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HOMELESSNESS IS NOT GOING AWAY, NON-PROFIT LEADER SAYS 'It's cold outside,' Shepherd's Hand Founder Garey Martinez said



When MADA, above, closed briefly over the holidays, other non-profits picked up the slack.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-When one local non-profit that serves homeless people closed its doors briefly over the Holidays, both donors and clients felt the pinch. However, other organizations in Montrose remained open, and say they will continue to meet the rising demand for assistance.

Founded in 1972, the Mexican American Development Association (MADA) at 17 North 6th Street offers a free clothes closet, an emergency food bank; a computer lab; a sewing machine; assessments; emergency assistance; assistance with paperwork; loans of medical equipment such as wheelchairs and crutches; and utility assistance. In 2014, MADA became the "single entry point" for homeless individuals in

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CITIZEN ASKS BOCC TO CONSIDER REMOVING SALES TAX ON FOOD FOR HOME CONSUMPTION

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-The Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) convened for the first meeting of 2020 on Thursday, Jan. 2, an efficient session that lasted just 19 minutes and 21 seconds. BOCC Sue Chair Sue Hansen and County Commissioner Keith Caddy were in attendance; BOCC Vice Chair Roger Rash was not present. Pastor Mike Lundberg of Church on the Hill delivered the invocation.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Citizen Scott Damman spoke. "I wanted to put in front of the Commissioners consideration to remove the county sales tax on groceries, pursuant to the guidelines set by the State of Colorado," he said. "There's numerous reasons and rationale...I understand you have your 2020 budget in place...it would be something that I think would be great for the community moving into the next fiscal year.

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At the Jan. 2 BOCC meeting, Citizen Scott Damman asked commissioners to consider removing the sales tax on groceries, above. Photo by Brad Switzer.

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NEW OWNER OF HYPOXIA BRINGS EXCITEMENT, SERIOUS FITNESS EXPERTISE



"I want to be involved in the community and I want to shop local," says Lindsey Blanchard, above, new owner of Hypoxia. "That's what will allow us to prosper and grow."

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—As the new owner of a Montrose classic, Lindsey Blanchard brings high energy, serious fitness expertise, and a sense of excitement to Hypoxia (300 East Main Street), Montrose's destination for comfortable and beautiful activewear and accessories.

Lindsey knows how important it is to feel healthy and strong, and her own background in fitness helps her to understand client needs and recognize quality apparel. She began her career as a dancer and has

been active in Pilates for 15 years, owning a popular Pilates studio in Midland, Texas. Her Aunt Kitty Carter is the coordinator for the Dallas Cowboy cheerleaders. It was while visiting family in Montrose, however, that Lindsey first saw the Hypoxia space and fell in love with the boutique and with the possibilities. "The more comfortable you are, the healthier you are," she said. "Being active helps your mind, body and soul."

Lindsey and her husband will move the entire family to Montrose in May when

their three young boys are out of school, but the excitement over Hypoxia and Main Street Montrose has already begun. Mother-in-law Debbie Blanchard, who created Hypoxia, owns two other shops on Main Street, D'Medici Footwear and Colorado-ology.

"I want to be involved in the community and I want to shop local," Lindsey said. "That's what will allow us to prosper and grow. I am trying to bring in more brands, and I want to target people of every age."

"I love going to market, because I get to feel the material," she said. "I want to know what feels good; if I feel restricted in my clothes, I am not going to be able to move the way I want to."

She has already begun to bring in supportive Hoka shoes, Lululemon Athletica and Yoga wear, and SAXX underwear for men. SAXX is designed for men by women, with quirky and fun patterns and supportive comfort.

"It's a really nice brand of underwear, and great for gifts," Lindsey said. "I want people to feel comfortable, because if you feel good in your apparel and your apparatus is good quality, it's going to help you stay healthy and active."

"The better you feel the more inclined you are going to be to work out and be fit." Partnering with local instructors and programs to offer in-house fitness opportunities is a goal as well. "I want to help you live your next adventure! Eventually I may invite yoga and fitness instructors to come in," she said. Hypoxia can be reached at 970-249-1622.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

DCMH ANNOUNCES CHANGES IN 2020 HEALTH FAIR

Special to the Mirror

DELTA-Delta County Memorial Hospital (DCMH) is excited to announce the 2020 Delta County community-wide health fairs which include Early Blood Draw events will be in October and the Health Fairs in mid-November in Paonia, Cedaredge and Delta.

"This will be an exciting change for Delta County Residents," stated Jacque Davis, Marketing Director for (DCMH). "We are working with even more community partners in hopes of bringing Delta County really great health fairs offering even more."

Davis said that DCMH is excited to head into 2020 with a fresh new look for the annual health fair.

"This year we have named our year-long campaign and Health Fair events as, Foresight 2020: Foresight for Your Health," stated Davis. "This year's focus will be on stepping back to look forward for your health by taking personal control and on

being a champion in your own healthcare through prevention, education and health services."

In 2020 DCMH will also be transitioning from working with Western Health Screenings (WHS) to a new health fair vendor, It Starts with Me.

After 30 years of partnering with WHS, (who contracted with DCMH to assist in scheduling health fairs, online registration and blood draws) owners Bill and Marge Hall will be retiring.

"We are so grateful to everyone at WHS," said Davis. "Bill and Marge have been a true pleasure to work with and have served our communities with such love and dedication. We wish them nothing but the best."

WHS has been honored to partner with the Western Slope communities to provide health fairs and blood screening services for over 30 years, said Marge Hall.

"We have made many friends, and friends that we consider family," said

Marge Hall. "We will miss everyone, but we are leaving you in good hands with the people of It Starts With Me health. Health fair blood screenings will continue with this great team in fall 2020. Thank you to [DCMH] and the participants in surrounding communities for making 30 years of health fairs a success for WHS."

DCMH will still be having the early community blood draws and health fairs, just a little later in the year, said Davis.

"Being earlier in the [fall/winter] season, we are hoping that weather won't be such a hindrance, although we do live in Colorado and anything is possible," said Davis.

"This year's main health fair in Delta will also be on a Saturday, allowing families and others who might be working or at school an easier time participating."

Davis said DCMH is working to make this year's event worth the wait.

"So stay tuned, and if anyone still has questions they are welcome to give me a call at 970.874.2291," said Davis.



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MONTROSE COUNTY BIRTH AND DEATH RECORDS MOVING TO PUBLIC HEALTH

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MONTROSE—As of Jan. 2, 2020, birth and death records will be moved from the clerk and recorder's office to the public health office. The public health office is located at 1845 South Townsend. The certificates will be issued Monday to Thursday from 8:30 am to noon, and 1:00-5:00 pm with a closure for lunch from 12-1:00 pm, the office will be open Friday from 8:30 am to 11:00 am. Please note that these hours are not the same as the hours of operation for the public health and human services building.

"This change was made to better align with the mission of Montrose County Public Health," said Public Health Director Jim Austin. "These records are important to help measure community health quality and to set public health goals and policy."

To print forms in advance for birth and death certificates, please visit: <https://www.montrosecounty.net/948/Birth-Death-Certificates>



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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

DON'T LOSE YOUR CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATION

Editor:

City Council will be discussing a proposed change to the City Charter during the January 6, 2020 work session. The proposed change is with respect to Council Districts as described in Article 1, Section 13. One of our councilors has proposed doing away with District representation. Her rationale is, councilors represent the entire city not a particular district therefore let's do away with the geographic residency requirement.

Changing City Councilor representation from a district perspective to entirely at-large is a bad idea. Technically, it will not disenfranchise people; it will, however, make them feel as though their voice will

not be heard. How can someone living in the SE portion represent someone from the NW section without ever visiting let alone live there. They would not have a real feel for the needs of that area.

Our Republic was formed to ensure its citizens have representation. Doing away with a regional or local voice is a bad idea. I have to ask, who benefits with a change in our Charter? Will the next initiative be to eliminate term limits?

Our Charter, like the Constitution, was developed to define how government is to be run. It has served us well over the years. There is no need to redefine a critical element of our Charter simply because one member of the governing body, your

representative, feels a need for change.

A change to the Charter requires approval by the electorate. Let's not take it that far.

I implore you to reach out to the councilors and ask them to not consider such a change:

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

CITY OFFERS CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION SERVICE

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE — The city's annual Christmas tree pickup began Jan. 2, running through Jan. 31. Trees must be placed behind the curb in front of your home in order to be

picked up. Frosted trees or trees with tinsel, tree stands and/or ornaments will not be collected. Trees will be picked up each week Monday through Thursday. Residents can also drop trees off at the Public

Works facility Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

There is no additional charge for this service. For more information call 970.240.1480.

DELTA COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL INTRODUCES NEW CAMPAIGN FOR 2020

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“THE REAL TRICK IN LIFE IS TO TURN HINDSIGHT INTO FORESIGHT THAT REVEALS INSIGHT.” - ROBIN S. SHARMA

Each of us has heard the proverb “hindsight is 20/20” and we generally accept this to be an accurate statement. With the benefit of having lived through an event, we can look back on the experience with perfect vision and derive learning lessons therefrom. While there is great value in employing hindsight so as to avoid repeating our mistakes, the downside of hindsight is that we had to make our mistakes, initially, in order to obtain this level of clarity.

In sharp contrast, “foresight” is our ability to predict future events in order to avoid making mistakes or missteps in the first place. There is no area of our lives where foresight is more important than in the field of health care. If we rely on 20/20 hindsight related to our medical decisions, it could be too late for proper treatment. With the understanding that 20/20 hindsight has no place in preventative medicine.

If we can catch a potential health issue before it becomes a health problem, we can abandon “20/20 hindsight” as nothing more than as cliché, and convert this concept into a movement so Delta County Memorial Hospital can proudly proclaim this upcoming year as: “2020 Foresight For Your Health.”



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CITIZEN ASKS BOCC TO CONSIDER FOOD TAX REPEAL *From pg 1*

"I think it would also be a real strong point if the Commissioners used their authorities to adopt the new measure as soon as possible, and really set a precedent in the Montrose community that groceries should be exempt from sales tax," Damman said. "We have an increasing sales tax burden in this community...the most recent sales tax increase with 2A created a local sales tax increase of 18 percent. That means the medium family who spends, based on USDA numbers, \$750 on groceries in 2019 paid \$297 in sales tax to the City of Montrose."

Sales tax for the same purchase in 2020 will increase to \$350, Damman said.

"Please take this under consideration," Damman said. "If it's something you're able to do within the Commissioners outside of a vote, I would appreciate you acting on it as soon as possible to set the tone for 2021."

"Thank you for being here," BOCC Chair Sue Hansen said.

COUNTY MANAGER

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda items were unanimously approved, with Resolution No. 1-2020 attached to Item C-5, appointing Surveyor Bill Wiley to fill the vacancy of Montrose County Surveyor until the next general election and an elected surveyor is sworn into office.

GENERAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Commissioners unanimously adopted revised bylaws for the Montrose County Fair Board, as presented by Fair and Event Coordinator Stony Field. Field said that there has been tremendous response from individuals wanting to fill vacancies on the Fair board. There are currently 12 seats; the revised bylaws will allow the County to add up to four alternate seats for voting members. Though alternates may only vote in the absence of a regular board member, they may serve on and fully participate on committees, Assistant County Attorney Julie Andress said.

"I am glad we had such a good response...maybe that'll be a good trend," Hansen said. "It probably speaks to how well you're running things out there."

"You're doing a great job," Caddy said.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Commissioners approved five Planning & Development items, presented by Planning & Development Director Steve White:

A proposal by the Munger Minor Subdivision to divide a 39.98-acre lot into two lots at 8401 High Mesa Road; a proposal by the D.A. Subdivision to divide a 37-acre lot into two lots at 16082 5790 Trail; a proposal by the Cullifer Minor Subdivision to divide a 38.4-acre lot into one lot at 51503 and 51511 Amber Road; a proposal by the Harris Minor Subdivision to divide a 13.8-acre lot into three lots at 5521 and

5541 6200 Road; and a proposal by the R&K minor Subdivision to divide an eight-acre lot into two lots at 6091 and 6031 5800 Road.

"Thank you very much Steve," Hansen said. "Nice work."

PUBLIC HEARING

Hansen closed the regular session and the BOCC reconvened as the Montrose County Local Liquor Licensing Authority. Eloise Lentz of the Clerk & Recorder's Office presented the renewal of the Fermented Malt Beverage Liquor License for the Newberry Store at 82119 East 45 Hwy 50 in Cimarron. Commissioners unanimously approved renewal of the longstanding license.

Hansen closed the hearing and reconvened the regular session; with no further business the meeting was adjourned.

HEALTHfair

Early Blood Draws & Health Fair

DATES

January 25
4H Event Center, Ridgway • 7:00 - 10:00 a.m.

January 27
American Legion Hall, Olathe • 6:30 - 9:30 a.m.

January 29-February 1
Montrose Pavilion, Montrose • 6:30 - 9:30 a.m.

February 29: Health Fair
Montrose Pavilion, Montrose • 6:30 - 11:00 a.m.
Blood draws end at 11:00 a.m., Health Fair continues to 12:00 p.m.

NO walk-ins allowed Wednesday, January 29 and Thursday, January 30.

SCREENINGS

HealthScreen (Chemistry) & Lipid Panel	\$50
Hemoglobin A1C	\$38
PSA for Prostate Health	\$42
CBC (Complete Blood Count)	\$25
Vitamin D	\$45
Vitamin B12 & Folate	\$45
Male Testosterone	\$45
Advanced Lipid & Heart Health Panel	\$85
NEW! hsCardioCRP	\$40
Colon Cancer Screening Kit (Not a blood draw)	\$35

APPOINTMENTS

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CITY TO CONSIDER \$216K REQUEST FOR HOTEL PROJECT

Mirror staff report

MONTROSE—On Monday, Jan. 6 Montrose City Council will host a work session at 10 a.m. and on Tuesday, Jan. 7 City Council will host a Council meeting at 11 a.m.

WORK SESSION

Discussion items will include a request for \$216K in business incentives for a proposed Marriot Hotel near the Montrose County Justice Center; a community development block grant for Black Canyon Boys & Girls Club; potential changes to City code concerning modular construction; a recommendation for fleet management software; a recommendation for purchase of equipment at auction; potential changes to the City charter; and an overview of De Novo hearing procedures.

Items scheduled for future City work sessions and meetings include:

Jan. 20—A bid recommendation for asbestos abatement; Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Montrose Recreation District for Shared Services; and introduction of new City employees.

Jan. 21—Special meeting/executive session; de novo hearing for RV park conditional use permit.

Feb. 3—Hispanic Affairs Project Photovoice Presentation.

As yet unscheduled are the 2020 Annexation Plan & Report and an electric vehicle charging station. A written report from the Montrose County Housing Authority is included in the work session packet.

MEETING

Council will administer the Oath of Office to a new City Attorney.

Council will consider approving the City of Montrose website, www.cityofmontrose.org, as the official posting location for meeting notices, with the bulletin boards in the lobby and out-



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side of City Hall for use as secondary locations. Council will consider approving a request for additional funding for Montrose Economic Development Corporation (MEDC). Council will consider approving the purchase of a 2020 Ford Transit van from Montrose Ford for the total purchase price of \$47,311 for the Montrose Police Department and purchase of a Peterbilt refuse truck with a Labrie Service body from Faris Machinery of Grand Junction for the total purchase price of \$284,770 for the Public Works Department. Following staff reports, Council will adjourn.

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HOMELESSNESS IS NOT GOING AWAY, NON-PROFIT LEADER SAYS From pg 1

in Montrose and is funded annually by the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA).

However, MADA was closed for several days over the Christmas and New Year's Holidays, causing confusion among at least one donor who stopped by three times over the past three weeks intending to donate clothing.

After all, cold, hunger, and homelessness do not take Holiday breaks, said Garey Martinez, who organizes a non-profit relief effort and food bank called The Shepherd's Hand. Martinez formerly offered services at the MADA location, but now operates out of other venues, including the Lighthouse Shelter, where he serves on the board of directors and which operates out of the former Brown Center Facility under a lease that will not be extended after the current term. Martinez also serves on the board of Food Bank of the Rockies and brings 2,500 to 3,500 pounds of food each week to sustain community members in need.

Martinez runs local food banks through the Cedar Creek and First Presbyterian churches, serves hot lunches five days per week at the Montrose United Methodist Church, and prepares meals seven days a week for clients at the Lighthouse Shelter. The recent federal reduction in SNAP benefits will only increase the demand, he said.

"I am addressing a need," Martinez said. "And in nine years, the Shepherd's Hand has not written one grant—all of our support comes from donations. God has been really good to us; whatever needs come to us we try to fulfill."

Though he has always led programs himself with the help of volunteers, Martinez also has individuals who will step up in the event that he cannot. "There are people in place to continue the work."

He estimates that the Methodist Church site alone serves between 100 to 130 meals per day.

"Kudos to the Methodist Church," Martinez said. "They have done a wonderful job with outreach and with allowing us to go in and do what we're doing."

And though the Montrose City Council

recently declined to allow the Lighthouse Shelter and Shepherd's Hand to operate an overnight homeless shelter from the former Powderhorn Industries location at 931 North Park Avenue, the non-profits continue to seek a location of their own and are considering several possible alternatives, including the former Montrose Athletic Club and Community Dental Clinic sites.

"The problem of homelessness is not going to go away," Martinez said. "It's cold outside."

Those who wish to donate to the Shepherd's Hand can reach them at Post Office Box 3354, Montrose CO 81402, or call Martinez at 970-275-1261.

Also serving homeless people is the Haven House Shelter in Olathe, which houses families and children. Though the generosity of the community at Christmas has helped Haven House with material needs, Case Manager Ryan Thornberry said that Haven House remains close to full, with more than 40 children presently housed there. "Our biggest needs right now are

for volunteers to help with our homework club on Mondays—to go get background checks and help."

Haven House is also asking for funds to purchase passes to Bill Heddles Recreation Center in Delta, so that children from Haven House can enjoy recreation and physical activity, Thornberry said. Haven House is located at 4806 N River Rd in Olathe. The phone number is 970-323-5280.

The Lighthouse Homeless Shelter in Montrose has a capacity of 30 guests per night, board member Chris Hauck said, and has been averaging about 20 individuals per night since opening for the season, serving a total so far of 63 people and 1,400 bed nights. Though the Lighthouse has recently tightened rules on stays, "We are picking up the slack like we are supposed to," Hauck said. When it comes to need, Garey Martinez supplies many necessities, he said. Still, "We can always use money," Hauck said. "And people can always use socks and underwear."

To reach the Lighthouse Homeless Shelter, call 970-497-0900.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS GIVE EQUAL REPRESENTATION TO ALL AREAS

Editor:

For over 240 years the United States has proven to have the most effective form of representative government ever devised in the entire world. Realizing that different areas of the fledgling nation could have conflicting concerns, our Founding Fathers developed a republic, whereby those different areas would receive equal representation in government. Representative government was developed by regional or geographic districts to achieve that end. Congressional representation is by those Districts, as is the State of Colorado, and even here in Montrose.

Imagine, if you will, US governmental representatives being chosen by popular vote from any area of the country. Certainly then, the most populous areas would

negate ANY such equal representation for rural less populous areas.

Based on 2020 demographics, our government would be completely dominated by the West Coast, the East Coast, and heavily populated cities. Certainly not the Founding Fathers vision. The same is true here in Colorado. Without regional Districts like we have, Colorado would be entirely governed by the Front Range.

The County of Montrose is governed by Districts that give equal representation to all areas, rural and urban. Until this very moment, the City of Montrose has had equal representation on City Council via four regional Districts and one At Large Council member.

But, that successful form of local government is in jeopardy of being demolished

by our City Council this second week of January, 2020.

Our Mayor Pro Tem has proposed doing away with our form of equal representation, and replacing it with all At Large Council seats.

That means that in the future all Council representation could conceivably come from The Bridges, or Cobble Creek, or the North Side, leaving all other City areas unrepresented in vital decisions.

This Boulder-esque proposal is just one more instance of some of the irresponsible governance considerations we have all witnessed here in the last few years.

City Council would be well advised to let this proposal die a quick death at its work session on Monday January 6.

Dee Laird, Montrose

MUST CITIZENS FILE LAWSUIT TO OBTAIN TRANSPARENCY FROM CITY?

Editor:

It has been nine months (THAT IS 9 MONTHS) since I and others, (quite a few others) have requested the publication of city expenditures, check by check, account by account. There has been no response. Not a peep. Well I guess that is par for the course on folks who have something to hide.

I am not a newcomer to the world, to business, to politics, to city finance or to anything else that 70+ years has brought me. As a person experienced in life and its vagaries I know that when someone refuses to tell me what is going on, that they are hiding something.

I would never presume to accuse our

five stalwart city council people of wrongdoing.

But why can we not see where the money, OUR MONEY, has been spent? I think that our five city council people feel that they will be embarrassed among their constituents about where they have frivolously dissipated our hard earned tax money. Or that Mr. Bell is hiding something. Is he embarrassed about where it all went?

Oh and by the way, are the city books kept in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles? If it takes \$150 of clerk time to determine a salary, I can unequivocally state that they are not.

I think that the citizens should demand

publication of this information. We are the people who elect the council. The council are the people who hire Bell. They are or have spent our money and we want to know where and how and by what authority! Is that so hard to fathom?

Do we have to resort to lawsuit? Do we have to resort to the Attorney General? Accountability of the council to us will be had. We will get accountability and transparency, the only question is what we have to do to get it and whose reputations we will have to destroy in the process.

Give up the information now and avoid the rush.

Bill Ramsey, Montrose

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MONTROSE CITY COUNCIL EXPOSED. LACKS FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY

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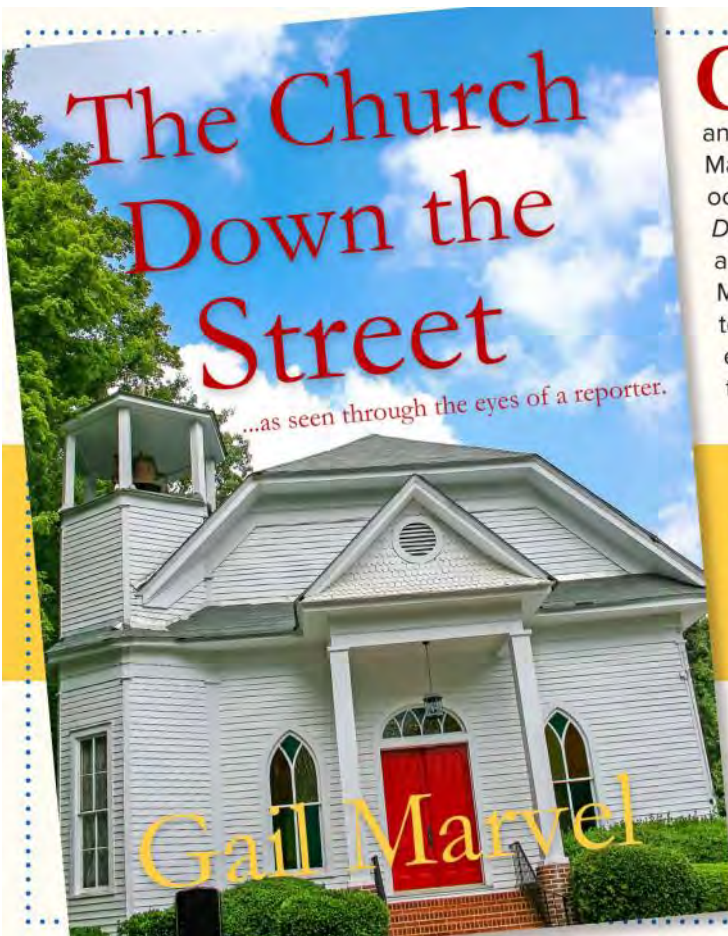
Citizen Opinion Alert. Citizen issues still not addressed by city council.

From reading articles in the Montrose Mirror it appears that the cities protection society members are hard at work. Have we ever wondered why that the very same people that seek TAX and SPEND policies at a drop of the hat criticize those citizens that propose that the city provide complete financial transparency by publishing in the press all monies spent quarterly so we the people can be fully informed and can make our own decisions as to how and why our money is being spent?

Never do the critics of those opposed to what has been going on have a solution to the many concerns and questions being asked and not answered. Another matter from concern is the City Council does not have a format to take direct questions from the public directed to elected council members only and answer them as asked in real time. Let's call them "Information Accountability Sessions" which should be scheduled once a month outside of chambers with a neutral moderator.

Until this and other concerns are addressed trust in council will not happen and Montrose will continue to have a very dark cloud over it.

Our Government and the future of Montrose is too important to be left strictly be left to council and their own personal agendas.
Al Benson, Montrose



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/.

OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

MONTROSE GERRYMANDERING AT ITS NEW YEAR'S FINEST

Editor:

As I return from my mid-winter sojourn to Commiefornia---Good Lord what a mess that place is---I will be forever grateful that I did not retire there. I was greeted back in Montrose by, I believe, the latest squirrely idea of our 'fabulous five'. Under the leadership of our city autocrat, Bill Bell, they are proposing to eliminate the several voting districts within the city and allow all council members to be elected from anywhere within city boundaries. This cock-a-mammy idea will be discussed at the open meeting Tuesday night and all who can possibly attend should do so. And speak.

There is no civic movement for such an action. There have been no requests from the public. The system, as it is, is working well--so one should ask, why fix it if it is not broken?

It is quite obvious to me why. They want to elect three councilors from their same age, social strata and neighborhood. Possibly members of their same golf club, their church, place of employment or even their same household. Folks with whom they can get things done without much dissention. To be able to feather their own nests, spend your tax dollars on their pet projects and possibly decide the issues over cocktails without public knowledge like the U.S. Congress used to do, in a smoke filled back room.

If you cannot see what they are up to, you are blind in one eye and cannot see out of the other!

And then there would be even less transparency than we get now---which is NONE. With a \$60,000,000 budget to be spent annually there is a lot at stake with who determines where and how it is spent. Right now that is done by their autocratic manager but when backed up by three counselors from the same community, family or club will have the opportunity to have their 'way with our city' and our money. Our city is spilling literally millions on the council's failed business ventures and takeovers.

The questions that would be answered loud and clear with the publication of their check register would begin with what other gross errors in judgment and behavior have been paid for and/or swept under the rug so that we cannot know about them.

This elimination of election districts is a bad idea and you, as citizens, should know it is bad just because of where it is coming from---five councilors with no significant business experience!

This is an attempt to corner political power so that a certain group can have their way. To make sure that their wants and needs are fulfilled with public money and services. And to make absolutely certain that no citizen can ever determine the mistakes or wrongs that they commit.

Citizens! Go to the meeting Tuesday at 6 o'clock in the Montrose City Council Chambers. Begin to put your elected and unaccountable representatives in their place. They think that they know it all and can do what they want. It is time for them to learn otherwise. Demand that they stop their reprehensible behavior.

William Bennett, Montrose



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WATERLINE IMPROVEMENTS ALONG MIAMI ROAD TO BEGIN JAN. 6

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE – On Monday, Jan. 6, the City of Montrose will close Miami Road between US Highway 50 and 6800 Road to install a new 24-inch waterline. The closure is expected to continue into April 2020.

The city will establish a detour route and maintain access to local residences and

the Museum of the Mountain West throughout construction.

The project is part of a multi-year effort to improve city water infrastructure that transports water from the main Project 7 supply line at Highway 50 to the Sunnyside Tank. The project was identified as a critical need in the city's Water Master Plan and has been implemented in phases

since 2016. In 2019 the city upsized an existing 12-inch line along 6800 Road between Miami and Sunnyside roads to a 24-inch line. The current phase of the project will upsize the remainder of the line along Miami Road between 6800 Road and Highway 50. Any questions regarding the project may be directed to City Engineer Scott Murphy at 970.901.1792.

SHED-ANTLER COLLECTION RESTRICTIONS ARE IN PLACE AS OF JAN. 1

Special to the Mirror

DURANGO— To protect wintering big-game animals and sage grouse species, collection of shed antlers on all public lands west of I-25 is prohibited from Jan. 1 through April 30. "The purpose of the closures is to reduce disturbance of wintering wildlife during the time of year they are most vulnerable," said Scott Wait, senior terrestrial biologist for the Southwest Region of Colorado Parks and Wildlife. Big game and sage grouse species live in a basic survival mode during the winter when food is scarce. If forced to move and burn calories unnecessarily, wildlife can lose the energy they need to make it through the winter. In addition to the statewide restrictions, additional special regulations are also in place for the Gunnison Basin. In Game Management Units 54, 55, 66, 67 and 551, it is illegal to search for or possess antlers and horns on public lands between legal sunset and 10 a.m. from May 1 through May 15. Shed antler collecting has become very popular over the last decade. Commercial collectors, which sell sheds for decorations, have led to a substantial increase of people searching for antlers and horns in sensitive wildlife areas. The seasonal prohibition applies to both commercial and recreational collectors. Anyone witnessing violations of the closure regulations should call the nearest CPW office or Operation Game Thief at 877-265-6648.

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DELTA HOSPITAL CELEBRATES THE SEASON WITH GENEROSITY AND GOODWILL

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DELTA— The seventh annual Delta County Memorial Hospital (DCMH) "Holiday Food Fight" was a huge success. Hospital departments competed in five teams to see who could donate the most food, toiletries and pet food for local food banks, with close to 3,900 pounds donated this year.

The food donations were allocated to: Cedaredge Food Bank, Delta Food Bank, the Abraham Connection, the Hotchkiss Elks Food Pantry, Paonia Food Bank, Tails Animal Shelter and the Surface Creek Animal Shelter.

Contributions came from all five hospital teams with the overall winner being team four: Cardiopulmonary, Respiratory Sleep Lab, Home Health, Information Systems, Medical Records, Physician Billing and Radiology with 1,640 pounds of donated food.

"Thank you to all of our hospital staff, the local food banks, and shelters" said Gretchen Pulver who, along with PJ Barajas, Co-Manages Nutrition Services at DCMH. "My favorite part of the holiday season is definitely the food drive. There are so many wonderful people working

hard behind the scenes to make this community project a success."

DCMH also partnered with Hilltop to "adopt" seven local area families who have been affected by domestic violence.

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NEW FUND AVAILABLE TO INJURED WORKERS

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COLORADO-On Jan. 1, 2020, the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment's (CDLE) Division of Workers' Compensation (DOWC) will begin accepting applications to the Colorado Uninsured Employer (CUE) Fund which provides financial assistance for individuals hurt on the job while working for employers who do not carry workers' compensation insurance.

The fund, administered by an independent board appointed by the Governor, pays medical bills for applicants who are accepted into the program. Previously, Coloradans injured while working for uninsured employers faced costly medical bills and had little ability to recover lost wages. This financial burden compounded an already challenging situation for affected injured workers.

Colorado employers are required to carry workers' compensation insurance for their employees and the state will continue to fine employers who fail to obtain coverage. Money collected from these fines are added to the CUE Fund to assist injured workers.

"A healthy workforce is essential to our mission of working together to promote a thriving employment environment with opportunity for every Coloradan to prosper. The opening of this fund ensures that all workers have an opportunity to receive quality medical care after being hurt on the job," said Joe Barela, Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment.

For more information and to apply visit: www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdle/dwc/colorado-uninsured-employer-fund or call 303-318-8700.

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GRIEVING A BRAIN INJURY: WHAT WAS, WHAT IS, WHAT'S TO COME

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REGIONAL-Join us for the first of three workshops on living with a brain injury, Friday, Jan. 24, 2020, 12-6 pm in Grand Junction or online live stream. There is no cost but registration is required at: <https://formstack.io/23DA8>

The workshops are being offered through a grant from Mind Source Brain Injury Network Colorado Department of Human Services and facilitated by Western Colorado Area Health Education Center.

The first workshop acknowledges the confusion and frustration of NOT being who you were and developing a new road map to the person you want to become. We will explore challenges faced by those with brain injuries, methods of assessment and treatment, and strategies for developing a pathway to a successful and optimized life. We delve into the fears, chaos and frustrations of life with a brain injury loved one and discover strategies for finding balance and success as families navigate the brain injury world together.

POMONA 3RD GRADERS AND SENIOR SHARING PROJECT @ SENIOR CENTER

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The Montrose Senior Center invites seniors to meet with 8 to 10-yr-old Pomona 3rd graders Monday Jan 13, 20 and 27 from 1 PM to 2 PM, to compare and contrast stories of when they were their age. This learning opportunity will foster kindness, curiosity and understanding across the generations. Please volunteer by calling Cindy at 970 252 4884.

The additional workshops are: Treatments and Tools for Maximizing Function with a Brain Injury – July 24, 2020, 12-6 pm and Treatment, Services, and Experience with Brain Injury Oct. 23, 2020 12-6

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CSU EXTENSION ANNOUNCES AGRITOURISM WORKSHOP SERIES

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DELTA- The Colorado State University Tri River Area (TRA) Extension will present four workshops that are designed to cover the ins and outs of Agritourism. This workshop series will take place on Jan. 29, Feb. 5, Feb. 12 and Feb. 19 from 6: – 8 pm each night in room #234 of the Delta County Courthouse. Current and potential producers from all segments of the ag industry will benefit from this four-part series on agritourism.

The workshop series will be hosted by TRA Extension Agent, Kelsi Seymour and CO Agritourism Association board member Kelli Hepler. The workshop series features industry-leading speakers from Colorado State University, Colorado Agritourism Association, Colorado Department of Ag Markets Division, Rocky Mountain Farmers Union and more. The \$15 registration fee includes dinner and registration for one individual session. Or you can register for all four sessions for \$50 total. Register online at <http://traagritourism.eventbrite.com>.

The Agritourism Workshop Series will cover topics including intro to agritourism, legalities and insurance, marketing and advertising, special events, and partnership building and the CRAFT program.

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ASSAULT INVESTIGATION LEADS TO MISSING AND ENDANGERED 10-MONTH OLD CHILD

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DELTA—On Thursday, Jan. 2, 2020, Deputies with the Delta County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to the Delta County Memorial Hospital (DCMH) for a report of an injured female party. Upon arrival at the Emergency Room, deputies learned that a 21-year old female was admitted to the ER with serious injuries after she was dropped off at the ER by an unknown male.

Deputies learned that the male party, after seeking medical attention for the female, immediately fled the scene in a white, 2005 Chevrolet Impala sedan with the female's 10-month old daughter; identified as Ezaylea Cowger in the vehi-

cle. Deputies immediately issued a statewide Attempt to Locate for both the vehicle and Ezaylea.

Due to the serious nature of injuries, the female was air lifted to St. Mary's hospital in Grand Junction causing a delay in interviewing the victim. During this time, investigators received conflicting reports of who the male party driving the sedan was and where the child may be. Investigators worked closely with the Grand Junction Police Department, Mesa County Sheriff's Office and the City of Clinton, Utah to check locations where the suspect and child may be located. After exhausting all leads and known locations for the suspect and child's family; a Missing and Endan-

gered Child Alert was issued to help find Ezaylea.

At approximately 2:30 am on Friday, Jan. 3, 2020; Delta County Dispatch received notification from Durango Police Department that they had located the vehicle, Ezaylea and the male suspect. Durango Police located Ezaylea unharmed and she was taken into protective custody. Dustin Alt, 34 of Delta, was arrested on several charges by the Durango Police Department and is currently incarcerated at the La Plata County Jail. Ezaylea was returned to family members and the Delta County Sheriff's Office is continuing to investigate the circumstances of this incident. Local charges are forthcoming.

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PEAK FAMILY MEDICINE NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED AS A PATIENT-CENTERED MEDICAL HOME (PCMH)

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MONTROSE-Peak Family Medicine has been nationally recognized as a Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA). As a PCMH, Peak has demonstrated that they meet the highest standards in quality in primary care. The NCQA Patient-Centered Medical Home standards emphasize the use of systematic, patient-centered, coordinated care that supports access, communication and patient involvement.

"After four years of hard work, Peak has been recognized by a national body for the focus we place on our patients. I came back to my home town to strengthen our medical community and to serve my friends and neighbors. With the entire team at Peak, we are achieving that aim," says Dr. Joe.

According to the National Committee for Quality Assurance, "The patient-centered medical home is a model of care that puts patients at the forefront of care."

"NCQA Patient-Centered Medical Home Recognition raises the bar in defining high-quality care by emphasizing access, health information technology and coordinated care focused on patients," said NCQA President Margaret E. O'Kane. "Recognition shows that Peak Family Medicine has the tools, systems and resources to provide its patients with the right care, at the right time."

Research shows that PCMHs improve quality and the patient experience, and increase staff satisfaction—while reducing health care costs. Practices that earn recognition have made a commitment to continuous quality improvement and a patient-centered approach to care.

"Peak has put a lot of work into meeting CMS quality measures, developing and implementing Care Plans for high-risk patients, following up with patients as they are discharged from the hospital, providing increased access for patients, proactively reminding patients about preventive medicine, collecting comprehensive

patient information, and providing patients with the care and resources that help improve their health," say project lead, Trenton Kimminau

Peak Family Medicine is a primary care specialty office that is open Monday through Saturday from 8 AM to 6 PM. Formed in 2015, Peak utilizes an electronic medical record system and patient portal to enhance communication with patients and their families.

They are the largest provider of occupational medicine in Montrose. They provide pre-employment and work-related injury care. They have the highest level of accreditation from the Division of Worker's Compensation.

Peak Family Medicine also has the only FAA-designated Aviation Medical Examiner in Montrose and that examiner is a senior aviation medical examiner qualified to do all classes of aviation examinations. Peak also cares for residents in all long-term care facilities in Montrose, Palisade, and Glenwood.



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CITY COUNCIL AIMS TO STRIP AWAY YOUR DIRECT DISTRICT REPRESENTATION

Dear Editor:

Losing your direct City Council representation?

This morning, as you are reading your latest edition of the Montrose Mirror, City Council will be in a work session proposing changes to the city charter related to how you are represented by council members. This step is beyond floating the idea (more of that below), as this is the next step when the documents have already been red-lined, the process of crossing out today's version and adding in the proposed changes for consideration.

How representation works today

Today, each of the four city districts has a direct City Council member, along with one city wide at-large member. Even though all city residents have an equal vote for each elected City Council member, each district is represented by at least one City Council member living within its boundary. In a nutshell, you have a direct council member to call, your go-to person, and a council member who understands the city issues that surround you. Today, you have a council member who understands your neighborhood.

100% at-large proposal

The proposed changes aim to strip away your direct district representation and create a full at-large system, the five City Council members could live anywhere within the city. You could have all five of your City Council members living in Cobble Creek. Granted, I know some fine people that live in Cobble Creek, but I certainly would not consider that area wholly representative of city residents. The Montrose County Commissioners each represent a unique district, one per, and at-large does not come into play at all. There are Colorado cities, such as Boulder, who run 100% with at-large representation.

The head scratcher

Why is this topic up for discussion? Did the public write letters or make phone calls to City Council asking for a change to how they were represented? Did citizens speak to council during the public comment period in support of this concept? I did attend the December work session when at-large City Council member Barbara Bynum presented the idea to remove direct district representation.

To paraphrase Ms. Bynum's comments from the work session, she said she had visited some other Colorado cities and talked with some City Clerk offices who have an at-large system, and based on this research she thought it was a good idea for Montrose. What made for a good idea? That question was not answered nor explained. Folks, "a good idea" was the rationale, the basis, to change how you are represented by city officials.

I would invite you as a reader to watch the video of that City Council work session, and not rely on my contextual opinion and recollection. But the problem is, in the past four months the City of Montrose has ceased posting the videos from work sessions. Why the public no longer can view the video from a work session, in an unedited manner, is another head scratcher (another topic for another day).

That "good idea" is up for further consideration

The December work session idea I cited above, changing how you are represented by City Council, was barely discussed, much less challenged during the work session meeting. One could have read into this step one proposal as an idea that was heard, had no traction, and fizzled out. Nope. Even after minimal council discussion, the process is in play.

On this Monday, as City Council is discussing an agenda item that affects your local vote, I hope we can hear more from Ms. Bynum, and all council members, why removing a citizen's direct district representative is a good idea for Montrose.

Scott Damman, Montrose



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DELTA CITY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION TO CENSURE MAYOR

Mirror staff report

DELTA-When the Delta City council meets for a regular meeting on Jan. 7, Council will consider a resolution to censure Mayor Ron Austin for inappropriate behavior. Resolution 3-2020 asserts:

“WHEREAS, Mayor Austin used his title as Mayor before meetings that were private in nature and content.

WHEREAS, Mayor Austin has used his title and standing to go before the Delta Chamber of Commerce Board on two separate occasions, using the allotted City of Delta time for his own “business”.

WHEREAS, Mayor Austin has used Chamber after hours to make public announcements regarding issues that were inappropriate for that event. The latest being the event held at Alpine Bank where he addressed an article in the paper regarding the Delta Chamber.

WHEREAS, Mayor Austin’s outburst at a citizen during a council meeting and his attitude toward said person and that persons’ spouse was/is not appropriate.

WHEREAS, Mayor Austin’s attitude regarding DCED and its members has created a hostile environment where that board has no confidence in him.

WHEREAS, using his Mayoral power to amend the agenda and allow the public to speak outside of public comments without giving any prior information as to what was going to be said or the amount of time allotted for said person to speak, knowing full well what was going to be said, was not appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DELTA CITY COUNCIL:

- 1.The City Council hereby censures the Mayor for the conduct described above.
- 2.Mayor Austin is hereby removed as the City of Delta’s representative on the DCED board and shall be replaced with one that the Council selects.
- 3.Mayor Austin is directed to refrain from making public comments regarding the Chamber at chamber events in his capacity as Mayor or on behalf of the City of Delta. Mayor Austin is free to make whatever comments he wishes as a private citizen.
- 4.Mayor Austin shall no longer introduce himself as Mayor at events where he intends to solicit funds for non-City related fundraisers.”

To view the [entire Jan. 7 Delta City Council meeting agenda and packet click here.](#)



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ART & SOL

IT WAS CALLED LUJANE AND PRONOUNCED LU-WAH-NEE

By Bob Cox

MONTROSE-Nick Gray sat on the passenger side of his pickup and looked out over the Cedar Creek property, which he owned since 1951. There are sorting pens, corrals, hay sheds and equipment buildings. Cedar Creek, whose course was altered during construction of the Gunnison Tunnel and the canals, dissects the tract. Literally thousands of cows have been pastured, sorted and shipped to feedlots from the complex.

Nick recalled the substantial dirt-work he had to do to make the property more easily irrigated. "I did most of the work myself with a Cat," he recalled. He also told how he had ripped up old railroad ties and other leftovers from a by-gone day when there was a town called Lujane on the property.

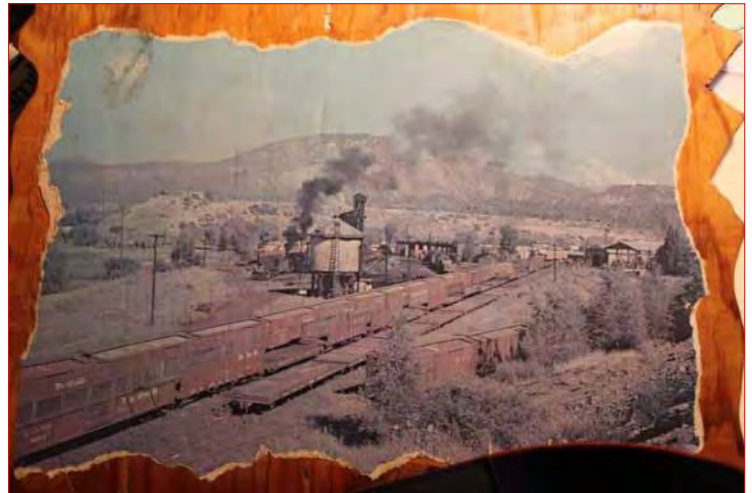
Nick was closing in on his 99th birthday. His sight was failing and his hearing had long since failed, but his memory provided stories that sometimes dealt with more than one topic at the same time and were anything but succinct.

Lujane was a government town in the truest sense of the word. It was literally built by the Bureau of Reclamation to house the workers and families involved in the building of the famous Gunnison Tunnel. The west portal of that tunnel is right in the center of the property.

The town was on its last legs as a formal town by the time Nick was born, but for a time it was a thriving town with a railroad station, a schoolhouse and a post office. In 1905, as the Gunnison Tunnel reached four miles, contractors Omani & Cook had just over 300 men at work on the tunnel. Most of the workers lived in and

around the new town. There was a large boarding house and more than two dozen individual 'shacks' built parallel to the railroad tracks that provided a method of transport for the equipment, supplies and people over Cerro Summit before continuing to Montrose.

The wow-factor of the Gunnison Tunnel project was the east portal in the bottom of the Black Canyon; the west portal and the town of Lujane did not get nearly as much attention, and some of the attention was probably unwanted.



A photograph, believed to have been taken around 1918, was 'decoupage'd and graced a wall in Nick Gray's home for many years. The photographer is unknown and the photo is now in the possession of Nick's granddaughter. Photo courtesy Lezlee (Gray) Cox

Records reviewed several years ago at the Montrose County Sheriff's Office revealed some of the stories that had the makings of a Larry McMurtry novel. One incident, in September of 1908, was only briefly documented in the sheriff's records. It involved the theft of about six dollars from the Lujane post office. According to the records and subsequent news articles, two men entered the post office in the middle of the night. They were surprised by the postmaster, R.E. Collum and escaped into the night. Sheriff Jim Taylor

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noted that one of the intruders had lost his hat and that the hat was being held as evidence. There seems to be no indication that the perpetrators were caught, and nothing was found that would indicate what happened to the hat.

In late May of 1909 a combined effort on the part of the Montrose County Sheriff and the Mesa County Sheriff captured a horse thief in Lujane. The record shows that Montrose County Sheriff Ed DeGuelle and Mesa County Sheriff Schraeder took the noon train from Montrose to Lujane and captured Glen Wilson, who was later taken to Mesa County where he was charged.

Of course, the most famous story involving Lujane was the visit of President Howard Taft, who came to town for the formal opening ceremony of the Gunnison Tunnel on Sept. 23, 1909. While the depths of the Black Canyon would have been a superior backdrop for a visitation from the president, it made much more sense to have the water gush from the west portal for the event.

Before it was an absolute that President Taft would make the trip to Colorado it was decided that he would 'officially' open

the tunnel, even if it involved his tripping of a switch from Washington D. C. In a flowery article written by A.W. Rolker in collaboration with Day Allen Willey for *EVERYBODY'S MAGAZINE* in the July to December 1909 edition they described what was going to happen:

At the hour of high noon President Taft, either at Lujane or wherever he may be, will touch an electric button releasing a spark; and miles away, out of a tunnel through a spur in the wilds of the Rockies, the Gunnison River will be diverted from the world famous Black Cañon and will rush into the Uncompahgre Valley with the rumble and thunder of a cataract.

Taft did show up and an elaborate platform was built and he 'tripped' the switch that enabled the irrigation of thousands of acres, according to the article: ... *of brown, lifeless desert, uninhabitable, bald as the palm of your hand cracked open in seams and fissures with the bombardment of ages of suns.*

Less than one year after the opening of the tunnel, in July of 1910, the government discontinued the post office at Lujane.

Mailboxes were installed and the resi-

dents became part of Route No. 4, for mail delivery by the Montrose office.

The closing of the post office was not the end of the town. Many residents hung on and the school continued for several more years.

In 1912 Lujane gained some notoriety when it was placed on the map as one of the destinations of the Rainbow Route, which later became U.S. Highway 50. At about that same time, D. C. Vandenburg bought some of the government buildings in Lujane, dismantled them and shipped the lumber to Cimarron to be used in the building of a hotel. In the early 1920s at least one exploratory oil well was drilled near the town.

One of the last buildings remaining was the mule barn north of the town site. On that day when Nick Gray was commenting on the property, he pointed out how tough and tenacious the Gunnison Tunnel workers were. He sat in the pickup near a gate off of Highway 347 and pointed out the spot where the mule barn once stood. "Part of it was still here when I bought the place," he said. "It was a big building and those boys had to take care of a lot of mules."

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

MAGIC CIRCLE PLAYERS PRESENTS *FARCE OF NATURE-* *This Fishing Tale Will Grab You Hook, Line and Sinker!*



The cast of Farce Of Nature hams it up for the camera. This hilarious comedy runs through January at Magic Circle Theatre, 420 S. 12th St. in Montrose. For performance times and tickets, go to magiccircleplayers.com. (Photo by Montrose Photography courtesy of Southwest Taxidermy.)

By Patti Powel

MONTROSE-It's a sure cure for the January blahs! So get your ticket, take your seat and strap in as Magic Circle Players present *Farce Of Nature* - a fast-paced comedy that will take you from eye-rolling grins to giggles to knee-slapping guffaws.

The non-stop fun happens on one day at the Reel Em' Inn, the best fishing lodge in Arkansas, but business is slow and owner D. Gene Wilburn (Scott Pollak) is worried to the point that he is romantically ignor-

ing his wife Wanelle (Susan Kovalaske) who secretly decides to solve the problem through a hypnotic suggestion. Crazyness erupts when D. Gene's retired and bumbling cop sister Maxie (Kim Santich) is hired to guard a very nervous Carmine DeLuca (Kevin Innarelli) who she brings to the lodge as a guest of the Witness Protection Program.

D. Gene and Wanelle's son, Ty (Matt Peterson), is off in Chicago trying to break into acting but is desperately missed by his fiancée, Jenna (Dru Weaver), so

Maxie convinces Ty to come home.

As it turns out, Carmine is on the run from Chicago gangster Sonny Barbosa (Scott Baadte) but, when Ty shows up at the lodge to check on Jenna, he is followed by amorous, sexy Lola (Tina Jacobi), Sonny's wife! To add to the madcap action, Sonny is out of prison and follows Lola prompting both Carmine and Ty to disguise themselves.

The appearance of real estate agent Roxanne (Karen Rosga) brings more confu-

sion as she privately tries to persuade D. Gene to sell the lodge.

Plus, an awful smell is suddenly attracting hungry animals resulting in havoc inside and outside. What ensues is one hilarious moment after another through a series of side-splitting ploys as relationship issues are settled and dilemmas resolved.

From the well-known comedy writing team of Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope and Jamie Wooten, *Farce of Nature* brings a warm, bright escape from the cold according to Director Misty Walker and Assistant Director Pam Carlson. "The script is downright funny and the actors have so much talent for comedic timing," said Walker. "Be prepared to belly-laugh!"

Evening performances of *Farce Of Nature* are at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays January 10, 11, 17, 18, 24 and 25. Sunday matinees are at 2:00 p.m. on January 19 and 26. Tickets are available online at www.magiccircleplayers.com, by telephone at (970) 249-7838, or in person at the Magic Circle Theatre box office, 420 South 12th Street, Montrose. Box office hours are 2-5 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays, and two hours before each performance.



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RIDGWAY STATE PARK PRESENTS FULL MOON WOLF HIKE

Special to Art & Sol

RIDGWAY-Ridgway State Park presents "Full "Wolf" Moon Hike, Jan. 10@ 6:30 pm. Meet at the Visitor Center for a fun, family friendly interactive game. This will include topics about different myths and facts about the full moon and night creatures with prizes!!! Then hike up to Elk Ridge. We'll have a campfire and roast marshmallows by the tipi afterwards!

Please bring a flashlight and dress appropriately. Snowshoes are available for check-out at the Visitor Center so please call to reserve at (970)626-5822.

Please call the park for updates: (970)626-5822. \$8 park pass required.



Courtesy image Ridgway State Park.

2019 BCBGC CRAB CRACK A SUCCESS



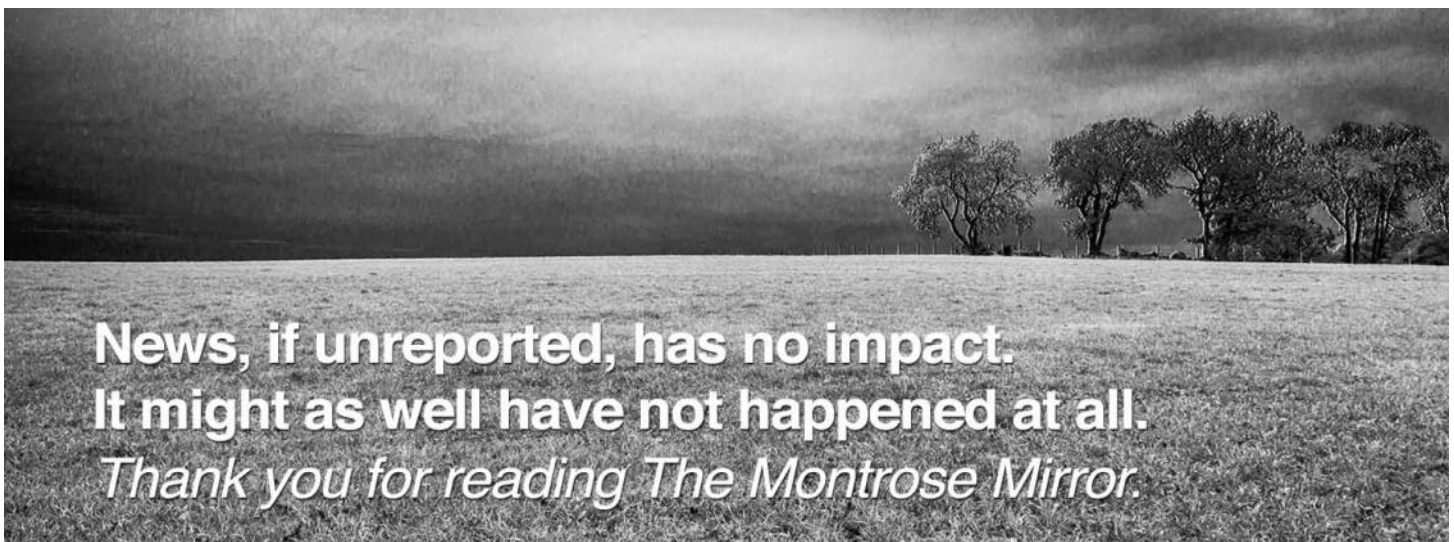
Crab Crack mascot, Camy Crab, with presenting sponsor, Elevate Internet's mascot, Gigfoot. Courtesy photo.

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-The Black Canyon Boys & Girls Club's (BCBGC) 5th Annual Crab Crack fundraiser, presented by Elevate Internet, was held on Friday Nov. 15, 2019 at 6 p.m. at the Montrose Pavilion. Guests feasted on all you can eat crab, shrimp, andouille sausage, Olathe sweet corn, potatoes, bread, and dessert. With a beer/wine garden, a live benefit auction, special appearance by event mascot Camy Crab

and Elevate Internet mascot Gigfoot, a

photo booth, and live music, it was an evening of fun and no one went home hungry. Between sponsorships, ticket sales, and the live benefit auction, over \$50,000 was raised for operations for the Montrose and Olathe Units of Club. For event photos and more, check out the Club's event page at <https://www.bcbgc.org/support-the-club/events>. Thank you to all of our event sponsors: Elevate Internet, David & Gaynelle Mize, Friends of the Club, Montrose Oral Surgery, TEI Rock Drills, Mike & Phoebe Benziger, the Employee Club of Tri-State, Elderado Financial, Seattle Fish, Stryker & Co., Montrose Memorial Hospital, Timberline Bank, and Bank of Colorado.



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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

RIVER PEAK DENTAL SELECTED AS JANUARY 2020 RIDGWAY CHAMBER MEMBER OF THE MONTH



River Peak Dental Is January 2020 RACC Member of the Month. Courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror

RIDGWAY-In an ongoing effort to promote and get to know our local businesses and organizations, the Ridgway Area Chamber of Commerce has selected River Peak Dental as January 2020 RACC Member of the

Month.

River Peak Dental is located at 257 Sherman Street, Suite C, Ridgway, and owned by Dr. Chris Poe and Misti Poe. They saw the need for expanded dental services and modern dental options for the mountain communities in Ouray, San Miguel and San Juan counties, so decided to bring modern dentistry to the mountains.

"We value being part of a great community that is focused on healthy living and actually enjoying quality of life here in the mountains," Misti explained.

"Even though we are located in little ol' Ridgway, don't think you're only getting small-town technology and techniques. River Peak Dental is one of the most tech-

nologically advanced dental offices anywhere. We have all the modern technological goodies that expand our capabilities and treatment options for our patients, from our 3D CT imaging, all digital everything to fully computer guided surgery and implant placement, our in-office CNC machine for making same-day crowns and surgical guides, lasers, 3D oral impression scanner, and certified IV sedation. We don't refer anything out – we do everything and do it quickly," she shared.

To learn more about River Peak Dental, call 970-512-8722, email drpoe@riverpeakdental.com, or go online to <https://ridgwaycolorado.com/businesses/medical-health-wellness/river-peak-dental>.

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Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes

the Niners vs. the Seahawks



Western Slope poets pose with Gary Snyder at the Headwaters Conference in Gunnison at Western Colorado University several years ago (L-R, starting at bottom left: Elle Metrick, Wendy Vidlock, Aaron Abeyta and Art Goodtimes) (photo by John Hausdoerffer).

STEVE CLARK ... As I wrote the San Juan Island widow of my good buddy (and Ex-Sixties San Francisco roustabout) in the middle of Sunday Night Football's Niner/Seahawk matchup last year ... *"I can't help but smile. I'm not watching the game. My only fellow Niner fans out here in Bronco country think I'm a jinx because I'm such a bad loser"* ... And it's true. I am. The Niners lose & I'm seriously bummed. Aggressively bellicose about it, even. I grew up with a rabid Niner dad. And after every game, my two brothers and I would head for the park to play pickup with the neighborhood kids But, truth be told, football is cruel, brutal, dangerous and -- Yes! -- exciting. I'm trying to wean myself off of it. Fifty-year habits don't die easy. But c'mon, there's enough testosterone in our politics. We shouldn't be validating a game where our kids risk permanent head injuries playing it ... In Sixties San Francisco Stewart Brand of Whole Earth Catalogue fame had us playing New Games. The rules were: Play Hard, Play Fair, Nobody Hurt. It's starting to be painful watching the players, carried out on stretchers or



new games book image is very small (courtesy photo)

limping off the field with season-ending injuries, at least once, almost every game ... Nevertheless, football's fun to watch. And in the interests of transparency, I'll admit -- as I'm addicted enough -- that I do catch the highlights, after, when my blood pressure and mental state are under control. And I'm not jumping up and down every touchdown like a fog-bound crazy in Kezar ... *"But, Janet, I know if Clark were watching with me up there in Anacortes, we'd be having one helluva good time, drinking lattes or craft beers. Trading insults. Yelling our heads off. And whomever won, his Seahawks or my Niners, we'd brag or moan & laugh & celebrate counting coup on friendship."*

SPEAKING OF SAN FRANCISCO ... I'm finally reading David Talbot's *Season of the Witch* (Free Press, Simon & Schuster, New York, 2012) ... A national bestseller, everyone reviewed it. Raved about it. And I missed it. Until my good progressive poet buddy Phil Woods of Denver recommended it ... It's all about the times I lived through. In the town I was born in. Where I spent 15 formative years of my 74 years, coming of age, as they say. Went from padre wannabe to raging Noe Valley hippie on an adolescent spree of freedom, repeated ego-shatterings and serendipitous magical epiphanies. And the *Season of the Witch* exposes all the nuances I missed in the headlines, or caught in the wind dancing to the Dead on acid in Speedway Meadow ... Talbot is a top-notch writer, investigative journalist, and fearless truth-teller. A couple years ago I

devoured *The Devil's Chessboard: Allen Dulles, the CIA, and the Rise of America's Secret Government* (Harper, 2015). *Salon* magazine called it, "This year's best spy thriller isn't fiction -- it's history. By the time 'The Devil's Chessboard' eventually climaxes with the events that unfolded in Dallas in 1963, Talbot's argument that Dulles had both the power and temperament to execute such a plot is more than believable" ... Spot on. It's the most believable conspiracy theory I've read on the Kennedy assassination. Talbot marshals facts, stories, testimonies and weaves a tight basket of claim around the malice of the Dulles brothers ... And given the exposed history of their malicious henchman Hoover, it would not be a surprise. As sad as it is to learn of what actually happens in the corridors of power -- in this country, as in so many countries ... *Season of the Witch* tells it all. The good. The bad. The ugly. And the visionary.

CALENDAR ... In this American holiday season when the dominant theme is Christmas and New Years, I can't help but reflect on tradition. Religion. Society. All those big picture historical words from the past that play such a big part in our present lives. But which often go unexamined ... When I sent around my "New Years" holiday annual catch-up letter/card this year, I called out the Western Slope Calendar that I've been using for couple years. Instead of basing my calendar's start on the mythical birth date of a Middle Eastern religious figure, I went back to the oldest archaeological evidence of human habitation on the Western Slope -- the Eagle Rock Shelter site on the Gunnison River in Delta County. Carbon dated as having been more or less continuously occupied in pre-history dating back to 12,850 years ago, the dig puts the first humans here close to the pre-Clovis era -- a scholarly revision of the accepted scientific theories about the continent's first

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Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes, continued

humans.

That early date seemed a fitting point to start memorializing every day of my life from here on out in Colorado ... I like the practice of looking back a ways in human times, to put the present in better perspective. But my friend George Sibley has another idea. A good one.

He's advocating resetting the calendar's Year Zero to 1500 of the Christian Era. Columbus "discovered" New World just before the turn of that millennium, and not long after Magellan returned from his circumnavigation of the globe, 1519-1522 [C.E.].

George is calling this the Global Epoch. Some scholars have used this pivot point

to define the demarcation between Europe's Early Modern Age and its Middle Ages ... So! Happy January 6, 13020 (520 GE).

HAN SHAN ... My wild man poet & bon vivant Jerry Roberts who puts out the regionally indispensable "The Robert Report" is currently sharing Gary Snyder's marvelous translations of Han Shan that came out as a chapbook back in 1979. Sign up to receive Jerry's emails at <<https://therobertreport.net>>

CHRISTIE ASCHWANDEN ... Congrats to our ace regional journalist and science writer from Cedaredge -- whose new

book, *Good To Go* (W.W. Norton, 2019), not only was a *New York Times* bestseller, but *Science News* listed it as one of its 13 "favorite books of 2019."

E COLI HIGH ... According to the January issue of the *Scientific American*, scientists have successfully engineered bacteria to produce psilocybin more cheaply than growing whole mushrooms.

"The modified microbes generated up to 1.16 grams of psilocybin per liter of culture medium -- the highest yield to date from any engineered organism and the 10-fold increase over the next best attempt. Scaled up, the new method could produce psilocybin for potential therapeutic use."

THE TALKING GOURD

Reciprocity

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-Stephanie Osan
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MONTROSE-On Jan. 23 from 6 to 8 p.m., at the Montrose Library Meeting Room, readers are invited to a community book discussion of "Church of the Graveyard Saints," by Chuck Greaves. The title was selected for the first annual Four Corners/One Book literary program by the towns of Montrose, Cortez, Dolores, Mancos, Ignacio, and Moab. The evening will include a public book discussion and Q&A with the author, facilitated by Rhonda Claridge of Colorado Mesa University. Refreshments will be served.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY PROGRAM ON ANCIENT STONE DWELLINGS OF THE UNCOMPAHGRE PLATEAU

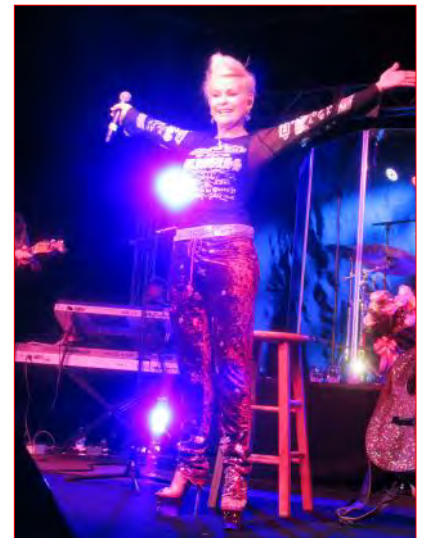
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MONTROSE-On Wednesday, Jan. 15 the public is invited to a presentation on prehistoric stone features found in Montrose and Delta counties, by Rand Greubal, co-owner of Alpine Archaeological Consultants in Montrose. Rand is an archaeologist with more than 35 years working in Western Colorado. Most of the stone structure sites have Ancestral Puebloan pottery from at least 1,000 years ago but are otherwise a mystery. Excavations at several of these sites were undertaken between the 1920s and the 1970s, but this work has been poorly reported and many such sites have been looted. Against all odds, a few of the remaining stone structure sites are intact. Greubal will present results of recent field examinations and new theories about the inhabitants of these ancient dwellings. The talk will be at 7 pm in the Montrose Methodist Church, Baldridge Hall, 19 S. Park Street, Montrose. Free admission.

AARON TIPPIN & LORRIE MORGAN @ MONTROSE COUNTY EVENT CENTER



When country artists Aaron Tippin & Lorrie Morgan performed at the Montrose county Event center on Jan. 4, Mirror event photographer Nanci Gibbins was there to capture the moments with two legendary artists and an appreciative crowd...and even snap a selfie with Aaron Tippin, below left.



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SAVE THE DATE! UPCOMING REGIONAL EVENTS

CURRENT/ONGOING-

READING LITE STORYTIME-Every Wednesday, Jan. 15 - May 6, 10am - 10:30am. Enjoy Singing, playing, reading, and a craft all in about 30 minutes. Ages 2-6.

READING TO ROVER-Montrose Regional Library, Every Tuesday, Jan. 14 - May 5, 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.

MONTROSE LIBRARY-CHESS CLUB Every Tuesday, Jan. 14 - May 5, 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.

MONTROSE FREE THINKERS meet the first Sunday of each month. Call 417-4183 for more information & location.

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. 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.

MONTROSE COUNTY NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH meets the second Friday of every month at the Montrose Regional Library, Room 102 from 1:30 PM – 3 PM. Contact Chris Hebert with questions at [970-901-5876](tel:970-901-5876).

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

MONTHLY-

Jan. 7-Historical Adventures on the Colorado Plateau, Montrose Pavilion Senior Center, 1 p.m. Explore travel and the multitude of ways horses were used to overcome travel obstacles on the Colorado Plateau. Author: Bob Silbernagel.

Jan. 8-Adulting 101: Basics of Filing Taxes. Wednesday, Jan. 8, 6 - 8 pm, Montrose Library Meeting Room. Presented by Paul Metcalfe and Melissa Post of Decker & Cook, CPAs CA. We'll cover important topics including: • W-4 form • 1040 Line-by-Line • Extension Discussion. Free and open to the public.

Jan. 9-Power Players Luncheon Series, The Best Plan for Your Business. Bridges Banquet Room, Noon to 1 p.m. Register 970-293-7929.

Jan. 10-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. For more information about the 2020 Western Slope Beef Cow Symposium, please visit <http://2020bcs.eventbrite.com> or call 970-249-3935. Online or phone registration is required by Jan. 3, 2020, to attend this event.

Jan. 10-Montrose County Neighborhood Watch meets Jan.10 with speaker Jennifer Lujan of Montrose Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, who will discuss how this martial art form can be used for self-defense. Neighborhood Watch meets the second Friday of every month at the Montrose Regional Library, Room 102 from 1:30 PM – 3 PM. Contact Chris Hebert with questions at [970-901-5876](tel:970-901-5876).

Jan. 10-Ridgway State Park presents “Full “Wolf” Moon Hike, Jan. 10@ 6:30 pm. Meet at the Visitor Center for a fun, family friendly interactive game. This will include topics about different myths and facts about the full moon and night creatures with prizes!!! Then hike up to Elk Ridge. We'll have a campfire and roast marshmallows by the tipi afterwards! Please bring a flashlight and dress appropriately. Snowshoes are available for check-out at the Visitor Center so please call to reserve at (970)626-5822. Please call the park for updates: (970)626-5822. \$8 park pass required.

Jan. 11-Montrose Pavilion Dance Club with New Vision. Dance begins at 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 11-Photography & Pottery Exhibit Opening Reception, featuring works by Denise Bush Photography & Joan Gibson Pottery. Ridgway Library, 300 Charles St., 4-7pm. (Exhibit runs through March 13.)

Jan. 13-Monday January 13 ,6:30 Montrose Library mtg rm -National Geographic "Years of Living Dangerously " next episode presented by citizensclimatelobby.org ,nonpartisan. all welcome. ? call 240-9146.

Jan. 14-Alpine Photography Club MeetingTuesday, Jan. 14, 2020, 7pm at Colorado Mesa University, 245 S. Cascade Ave., Montrose, Room 206. Presentation: Getting Cold Feet, the Rewards of Shooting in the Winter, By: Vince Farnsworth. Sharing Theme: In the Spirit of the Holidays (3-5 images). Critiques: Open & Anonymous (up to three images). The public is welcome!

Jan. 15-The public is invited to a presentation on prehistoric stone features found in Montrose and Delta counties, by Rand Greubal, co-owner of Alpine Archaeological Consultants in Montrose. Greubal will present results of recent field examinations and new theories about the inhabitants of these ancient dwellings. The talk will be at 7 pm in the Montrose Methodist Church, Baldrige Hall, 19 S. Park Street, Montrose. Free admission.

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READER PHOTO SPOTLIGHT: DEB REIMANN

Photographer Deb Reimann took this picture last fall, of Horsefly Creek cove covered with a skiff of ice located in Hank's Valley - Uncompahgre Plateau.



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