if you are passing a vehicle you cannot force them to slow or divert from their path.

Passing within 100 feet of a bridge, tunnel, or viaduct when the view is obstructed: Any time you are unable to see far enough to make sure it is clear of vehicles is a good time to wait until you are sure such a pass can be made safely. The

same goes for trying to pass on a curve or hill. Most times the roadway will be marked with solid lines, but in case there aren't any markings, just know this is also against the law.

Passing within 100 feet of an intersection or railroad crossing: This one is just common sense as far as I'm concerned. Please just wait until you are past the railroad or intersection.

Remember to always use your turn signal when passing so you let everyone know your intentions. Each of these violations I have mentioned above is a \$113.50 fine and a four-point hit on your driver's license. So be kind when passing and being passed.

On a final note, periodically I receive emails about topics readers would like to see in the future, or additional information on topics I have hit. I try to get those in whenever I can fit them in. The question came up if there are any emergency call boxes located on any of the canyon roads. CDOT does not have any in operation.

If you are in an area where you do not have cell service, try to do the best you can to get information to emergency personnel. If you have to drive somewhere to get assistance for an injured party, please make the drive. If you have a passer-by stop have them relay the information for you. Safety is the #1 objective in any of these scenarios.

As always, safe travels!

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### CDOT COMPLETES CONTRUCTION OF PASSING LANE ON HWY 145

#### Special to the Mirror

SAN MIGUEL COUNTY — The Colorado Department of Transportation and contractor Oldcastle SW Group, Inc., have completed construction of the new southbound (up-valley, toward Telluride) passing lane on CO Highway 145 north of Telluride ahead of schedule and under bid budget. Originally the project was scheduled for completion in late December, and instead, the work was finalized last week, on November 20. Oldcastle's work was also completed approximately 3.5 percent under the \$5.4 million project bid budget.

The purpose of the project is to improve safety for motorists on the two-mile stretch that receives an average of 6,600 vehicles a day and spiking well above this amount of traffic during the summer months and, in particular, on festival weekends. The work has widened the highway to add a southbound, uphill passing lane and improve shoulders between

mile point (MP) 73.9 at Illium Road (County Road 63L) and MP 75.1 at Deep Creek Road. A passing lane provides space and opportunities for faster vehicles to safely pass slower moving traffic.

To widen the roadway and accommodate the new southbound passing lane, crews excavated the hillside along the northbound lane and constructed an embankment along the southbound lane. The work involved the following:

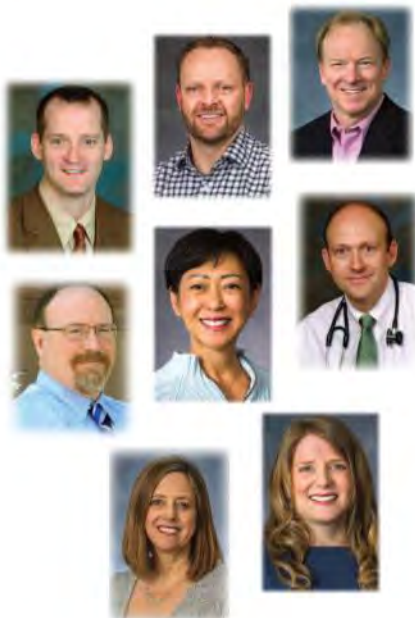
- Construction of a reinforced soil slope and embankment (southbound) and rockery retaining wall (northbound)
- Installation of new guardrail
- Replacement of existing culverts at 11 locations across this stretch of improvement from Illium Road to the CDOT Maintenance facility
- Construction of a concrete box culvert at Deep Creek
- Super-elevation and crown improvements on the roadway (meaning the road-

way's banked curve was adjusted and its cross-slope—geometric feature of pavement surface that provides a drainage gradient—was be reconstructed to improve safety for motorists)

#### PROJECT INFORMATION

-Project web site, <https://www.codot.gov/projects/co-145-deep-creek-passing-lanes>  
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To heighten safety awareness, CDOT recently announced its [Whole System — Whole Safety](#) initiative. This initiative takes a systematic, statewide approach to safety combining the benefits of CDOT's programs that address driving behaviors, our built environment and the organization's operations. The goal is to improve the safety of Colorado's transportation network by reducing the rate and severity of crashes and improving the safety of all transportation modes. The program has one simple mission—to get everyone home safely.



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## OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

### CLIMATE CHANGE DEMANDS ACTION NOW

*Editor:*

Having just celebrated Thanksgiving we can be grateful to be able to retain a certain degree of hope in the face of our climate crisis. This, however, demands action. We must resist the ignorance of our current administration's efforts to back away from the minimal efforts of the Paris Climate Accord.

Several hopeful signs in both houses of Congress are the Energy and Carbon Dividend Act (H.R. 763) in the House and the non-partisan companion effort in the Senate. Both bill's efforts are to use a free-market approach to putting fossil fuel pollution back into the economic equation and rebating all monetary benefits back to all households equally.

This can be done, but constituent pressure may need to be ramped up. Let's follow the Thanksgiving spirit by promoting our effort to combat the climate crisis in an egalitarian way.

*Wayne Quade, Montrose*

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## COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

### EXPERIENCE HOLIDAY CHEER OUTDOORS THIS YEAR WITH COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE

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Several state parks have organized fun outdoor activities for all ages to mark the holidays. Take a stroll on the trails and warm up with some cider or hot cocoa during the Old Fashioned Holiday Celebration at Roxborough, participate in the Moosemas Tree Cut and Open House at State Forest, enjoy refreshments and making holiday crafts at Highline Lake, Lathrop and Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area, or bring the kids for a truly magical Princess and Reindeer Day at Barr Lake.

"The Holidays are a great time to come out for a hike with loved ones," said Roxborough State Park Manager Ben Vinci. "It's always great to see the community gathering around special events like these to meet others that share their love of the outdoors and Colorado's beautiful natural resources."

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# COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

## GOVERNOR JOINS STATE AGENCIES IN RURAL STATE JOB & RESOURCE FAIR

*Special to the Mirror*

DENVER — On Nov. 23, as part of his statewide listening tour, Governor Jared Polis joined more than 20 state agencies at a job fair in the Western Slope's Montrose. The event, titled "State Agency Job and Resource Fair," featured job opportunities with the state and educated attendees about the many no-cost resources workforce centers provide. The more than 100 attendees also took advantage of the pre-employment workshops available at the fair.

"We're thrilled to see such interest in state and local government jobs and resources," said Joe Barela, Executive Director of CDLE. "Government benefits when Coloradans living in rural areas join civil service; in addition to the considerable talents these workers bring to the job, they also provide an important and unique perspective, as they know the needs of their communities better than anyone else."

Barela also noted that many attendees learned about local employment resources available: "As automation and artificial intelligence transform the way we

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## ***A CHRISTMAS CAROL...1940'S RADIO PLAY TAKES THE STAGE AT MAGIC CIRCLE THEATRE***



***Magic Circle Players' Scott Pollak gets into the 1940s mood for the upcoming radio-style broadcast play of A Christmas Carol December 6, 7, and 8 at Magic Circle Theatre 420 S. 12th Street. Visit [magiccircleplayers.com](http://magiccircleplayers.com) for ticket information.***

### *Special to Art & Sol*

MONTROSE-As the holidays approach, some of us are filled with a longing for the vintage days of celebrating Christmas. Hand-strung popcorn ornaments, home-made pecan pie and, of course, at least one rendition of Charles Dickens' beloved *A Christmas Carol*.

You can recapture the charm of those days and introduce a new generation to the compelling world of 1940s' radio broadcasts as Magic Circle Theatre presents *A Christmas Carol* read on-stage in a reenactment of the glory days of radio.

This "broadcast" takes place inside the 1940's studio of radio station WBFR in New York City as talented stage actors, a musician and a sound effects person come together to perform this Christmas classic in front of a "live studio audience" - just how they did it in "the old days"!

The actors will interact with the audience and the audience will be encouraged to laugh, applaud and be a part of the experience.

The performance is family-friendly so be

sure to bring the kids and start a new, fun holiday tradition.

Scrooge, Tiny Tim and the entire cast will be dressed in 1940s styles and voiced by Magic Circle Players veterans Bob Allyn, Peter Ambrose, Kate Roth, Racyn Dunnagan, Misty Walker, KC Pollak and Scott Pollak. Directed by Scott Pollak with lights by Sherrod Walker and sound by Casey Dukeman, this radio-style production will fascinate young and old alike.

This version of Dickens' tale about a miser, who, in one night, is visited by the spirits of Christmas Past, Present and Future changing him forever, was adapted for radio by Kevin Connors, adapted for the stage by Joe Landry and produced by special arrangement by Playscripts, Inc.

Performances will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 6 and 7, and 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 7 and 8.

Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for children through high school and may be purchased online at [magiccircleplayers.com](http://magiccircleplayers.com) or two hours before each performance at Magic Circle Theatre, 420 S. 12<sup>th</sup> Street.



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## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

### WORKSHOP COMBINES THIN MINTS, STREAM GIRLS, & TROUT



*Using a kick net. Courtesy photo.*

*By Friends of Youth and Nature,  
Staff Writer—Anne Janik*

REGIONAL-Cookies, Girl Scouts, and trout may seem like an unusual combination, but, last month, 18 Girl Scouts from Western Slope chapters became STREAM Girls. This Colorado Trout Unlimited workshop is designed to introduce youth to their local watershed through river conservation and recreation. STREAM stands for STEM, recreation and art. Ross Reels, Able Women, and the local Trout Unlimited (TU) chapter—the Gunnison Gorge Anglers hosted the workshop.

The day started with an icebreaker where the girls were grouped by their favorite Girl Scout cookie. Barbara Luneau, TU youth programming volunteer, engaged the girls in a watershed discussion. She explained the path of our rivers from their headwaters to their terminus. The Uncompahgre and Gunnison Rivers are tributaries to the Colorado River, which comprises the third largest watershed in the country. The Columbia River Watershed is second, and the largest watershed in the U.S. is the Mississippi River. “Our rivers here are very hard working with many demands for drinking water, irrigation, livestock and recreation. These rivers are closely managed to meet everyone’s needs,” Luneau explained. “How much water do you think makes it to the Gulf of Mexico? Very little!” The new Colorado Outdoor facility in Montrose provided easy access to the Uncompahgre River, where the girls explored the river corridor. Volunteers guided the girls with probing questions to help them use all their senses to observe the nuances of the river and

adjacent riparian habitats as if through the eyes of a scientist, angler, and artist. The girls described the river sounds and smells, and sketched their observations in their STREAM Girls field notebook.

Ready to learn how to measure stream flows, the girls stepped into a small channel of the main river wearing hip waders. The scouts timed the travel of a ping-pong ball from a release point upstream to its catch by a scout 30 feet downstream, repeating this three times for an average. The girls rocked at the math, calculating channel area (average width and depth), velocity (distance and time), and finally flow in cubic feet per second. “This is math under pressure—adding, dividing, and multiplying without a calculator!” said Luneau.

Kick nets were next on the agenda. The girls stirred up the stream bottom with their feet so aquatic insects drifted into the nets. With giggles and laughter, the girls enthusiastically scuffled about while trying to keep their balance! They rinsed the nets into buckets, and transferred samples into trays for critter identification. Referencing an insect guide, the girls identified species by using characteristics like shape, tails, location of gills, and cases. Of course, this activity also required math skills to determine overall stream health using the diversity of specific bugs (Caddis flies, Mayflies and Stoneflies) and their abundance. Luneau explained that high numbers of these bugs, which are highly sensitive to pollution usually, indicate a healthy stream. Guess what? This section of the Uncompahgre River scored well!

With a grasp of stream flows and aquatic insects, the girls had a better idea of where trout hang out and what they like to eat—basics for a successful angler. This is where the Gunnison Gorge Anglers stepped in to help each girl set up her fly rod and learn to cast. The girls and instructors began casting around the pond. Each Scout looked like they were determinedly practicing the summoning charm from Harry Potter, “*Accio -trout*” that will magically bring whatever item is summoned.

Fly fishing is all about tricking the fish into biting your artificial fly thinking it is the real thing, and the art of fly tying is to

imitate the look of those tasty morsels. After identifying the common aquatic insects, the Scouts had a better idea of what those morsels look like. Now, sitting at a fly tying station, each scout was patiently guided by a CTU volunteer on how to tie a midge or a winged emerger. With quiet concentration, the girls carefully created art for fishing. To recap the day, the Scouts returned to the river to complete a scavenger hunt for the key ingredients of a stream, and began working on a necklace. Colored beads represented those key ingredients: water, wood, rocks, and plants with the added charms of mayflies, feathers, and bugs. Kate Senn from Ross Reels, a Girl Scout alumna, awarded the Scouts their new patch, and congratulated each with their special Scout handshake. What was their favorite part of the day? “Going into the water with the waders; ... finding all the bugs; ...being able to see what’s in the water,” were a few of their responses. The day undoubtedly inspired new, young anglers, but their experience of standing in the river and understanding the river dynamics will be remembered long and vividly. Kudos to all Colorado Stream Girls—our rivers need more stewards. Colorado Trout Unlimited provides a voice for our rivers. CTU works to conserve, protect, and restore Colorado’s coldwater fisheries and their watersheds. CTU offers a week long River Conservation and Fly Fishing Camp designed to educate 14 to 18 year old students. For more information visit: <https://coloradotu.org/youthcamp>. Gunnison Gorge Anglers, a chapter of CTU, hosts multiple activities including youth education, fly casting and fly-tying lessons, and stream improvement projects. For more information visit: [gunnisongorgeanglers.tu.org](http://gunnisongorgeanglers.tu.org) Able Women is a non-profit public outreach initiative designed to spread the word about fly fishing and the many emotional, physical, and spiritual benefits it brings to women. Find out more at: [ablewomenflyfish.com](http://ablewomenflyfish.com). Friends of Youth and Nature is a non-profit that promotes opportunities for youth and families to go outside, experience outdoor activities, and explore nature. For more information visit: [friendsofyouthandnature.org](http://friendsofyouthandnature.org).



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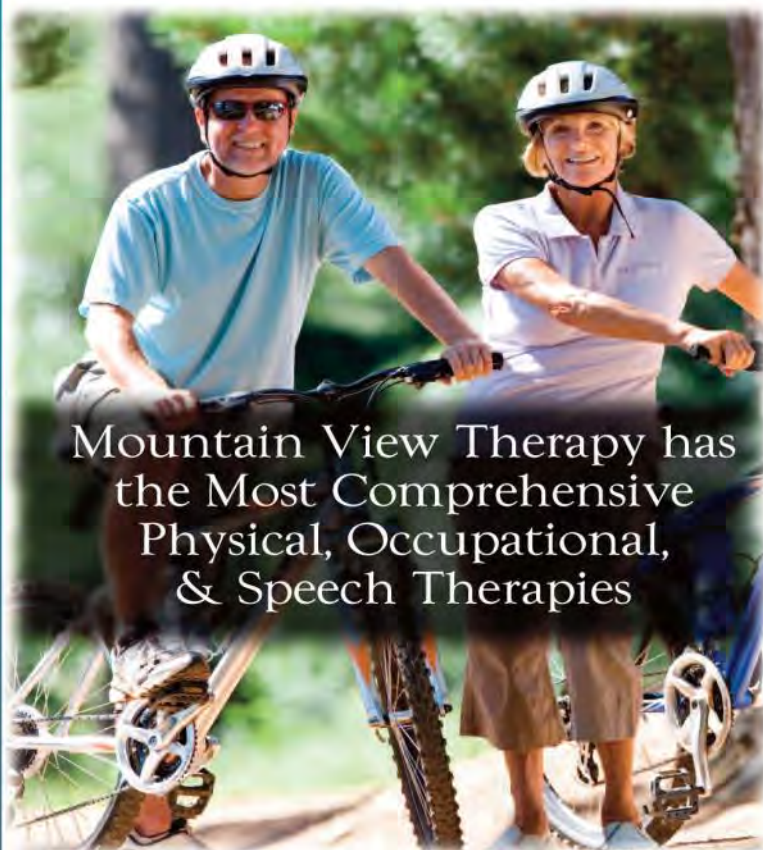
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## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

### MONTROSE CENTER FOR THE ARTS WELCOMES FIRST FRIDAY STROLL, WINTER-THEMED ART SHOW

*Special to Art & Sol*

MONTROSE—FIRST FRIDAY STROLL on Main Street in Montrose. Montrose Center for the Arts is exhibiting a WINTER themed Members Art Show for the month of December. Join the fun and meet the artists at the opening reception on Dec. 6, 5-7pm. Also, check out the Christmas Store at the Art Center. Appetizers and beverages available for your enjoyment. The Art Center is at the corner of Main and Park Ave., 11 Park Ave., Montrose.

### CITY, HISPANIC AFFAIRS PROJECT TO PRESENT PHOTOVOICE PROJECT

*Special to Art & Sol*

MONTROSE — The City of Montrose in partnership with the Hispanic Affairs Project invites the public to attend the opening of the Tortilla Flats Neighborhood Photovoice Project, a collection of photographs produced by the residents living in the Tortilla Flats neighborhood.

A community exhibit and reception will be held on Dec. 4 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Montrose Library located at 320 South Second Street in Montrose.

Photovoice is a widely-used process in which people use photographs and words to capture aspects of their environment and life experiences and share them with the public and local officials to spur positive change in their community. The Tortilla Flats area is one of the oldest neighborhoods in Montrose.

The project was funded through a grant from The Colorado Health Foundation.

"The City of Montrose looks forward to experiencing the Photovoice Project," said Kendall Cramer, the City of Montrose grant coordinator. "The purpose of our engagement efforts, funded through a grant from the Colorado Health Foundation, is to identify and pursue initiatives that will better serve residents residing in the Tortilla Flats neighborhood."

# Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes

## WINTER COMETH TO THE SAN JUANS



*Orion Constellation (courtesy photo)*

**COLD & COLDER...** It came a little late this year, although its arrival is anything but regular. In fact, its most regular feature is its irregularity. But it seems like most years it snows just before, on, or right after Halloween. And we settle in for a season of cold temperatures and snow on the ground. Maybe melting on the roads. Maybe not. Most often it's a periodic ebb & flow of ice & thaw ... But weather has gotten much more unpredictable these days. Long droughts. Killer storms. Like our politics. We lurch from liberal to conservative. Permissive to restrictive. Impeach a lying Democrat, but he stays in office. Impeach a lying Republican. Will he stay in office too?

**THE NEWS ...** In Malta the murder of a crusading journalist is bringing down the government. In Bolivia the exile of an embattled president leads to demonstrations and military repression. In Britain the London Bridge terrorist stabbings. In Syria Turkish ethnic cleansing of Kurds. In Brazil forest destruction and indigenous genocide (again). In Suriname the President found guilty of murder ... One almost wants to run away from the world. And maybe living in the San Juans is a kind of



*Peach fruit (courtesy photo).*

running away. A place far from the madness all around us.

**ORION RISING ...** One of the things I love about Norwood are its dark skies. It even won statewide designation as such recently. And rightly so. I walk outside in the evenings into my orchard of pie-cherry trees and watch Orion rising from the eastern horizon -- Sirius, the dog star, hot on his heels ... When the kids were younger, we'd grab sleeping bags to go sleep out on the trampoline. We'd watch mesmerized as the great wheel of the Milky Way stretched north and south, from Lone Cone to the Uncompahgre Plateau, almost imperceptibly making its night roll across the sky.

**BON MOTS ...** I can't help over the next few columns but select a few quotes from the ground-breaking book I reviewed last week edited by David K. Allison and Larrie D. Ferreiro called *The American Revolution: A World War* (Smithsonian Books, Wash. D.C., 2018). I think it's one every American ought to read, if only to correct our deeply flawed sense of our own revolutionary history as taught to us in our schools ... "The period between 1689 and 1815 was dubbed the Second Hundred Years' War by the British historian John Robert Seely ... [It] was fought primarily

between the two great European powers of the day, France and England (Britain after its 1797 union with Scotland), but it also pulled in allies on both sides from across Europe and even from Asia. It was a series of eight wars rather than one long conflict, during which one out of every two years saw major hostilities between nations. Americans fought in every one of those wars." -- Larrie D. Ferreiro

**DRUG WAR ...** You'd think that even someone as out of touch as Michael Bloomberg would realize that waging war on drugs is a war that can't be won. The Rand Corporation recently released estimates of how much Americans spend on four top "drugs" -- all of which are illegal nationally ... Two of them I think of as inherently dangerous, and I've never tried them -- heroin and methamphetamine. One I've tried and think is unhealthy, as well as addictive -- cocaine. The last is one -- currently legal in Colorado -- that I've used for many years and have only had good results, beneficial use, no tendency to addiction, and which is finally being realized for the medical and recreational substance it is -- cannabis ... For the years 2006 to 2016 heroin purchase has steadily risen from an estimated \$31 billion to its current \$41 billion in spending in this country. Cannabis has also risen -- from \$34 billion to \$52 billion. And methamphetamines have gone up slightly from \$22 billion to \$26 billion. However, cocaine has dropped from \$58 billion to \$25 billion over those same ten years ... Nevertheless, the combined amount of money just on those four substances is over \$150 billion dollars a year. Why aren't we taxing that spending, instead of letting the Mexican cartels and American Mafioso reap all the profits from its sale? We could put billions into medical treatment instead of incarceration. Solely as a capitalist, I think the drug war makes no financial sense.



# Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes, continued

**UTE NEWS** ... Colorado College has changed the name of its largest campus assembly area from the Armstrong Quad to Tava Quad, at the request of its Indigenous students and alumni -- as part of an anti-racist initiative. *Tava* is the Ute word for "Sun" and was their name for the mountain settlers labeled Pike's Peak. Hanley Frost, Southern Ute Education Coordinator, joined in a sunrise blessing for the renamed campus area in October. "The Native and Indigenous community has described the naming of Tava Quad as a form of 'healing,'" explained Tara Vigil in

the *Southern Ute Drum* ... Shaun Cha-poose, Uncompahgre representative on the Ute Indian Tribe of Utah's Business Committee, vied for president of the National Congress of American Indians at the group's 76<sup>th</sup> annual convention in Albuquerque this fall, but lost to the group's first woman president, Fawn Sharp of the Quinault Nation ... At the fall quarterly Tri-Ute meeting held in Ignacio in September, the group discussed the proposed renaming of Mt. Evans and the Gore Range, suggesting it be changed to the "Nuche Range." As Ute Mountain Ute Council-

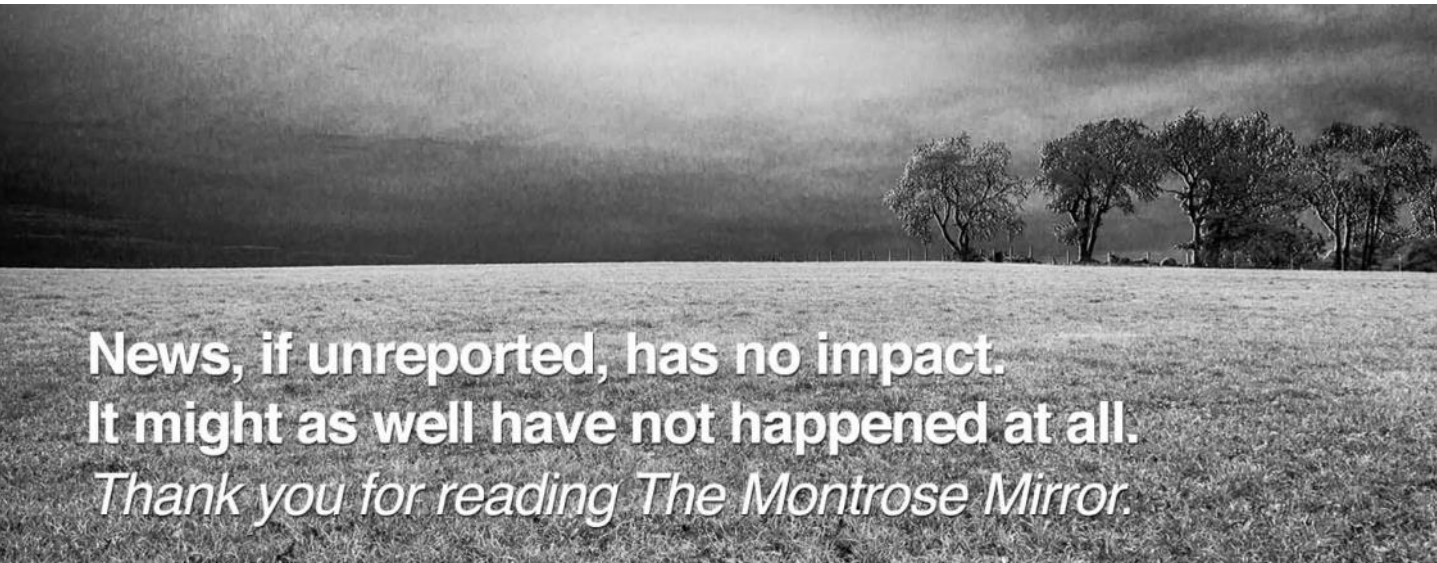
woman Prislenna NightStar noted, "We should be able to call it ours -- these are Ute lands."

**WEEKLY QUOTA** ... "Action on behalf of life transforms. Because the relationship between self and the world is reciprocal, it is not a question of first getting enlightened or saved and then acting. As we work to heal the earth, the earth heals us." -Robin Wall Kimmerer, *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants* (Milkweed Editions, 2014)

## THE TALKING GOURD

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But we all know how now goes.  
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My peachiness, when winter storms howl,  
And ice creeps into my veins.  
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My juiciest, sweetest, summeriest self.  
I am going to eat another peach,  
So I will become one.

-Suzanne Cheavens



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*Thank you for reading The Montrose Mirror.*



By Carole Ann McKelvey

MONTROSE – Its not upscale, but the Mountain Country Café might surprise you if you take another look. Now, Michael and I were looking for another solid place to have a good home-style meal the other morning and we decided to give the Country Café another look.

No disappointment here. This morning the place was jam packed. We were lucky enough to get a window seat on the far side of the restaurant and had a gorgeous view of the snowy Uncompahgre Plateau with our meal. It was breakfast time, but we felt like perusing the lunch menu and found just what we were looking for among the many new choices.

For Mike that meant a French dip, with lots of au juice and a lot of meat on a Hoagie bun. Came with loads of home-made fries. (\$8.50) Me, not too hungry, so I went for a grilled bacon and cheese sandwich served with choice of coleslaw,

beans or potato salad. I chose the beans and wasn't disappointed. (\$6.50)

Service was just fine, food came fresh and hot. Waiter was attentive and came back to check on our meal at just the right time. Now, we could have chosen from an all day menu of lunch options or breakfast served all day also. Breakfast specials and regular dishes range from combos from \$7 - \$12.50 (steak and eggs).

Lighter side breakfasts run from \$4.50 to \$6.25.

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10 and under including fries or substitute cottage cheese or fruit: Chicken strips, cheddar burger, mini corn dogs, grilled cheese, peanut butter and jelly, kids' quesadilla.

Desserts run from \$4.50 – 6.50; fried ice cream, churros a la mode, three churros. No alcohol here, soft drinks, great coffee, cappuccino, hot chocolate, juices, iced tea, or milk.

Mountain Country Café is on the south end of Montrose near Target and is certainly worth another look if you were disappointed before.

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# Give Books

## *Season's Readings*

is an annual project by Altrusa International of Montrose. We ask our community to donate new or gently-used children's books.

Donated books, along with new books purchased by Altrusa, will be wrapped and given to children within the Health and Human Services network.

Please drop off  
your donations at  
one of the locations  
listed below

**November 5 -  
December 10, 2019**

COFFEE TRADER - both locations  
COLORADO MESA UNIVERSITY - hallway near Library entrance  
LOONEY BEAN COFFEE  
MAGGIE'S BOOK STORE  
NATURAL GROCERS  
STARBUCKS





## SAVE THE DATE! UPCOMING REGIONAL EVENTS

### CURRENT/ONGOING-

**MONTROSE CENTER FOR THE ARTS** welcomes *FIRST FRIDAY STROLL* on Main Street in Montrose. Montrose Center for the Arts is exhibiting a *WINTER* themed Members Art Show for the month of December. Join the fun and meet the artists at the opening reception on Dec. 6, 5-7pm. Also, check out the Christmas Store at the Art Center. Appetizers and beverages available for your enjoyment. The Art Center is at the corner of Main and Park Ave., 11 Park Ave., Montrose.

**BOSOM BUDDIES OF SOUTHWESTERN COLORADO BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP** meets every Wednesday from noon till 1 pm at 645 South 5th Street in Montrose. For more info email [info@bosombuddiesswc.org](mailto:info@bosombuddiesswc.org).

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUP** meets every third Tuesday of each month at the Centennial Meeting Room at 6pm, behind City Hall. New Watch Groups are formed and guest speakers alert us to safety issues. The public is encouraged to attend. Contact Chris Hebert at 970-901-5876 for details.

**ALPINE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB MEETING**-second Tuesday of the month, @ 7 p.m., Community Meeting Room, Montrose Library, 320 S 2nd St. Includes: Presentations, photo sharing & critiques. All are welcome to attend.

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 24** hosts Bingo every Saturday and Sunday at 7pm, at the Bingo Connection, 2075 East Main Montrose. Its open to the Public. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.. For more info call Tom at 260-8298.

**DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS** meeting every 3rd Thursday at 6 p.m. at Friendship Hall in Montrose. All veterans with at least a 10 percent service connected disability are welcome. For more information call (970)964-4375.

### MONTROSE TOASTMASTERS

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

**MONTROSE HISTORICAL MUSEUM**-“Montrose County Historical Society Presents” is held at 7 pm on the first Wednesday of each month in the Pioneer Room of Friendship Hall, 1001 N. 2nd St. The public is invited to free programs based on topics of regional history. For more information please call 249-2085.

**MONTROSE COUNTY GOP MEETING** 6:30 p.m. second Wednesday of each month. Montrose County School District Office- 930 Colorado Ave. Information 970-209-8173.

### 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-

**Dec. 3**-Montrose Regional Library Chess Club, 4pm - 5pm. 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.

**Dec. 3**-Special showing of National Geographic Years of Living Dangerously Tuesday Dec. 3rd @ 6:30 at Montrose library meeting rm. presented by Citizens' Climate Lobby. All welcome.

**Dec. 5**-HopeWest is hosting Lights of Life, a memorial ceremony, on Thursday, Dec. 5. The event starts at 5:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Express, 1391 S. Townsend Avenue. This event is free and open to the public. Our Lights of Life memorial ceremony is celebrated with candlelight, music and an inspirational message that honors loved ones. Join us as we reflect on cherished memories that we all hold close to our hearts. Become part of the HopeWest tradition and honor your loved one with a personalized ornament or luminary of life available at [HopeWestCO.org](http://HopeWestCO.org).

**Dec. 5**-Montrose Regional Library, Club Anything, 4pm - 5:30 pm. For kids 10-14. Hang out at the library. Games, activities, and snacks.

**Dec. 5**-Community members volunteer to give a fast-paced presentation (five minutes and 20 slides) on topics ranging from hobbies, travel, adventures, jobs, interests or passions. Be inspired! Join us for an entertaining and motivating evening. Dec. 5 at 7 pm Intrinzik, 512 East Main, Montrose.

**Dec. 6,7,8**-A *Christmas Carol*...1940s Radio Play Performance on stage at Magic Circle Theatre. Performances will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 6 and 7, and 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 7 and 8. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for children through high school and may be purchased online at [magiccircleplayers.com](http://magiccircleplayers.com) or two hours before each performance at Magic Circle Theatre, 420 S. 12<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Dec. 6**-Live Nativity - 5pm-7pm, Pope John Paul II Academy, 67051 Sunnyside Rd, Montrose, CO - refreshments provided.

**Dec. 6**-Ridgway celebrates Noel Night, 5 to 9 p.m.

**Dec. 7**-Help Portrait ([www.help-portrait.com](http://www.help-portrait.com)) is a worldwide event that always happens the first Saturday in December. Help Portrait will take place in Montrose on Dec. 7 from 9am-5pm at Columbine Middle School. Local photographers will be taking photos of anyone who needs them. The event is being organized by Joe Hendricks Photography--[www.joehendricks.com](http://www.joehendricks.com). There are no strings attached and attendees don't need to RSVP, just stop by.

**Dec. 7**-Parade of Lights, Downtown Montrose. 5:30 p.m.

**Dec. 7**-Charity Fund Breakfast -8 - 10 am, Ouray Elks lodge. \$5 kids, \$12 adults, proceeds go directly to the charity fund. Open to the public.

**Dec. 7**-Chili supper and kids' photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus- Ouray Elks lodge. Supper from 5:30 pm, free photos after the parade (around 6 pm). Open to the public.

**Dec. 11**-Adulting 101: Basic Car Care, Wednesday, Dec. 11, 6-8 p.m. A course to teach driving adults ways to inspect and maintain their vehicles. Presented by Dennis Goodhue, Founder and Owner, Diamond G Repair. \*Please note: this class meets at Diamond G Repair, 65790 Racine Rd. #3, Montrose, Colorado, not at the Montrose Library. It's never too early or too late to brush up on life skills, and the library's Adulting 101 classes are a good place to start! All adults are welcome to join these free, informative discussions.

**Dec. 13**-Olathe Miracle on Main Street, 5 to 6:30 p.m. OHS Choir, Parade, Tree Lighting.

**Dec. 15**-Free Christmas Concert Sunday, Dec. 15, 3 p.m., Montrose Pavilion. Come and enjoy a wide variety of Christmas favorites performed by the Montrose Community Band, the Sax Ensemble and Flute Choir. <http://montroseband.com/concert-schedule>.

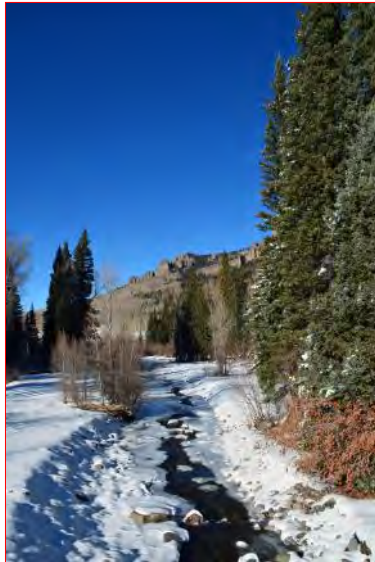
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## READER PHOTO SPOTLIGHT: DEB REIMANN

*Photographer Deb Reimann snapped these photos on a recent outing to the East Fork of the Cimarron, a peaceful and beautiful destination.*



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