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## WITH CRIME ON THE RISE, EXISTING VICTIM RESOURCES ARE SCATTERED, UNDERFUNDED



*Often, the solutions to victim safety, recovery, and well-being are not found in a courtroom, but through other resources including non-profits, District Attorney Dan Hotsenpiller said.*

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-According to the United States Bureau of Justice Statistics, the percentage of people age 12 or older who were victims of a violent crime increased from 0.98 percent in 2015 to 1.14 percent in 2017.

A rise in crime and victimization can also be seen here in Montrose. The [Fourth Quarter Montrose Police Report for 2018](#), released in the Feb. 19 City Council work session packet, shows that certain types of crime are quickly escalating here. Showing [strong increases over 2017](#) in all three months were assaults, DUI accidents, domestic violence, commercial burglaries, traffic citations, and drug arrests. Also on the rise are felonies, both adult and juvenile.

Those who are arrested for a crime end up in court; those who are victimized by a crime often feel re-victimized as they

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## PAONIA PARCHED AS WATER PROBLEMS CONTINUE

Mirror staff report

PAONIA-Despite abundant winter precipitation, Paonia residents have been forced to do without one of life's basic needs in recent weeks--water. The issue arose after a leak found Feb. 18 in the town's water delivery system triggered a loss of pressure, resulting in a [water-boil order](#) by the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE). Though the initial boil order was lifted Feb. 22, users were asked to conserve water as springs were repaired and the town tanks re-filled.

On Feb. 26, water was shut off to all out of town water companies as problems continued.

On Feb. 27, the Delta County Board of Commissioners adopted [Resolution 2019-R-006](#), declaring a local disaster emergency in response to the water outage in the Town of Paonia.

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*Utility workers from the City of Montrose and the City of Westminster worked to repair water lines at 4th and Box Elder in Paonia last week. According to the Town of Paonia, the assistance came through CoWARN- the Colorado Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network, a statewide network of "utilities helping utilities" providing resources to respond and recover more quickly from issues involving water or wastewater. Courtesy photo Town of Paonia.*

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# A FRESH POINT OF VIEW...

## SO, AS YOU CAN TELL, I HAVE STARTED TO DRIVE



Jack Switzer, grade 10. Mirror file photo.

By Jack Switzer

MONTROSE-I buckle my seatbelt, I put my hands on the steering wheel, I shift the car into "drive." I stare out at the road in front of me.

I wasn't sure if i was ready, but this was a step in my life I needed to take. After lightly pressing my foot on the gas pedal, my dad's car sped forward down the

street, heat surrounded me, and I already felt panic. With my dad telling me to slow down and my brain not responding, I slammed the brake and parked on the side of the road.

So, as you can tell, I have started to drive.

The world as we know it, is much less safe and will probably end up in constant danger the longer I'm behind the wheel singing and voice cracking to the top fifties.

While I usually write about the struggles of high school life and what it's like to live in a modern Montrose High School environment, I figure that learning to drive and preparing to be a responsible adult has something to do with that. Since you're legally able to drive once you've met the requirements at age 16, kids in high school are going to gain the right to

own the streets alongside adults. And not only does this give everyone on the road a sense of impending doom, but it gives teenagers a sense of excitement. Now having the power to go anywhere they want ten times faster. However, this also means that teenagers have to be more mature and responsible. Being in the front seat and behind the wheel of a vehicle is a big step when it comes to growing as a person. Having gotten my learner's permit, I can now access the roads with the millions who have done it before me. It's a huge change, and I'm sure my father is paralyzed with fear every single second I'm behind the wheel and he's in the passenger seat. But I'm glad that I'm growing and moving faster towards the future than I ever have before. Soon I'll be out of Montrose high school and driving down the road to college.

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## MONTROSE ELKS LODGE: ELK TRACKS!



### *Special to the Mirror*

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

MARDI GRAS BINGO Tuesday March 5, 2019

Double Must Go Jackpots of "\$1,199 & \$500

Come on by the Elks Lodge on Fat Tuesday March 5th for a chance to win great prizes playing Bingo:

Progressive Game 2 has reached "Must Go" status and \$500 will be awarded no matter how many numbers or balls are needed to reach Bingo!

Progressive Game 4 has reached "Must Go" status and \$1199 will be awarded no matter how many numbers or balls are needed to reach Bingo!

Progressive Game #6 worth \$3,356 can be won by reaching BINGO in 53 numbers

or fewer.

MARDI GRAS BINGO Tuesday March 5, 2019

Come dressed up in your best bangles, duds, and feathered Mardi Gras masks for a chance to win a cash prize for Women and Men's best costume.

The Elks lounge will be open to the public with drink specials.

This is going to be a fun early Spring party! Bingo Night - New Food Menu in 2019  
March 5th Grilled Ham and Cheese  
March 12th Taco Bar / Taco Salad

A weekly sandwich or item is available during Bingo nights at the Lodge.

Each week a different food item is advertised, then made fresh by Dave and Cody with our group of youth volunteers.

Imagine having roast beef, pulled pork, sloppy joes, French dips, ham and cheese, and subs fresh and ready to enjoy. \$5 will get you a food item, a soda pop, and a bag of chips.

Bingo Night – Pull Tabs in 2019

In 2019 we have an active Pull Tab machine for Bingo players to utilize during Bingo games.

The Pull Tab machine has denominations of \$1.00, 50 cents, & 25 cents tickets and is located near the Dabbers and Cashier. We recently had a \$300 winner!

For the best Bingo game in the area be sure to visit Montrose Elks Lodge every Tuesday evening at 6: PM to play Bingo. We are located at 801 South Hillcrest Drive in Montrose, CO 81401.

It's a wonderful way to spend the evening having fun! Public is welcome, funds raised playing Bingo support local charities. St. Patrick's Day Party at the Elks on Friday 3-15-19

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Dinner served until it's all gone!!

## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### CONSUMER ADVISORY: MEDICARE ADVANTAGE DO-OVER PERIOD LASTS UNTIL MARCH 31

#### *Special to the Mirror*

DENVER - The Colorado State Health Insurance Assistance Program ([Colorado SHIP](#)), housed within the Colorado Division of Insurance at the Department of Regulatory Agencies, reminds older adults and people with disabilities *currently enrolled* in Medicare Advantage plans that they have until March 31 to switch to another Medicare Advantage plan or to Original Medicare.

This opportunity is only available to individuals who were enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan on Jan. 1, 2019, and only one change is allowed during this period. Changes take effect the month after they are made. So, if a change is made in March, it becomes effective in April.

"No one is required to make a change," said Kimberly Latta, Director of Colorado SHIP. "But this period is for people who might be having second thoughts about

the Medicare Advantage decision they made during open enrollment last fall. We encourage anyone who has questions about this new period to contact Colorado SHIP."

Medicare Advantage plans, also called "Part C" or "MA plans" are a type of coverage offered by private insurance companies (not the federal government), but approved and paid by Medicare to cover enrolled people's benefits. A Medicare Advantage plan covers all Medicare Part A (hospital insurance), Medicare Part B (medical insurance), and often Medicare Part D (prescription drug) services. Note that Medicare Advantage plans are different from Medicare Supplemental Insurance, also known as Medigap policies.

Here are the changes that are **allowed** during this Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period.

-If you're in a Medicare Advantage Plan,

you can switch to another Medicare Advantage Plan.

-You can disenroll from your Medicare Advantage Plan and return to Original Medicare. If you choose to do so, you'll be able to join a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan (Medicare Part D), but may not be able to enroll in a Medicare Supplement plan (Medigap), so determine your available options before making the switch. Current Colorado Medicare Advantage enrollees who want to take advantage of this opportunity should contact a Colorado SHIP Counselor at 888-696-7213 or call Medicare at 800-633-4227. Colorado SHIP helps Medicare enrollees navigate the Medicare system including Medicare Advantage and Medigap plans. Here in Colorado, people with Medicare questions or concerns can call 888-696-7213 to be connected to someone in their area for assistance.

## ***PAONIA PARCHED AS WATER PROBLEMS CONTINUE***

### ***From pg 1***

The Town has maintained a strong social media presence, and a standing-room-only [community meeting was held Feb. 28](#) at Paonia Town Hall to update residents. "It's looking like the end's in sight," Delta County Commissioner Mark Roeber told those gathered, and asked for continued patience. The Town of Paonia issued [a fact sheet](#) to help residents understand and respond to the ongoing crisis. [A flyer](#) addressing specific health instructions for safety was also distributed.

As the Town works to get the water system back online, area residents and businesses have been doing their best to help Paonia's community.

A temporary water distribution center has been coordinated by Debbie Kimball and a team of local volunteers. Free show-

ers are available at Bill Heddles Recreation Center in Delta (970-874-0923) for those impacted—just bring a towel and proof of residency.

Last week Home Depot and Murdochs in Montrose donated five-gallon buckets to use for hauling non-potable water; WalMart of Montrose donated more than 11,500 bottles of water over the weekend "to our neighbors in Paonia to help with their water situation."

On March 1, Utility workers from the City of Montrose and the City of Westminster helped repair water lines; over the weekend, Paonia High School students and cadets from the Delta County Civil Air Patrol Cadet Squadron were among those who helped the temporary water distribution center at Town Hall, filling and carrying

buckets, delivering water around town, and loading many cases of water, according to the Town of Paonia facebook site.

All Points Transit operated a shuttle for Paonia residents to access showers and restrooms at Heritage Hall in Hotchkiss.

A water update posted Sunday on the Town web site notes, "We are still on track to begin recharging lines tomorrow, Monday, Mar. 4, and again we will need everyone to be patient. As the entire system is recharged, water will reach homes at different times. Some homes may have to wait longer than others.

Please continue to practice conservation methods. Consumption will slow down the process so the more we can continue to conserve, the easier it will be on our system."

## **COUNCIL TO INTERVIEW DAVID FISHERING FOR SEAT ON DDA, DISCUSS FLUORIDATION OF H2O SUPPLY**



**Montrose City Council meets this week.**

### **Mirror staff report**

MONTROSE-Montrose City Council will host [a work session on Monday, March 4](#) and a [regular meeting on Tuesday, March 5](#).

### **WORK SESSION**

Council will interview applicant David Fishering (of Storm King Distilling Co.) for a seat on the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) board. Discussion items will include fluoridation of the local water supply; \$1,724,560.61 in construction and survey/engineering support contracts for Miami-Hillcrest Roundabout Project con-

struction contract; and vehicle and equipment purchase recommendations.

Items to be discussed in future include: Alcohol Consumption at the Montrose Recreation District Field House and an Annual Grant Report will be March 18. Existing short-term rental regulations and possible additional short-term rental compliance processes will be discussed April 1. City manager and attorney evaluations and selection of mayor and mayor pro tem for the Upcoming Term will be April 2.

Animal control municipal code revisions; discussion of job creation and housing incentives; and consideration of requested River Valley Health Center job creation incentives will be April 15.

Earth Week and Arbor Day Proclamations will take place April 16.

### **REGULAR MEETING**

Council will consider approving Ordinance 2469 on first reading, delegating authority to the Board of Directors of the Montrose Emergency Telephone Service Authority (METSAs) to set the rate of the charge imposed on service users, as discussed previ-

ously in work session.

Council will consider approving Resolution 2019-05, authorizing the filing of a Colorado Department of Local Affairs Grant application for the Peace Officers Mental Health Support Grant Program. The application was previously discussed in work session.

Also to be considered are Ordinance 2463 on second reading, vacating a portion of North Cascade Avenue; and an Affidavit of Redesignation to redesignate property in the Montrose Estates Subdivision from "park" to "right of way" at the request of a resident. Both items have been discussed in previous work sessions.

A previously discussed Lease Agreement between the City of Montrose and Stephen Taylor for property located at 3645 N. Townsend Avenue will be considered, as will authorization of the purchase of vehicles and equipment at auction, not to exceed the total budgeted amount of \$210,000.

Following staff reports Council will adjourn.

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## COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

### 300 TEMPORARY JOBS AVAILABLE ACROSS NATIONAL FORESTS & GRASSLANDS

*Special to the Mirror*

DENVER-The Rocky Mountain Region of the U.S. Forest Service announced today the availability of 300 additional temporary jobs for the 2019 field season throughout national forests and grasslands in Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming.

Temporary jobs are available in a variety of exciting and rewarding occupations such as fire, trails, forestry, engineering, wildlife, recreation, fisheries, archaeology and administrative support.

Job seekers can apply for temporary jobs through USAJOBS for three days beginning Monday, March 4.

Temporary job opportunities are available online at [www.fs.usda.gov/detail/r2/jobs](http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/r2/jobs). Job seekers can apply through USAJOBS from March 4-6 at [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov).

### MARCH 3-9 IS NATIONAL CONSUMER PROTECTION WEEK

*Special to the Mirror*

DENVER -- Governor Jared Polis has proclaimed March 3-9, 2019 as National Consumer Protection Week in Colorado. The Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) joins dozens of federal, state and local government agencies and non-profit organizations across the United States this week to recognize and celebrate NCPW.

“Helping Coloradans become informed consumers puts power directly in their hands,” said Gov. Polis. “National Consumer Protection Week highlights our ongoing commitment to ensure that Colorado remains a fair, and safe marketplace that consumers can trust. We want Coloradans to be more aware of the types of frauds and scams they may encounter so they can best protect themselves and their families.”

DORA’s divisions — including Banking, Civil Rights, Financial Services, Insurance, Professions and Occupations, Real Estate, Securities, Office of Consumer Counsel and the Public Utilities Commission — are raising awareness about available consumer protection resources to Coloradans through a variety of events throughout National Consumer Protection Week and beyond. DORA is also partnering with the Better Business Bureau (BBB) on activities throughout the week.

DORA’s efforts include kicking off its “Take 5 to Get Wise - Ask DORA” consumer awareness and education campaign, with information shared via its award-winning consumer information website, [askDORA.colorado.gov](http://askDORA.colorado.gov).



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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### CRIME STOPPERS ALERT: HELP CATCH PANDA PALACE BURGLAR

#### Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers

MONTROSE-Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers, Inc. and the Montrose Police Department are seeking the help of citizens to identify and locate the suspect(s) who burglarized Panda Palace Restaurant, located at 531 South Townsend Avenue in Montrose.

On Feb. 24, 2019, at 3:50a.m., suspect entered Panda Palace Restaurant through an unsecured door. The suspect opened the register and removed the drawer taking cash from inside. The male also took money that was affixed to a statue near the register. The suspect was wearing a dark hoodie, ball cap, gloves, and has a white handkerchief across his face.

Anyone with information about this crime or the identity of the perpetrator(s) or any other crimes may call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 970-249-8500, use the free mobile app P3 Tips, or provide information via P3tips.com. Crime Stoppers wants your information, not your identity. If the Tip results in an arrest, the Tipster may receive a cash award. For additional information, please view our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/montroseregionalcrimestoppers](http://www.facebook.com/montroseregionalcrimestoppers). Crime prevention and crime solution are everyone's responsibility.



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## OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

# ELECTORAL COLLEGE VS. NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE

*Editor:*

Our Founding Fathers designed our government to protect minority rights. Two of our three branches of government guarantee them: the judicial through the court system and criminal and civil laws and the legislative by equal representation of the states in the Senate. The framers intended the executive branch to represent the entire nation when they unanimously agreed with James Madison's statement that the "President is to act for the people not for [the] States."

President and vice president are the only offices elected through the electoral college process. Currently, 9 to 11 "battleground swing states" determine the election outcome, so the candidates' campaigns focus on those states. Voter turnout in "bystander" states is low because voters are quite confident about how their states' electoral votes are going to be cast. If you live in Illinois or Mississippi, why bother going out on a cold, rainy day to vote, when you know your state is going to go blue or red anyway?

This is a non-partisan issue. The current system can, and has, affected both parties. In 1960, Richard Nixon actually won the popular vote by about 48,000 votes over John Kennedy.

Voters within states do not vote as a bloc. In 2016 32% of California voters cast their ballots for Trump and 43% of Texas voters voted for Clinton. 8.4 million votes were simply erased---did not count---because all of the electoral votes went for the other candidate. So, when a state goes "red" or "blue" the interests of the entire state are not represented. Small states represent a great diversity of economic interests, and many of them are shared with large states.

With a national popular vote, we no longer would be voting by state, but by person. **EVERY vote would count---and should!**

*Nancy Ball, Secretary*

*League of Women Voters of Montrose County  
serving Montrose and Delta counties*

# NO RANT, JUST A RAVE ABOUT STONE HOUSE CHICKEN FRIED STEAK

*Editor:*

I realize I am more Rant than Rave most times, but I want to Rave about something. Recently I got in the mood for Chicken Fried Steak, Denny's was the only place I knew who served it. I did a search online and found out that Stone House Restaurant had Chicken Fried Steak, I had the opportunity to go there for lunch the other day and ordered the CFS, it came with mashed potatoes, corn and the CFS. When it arrived the first thing I noticed was the CFS took up my whole plate, it was huge, so huge I questioned the existence of my mashed potatoes, hidden under the steak. The potatoes were delicious, the corn was in some sort of sauce, I asked about the sauce, she came back and told me that she couldn't pronounce the sauce and that it was some potato based sauce, it was delicious also. I want more of the corn...the CFS was delicious also, well worth the trip, I could not eat all of the CFS it was so big, anyone that knows me, knows I tend to eat everything on my plate, (an old habit), so not eating everything is a testimony to how much is on the plate. I give Stone House five stars, excellent food and service, I will go there again as they have lots of appetizing menu items with a Home cooked appeal, Excellent Job Stone House.

*Timothy Storrs, Montrose*

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## ***WITH CRIME ON THE RISE, EXISTING VICTIM RESOURCES ARE SCATTERED, UNDERFUNDED From pg 1***

interact with the criminal justice system.

That's because the system was not created for them.

"The criminal justice system is all about the defendant," 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney Dan Hotsenpiller told the *Mirror* last week. "We have a duty to see that the defendant receives a fair trial; that the victim is heard and treated with respect, and that the proceeding is a search for the truth."

The system is not there to judge people or their choices, but to empower them, he said.

"We are here to prosecute state criminal law violations in state court in six counties," Hotsenpiller said. "We don't investigate crimes; our cases represent only a fraction of the crimes that are actually committed and that occur."

The D.A.'s office is not involved at the start of a case, he noted. "My team does not even know about a crime initially," Hotsenpiller said.

"We don't have the resources to go beyond our core mission to hold offenders accountable...we follow evidence and we follow the law."

It is not the role of the district attorney to sentence a perpetrator or release anyone on bond, he said.

Collaboration with law enforcement agencies is essential, Hotsenpiller said. Within the six-county (Montrose, Delta, Gunnison, Ouray, Hinsdale, San Miguel)

territory, "Our communities are all very different," Hotsenpiller said. "Ouray County...is an example of a community making its voice heard; it wants a better level of victim service."

Essential to the process are victim advocates, a part of most law enforcement agencies, he said. "Victim advocates are the first responders in the victim service world," Hotsenpiller said. "They go to the scene of crimes sometimes, and often they are the very first contact with victims."

A number of regional non-profits provide additional service to crime victims, including: [Project Hope of Gunnison Valley](#); [Hilltop Domestic Violence Services](#); [San Miguel Resource Center](#); [The Dolphin House](#); [Court-Appointed Special Advocates for Children \(CASA\)](#); [Self-Represented Litigant Coordinator \(Pro Se Litigants\)](#).

"The non-profits play a huge role," Hotsenpiller said. "They offer a range of services we can't offer."

Information provided by victims to such advocates is confidential, which is not the case with information provided to the District Attorney.

At the statewide level, the [Rocky Mountain Victims Law Center](#) is a non-profit that serves victims of crime with pro bono representation in some cases, and the [Legal Information Network of Colorado](#) offers support with resources and [basic](#)

[needs](#).

The criminal justice system itself is limited in what it can accomplish for victims, Hotsenpiller said.

"I would urge caution when we expect the system to be the number one form of behavior modification," he said. "From what we see, the key to victim safety, recovery, and well-being is working with the system to understand its limits; often, the solutions are not found in a criminal courtroom."

Also, "The word victim is problematic," Hotsenpiller said, noting that "survivor" is now being used in some cases instead. And with funding for VALE (Victim Assistance and Law Enforcement) programs inadequate, citizens can help by supporting additional state funding for victim services, he said.

According to the [State of Colorado](#), The Victim Rights Act (VRA) "ensures that crime victims are treated with fairness, respect, dignity and that they are free from intimidation, harassment, and abuse. The VRA also helps to ensure that victims are informed of critical stages of the criminal justice process and that they may be present for, and heard, at certain stages as well."

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## OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

### EROSION OF REPUBLIC – HISTORICAL RESPONSE

*Editor:*

In response to a letter to the editor published in the Feb 25<sup>th</sup> issue, I urge the editorial staff to either respond (it was your choice to publish the letter), hopefully by someone on the staff who is more knowledgeable about our history than Mr. Stockton. This is my response, though I am not a historian. As best that I know, the history of how our federal election process has many changes since the beginning. First and foremost, the President and Vice President did not run together. The top two electoral vote getters were chosen for each position. Second, the electors were chosen by the state legislators, not allocated by popular vote. Winner take all from a state is also not as it was. In addition, Senators were not chosen by popular vote. I agree with the change to popular vote for the President and doing away with a process that was invoked to keep the slave states happy during the writing of the Constitution.

I guess I get tired of fundamentalists in our society who get the fundamentals wrong, and editorial staffs deciding to publish such rants.

*Douglas Crawford, Montrose*

### WORLDWIDE SCOUTING MOVEMENT IS ALIVE AND WELL, PROMOTING CITIZENSHIP, MORALITY, LEADERSHIP

*Editor:*

One thing to realize in regard to Scouting is that World Scouting and the American U.S. branches, BSA and GSA (Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts of America) are alive and well. Scouting is a world-wide movement, not only promoting universal values of citizenship and morality, but innovation, decision making, and leadership qualities. Scouting's basic grassroots approach not only effectively transcends all parochial language, racial, or cultural traits, but reinforces their identity. I have been fortunate to see this first-hand from my experience at various World Jamborees, or get-together encampments of up to 50,000 Scouts from virtually every country in the world.

Let's follow the World Jamboree this summer back in the U.S. and sponsored by Canada, the U.S., and Mexico. The Western Slope of Colorado will be represented by some of our local Scouts and Scouters. Any seeming controversies are far overshadowed by the world-wide good done by Scouting.

*Wayne Quade, Montrose*



## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### PINNING CEREMONIES PROMOTE THREE SERGEANTS AND ONE LIEUTENANT

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-Montrose County Sheriff Gene Lillard recently promoted three new sergeants to fill vacancies within the patrol division: Sergeant Matt Breshears, Sergeant Steve Gustin, and Sergeant Paul Southern. Working with Sergeant Cam Boldan, six internal candidates completed a written test, prioritization exercise, written scenario, interview panel, and an impromptu speech.

“I am proud that these three individuals took the next step in their law enforcement careers. They all have a wealth of knowledge to share with patrol deputies and their leadership will serve the MCSO well,” said Sheriff Gene Lillard.

The newly promoted sergeants received their sergeant stripes recently in a pinning ceremony with families. The trio offers more than 25 years of combined law enforcement and detentions experi-

ence. Sergeant Gustin has been with the MCSO for 11.5 years—he started as a detentions deputy, promoted to patrol, then investigations, and moved back to patrol before his recent promotion. Sergeant Southern has six years of service in the patrol division and Sergeant Breshears hired on as a detentions deputy and then promoted to patrol before earning his sergeant stripes. The process was overseen by an interview panel consisting of Sergeant Courtney Jones from the Montrose Police Department, Montrose County Human Resources Director Leslie Quon, and MCSO’s Sergeant Searcy, Lieutenant Cox, and Lieutenant Valerio.

Separately, Sergeant Cam Boldan represented one of the vacancies as he was recently promoted to lieutenant overseeing the administration division. Lieutenant Boldan started at the sheriff’s office in 2001 as a detentions deputy. He put him-



*Sheriff Gene Lillard recently promoted three new MCSO sergeants: Sergeant Matt Breshears, Sergeant Steve Gustin, and Sergeant Paul Southern. Courtesy photo.*

self through the academy while still working in the jail full time and became a patrol deputy in 2004. He was promoted to patrol sergeant in 2012 and then moved to professional standards sergeant in 2016. For more information on the MCSO, please visit [montrosecountysheriffsoffice.com](http://montrosecountysheriffsoffice.com).



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## OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

# NPVC VIOLATES THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

Dear Editor:

Glenn Beaton's February 24 column on the National Popular Vote Compact (NPVC) attracted many long and tortuous comments from outside Aspen (yes, Virginia, there is a world outside Aspen). Let me summarize them: Voting for the losing presidential candidate is pointless. Give losers a chance to win by aggregating their votes with losers in other states. None addressed the purpose of the electoral college, nor that the NPVC violates the U.S. Constitution.

Bills from "The People's House" go to die in the Senate. That's intentional. The House is where representatives can propose and adopt any crazy idea, many of which could harm some states. The Senate, representing the sovereign states, can kill the worst ideas. Two senators repre-

sent each state regardless of population to prevent big states from crushing little ones.

The electoral college serves the same purpose. National popular election might seem "fair" to individuals. But the electoral college is for being fair to smaller states. It protects the interests of the smaller states. Without the electoral college, presidential candidates could ignore all but large states. This happened at the state level in Colorado, when gubernatorial candidate Polis never traveled west of Boulder. It would be different if we had a county-based electoral college in Colorado for gubernatorial elections.

Colorado has generally held clean elections; not all states do. NPVC would import voting irregularities (Florida?) into Colorado from other states by honoring

their tainted vote counts.

The NPVC can't be adopted anyway without amending the Constitution. Article I, Section 10 prohibits compacts between states without Congressional approval (which the NPVC doesn't have). Article I, Section 1 assigns the House of Representatives responsibility for electing presidents when there's no electoral majority. The states can't negate U.S. Constitutional provisions, as the NPVC would do, without actually amending the Constitution.

Joe Fockler, Montrose

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## COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

### MARCH 1-7 PROCLAIMED COLORADO WEIGHTS AND MEASURES WEEK

#### *Special to the Mirror*

DENVER-Gov. Polis has issued a proclamation declaring March 1 – 7 as Weights and Measures Week in Colorado. Each year, the first week in March commemorates the signing of the first weights and measures law in the United States by President John Adams on March 2, 1799.

It's been 220 years since that first law was passed. New measuring devices have been invented and computerization has made weights and measurement inspections much different than they used to be. The technologies have changed and improved but the need to make sure transactions remain accurate and transparent is as important as ever.

The governor's proclamation honors the consumer protection efforts of the Colorado Department of Agriculture and the Colorado Department of Labor & Employment. Their work touches virtually every Coloradan by ensuring the accuracy of all commercially used weighing and measuring equipment.

Every day, commercial scales, meters and scanning equipment devices are used to ensure equity in the marketplace. The Department of Labor and Employment's Division of Oil and Public Safety (OPS) and the Department of Agriculture's Measurement Standards Programs protect consumers by checking and calibrating that the devices are operating properly.

Inspectors with OPS ensure that motorists are getting precisely what they are paying for at more than 50,000 retail motor fuel dispensers across the state. These inspectors routinely collect samples of fuel products (gasoline, diesel, E-85, biodiesel, etc.) from retail fueling stations across the state and analyze these samples to ensure compliance with fuel quality standards.

They also inspect bulk propane, gasoline, diesel truck meters, retail propane, compressed and liquefied natural gas dispensers for accuracy. In addition to this consumer protection work, OPS addresses environmental protection by overseeing the cleanup of leaks and spills.

Inspectors with the Department of Agriculture's Inspection and Consumer Services division ensure the accuracy of commercial scales, meters and scanning equipment used at supermarkets, warehouses, packing plants, storage facilities, and retail stores. Scales are even used at Denver International Airport to determine allowable luggage weights. The metrology laboratory at the Department of Agriculture safeguards these devices' precise accuracy.

Weights and measures officials conduct tests of commercially used weighing and measuring devices and report their condition to the owners. If the devices are correct, they are approved and sealed. If in-

correct, they are prohibited from being rejected for use until the problem is corrected.

"Guaranteeing the accuracy of weights and measures is one of the oldest and most important activities of government," says Hollis Glenn, Director of the Division of Inspection and Consumer Services. "Every citizen and every business has a direct financial interest in seeing that transactions are fair to both the buyer and seller."

Mahesh Albuquerque, Director of the Division of Oil and Public Safety, agrees. "The quiet but systemic efforts of these officials instills trust in our marketplace. Weights and Measures Week is an opportunity to educate consumers, businesses and lawmakers about their important work."

#### **Colorado Department of Labor & Employment**

CDLE's Division of Oil and Public Safety is responsible for inspecting Colorado's more than 50,000 retail motor fuel dispensers. Inspectors routinely collect samples of fuel products from retail fueling stations across the state, and samples are analyzed for compliance with fuel quality standards.

For more information on OPS's Weights and Measures program, visit [www.colorado.gov/ops/WeightsMeasures](http://www.colorado.gov/ops/WeightsMeasures).

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# REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS: MEDICAL

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MONTROSE— No longer do 1st Class pilots have to travel far distances or wait long times to get in for an aviation medical exam. Dr. Adragna is now a Senior AME after just nine months as a Junior AME. Increased demand, a 0% error rate, and support from local pilots helped bring this much needed resource to the Western Slope.

“1st Class pilots are those that fly the big jets that get us to our destinations of choice safely,” says Dr. Joe, as he goes by. Specifically, they exercise airline transport privileges (ATP). Medical standards are tight for these pilots and Dr. Adragna is recognized as a local expert in these standards.

Dr. Adragna advocates for pilots, provides education, and will coordinate medication changes when necessary to ensure

safe piloting. If an exam ends in a deferral, Dr. Adragna will work with the pilot to send or coordinate the sending of required documentation to the FAA for final evaluation. With a motivated pilot who submits all required documents and an AME advocate, denial rates by the FAA are less than 1%.

Pilots can search for AMEs at the FAA website: <https://designee.faa.gov/#/designeeLocator>.

Pilots can find the AME guide at: [https://www.faa.gov/about/office\\_org/headquarters\\_offices/avs/offices/aam/ame/guide/](https://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/avs/offices/aam/ame/guide/).

AOPA also has lots of resources for those interested in becoming a pilot. See this

site for lots of tips and easy to digest information on the subject: <https://www.aopa.org/go-fly/medical-resources/airman-medical-certification>

*For more information or to schedule an FAA required aviation medical exam, pilots can call 970-497-4921.*

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS: MEDICAL

### C-SECTION RATES LOW AT DELTA COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

*Special to the Mirror*

DELTA-In 2018 Delta County Memorial Hospital (DCMH) had astonishing low cesarean (C-section rates) of 8%. According to the CDC, in 2016 the national average of all deliveries by cesarean was 31.9% ([cdc.gov](http://cdc.gov)). It might come as a surprise that the most routine surgery performed in the United States is the C-section. And although at times a C-section is absolutely necessary; according to the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), most pregnancies, which are low-risk, the C-section is not necessary.

Delta County Memorial Hospital's C-section rate comes as no surprise to Jody Roeber, Chief Clinical Officer for DCMH. "We are really trying to do our best in providing excellent care, but also only proving medically necessary interventions when needed."

One contributing area is DCMH progressive approach and allowing Trial of Labor

After C-section (TOLAC) formally known as, VBAC's. This option allows mothers who have experienced a C-section in previous pregnancies, the opportunity to have a natural birth. "If a woman decides to do this [TOLAC] and it is something she wants to explore, she meets with her physician and together they review the criteria. If she qualifies based upon safety, this could allow a woman to not have an unnecessary C-section.

An astonishing one in three births in the United States are born via C-section, and according to at 2017 Consumer Reports study found that about 26 percent of healthy women with low risk pregnancies and who are considered full-term are undergoing C-sections. This rate is considerably higher than the 10 to 15 percent the World Health Organization (WHO) identifies as the "normal" rate. And just within the United States, C-section rates can vary not only between states, but even be-

tween hospitals in the same region or city.

"Our physicians work together as a team with the nurses to help support and care for our patients. With a strong team approach trust is built between care partners and better outcomes for the patient," states Roeber. "It has become the expectation here [at DCMH] that we take the time and attention and allow things to happen more naturally."

Women and families are taking it into their own hands to become educated consumers and research surrounding local hospitals and asking these kinds of questions. Carol Swingle, Stork's Landing OB Clinic Manager for DCMH states, "We have women coming from all over the area because they hear about the incredible care we provide."

"It is really just about meeting our patients exactly where they are, listening and supporting them throughout the entire process," Roeber said.



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## WHEN THE SAN JUANS FLOWED WITH SILVER...

By Caitlin Switzer

REGIONAL-Strike after silver strike brought enormous wealth to the early San Juan silver barons. Still, by 1893, the repeal of the Sherman Silver Purchase Act had reduced the silver mining industry to a memory. Prior to that, silver coins flowed abundantly here in Western Colorado to just about everyone, and the "Free Silver" movement had gained a foothold in Washington, DC.

Both silver and gold had been used as legal coinage in the United States since days of President Washington. Author Robert L. Brown wrote in *An Empire of Silver* (Caxton Printers, 1968).

Still, "In 1873 the Congress terminated all coinage of silver dollars and placed the country on a gold standard," Brown wrote. "The fate of the San Juan camps was but a small pawn in the imminent struggle of the titans who sought to establish the preeminence of gold over silver."

Here in the West, completely free and unencumbered coinage of silver was favored by many, as silver strikes in the San Juan Mountains were bolstered by vast government silver purchases.

Adherents of the "Free Silver" movement pushed for unencumbered coinage of sil-

ver, and those efforts resulted in the Bland-Allison Act of 1878. Bland-Allison, according to [Encyclopedia Britannica](#), not only renewed the coinage of silver dollars but included mandate to the secretary of the treasury to purchase silver bullion at the market price in amounts of not less than \$2,000,000 and not more than \$4,000,000 each month.

"This was fairly good business for the San Juan camps but not for the nation as a whole," Brown wrote.

As silver became an increasingly hot topic in politics of the day, "...Strike after strike followed and silver literally poured from the mines around Leadville, from Summit County, the San Juans, and elsewhere," Brown wrote.

Colorado's so-called Silver King once suggested that there was enough silver to build a wall, he noted.

"Horace A.W. Tabor once boasted that there was enough to build a solid wall of silver forty feet high and four feet thick all along our eastern boundary," wrote Brown.

Early day freighter Dave Wood recalled the days of free silver coinage in *I Hauled These Mountains In Here* (Caxton Printers, 1977), written by his daughters, Frances

and Dorothy Wood with abundant excerpts from Wood's own memoirs. Of the late 1870's, Wood recalled, "Money was plentiful in those days. We had free coinage of silver; everybody had money to spare...such

were the days when our silver was being coined into money. And it was good money, good as gold everywhere."

By 1893 however, with economic turbulence growing on a national and international scale, "Mines began closing in Colorado, and they dragged a number of local banks down with them," Author Ken Reyher writes in *Silver & Sawdust: Life in the San Juans* (Western Reflections, 2000). "Eastern gold interests, with the support of President Cleveland, were increasingly



**Colorado's silver king Horace A.W. Tabor once suggested that a wall of silver forty feet high could be built along Colorado's eastern boundary. Courtesy photo.**

## WHEN THE SAN JUANS FLOWED WITH SILVER...

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placing the blame for financial difficulties on Western silver."

Cleveland called for a special session of congress and demanded an immediate repeal of the Sherman Silver Purchase Act. The act was repealed on Oct. 30, 1893, causing an immediate drop in the price of silver.

According to Reyher, "Out of 895 Colorado mines, 435 were closed, and 45,000 workers connected with the state's mining industry were without jobs...men who had been rich one day found themselves paupers the next."

Though mining continued in the San Juans, it was gold that led the new econo-

my, with the days of San Juan silver mining and the free silver movement relegated to the pages of history books from then on.

Still, "...Those sure were great days," Dave Wood recalled years later, "never to be forgotten. With free silver coinage, money was plentiful. Everybody was supplied, and no one went hungry."

## COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & OUTDOORS

### CRANES MAKE ANNUAL RETURN TO THE SAN LUIS VALLEY

*Special to Art & Sol*

MONTE VISTA-- In the San Luis Valley nature is again putting on one of its most memorable displays: the spring migration of Greater Sandhill Cranes. In appreciation of this wildlife spectacle, area organizations, businesses and wildlife agencies are holding the annual Monte Vista Crane Festival, March 8-10.

"Everyone who lives in Colorado should take the time to see this ancient and magnificent migration," said Joe Lewandowski, public information officer for the Southwest Region of Colorado Parks and Wildlife. "This is one of only a few great wildlife migrations in the United States that people can easily see. The sights and sounds are absolutely amazing."

The cranes started arriving in mid-February, flying from their winter nesting ground, primarily in New Mexico. The large wetland areas, wildlife refuges, and grain fields in the San Luis Valley draw in about 25,000 birds. The cranes stop in the valley to rest-up and re-fuel for their trip north to their summer nesting and breeding grounds in Idaho, Montana and Wyoming. Cranes are among the oldest living species on the planet: Fossil records for cranes date back nine million years.

The birds that migrate through Colorado are the largest of the North American sandhill subspecies standing four feet tall, having a wing-span of up to seven feet and weighing in at 11 pounds. Besides their imposing size, the birds issue a con-

tinuous, distinctive and haunting call. At this time of year cranes are engaged in their mating ritual and the birds perform an elegant hopping dance to gain the attention of other birds.

The birds are abundant in areas near the town of Monte Vista and wildlife watchers can see the birds most readily in the Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge, about 5 miles south of town of Colorado Highway 15. Birds also gather at the Alamosa National Wildlife Refuge, southeast of the town of Alamosa, and at that Rio Grande, Higel and Russell Lakes state wildlife areas.

The cranes are most active at dawn and at dusk when they're moving back and forth from their nighttime roosting areas. But in the middle of the day they graze gracefully in the grain fields of the Monte Vista refuge. Be sure to dress warm, as winter still reigns in the valley.

During the three days of the festival, free tours are offered at 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. when the birds are most active. Visitors take buses to various spots on the wildlife refuge, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service staffers talk about the migration and the refuge. If you want to take a tour, be on time because the buses leave promptly.

The number of cranes in the valley peaks in mid-March; but many birds linger through the month. So even if you can't go the weekend of the festival there's still plenty of time to see the birds.

Birdwatchers who travel on their own



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should be cautious when parking, getting out of vehicles and walking along roads. People are also asked to view birds from a distance with binoculars and spotting scopes, and to observe trail signs and closure notices

The festival headquarters and starting point for the tours is the Ski Hi Park building located near U.S. Highway 160 on Sherman Avenue on the east side of Monte Vista. Visitors can pick up maps, schedules and information at the headquarters. Besides the tours, a variety of workshops are put on by bird, wildlife and photography experts. Approximate distances to Monte Vista: Denver, 220 miles; Colorado Springs, 182 miles; Salida, 85 miles; Vail, 175 miles; Durango, 135 miles; Grand Junction, 230 miles.

For more information on the Monte Vista Crane Festival, see: [mvcranefest.org](http://mvcranefest.org); or [https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Monte\\_Vista](https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Monte_Vista). For more information on State Wildlife Areas in the San Luis Valley,



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## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & LITERATURE

### LOCAL AUTHOR CHOOSES ALTRUSA'S CLUB 21 FUND TO BENEFIT FROM BOOK SALES

#### *Special to Art & Sol*

MONTROSE—Upon the release of each of her eight novels, local author Diane Winger has selected a charitable organization related to each book's theme to receive a donation based on early sales of the books. Her latest novel centers around a protagonist who begins to discover the joys of camping, so Winger selected a project well-known to her as a long-standing member of the service organization, Altrusa International. Its "Club 21" program, established in 1997, is committed to supporting programs for children affected by disease.

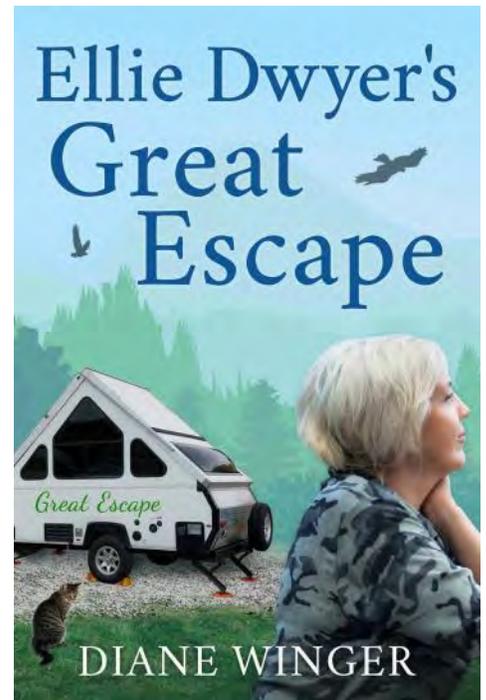
The program currently includes grants to enable children to attend overnight camps. These children are affected by a variety of needs, including physical, neurological, sensory, and cognitive disabilities, as well as those with life-threatening and chronic illnesses. Since late 2011, \$72,000 has been contributed by Altrusa Foundation to a diverse group of these special children's camps.

In the past, Winger has donated to Ouray Trail Group, Prostate Cancer Foundation, Hilltop's Zimmer House, and the Hispanic Affairs Group in conjunction with her books' publications.

"I've been supporting Altrusa's Club 21 ever since learning about it in 2008," Winger says. "Overnight camps and day camps were a part of my growing up and I loved being outdoors and learning new skills. It means a lot to me to enable children with special challenges to be able to enjoy just 'being a kid' at camp instead of being defined by their illness or disability."

*Ellie Dwyer's Great Escape* is about a woman who has been experiencing exceptionally bad luck. In between being driven from two different homes by natural disasters, her husband of nearly forty years suddenly left her for no apparent reason. Determined to reinvent her life, she sets out on a journey to nowhere in particular. Along the way she buys a camper and becomes friends with a remarkable octogenarian. Her adventures are a mixture of humorous mishaps, eye-opening experiences in nature, new friendships, and a bittersweet encounter. Several of her exploits are drawn from camping incidents from Winger's own travels.

In addition to writing fiction, Winger is the co-author, along with her husband Charlie, of several guidebooks related to outdoor recreation. Settings of hiking, climbing, cross-country skiing, and travel-



*Courtesy photo.*

ing in Colorado and the west play a part in each of her novels.

*Ellie Dwyer's Great Escape* is currently available in paperback and as a ebook from Amazon. <http://tinyurl.com/ElliesEscape>

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*Thank you for reading The Montrose Mirror.*

# Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes

## UTES INVOLVED IN PROJECT TO LEARN ABOUT NATIVE YOUTH BURIED IN GRAND JUNCTION



*Michael Ruterbories at the front of the bird-watching pack at a Valley Floor Living Classroom field trip in Telluride earlier this year (photo by Vicki Phelps).*



*Dorell Drake reads at the Crestone Charter School where most of the Crestone Poetry Festival events took place (photo by Art Goodtimes).*

**INDIAN BOARDING SCHOOLS** ... The *Southern Ute Drum* (Feb. 15 issue) did a front page cultural preservation story on a project to learn about Ute youth who died while attending the Grand Junction Boarding School between 1886 and 1911 (C.E.) and were buried on the school grounds in unmarked graves. Dr. John Seebach, assistant professor and archaeologist at Colorado Mesa University, is assisting in the project to identify the deceased ... The first Indian Boarding School in the Southwest was established in Albuquerque in 1883 (C.E.), as the Bureau of Indian Affairs attempted to Americanize indigenous children, as *Drum* writer Garrett Briggs notes, “through indoctrination using a military model of education. Students who attended government sanctioned education institutions, often forced by threat of legal action, were frequently subjected to physical and emotional punishment if they did not conform to American lifeways and speak English. Because of

disease and ill-equipped medical staff, many students lost their lives to illness or infection” ... The Utes sent 27 of their children to the Albuquerque school. As Briggs explains, “Within a year, almost half of the children died. Ute leaders immediately demanded the return of the survivors.” Because of this bad experience, few Ute children attended the Grand Junction school when it opened in 1886 (C.E.). But of the 23 indigenous youth who died there during the school’s 25 years of operation, at least one Ute child, Ben Reed, perished of typhoid in 1888 (C.E.). Another nine children who died were not identified by their tribe. No proper burials were conducted and no documentation exists regarding the location of the dead children ... Dr. Seebach’s research has found that in 1899 (C.E.) some eight Ute youth were in attendance at the Grand Junction facility, so some of the unknown dead could have been Ute ... In 1911 (C.E.) the school closed and was sold to the State of Colorado, which turned it into a home for people with disabilities. In June of 2016 (C.E.)

Gov. Hickenlooper signed SB16-178 which allowed what had become the Grand Junction Regional Center to be vacated and sold ... However, with the help of Dr. Seebach, the three Ute tribes and the other tribes whose children attended the Grand Junction school, a workgroup has been set up to try to locate and identify the remains located on the property ... The project is seeking information on any individuals whose ancestors may have attended the Grand Junction school and are directed to contact Southern Ute Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act coordinators, Cassandra Atencio (catencio@southern-ute-nsn.gov) or Garrett Briggs (gbriggs@southern-ute-nsn.gov).

**CRESTONE POETRY FESTIVAL** ... Peter Anderson and the Crestone Creative District hosted a second annual poetry fest in Crestone last weekend. There were workshops and performances, open mics and plenty of time to hike around the beautiful slopes of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains ... Poets from all over the Western Slope attended, including former Western Slope Poet Laureate Aaron Abeyta of Antonito in the San Luis Valley, William Pitt Root and Pamela Uschuk of Durango, nationally recognized poet Mark Irwin of Salida, and cowboy poet Peggy Godfrey of Moffat ... New Mexico sent a contingent including Robyn Hunt, Debbi Brody, Anne McNaughton, Gary Worth Moody, Renee Gregorio and John Brandi. Nathan Brown from Texas made it up. Front Range poets included Colorado Poet Laureate Joe Hutchison, 2018 Cantor Award winner Prof. Jane Hilberry of Colorado College, Julie Cummings, and slam poet headliner Adrian H. Molina of Denver. And there were lots more poets in attendance, bringing powerful voices from all over the state ... Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer and I got to emcee on Saturday night’s Poem-a-Palooza, and Sunday morning we had a marvelous Gourd Circle ... Mark your calendars for February of next year. Crestone

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# Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes

is shaping up as the most exciting poetry gathering in the state.

**SPEAKING OF POETRY** ... Tori Miner of Fruita is set to perform her slam poetry for the Telluride Institute's Talking Gourds Poetry Club Mon. March 18 in Norwood and Tues. March 19 in Telluride. Stay tuned for more info.

**HOUSING** ... Deed-restricted, publicly-subsidized workforce housing (rarely affordable, despite its synonym) is often part of the remedies offered for the housing crisis in many parts of Colorado. It can be a partial solution. But it's also a part of the creeping Big Brother nature of government ... Take the case over in Aspen, according to *Mountain Town News* (allen.best@comcast.net), where a man recovering from a double lung transplant was forced to sell his deed-restricted home of 40 years because of his inability to meet Pitkin County requirements of a minimum of nine months residency and work within the county. A victim of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, the patient asked for a continuation of his leave. Despite his illness, Pitkin County has kicked him out of their community and is forcing him to sell his home at a fixed price of minimized appreciation ... Couple that kind of heartless government management with wages that some predatory employers have kept below the levels before the downturn. And the result is a housing crisis that government isn't going to be able to solve. Ever.

**WEEKLY QUOTA** ... "We are in a world that is warmer than it was in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, and we keep moving away from that baseline," said Martin Hoerling, a research meteorologist at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in Boulder. "Nature is unfolding itself in front of our eyes." —*Science News* (Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> issue)

**MICHAEL RUTERBORIES** ... A dear friend of many in the Telluride community, a regular at Talking Gourd poetry readings, and a gondola worker, Michael died unexpectedly last week at the age of 51. He did not let his autistic spectrum disabilities stop him from being a valued member of the community, volunteering for many non-profits, and inspiring many of us with his kindness, enthusiasm, and poetry. A short poem follows dedicated to his memory.

## THE TALKING GOURD

### Elegy for Michael

It's just...  
                   he'd say  
 It's just...  
                   he'd insist

It's just  
 another beautiful sunset  
                   he'd smile  
 closing the gondola door

His gondola door  
 closing on us all

## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & EDUCATION

### MONTROSE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO HEAR SHERIFF'S POSSE OVERVIEW MARCH 6

*Special to Art & Sol*

MONTROSE-Montrose County Historical Society Presents speaker Paul Gottlieb with "An Overview of the Montrose County Sheriff's Posse." Learn the numerous ways this volunteer group contributes to our community. Held at Friendship Hall, March 6 at 7 pm. Free admission, public welcome. Call 323-6466 for information.

### GARDENING IN THE UNCOMPAGRE VALLEY SERIES-TUESDAYS, MARCH 12 - APRIL 30

*Special to Art & Sol*

MONTROSE-This free eight session series meets Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8 p.m., March 12-April 30 at the Montrose Library Meeting Room. Topics will include starting seed inside; starting seed outside; hands-on outdoor planting; early, growing, and late season activities and challenges; fall harvesting; improving soil health and investing in your future; and trees. Time will be available for questions and discussion. Sessions taught by Larry Wobeter, Dave Dearstyne and Reed Irwin.

### MHS GRAD HEATHER FREDRICK EARNS DEAN'S AWARD WITH DISTINCTION AT COLGATE UNIVERSITY

*Special to Art & Sol*

NEW YORK-Heather Fredrick, a member of the Colgate University Class of 2020, has earned the fall 2018 Dean's Award with Distinction. Fredrick is a graduate of Montrose High School, from Montrose, CO (81403). Fredrick's current major is International Relations. Students who receive a term grade point average of 3.6 or higher while completing at least three courses during the fall 2018 semester earn the Dean's Award with Distinction. Pictured at right, Colgate offers 56 majors to a diverse student body of approximately 2,900 undergraduate students, and it supports 25 Division I athletic teams. Since 1819, the university's campus in rural central New York has been renowned for its beauty and for the important role it plays in the student experience.



*Colgate University courtesy photo.*

Some things never go out of style.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## OURAY ELKS LODGE WILL HOST A ST. PATRICK'S DAY ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER, GREEN BINGO

*Special to Art & Sol*

OURAY-The Ouray Elks lodge will host a St. Patrick's Day all-you-can-eat corned beef and cabbage dinner and "green bingo" Saturday night, March 16. The event is open to the public. Dinner will be at 5:30 pm, with bingo starting at 7 p.m.. "This will be a great evening, full of good food and fun for the entire family," said Elks spokesman Jim Pettengill. We'll have cash bingo prizes, and the corned beef will be super. Where else can you get a great dinner for \$15, followed by an evening of bingo for \$10? We'll have Celtic music, too, so come celebrate your Celtic roots, or just come have fun."

## PRESENTATION ON THE ZUNI KIVA PROJECT AND THE ZUNI WORLD

*Special to Art & Sol*

MONTROSE-The Chipeta Chapter of the Colorado Archaeological Society will host the presentation "The Zuni Kiva Project and The Zuni World" by Zuni Archaeologist and tribal elder Dan Simplicio on Wednesday March 20 at 7 pm in Montrose. Dan will discuss the significance and challenges of maintaining the Zuni Pueblo's six religious kivas, along with other adaptations faced by the community in maintaining its traditional culture and language in the modern age. Mr. Simplicio has worked as an archaeologist and cultural resource specialist in the Southwest area for more than 15 years and is currently with Crow Canyon Archaeological Center. The public is invited; the talk will be at the Montrose United Methodist Church, Baldridge Hall, at 19 S. Park Street (free admission). For more information, please contact Leigh Ann Hunt at 970-835-5228.

## MONTROSE ELKS LODGE WELCOMES MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION, GREEN BINGO MARCH 5

*Special to Art & Sol*

MONTROSE-The Montrose Elks Lodge will host a Mardi Gras Party starting at 6:30 p.m. on March 5. Come dressed up in your best bangles, duds, and feathered Mardi Gras masks for a chance to win a cash prize for Women and Men's best costume. The Elks lounge will be open to the public with drink specials. This is going to be a fun early Spring party!



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## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

# RIDGWAY OLD WEST FEST PLANS TAKE SHAPE



**Debbie Campbell. Courtesy photo.**

*Special to Art & Sol*

RIDGWAY-Plans are well underway for the first Ridgway Old West Fest to be held Oct. 11-13, 2019 in Ridgway, Colorado. The festival, which will become an annual event, is intended to highlight the town's film, ranching and railroad heritage and to celebrate all things Western.

"We have a lot of fun activities planned, and there should be something for every-

one, young and old," said Eve Becker-Doyle, Ridgway Western Heritage Society president. "The 2019 Old West Fest is free. It does not have a registration fee. While some of the events require a paid ticket, the majority do not. That makes a really cost-effective weekend for our attendees. Right now we are also looking for business sponsors and vendors," said Becker-Doyle.

Festival activities include cowboy music and poetry, a Western arts and crafts exposition, four movies, train rides, a tour of a model train that occupies an entire basement, a Western Heroes and Villains look-alike contest, children's horse and pony rides, horsemanship demonstrations and a cowboy action shooting contest.

2019 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *True Grit*, the movie that earned John Wayne his only Academy Award. Director Henry Hathaway had been to Ridgway in 1962 when *How the West Was Won* was filmed. He liked it so well he brought *True Grit's* cast and crew to Ridgway and Ouray County in the summer of 1968 to film much of the movie, which was released the next year.

One goal for the festival is to establish more of a presence in Ridgway of the famous movie and its star. The committee is seeking sculptures of John Wayne or Rooster Cogburn for a sculpture garden. Anyone interested in donating a sculpture should contact Erin at [estadelman@ouraycountyco.gov](mailto:estadelman@ouraycountyco.gov) or 970-275-6051.

The festival's signature event is a Satur-

day afternoon Western concert. Debby Campbell, Glen Campbell's oldest daughter who toured with him for 24 years, has agreed to perform.

"We are very happy to have someone as accomplished as Debby as headliner for our inaugural concert," said Becker-Doyle. Campbell has agreed to give interviews about her dad, his music and the festival. Contact MaryAnn Beaman at [MBeaman@vegasexperience.com](mailto:MBeaman@vegasexperience.com) to arrange a conference.

In recognition of the John Wayne Cancer Foundation, and October as breast cancer awareness month, the festival is hosting a breast cancer fundraiser.

Called the *If the Hat Fits, Wear It* brunch, the function will provide hats to cancer patients who have lost their hair. It will also feature portraits of survivors wearing hats, a hat fashion show and several songs performed by Debby Campbell.

Celebrities expected to attend the festival are Debby Campbell, Rick Weaver, and Ethan Wayne. Angie Dickinson and other Wayne family members have been invited to attend.

A new festival website has detailed descriptions of the events, sponsorship packages, and vendor registration information.

Follow the event links at <https://ridgwaycolorado.com>.

For more information, also see:

<https://www.facebook.com/RidgwayOldWestFest/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5SphoAAkJoM>

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## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

### FOURTH ANNUAL 'A TASTE OF COLORADO' WILL BE MARCH 7

#### *Special to Art & Sol*

MONTROSE-On March 7, 2019 from 5:30 – 7 p.m. is the fourth annual *A Taste of Colorado*. Hosted by the Liquor Store and The Bridges, this event will feature over 20 regional wines, beers, and spirits as well as food offerings prepared by local chefs. With the beautiful view from the Bridges as your backdrop, this is an event not to be missed. Tickets are \$30 online at [montrosewinefestival.com](http://montrosewinefestival.com) or at the Liquor Store and go up to \$35 at the door the night of the event. All proceeds benefit The Black Canyon Boys & Girls Club ([www.bcbgc.org](http://www.bcbgc.org)).

### KAFM CELEBRATES 20 YEARS OF COMMUNITY RADIO

#### *Special to Art & Sol*

GRAND JUNCTION-KAFM Community Radio is turning 20 years old! This year's annual Spring Fund Drive is focused on celebration 20 years of community radio and involvement. The KAFM Community Radio Spring Fund Drive takes place from March 8th-15th. KAFM Community Radio is a non-profit, member powered radio station that relies on member and volunteer support to provide The Grand Valley with a variety of musical and community affairs programming. This year's Spring Fund Drive features a give-away for two tickets to Tedeschi Trucks Band at Red Rocks Amphitheatre with lodging on July 27th. Pledges of \$120 or more to KAFM Community Radio during the fund drive will be entered to win this exciting package valued over \$600!

For our 20 Year Anniversary, we celebrate the installation of our digital music library, restructuring of our finances to secure KAFM's future in the Arguello Building for the next twenty years and beyond as well as a dedication of the Arguello building for Leroy and Patsy Arguello. KAFM also celebrates hitting over 50,000 downloaded podcasts, increasing membership from 16 percent to 21 percent of KAFM's general operating budget and underwriting from 28 to 42 percent! KAFM also celebrates the dedication of the 96 volunteer programmers, some of which have been on air for 20 years, and the additional of seven new shows including: Grand Mesa Winter Sports, Crossing the Divide, and a new show dedicated to sustainability.

Throughout 2019, KAFM is excited to host special events to celebrate 20 years of community radio and recognize the journey along the way. The Spring Fund Drive will feature a Beer Tasting on Friday, March 8th from 5-7 pm, a Bloody Mary Brunch on Saturday, March 9th from 9 a.m.- 1p.m., and Food Frisbee Tacos on Tuesday, March 12th from 12-1pm. Additionally, KAFM will be hosting two exciting musical performances in The Radio Room to celebrate the Spring Fund Drive! To close out the fund drive, Embodying Rhythm: Marimba Ensemble will perform on Friday, March 15th at 7pm. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. To purchase tickets and receive more information on events, visit [kafmradio.org](http://kafmradio.org) or call 970-241-8801.

### COMMUNITY GARDEN OPEN HOUSE MARCH 12 @ METHODIST CHURCH

#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-What is the easiest way to get local, and affordable food on your family's plate? The answer is simple: grow your own. If you've ever tried to grow a vegetable in the "high desert" of the Four Corners region, you might know that it is a bit more complicated than just throwing seeds in the ground. The area has a unique set of challenges associated with farming and growing.

Eva Parr, recent graduate of U.C. Santa Cruz with a degree in Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems, is The Valley Food Partnership and Sharing Ministries'

newly appointed Community Garden Coordinator for the 2019 growing season.

Parr will work closely with Mountain Roots Food Project, The City of Montrose, area schools, and local gardeners to help teach kids where their food comes from.

"Her [Parr's] experience in growing food and growing community food systems is invaluable to what we are trying to accomplish here," said Jake Wilson of the Valley Food Partnership, "she is very passionate about showing others how to grow their own food."

Connect with the gardening movement and Eva Parr at the 2nd annual Communi-

ty Garden Open-House hosted by the Montrose United Methodist Church, March 12 from 4- 6 pm. There will be a panel of local gardening experts, vendor showcase, a free-to-all seed swap, door prizes and a chance to sign up for your very own community garden plot. This event is free and open to the public.

The Mountain Roots Healthy Futures [Americorp] Program is a new collaborative effort among a group of organizations and agencies who are working to address personal, community, economic, and environmental health in rural Colorado communities.

## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

# BCBGC YOUTHS OF THE MONTH HONORED

*Special to Art & Sol*

REGIONAL-Check out the latest Black Canyon Boys & Girls Clubs' Youths of the Month! Shayne is our Montrose Unit Youth of the Month. Staff chose Shayne because she treats everyone at the Club with respect. She is always helpful and is a joy to be around. Raven (pictured with Olathe Site Director Tim) is our Olathe Unit Youth of the Month. Staff chose Raven because of her willingness to participate and her overall growth at Club. Over the past few months, she has gained confidence in her reading ability and is trying new things outside of her comfort zone.



*Pictured are Raven, above, and Shayne, at right, with Olathe Site Director Tim. Courtesy photos Black Canyon B oys & Girls Club.*

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## THE RADIO ROOM PRESENTS LIZZY PLOTKIN

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GRAND JUNCTION-The KAFM Radio Room proudly presents Lizzy Plotkin on Friday, March 29 at 7:30 p.m. Lizzy Plotkin is currently on her Colorado Mountain Release tour celebrating her newly released debut solo record: We Will Sing. Lizzy Plotkin's place-based songwriting and fiddling is as exuberant as it is graceful. With reverence for the natural world and a humble, yet wise human perspective, Lizzy shares with listeners her joy and connection through original story, melody and voice.

The sounds of Appalachian fiddles and banjos enliven Lizzy's music, while she is equally drawn to the groove of old-jazz, blues and swing. Seamlessly combining a rich heritage of musical influence, she has sewn a folk fabric of her own. In 2012, Lizzy co-founded Colorado folk trio Free the Honey, released three records,

reached #1 on the folk dj charts with their album Fine Bloom and performed nationwide until 2016. As a guest instrumentalist, she has performed with a number of electronic, blues, jazz, bluegrass and country outfits such as The Polish Ambassador, Martha Scanlan, Drew Emmit Band, Ragged Mountain Bluegrass, Pure Prairie League, Gypsy Jazz Social Club and Trout Steak Revival.

Currently Lizzy is promoting the release of her debut solo record We Will Sing due out March 8, 2018 as well as performing as a duo with banjo and bassist Natalie Spears for audiences across the county. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door and may be purchased by calling (970) 241-8801, or online at [www.kafmradio.org](http://www.kafmradio.org). The Radio Room is located at 1310 Ute Avenue, Grand Junction, CO. 81501.

## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & CULTURE

### OBJECTIVITY DANCE THEATER BRINGS THEATRICAL ARTISTRY TO OURAY

#### *Special to Art & Sol*

OURAY-Objectivity Dance Theater returns to present a mixture of contemporary ballet, physical theater and circus artistry in a one-of-a-kind show for all ages at the Wright Opera House in Ouray on Sunday, March 10 at 2 p.m.

Objectivity Dance Theater (ODT) was formed in 2015, however it grew out of previous performances between movement artists Peter Davison and Jennifer Aiken. Drawing upon decades of experience and working with diverse styles and visual elements, the duo treats the audience to a rich layering of powerful movement, imagery, humanity and virtuosic skills interacting with objects and each other that is unlinked any other yet accessible for all audiences, young and old alike.

Featured pieces will include "Baroque Diversions" which is set to piano sonatas of Domenico Scarlatti and includes skillful ball games and a duel with sword and fan, physical forces and wiles; "Diverse Abstractions" which is a series of interwoven movement pieces with juggling, cycling, a single lightbulb on a darkened stage and a duet with an 8-foot ladder; and "Ragtime" which will portray both humor and drama of a depression-era couple making do with what little they have, maintaining opti-

mism and hanging on to that which is more important: each other. Davison and Aiken worked together within Colorado dance companies both in the studios and onstage prior to forming ODT. They discovered a shared affinity for dancing with objects, mutual trust and a desire to create something new. Davison began his career as a juggler and went on to be a performer and choreographer, nationally and internationally over the past 30 years. Aiken has been dancing since she was five and grew up training in ballet and modern dance. She additionally is an expert costume designer and maker. ODT will also present their "LocoMotion: The Science and Circus Arts Show", a fun-filled display of virtuoso skills mixed with interactive education on Newtonian physics, to students on Friday, March 8 at both Ouray and Ridgway schools. These school presentations are made possible with a grant from the Mt. Sneffels Education Foundation. After the school performances, ODT will conduct a master dance class for Weehawken dance students in Ridgway. Tickets for the March 10 show are \$20 in advance online, \$23 at the door and \$5 for students (18 years and under). More information and tickets may be found at [www.ocpag.org](http://www.ocpag.org). The Ouray



*Objectivity Dance Theater. Courtesy photo.*

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

### SUPPORT COLORADO'S THREATENED AND ENDANGERED WILDLIFE ON YOUR TAX RETURN

#### *Special to Art & Sol*

DENVER- With the 2018 tax season now in full swing, Colorado Parks and Wildlife asks Colorado filers to consider helping threatened and endangered wildlife when finalizing their state returns. A voluntary contribution through the [Non-game Conservation and Wildlife Restoration Cash Fund](#) helps fund wildlife rehabilitation facilities and contributes to non-game species management statewide.

CPW is included on Colorado state income tax form 104A as part of Checkoff Colorado, which allows taxpayers to make

voluntary contributions to the organization of their choice when filing their state income tax returns. Specifying a contribution on line No. 1 of Colorado tax form 104CH (the Voluntary Contributions Schedule form) helps fund CPW programs that support conservation of non-game and [threatened and endangered species](#) and wildlife rehabilitation in the state of Colorado. Specified donations to the Non-game Conservation and Wildlife Restoration Cash Fund are tax-deductible and help support around 750 species of wildlife that cannot be hunted or fished. A

portion of these donations also supply grant funding to partnering wildlife rehabilitation facilities throughout the state. "Colorado's wildlife is one of the most valued resources of our state, and we are thankful for people who choose to make a contribution toward helping protect these vulnerable species," says Reid DeWalt, assistant director for wildlife and natural resources at CPW. "We mention each year that wildlife doesn't have an annual income." To learn more about the various species that benefit from your voluntary contribution, please visit [cpw.state.co.us](http://cpw.state.co.us).



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## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: CUB SCOUTS RECOGNIZED

### CUB SCOUT PACK 490 ANNUAL BLUE AND GOLD BANQUET



*The attached photo is of the Cub Scout Pack 490 annual Blue and Gold Banquet, held last Thurs eve. at St Mary Parish Hall. Over 50 Cub Scouts, Den Leaders and Parents were in attendance. This tradition began in 1930's and will continue. In this picture, the Wolf Den is receiving recognition from their Den Leader Diane Pettit. Courtesy photo*

### CUB SCOUT CROSS-OVER CEREMONY PLANNED FOR MARCH 14

*Special to Art & Sol*

MONTROSE-The annual Cub Scout Blue and Gold Banquet was held last Thursday at St. Mary's Church, the sponsor of Cub Scout Pack 490. This follows a tradition dating as far back as 1930. It recognizes elementary youth for their advancement and skill accomplishments. It also recognizes the 5<sup>th</sup> grade youth who will be transitioning from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts. St. Mary's Pack 490, Montrose's largest, consists of more than 50 youth from kindergarten to fifth grade arranged in grade level dens. The event began with a banquet prepared by parents of some of the boys. This was followed by a presentation about the Montrose Sheriff's Posse by Paul Gottlieb, the head of the posse and a former scout himself. The youth awards were then followed by a skit presented by some of the Scout Den Chiefs and led by Eagle Scout Reece Wolf. Den Chiefs are older boys from one of the Scout troops chosen to help out dens of the younger boys.

On Thursday, Mar. 14, a Cub Scout Cross-Over ceremony will be at St. Mary's for five of the youth who will be transitioning to the regular Scouting BSA program and welcomed by members of at least one of the local Boy Scout troops. The public is welcome to attend this elaborate ceremony, so impressive for the honored youth.

# SAVE THE DATE! UPCOMING REGIONAL EVENTS

## CURRENT/ONGOING-

**BOSOM BUDDIES OF SOUTHWESTERN COLORADO BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP** meets every Wednesday from noon till 1 pm at 645 South 5th Street in Montrose. For more info email [info@bosombuddieswc.org](mailto:info@bosombuddieswc.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 Joyce Loss at 970-249-4217 or 970-275-1329 for details.

**YOGA HOUSE**-Yoga House has added HIIT Yoga on Wednesday's at 5:45p AND Hot Yoga and is held on Fridays @ 4:30p.m. and Saturday's at 10a.m.; SUP (Stand up paddle board) Yoga is Held at Montrose Rec Ctr \$25/class, Held the Following Thursday's at 7p.m. Feb. 7 & 21; March 7 & 21. For more info on classes and workshops: [ColoradoYogaHouse.com](http://ColoradoYogaHouse.com)

**MONTROSE FARMERS MARKET WINTER MARKET** will be open the following Saturdays 10am-1pm. open every other Sat-urday through April 27, 2019. We are located at Centennial Plaza - Indoor Market in the Centennial Meeting Room, 421 S. 1st Street, Building #1.

**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

Meetings every 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm at Centennial Room, 431 South First in Montrose.

**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 Thursday of each month. MC-GOP Headquarters at 242 E. Main. Information: 970-765-7406

## MONTROSE COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN MEETING

Noon - third Fridays. Hampton Inn, 1980 North Townsend Ave. Information: Dianna 970-249-0724

## MONTHLY-

**Jan. 29-April 2**- Mending Hearts GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP, Tuesdays, 1:30 – 3 p.m., Montrose HopeWest Office. supports Colorow and Black Canyon Boys & Girls Club

Tuesday March 5, 2019 at 6 p.m. at the Montrose Pavilion. Tickets are available at [www.bcbgc.org/events](http://www.bcbgc.org/events).

**March 5**-6:30 – 8 pm at Bill Heddles Recreation Center in Delta, author and fort volunteer historian Dave Fishell will present a fascinating program on the fort and the trail. During the early 1800s Fort Uncompahgre, once located near today's town of Delta, was a busy fur trade era post. Fishell will also cover horse stealing, the slave trade that probably passed through the fort, flintlock rifles, and how not to throw a tomahawk.

**March 6**-Montrose County Historical Society Presents speaker Paul Gottlieb shares “An Overview of the Montrose County Sheriff’s Posse.” Learn the numerous ways this volunteer group contributes to our community. Held at Friendship Hall, March 6 at 7 pm. Free admission, public welcome. Call 323-6466 for information.

**March 7**-Hwy 550 Open House, 5 to 7 p.m., Montrose County Public Works Office, 63160 LaSalle Road, Montrose.

**March 7**-Open Bard Poetry Series will feature Utah poet Rob Carney. The reading will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Sherbino Theatre, 604 Clinton Street, in Ridgway. Doors as the Sherbino open at 6 p.m. and admission is \$5 or by previously-purchased Bard Card. Students and teachers are always free. Audience members are advised to come early to get good seats and to sign up to read at the always-popular Open Mic following the featured performance.

**March 7**-5:30 – 7 p.m. is the fourth annual *A Taste of Colorado*. Hosted by the Liquor Store and The Bridges, this event will feature over 20 regional wines, beers, and spirits as well as food offerings prepared by local chefs. With the beautiful view from the Bridges as your backdrop, this is an event not to be missed. Tickets are \$30 online at [montrosewinefestival.com](http://montrosewinefestival.com) or at the Liquor Store and go up to \$35 at the door the night of the event. All proceeds benefit The Black Canyon Boys & Girls Club ([www.bcbgc.org](http://www.bcbgc.org)).

**March 7**-Alligator Records artists Coco Montoya and Tinsley Ellis will make a stop in Telluride on their current "Blues Rock Titans" tour. Montoya and Ellis will each perform a full headline-length set at the Sheridan Opera House on Thursday, at 8 p.m. on March 7. Sheridan Opera House is at 110 North Oak Street, 970-728-6363. Ticket price: \$30-\$45. Website: [www.sheridanoperahouse.com](http://www.sheridanoperahouse.com)\*See website for detailed ticket information.

**March 8**-Join author and adventurer Jon Waterman at the Montrose Library Meeting from 7 to 8:30 p.m., as he shares his observations from 40 years of mountaineering on Denali. The evening will culminate with a visit to his latest book, *Chasing Denali: The Sourdoughs, Cheechakos and Frauds Behind the Most Unbelievable Feat in Mountaineering*. Book sales and signings will follow the presentation. For more information, please call the library at 249-9656.

**March 8**-The Bureau of Land Management will hold a meeting of the Southwest Resource Advisory Council (RAC), demonstrating that partnerships are vital to managing sustainable, working public lands. The public is welcome to attend the meeting which will occur on Friday, March 8 at the Dolores Public Lands Center, 29211 Hwy. 184, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. A half-hour comment period, during which the public may address the RAC, will begin at 11:30 a.m. Individuals who want to make a statement during the public comment period should register with the BLM by sending an email to [jbaranga@blm.gov](mailto:jbaranga@blm.gov) by Tuesday, March 5, 2019. For more information about the upcoming RAC meeting, please contact Jayson Barangan, BLM Colorado Lead Public Affairs Specialist, at [jbaranga@blm.gov](mailto:jbaranga@blm.gov) or (303) 239-3681. To learn more about the Southwest RAC, visit <https://go.usa.gov/xE9Gs>.

**March 11**-6:30 Montrose Library meeting rm: Citizens' Climate Lobby tells about Legislation in new 2019 Congress to curb carbon emissions. All interested in environment welcome [citizensclimatelobby.org](http://citizensclimatelobby.org) 240-9146.

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