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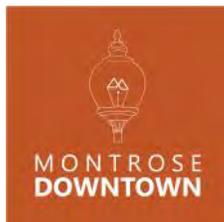
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FACING THE FUTURE: COSMETIC SURGEON EXCITED ABOUT THE MANY USES OF STEM CELL THERAPY

By Caitlin Switzer

REGIONAL- Though most of Colorado's plastic surgeons practice in more populated urban areas, Western Colorado residents seeking to have a procedure done have actually had a highly-qualified local option since 1975—the year Dr. William Merkel opened his practice in Grand Junction.

Merkel was educated under the Berry Plan, a Vietnam-era plan that enabled physicians to defer their obligatory military service until they had completed medical school and residency training. As he neared the end of the service that he owed the Navy, Merkel and his wife began to visit towns in search of the right place to build a practice and make a home for their growing family.

"We were checking out towns where we might settle down," Merkel said. At the time, he was in residency at St. Joseph's Hospital in Denver. "I had a mentor at St. Joe's," recalled Merkel. "He told me, 'no plastic surgeon has ever been on the Western Slope—there's opportunity there.'"

With a desire to leave city life behind, "I made inquiries, and borrowed a friend's car,"

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Dr. William Merkel, above, opened the first plastic surgery practice on the Western Slope in 1975.

OLATHE STUDENTS PRESENT CLIMATE CHANGE INFORMATION TO BOCC, HEARING ON 550 SOUTH BUSINESS LOCATION CONTINUED



Angel Suarez, Chyanne Kuikendall, and Christina Alvidrez offered a presentation on climate change at the BOCC meeting of Wednesday, May 1.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE No comments were heard from the public, and no changes were made to the agenda at the regular meeting of the Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) Wednesday, May 1. Pastor Mike Motsko of First Presbyterian Church led the invocation; guests included Montrose City Councilor Doug Glaspell and the Vista Charter School Government Class. BOCC Vice Chair Roger Rash was not in attendance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda items were unanimously approved.

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IAWC ANNUAL MEETING TO FEATURE HANGING FLUME PRESENTATION

Special to the Mirror

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tion of projects of significance in Western Colorado. Partners included governmental agencies and a broad range of community organizations and individuals.

In 2013, WCIA updated its name to Interpretive Association of Western Colorado

(IAWC). Securing and administering grants is a valuable service IAWC provides, working with the State Historic Society, Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), regional and national foundations, local governments and federal agencies.

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Merkel said. "We drove to Grand Junction. It was in the Fall, and the place looked disastrous! We drove around and talked to people, and we put Grand Junction on the bottom of our list."

Still, Merkel was asked to reconsider; "They needed a plastic surgeon here," he said.

So, in May of the following year the Merckels returned to the Western Slope for a second look.

"By then we had checked out several other possibilities," Merkel said. "My wife and I wanted out of the City." Merkel had grown up and completed his medical training in larger urban areas, and he felt that Grand Junction was "just the right size."

"When we stopped there in May, all the flowers were in bloom," he said. "We met some people, and we made a decision; I put an ad in the local paper looking for my first employee.

"While we were still there, I got a response," he said. "I interviewed her, and I hired her."

And once his practice opened, "I was busy, busy, busy," Merkel said. "After all of the cities I had trained in, I came to Grand Junction loaded with ideas and techniques. I tried to open the first surgery center in the state, but my partner, an anesthesiologist, contracted a terminal

illness."

Still, by 1978 Merkel had opened the first outpatient operating room in Colorado.

He also opened a string of remote clinics, including one in Montrose. For many years Merkel served the communities of Craig, Steamboat Springs, Delta, Aspen and Basalt. "Gradually, those communities got their own plastic surgeons," he said.

Today, Merkel continues to operate a satellite clinic in Montrose, because he likes it here. "The people in Montrose are more like the people in Grand Junction," he noted.

Dr. Merkel has seen many changes over the years, including the rise of [non-surgical options](#) such as body contouring, along with fillers and Botox, joint injections that target shoulders, elbows, knees, hips and ankles, and the use of stem cell therapy. He is especially interested in the many uses for stem cells, which can be taken from the patient's own fat reserves.

"With micro-liposuction, we can remove fat almost painlessly," Merkel said.

"Putting natural tissue into the face pushes out and reverses wrinkles and restores the natural contours."

Nationwide, cosmetic surgery is an industry that shows no signs of slowing down. The most recent report issued by the American Society of Plastic Surgeons reveals that Americans spent more than

\$16.5 billion on cosmetic plastic surgery and minimally invasive procedures in 2018, a four percent increase from the previous year.

Dr. Merkel said that he continues to be excited about the new tools that are available for helping patients achieve their goals. He has no plans to retire, and the Montrose Clinic is currently accepting new patients. "This is fun for me," Merkel said. "I like it because every case is different; every case requires planning and communication. Our goal is to make every patient happy," he said. "We work on 'em until they are."

As noted on his web site, Dr. Merkel is Board Certified by the American Board of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. He is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, and an active member of the American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons, the American Society of Aesthetic Plastic Surgery, International Society of Aesthetic Plastic Surgery, and the Lipoplasty Society of North America. He also belongs to the Rocky Mountain Association of Plastic Surgeons and the Mesa County Medical Society. Merkel advises that patients check credentials and the Department of Regulatory Agencies prior to having any work done. Learn more by visiting www.doctormerkel.com, or calling 970-242-9127.

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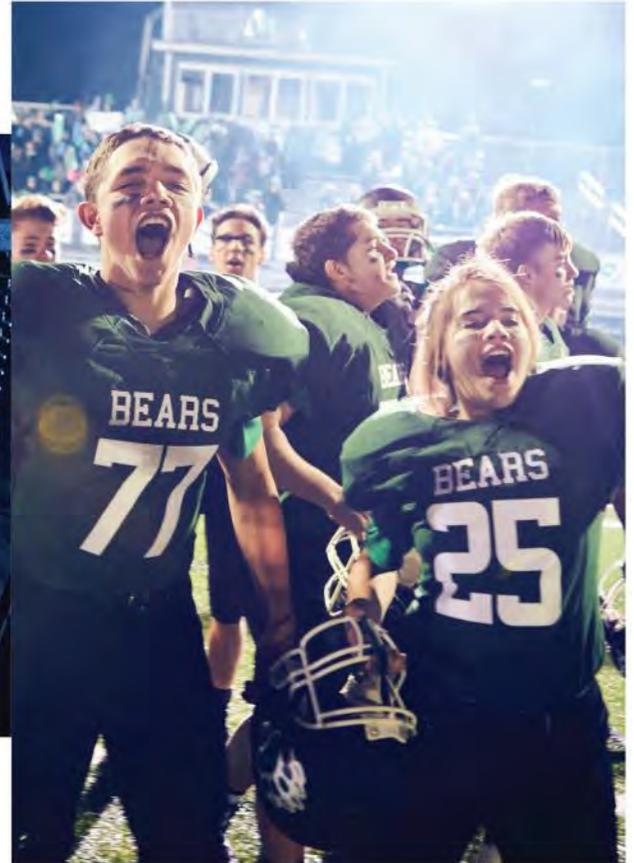
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REC DISTRICT'S JEREMY MASTER HOPES TO BUILD AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS, USE OF MONTROSE FIELD HOUSE



Montrose Recreation District Recreation Manager Jeremy Master.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-As the [Montrose Recreation District](#)'s new Recreation Manager, Jeremy Master has been busy almost from the moment he arrived, bringing a strong background in recreation management and a fresh perspective to the job.

"I do so many different things every day," said Master, who turned 39 last week. "Primarily, I tend to focus on internal operations, recreation programming, facilities, and staff."

Between the Community Recreation Center and Montrose Field House, the Montrose Recreation District already offers enough programs to fill its 54-page activity guide.

Still, improving on Rec District offerings remains a target.

"My goal is to really develop our after-school programs," Master said, "identifying barriers to participation and awareness. I aim to address them and concurrently create a greater variety of programming that is attractive to kids and parents."

Building community use of the Montrose Field House Facility at Colorado Avenue and Rio Grande is also a priority, he said. "We want to get kids into the Field House for structured fun and active programs. To let loose in a structured environment is beneficial and fun for them."

Registration is now open for the Rec District's [Summer Adventure \(ages six to 10\) and Club 1114 \(Ages 11 to 14\) programs](#). The programs will begin June 3, and are designed to provide healthful, active, age-appropriate activities for youth, as well as enrichment learning, arts and crafts, and plenty of physical activity. Once again, the

Rec District will join forces with the RE-1J School District, with meals served at the Columbine Middle School and Field House sites.

"This is the first year we will be in the new Columbine," Master said. "The school district is such a great partner for us. And we are very fortunate to have Tyler Morales as our site coordinator and camp director."

Bringing people of all ages together is also part of the mission, and the meeting rooms at both the Community Recreation Center and the Field House offer space where community groups can gather, he said.

Master hopes that community members will share any ideas and suggestions with

Rec District staff. "This is a two-way street," he said. "We need to know what the public wants and needs so we can better serve them."

Originally from New Jersey, Master attended school in New York and Massachusetts. He moved to Alaska at age 27 and stayed for eight years.

"It was the greatest thing I have ever done for myself," he said, adding, "I am hoping this will trump it."

Master chose Montrose when a job in his field presented itself. "

Colorado was one of a few states I was targeting," he said. "The job is amazing... the lifestyle suits me."

Also, "I am really loving it here," he said. "It's a friendly, welcoming community."

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BLM SEEKS NOMINATIONS TO WESTERN SLOPE RESOURCE ADVISORY COUNCILS

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GRAND JUNCTION— The Bureau of Land Management is seeking public nominations for its two Western Slope resource advisory councils. Both the Northwest and Southwest resource advisory councils consist of 15 citizens with diverse interests in public land management, including conservationists, ranchers, outdoor recreationists, state and local government officials, and energy industry representatives.

Resource Advisory Councils provide advice to the BLM on public land issues. The Southwest RAC covers the BLM Southwest District, including the Grand Junction, Uncompahgre and Tres Rios field offices. The Northwest RAC covers the BLM Northwest District including the Colorado River Valley, Kremmling, Little Snake and White River field offices.

“The advice given to the BLM by these citizen-based Resource Advisory Councils is a vital part of the BLM’s collaborative approach to land management,” said BLM Southwest District Manager Stephanie Connolly. The Bureau, which manages more land than any other Federal agency, has 38 RACs across the West, where most BLM-managed land is located. The diverse membership of each RAC is aimed at achieving a balanced outlook that the BLM needs for its mission, which is to manage the public lands for multiple uses.

RACs are critical in assisting the BLM in continuing to be a good neighbor in communities served by the Bureau, providing advice and recommendations on issues including land use planning, fire management, off-highway vehicle use, recreation, oil and gas exploration, noxious weed management, grazing issues, and wild horse and burro herd management issues.

The descriptions for RAC positions are as follows:

- Category One – Public land ranchers and representatives of organizations associated with energy and mineral development, the timber industry, transportation or rights-of-way, off-highway vehicle use, and commercial recreation.

- Category Two – Representatives of nationally or regionally recognized environmental organizations, archaeological and historical organizations, dispersed recreation activities, and wild horse and burro organizations.

- Category Three – Representatives of state, county, or local elected office; representatives and employees of a state agency responsible for the management of natural resources; representatives of Indian Tribes within or adjacent to the area for which the RAC is organized; representatives and employees of academic institutions who are involved in natural sciences; and the public-at-large.

Nominations must be submitted by June 14. To access the nomination application, go to <https://www.blm.gov/get-involved/resource-advisory-council/apply>. For more information about serving on the Southwest Resource Advisory Council, please contact Gloria Tibbetts at 970-244-3015 or gtibbetts@blm.gov; For the Northwest RAC, contact David Boyd, 970-876-9008 or dboyd@blm.gov.

More information about the RACs is available at <https://www.blm.gov/get-involved/resource-advisory-council/near-you/colorado>.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others to serve on an advisory council. Nominees will be judged based on their training, education, and knowledge of the council’s geographical area. Nominees should also demonstrate a commitment

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OLATHE STUDENTS PRESENT CLIMATE CHANGE INFORMATION TO BOCC, HEARING ON HWY 550 SOUTH BUSINESS LOCATION CONTINUED From pg 1



Business owner Hagle Summers addressed the BOCC May 1.

students Angel Suarez, Christina Alvidrez, and Chyanne Kuikendall offered a presentation on climate change. The presentation began with a joke, to get the audience's attention; "What do you call a pig who knows karate?" asked Suarez.

A moment of silence ensued. "Pork chop!" announced Montrose County Fairgrounds & Event Center Director Emily Sanchez, correctly.

The students went on to discuss indicators of climate change, and ideas for solutions and to raise awareness. They suggested that "Going Green Day," now recognized on April 22, should become a daily event. Suggestions also included reducing the use of fossil fuels, thinking about the future, and walking or biking to work.

According to one theory, most of the San Francisco Bay will be under water by the 2030's to 2050's, the students said.

"Do you think we better call San Francisco to let them know?" BOCC Chair Sue Hansen asked, before thanking the Olathe students for their presentation and giving them hats and sunglasses.

Sanchez presented the BOCC with information on a **bid award and contract in the amount of \$37,726** to low bidder Pederson Electric, Inc. for the relocation of 10 existing RV electrical pedestals and installation of 15 additional RV electrical pedestals. The project is budgeted for 2019. Work is expected to start May 6, with completion expected by June 1. "We're bringing National Team Roping here on June 1," Sanchez said. "It would be awesome if it can be done by that time." The bid award and contract were approved unanimously.

The BOCC approved and authorized a

request for the **Montrose County Fair Board to use the Fairgrounds Grandstands as the location for the beer garden** during three nights of the 2019 Montrose County Fair & Rodeo. The three nights are July 23, 26, and 27.

Commissioner Keith Caddy noted that this year will mark the 133rd anniversary of the Montrose County Fair. "Come on out, it's going to be a great time this year," Caddy said.

The Montrose County Fair & Rodeo will take place July 22-27.

Three items presented by Public Works Director Keith Laube were approved unanimously. Commissioners voted to approve a **\$211,800 purchase/sale agreement with low bidder Suncor** for oil to be used by County crews for asphalt overlay and chip sealing of roads; the **purchase of one class 8 truck with magnesium chloride distributor and hydraulics to low bidder Transwest Truck Trailer RV of Grand Junction in the amount of \$157,632** to replace an existing truck; and **purchase of a motor grader from low bidder Wagner Equipment Company of Grand Junction in the amount of \$279,362**. The new motor grader will replace one that is 29 years old.

"We really make the equipment last," Hansen said. "We squeezed every ounce of life out of that."

Caddy praised Laube for his role in updating the County's aging fleet vehicles. "Keith is doing a great job of getting our heavy fleet into the shape it should be in."

BOCC Chair Hansen reminded those in attendance that all matters are discussed in greater detail during open County work sessions prior to coming before the BOCC.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Planning & Development Director Steve White presented information on a proposed Resolution to rezone 13 acres at 67320 Trout Road from General Agricultural to General Commercial. Because the area is not located in a node identified for future commercial development in accordance with the County Master Plan, the Planning Commission had recommended denial. White, who had recommended approval, said that a commercial

node could be included in a planned update to the master plan.

He outlined the options available to commissioners: approval; denial; continuance; sending the application back to the planning commission for re-evaluation.

A public hearing was convened.

Fred Ballard spoke on behalf of the applicant; he noted that a goal of the County's Master Plan is to support the creation and expansion of business within Montrose County. There are only three commercial nodes between the City limits and County line, he said, and none are suitable.

"There are not a lot of options out there," he said. "...the owner traveled 550 looking for a location for a business."

The owner of the Trout Road property, Hagle Summers, also spoke, stating that no properties of reasonable size were available in the designated node areas.

A new storage business is one of three things planned for the property, Summers said. Other possibilities include log home sales and relocation of another family business.

"This is the type of project that ought to be south of town...things can be done right."

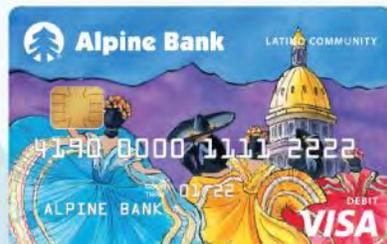
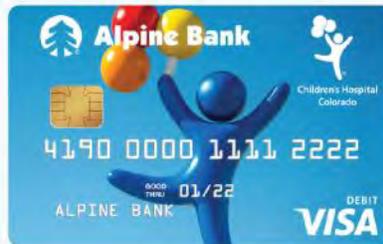
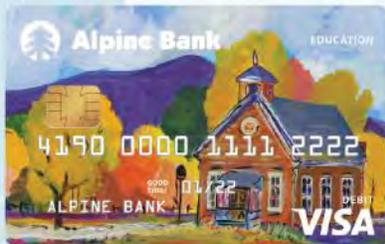
Summers suggested that the planning commission recommendation for denial had been influenced by more than the Master Plan. "One planning commissioner called our project a loser...like other members of the community, they feel the Hwy 550 Storage and the Hops Farm are eyesores." Summers shared photos of the Hwy 550 Storage facility. "I hate to say it but this is ugly...it never should have been allowed." With property costs of \$2,600 per month, the Trout Road land cannot pay for itself with farming, Summers said.

With Commissioner Rash absent, Hansen and Caddy continued the application until May 9 at 9 a.m., leaving the public hearing open.

In other business, commissioners unanimously approved a proposal to lift a plat note and vacate a portion of Monroe and 6130 roads for the amended Zentmeyer intrafamily subdivision.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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WHY IS THE CITY OF MONTROSE SUBSIDIZING THINGS LIKE MAYFLY, A GOLF COURSE, FREE CONCERTS, & RENOVATIONS FOR PRIVATELY-OWNED BUILDINGS?

Editor:

Within the last week or two we have seen Harbor Freight, Baskin and Robbins and Dunkin Donuts come to town. Organizations that will employ about 75 employees from our existing population of fellow citizens. This makes me wonder why our city council felt that it must subsidize companies like Mayfly to bring them to Montrose and to keep them here. Why? How much have they spent on this endeavor? What is the supposed reward (and I am guessing) for a million dollars spent on Mayfly and when is this reward to arrive on the city's balance sheet?

Further, why does our council feel that they must subsidize a golf course (we have three in town), concerts and the renovation of privately-owned apartment buildings? Are not our fair city's entrepreneurs competent to bring business to town, to refurbish run down properties, to pro-

mote their own welfare? If the local business men can't fix it and make it work maybe it is not worthy of being fixed. What makes us think that petit bureaucrats have better skills than them? Maybe they just have more money available to cover up for their mistakes?

Apparently the council does not think so. They seem to want to subsidize anything that they can spend money on.

I object to municipal spending on things that private enterprise should and can do. If there are to be loans for things like apartment renovation or to bring business to town or to have concerts, cookouts and the like, our business leaders should foster that stuff instead of the taxpayer. Sure just about anyone will come to things that are free but even at 'free' the local venues do not fill for the things offered.

Further, loans for business ventures of any sort should be being made by our lo-

cal banks of which we have one or two on every corner. Why are the banks not doing this? I would venture that they figure that if the city will do it, why should they. Or maybe they do not see these ideas as profitable. Or sound. I mean, after-all if the city loses its shirt on a concert it will only mean that one less road gets fixed or that taxes get boosted another few dollars all because the city council did not know what it was doing or how to minimize risk.

From the above we should all see that throwing money at something does not make it a good deal. Private enterprise seldom throws money at anything. Our municipal government does. Do you ever wonder why?

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COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION TO MEET MAY 9 - 10 IN GRAND JUNCTION

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DENVER - The Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission will discuss annual changes to big game hunting regulations and quotas, annual changes to game bird season dates, annual review of Wildlife Property regulations, consideration of a citizen petition requesting prohibition of commercial and recreational hunting and trapping of bobcats, Sylvan Lake State Park Management Plan, and the 2020 – 2024 Big Game Season Structure Public Involvement Report at its May meeting.

The Commission will also discuss research results on America's Wildlife Values, updates from the Canada Goose Working Group, a Strategic Wetland Partnership from Ducks Unlimited, and a Review of Herd Management Planning.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. and adjourn at 5 p.m. on May 9 at Courtyard Marriott, 765 Horizon Drive, in Grand Junction. The meeting will resume at 8:30 a.m. at the same location on May 10 and adjourn at 9:15 a.m.

Additional agenda items include:

- Department of Agriculture Update
- Department of Natural Resources Update
- Financial Update
- GOCO Update
- Colorado Lottery Update
- Executive Session

A complete agenda for this meeting can be found on the CPW website.

The commission meets regularly and travels to communities around the state to facilitate public participation. Anyone can listen to commission meetings through the CPW website.

This opportunity keeps constituents informed about the development of regulations and how the commission works with Colorado Parks and Wildlife staff to manage the parks, wildlife and outdoor recreation programs administered by the agency. Find out more about the commission on the CPW website.

The next commission meeting will take place June 6 - 7 in La Junta.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

DAVID WHITE ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR DMEA DISTRICT FOUR



David White
Courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--

David White, co-owner of The MOOving Company and The MOOving Store in Montrose, CO, has declared himself a candidate in the upcoming election for the Delta-Montrose Electric Association

(DMEA) board of directors for District 4.

White, an active member of the Montrose community, is a former Montrose City Councilmember & Mayor (2004-2008) and a former Montrose County Commissioner (2008-2017). Prior to these positions, White served on the Colorado Springs City Council and was a member of the Board of Directors of Colorado Springs Utilities.

White said, "I have the ability to understand the dynamics of a board and how to work with eight other people to make

intelligent and insightful decisions on behalf of DMEA members and DMEA employees. It's important for all voices to be heard, especially those of the membership. My experience as an employer and civil servant taught me that good decisions are driven by solid information."

Describing his outlook on DMEA White said, "My vision is for DMEA and its members to have an improved long-term business plan for operations that would guarantee the low-cost power prices. We need to ensure the financial and operational future of DMEA as well as its debt load while taking into consideration a successful exit from the TriState contract currently being litigated if that should be the outcome of current negotiations and the upcoming Colorado Public Utilities Commission hearing on the matter. If unsuccessful, DMEA must work with TriState to find a way forward that is mutually acceptable while balancing the needs of the DMEA membership."

Generally speaking, White feels DMEA is operationally sound and delivering on the expectations of its members, "But I would like to see the DMEA board be more transparent in their dealings with the member-

ship relative to the TriState issues and the changes that TriState is making to become a better partner to all member cooperatives. Promises made by other potential power providers need to be closely examined as well as other options made available to lower rates."

"We must keep on top of the costs associated with Elevate such as borrowing money to cover deficiencies. We need to be sensitive on how board decisions affect those on fixed incomes and their ability to pay their monthly electric bill."

White, who has been involved in many local organizations and a Rotarian for over 32 years, has lived in Montrose since 1999. "I've served on numerous community and governmental boards (local and state) and I understand the responsibility to constituents. I can assure voters that I am dependable, reliable and available to listen to their concerns and answer their questions."

The DMEA election will be held on June 20, 2019 at the Hotchkiss High School with election ballots for board seats being sent to DMEA members beginning on May 28, 2019. White will be running for the District 4 seat.

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16th ANNUAL MONTROSE WINE & FOOD FEST IS MAY 18

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MONTROSE-The 16th Annual Montrose Wine & Food Festival is Saturday May 18, 2019 from 1-5 p.m. at the Bridges in Montrose. With more than 30 food vendors, more than 30 beverage vendors, more than 30 silent auction gifts, live music by Neon Sky, and a fantastic view of the San Juans, it is an event not to be missed! New to the event this year is a VIP tent with exclusive beverage and food vendors. All proceeds from the Festival benefit the Black Canyon Boys & Girls Club (BCBGC). Tickets are \$50 for general admission, which includes a Festival glass, and there are a limited number of VIP tickets for \$75. Tickets and event information can be found at the Festival website www.montrosewinefestival.com. For more information on the BCBGC, check out www.bcbgc.org.

BLACK CANYON BOYS & GIRLS CLUB YOUTH OF THE MONTH!



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MONTROSE-Check out the latest Black Canyon Boys & Girls Club Youths of the Month! Angelina is the Montrose Unit Youth of the Month. Staff chose Angelina because, even though she is fairly new to our Club, she has gone above and beyond to help! Angelina is always respectful to staff and willing to help with anything. She is a great friend and a joy to be around.

James (pictured here with the Olathe Unit Site Director Tim) is the Olathe Unit Youth of the Month. Staff chose James because, even though he has only been at the Club for a few months, he has set the bar for kindness and caring. He is always there to lend a helping hand and is one of the sweetest kids!

Black Canyon Boys & Girls Club Youths of the Month are Montrose Unit-Angelina, left, and Olathe Unit -James, right.



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TOWN OF MOUNTAIN VILLAGE ENCOURAGES HOMEOWNERS TO CREATE DEFENSIBLE SPACE WITH MITIGATION INCENTIVE

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MOUNTAIN VILLAGE--As the community begins to look forward to another summer in the San Juan Mountains, the Town of Mountain Village is offering incentives to homeowners to help residents protect their homes by creating defensible space through wildfire mitigation work.

The Wildfire Mitigation Incentive Program, created in partnership with the Telluride Mountain Village Owners Association and West Region Wildfire Council (WRWC), offers residents a rebate of up to 50 percent off the total cost of mitigation work up to \$5,000. This program is for existing Mountain Village homes, and not new home construction.

“If a homeowner creates defensible space by utilizing our incentive program in combination with a non-flammable roof, the structures chance of survival in a wildfire is 99 percent. A structure has only a 4 percent survival rate if the roof is flammable and no defensible action occurs on a property,” said Mountain Village’s Planning and Development Services Director Michelle Haynes.

In order to take advantage of this incentive program, residents can schedule a free home visit with the West Region Wildfire Council to learn about their property’s wildfire risk rating. They will receive recommendations tailored to their home’s specific needs and setting.

Defensible space is the natural and landscaped area around a home or other structure that has been modified to reduce fire risk. This work can include removing trees that are too close to a structure and clearing brush or other flammable materials from the perimeter of a building.

Homeowners can then hire from a list of regional contractors and apply for a free town permit to start the forestry work. Once the project is finished and approved, the Town will reimburse homeowners up to 50 percent of the total project cost up to \$5,000 per property.

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MONTROSE GOP TO HOST PIZZA & POLITICS DISCUSSION MAY 7

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MONTROSE - "Pizza & Politics" presents "Capitalism vs Socialism" on Tuesday, May 7. What: A thought provoking panel discussion by local business owners of Storm King Distilling Co., Go Big Banners, Turner Automotive, D + K Construction Management, Peak Family Medicine, and County Commissioner Sue Hansen. Q & A will follow. Where: Holiday Inn Express - 1391 S Townsend Ave, Montrose, CO 81401. When: Doors open at 6 PM and program is 6:30 - 8 PM. Pizza and beverages will be served. Host: Montrose County GOP.

RIDGWAY LODGE & SUITES SELECTED AS MAY 2019 RIDGWAY CHAMBER BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

Special to the Mirror

RIDGWAY-In an ongoing effort to promote and get to know our local businesses, the Ridgway Area Chamber of Commerce has selected Ridgway Lodge & Suites as the May 2019 RACC Business of the Month. Ridgway Lodge & Suites was purchased by a group of local investors including Pat and Marty O'Leary, Dean Kraft, Albert Roer and Robert Balkind in July 2018. The managing partner is Adam Dubroff, a 20-year Ridgway resident, who has an extensive background in hotel development, acquisitions, management and operations. The general manager is Matt Old from Santa Fe, N.M.

The hotel, originally built in 1991, will soon be opening the new Star Saloon with bar and food service. It has brand new fiber optic internet, new Direct TV service with the sports package, an 8-foot by 12-foot screen, and 4K projection TV for sporting events. Live music and local entertainment will be offered in the summer months in its newly designed and renovated public areas, and the indoor heated pool, dry sauna and jacuzzi is being reopened for guests.

To learn more about Ridgway Lodge & Suites, go online to <https://ridgwaycolorado.com/businesses/accommodations/8-ridgway-lodge-suites>, call 970-626-5444 or send a message via <https://www.ridgwaylodgeandsuites.com/contact-us.html>. For information about places to stay in Ridgway, go to <https://ridgwaycolorado.com/businesses/accommodations>.

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COUNCIL TO DISCUSS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE, VOTE ON CHANGES TO MUNICIPAL ANIMAL CONTROL REGULATIONS

Mirror staff report

MONTROSE-Montrose City Council will convene for a [work session](#) at 11 a.m. on May 6 and a [regular council meeting](#) at 6 p.m. on May 7.

WORK SESSION

Council will hear reports from Lorraine Shide of the Montrose Botanical Society and Matt Skinner of the Colorado Flights Alliance at the regular work session of Monday, May 6. Also up for discussion will be a Comprehensive Plan Update presented by Planner II Amy Sharp and a Montrose Municipal Court Annual Report presented by Judge Richard Brown and Clerk of the Court Emily Boyko.

Council will engage in a discussion of job creation incentives with City Manager Bill Bell and Director of Business Innovation Chelsea Rosty.

Included in the meeting packet are a First Quarter Police Department Report and reports from Region 10 League for Economic Assistance & Planning (Region 10) and Montrose Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

Items scheduled for future City Council discussion are:

May 20-Business Incentives for Hotel Developer.

May 21-Fly'n Roosters Liquor License transfer application; new hotel and restaurant liquor license application for Rib City; Sales, Use, & Excise Tax Report for March 2019; and a First Quarter budget review.

June 4-Executive session for Municipal Court Judge evaluation; Public Safety Citizens Advisory Committee report to City Council; new retail liquor store application for Wines for Life.

July 2-Horsefly Addition Annexation hearing.

COUNCIL MEETING

City Council will issue proclamations in support of Kids to Parks and National Police Week at the regular City Council meeting of May 7.

Following approval of Consent Agenda items (including the rescheduling of the June 18 Council Meeting to 6 p.m. on June 17), Council will consider a new Beer and Wine liquor license application at 2724 N. Townsend Avenue for Be Well LLC for consumption of beer and wine on the licensed premises.

Council will consider Ordinance 2472 on second reading, repealing and replacing Title 4 Chapter 4 dated April 4, 2016 of the Official Code of the City of Montrose regarding Zoning Regulations to clarify language related to short-term rentals.

Also to be considered on second reading: Amended Ordinance 2473, repealing and replacing Title 5 Chapter 15 Section 2 (43) and (61) and Title 5 Chapter 15 Section 7 (P) dated Sept. 19, 2017 and Title 5 Chapter 2 dated Nov. 4, 2010 of the Official Code of the City of Montrose regarding sales and use tax and excise tax; Ordinance 2474, for the annexation of the J & L Jones Addition; Ordinance 2475, zoning the J & L Jones Addition as an "RL," Rural Living District; and Amended Ordinance 2476, repealing and replacing Title 5 Chapter 12 Section 6 dated February 17, 2015 of the Official Code of the City of Montrose regarding consumption in parks.

Council will consider approving Ordinance 2477 on first reading, repealing and



A pet relaxes at a local Park. Montrose City Council is considering updates to animal control regulations. Mirror file photo.

replacing Title 6 Chapter 2 of the Official Code of the City of Montrose regarding animal control regulations.

After holding public hearings on Klippert Addition Annexation Nos. One, Two, and Three, Council will consider approving Ordinance 2481 on first reading, zoning Klippert Addition Nos. One, Two and Three as a Rural Living District.

Council will consider adopting Resolution 2019-15, authorizing the filing of the Colorado Water Conservation Board grant application for the Water Supply Reserve Grant Program, authorizing the City Manager to execute the grant contract with the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA), and authorizing City staff to act on behalf of the grant agreement.

Council will consider the award of a construction contract to Mountain Valley Contracting in the amount of \$2,900,000 for completion of the Moving Montrose Forward 2019 Streets Maintenance Project.

Following staff reports Council will adjourn.





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SMPA SEEKS MEMBERS WITH UNCLAIMED MEMBER DIVIDENDS

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RIDGWAY-San Miguel Power Association, Inc. is seeking current and former members who have not yet claimed their member dividends. In December, the co-op returned approximately \$1.1 million in unclaimed credits to members receiving electric service during the years of 1989, 1991 and 1992.

“Member dividends represent our members’ ownership of the co-op. Every year SMPA allocates any excess margins to our members based on how much money they put back into the cooperative, in other words based on the amount they are billed annually. The more dollars a member pays in, the more capital they invest in SMPA and therefore the larger the credit they receive,” explains SMPA General Manager Brad Zaporski.

All credits in excess of \$10 were mailed last December. Current and former mem-

bers are encouraged to visit www.smpa.com and view the list of unclaimed member dividends. Members who are listed must call their local office at (970) 626-5549 or (970) 864-7311 and speak with a member service or billing representative and be prepared to provide proper identification and a current mailing address. -Credits that remain unclaimed or un-cashed as of June 26, 2019 will be forfeited by the member and extinguished and barred forever.

SMPA allocates member dividend each year, and pays those credits back to members on a delayed rotation when the co-op’s financial position allows them to do so. In that delay period, credits function as operating capital for the co-op. The ability to retire member dividends depends on the cooperative’s financial status.

In the past, SMPA’s board has chosen to reinvest excess margins in the cooperative

in order to improve and expand the electric system and build equity. Each year, SMPA’s board evaluates the co-op’s ability to return member dividends to the membership. “Member dividends belong to our members,” stressed Zaporski. “Making sure that both past and current members receive what’s due to them is just how we do business.”

San Miguel Power Association, Inc. is a member-owned, locally-controlled rural electric cooperative with offices in Nucla and Ridgway, Colo. It is the mission of San Miguel Power Association to demonstrate corporate responsibility and community service while providing our members safe, reliable, cost effective and environmentally responsible electrical service. SMPA serves approximately 10,200 members and 13,600 meters and supports local communities with over \$370,000 annually in property taxes.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

DEMISE OF MONTROSE CHAMBER SHOULD BE SEEN AS PLANNED DESTRUCTION

Editor:

Well, there's always more to a story and with every re-make of this Chamber, history has been lost ...

The Chamber of Commerce has historically served business owners across the city and even county of Montrose. Members paid a membership fee for networking, training, business support and services, shared advertising, insurance discounts, events, etc.

Montrose Area Merchants Association (MAMA) was the sales tax entity that provided excellent marketing programming for all business that collected sales tax in the region as well. Remember Main In Motion? Main Street business created that event and MAMA provided advertising support and leadership as well. MAMA operated independently of the Chamber and interdependently with the city.

Visitors and Convention Bureau (VCB) provided literature and services for all

visitors to Montrose including the county. VCB has been an entity of the city.

The Chamber owned its own property on East Main Street which rented space to the VCB for displaying promotional materials for area attractions and activities. MAMA was located in separate offices on South Townsend.

The city dissolved MAMA and merged it into the VCB absorbing the tax revenue which previously funded MAMA. Nothing was set up to replace MAMA but it was implied that similar service would be shared by Chamber and VCB.

Then the director of VCB was appointed to run the Chamber. Then all funding was merged. Eventually the VCB was moved to its current location and after a time the name of the entity was changed to Office of Business and Tourism.

The Chamber property was sold, the funds absorbed into the city, and the organization relocated to Proximity Space.

Shall we explain that one to the masses? ... so, who's been running the Chamber all these years and where did its assets go? And since its relocation to Proximity Space, what services were actually provided to its membership for those membership fees?

The decline began when the city took control of these organizations while telling the community that they were not in control of them. How many directors of these various organizations have either been hired by the city or become employees of the city after their hiring?

The 'failure' of this Chamber should be seen more as a 'planned destruction' and is probably more due to the city's meddling with the organization than anything else.

Truth ... is quickly forgotten, re-written, and often scandalous. But who really cares?

Yvonne Meek, Montrose

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

THE BATTLE OF GERMANTOWN IN AMERICA'S WAR FOR INDEPENDENCE

Editor:

Germantown is an area in Northwest Philadelphia which you won't find in your Road Atlas. Today it's a highly dense neighborhood about six miles from the center of the city, but in 1683 it was an independent borough of Quaker and Mennonite families. Germantown holds a significant place in American history as being the birthplace of the American antislavery movement. In 1688 four men gathered in the home of Thones Kunder and wrote a two-page petition condemning the practice of slavery and then delivered it to the governing bodies of their Society of Friends. Invoking Christ's teaching in the Sermon on the Mount to "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you", the document set into motion an immediate call to action. The Germantown Quaker Petition Against Slavery was a clear and forceful argument that initiated the process of banning slavery in the Society of Friends and in Pennsylvania...a ban which took nearly a century to realize.

On October 4, 1777 another significant piece of American history took place in Germantown. The British army led by Sir William Howe clashed with the American army under Gen. George Washington in what was expected, by the American forces, to be a decisive victory like the one in Trenton on Christmas night just a year earlier when Washington crossed the Delaware river. It was not to be. As Wayne Bodle tells the story in *The Valley Forge Winter*, "The attack unraveled when its two main columns, approaching along converging roads, failed to merge smoothly. Instead, one wing fell in behind the other in thick fog and smoke. With one division under friendly fire from behind, confusion spread through the ranks. As their ammunition ran out, many Americans hesitated and began to retreat. The delay...allowed Howe's reinforcements

racing from Philadelphia to counter-attack."

The Battle of Germantown is sometimes popularly recalled as a second Continental failure which has fed the perception of that "iconic image of a twice-beaten and badly dispirited American rabble-in-arms limping into Valley Forge in late December to begin its desperate winter of heroic endurance." (*Valley Forge Winter*, pg. 41) This, however, would be a misreading of the American army's response to their loss and the real circumstances that led to their winter of discontent at Valley Forge. Germantown was just a temporary setback. They would fight again come Spring. Jedediah Huntington, a Connecticut brigadier, expressed the overall mood of the militias when he wrote, "the army is in daily Expectation of visiting [the enemy] again, and are not only in high spirits but by best information, much Superior in Numbers to the Enemy." "Henry Knox predicted that "we shall soon have another brush with them in which we humbly hope for the blessing of providence..." The defeat at Germantown certainly did not dampen French support for the American cause as France formally recognized the United States with the signing of the Treaty of Alliance on February 6, 1778. The American passion for individual liberty and the willingness to fight and die for it, if need be, is deeply engrained in our nation's DNA. Germantown is just one example among many from the Revolutionary era where the defense of freedom from oppressive government was played out; whether it was with a petition to abolish slavery or with a black-powder musket to break the power of an oppressive government. Our generation is waking up to the realization that many of our basic liberties and the Constitution itself have been under assault for decades now by a faceless enemy with a subversive ideology that has

settled like a fog over our nation.

Most Americans today know that our federal government is on a dangerous course, that our unsustainable debt, combined with crushing regulations on states and businesses, is a recipe for disaster. What is less known is that the Founders gave state legislatures the power to act as a final check on abuses of power by our representatives in Washington, D.C. Article V of the U.S. Constitution authorizes the state legislatures to call a convention for proposing needed amendments that will impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit its power and jurisdiction, and impose term limits on its officials and members of Congress. Sound too good to be true? It's not. We the people acting through our state legislatures can actually work around Congress to affect the deep structural changes that are needed, which Congress is unwilling to affect, to restore our Constitution and reestablish the sovereignty of the states and a federal government with the clearly defined enumerated powers that the Framers gave it. Join the grassroots movement to check Federal overreach, restore fiscal responsibility and establish term limits for all elected officials.

"The reflection upon my situation and that of this army produces many an uneasy hour when all around me are wrapped in sleep. Few people know predicament we are in."

General George Washington
Jan. 14, 1776

Respectfully,

Joe Fockler, Montrose

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MIRROR IMAGES...OUT & ABOUT



Above and right, City of Montrose Community Block Party on May 2 drew a diverse crowd to South Cascade for food trucks and fun.



Below, the Miami-Hillcrest Roundabout Project is underway. Photos by Gail Marvel.



Below right, Montrose City Council and staff spent three hours discussing 2020 capital projects in a special work session on Thursday, May 2.

Below left, Happy Canyon Creek flooding at West Oak Grove Road last week. Photo by Brad Switzer.



THE 2019 REAPPRAISAL: SIGNIFICANT VALUE INCREASES FOR MOST PROPERTIES

by Brad Hughes MAI,
Montrose County Assessor

MONTROSE-Under Colorado law, county assessors' offices throughout the state conduct a complete revaluation of all properties in their county every two years. The Colorado Legislature sets the appraisal date, the market sales data collection period, and the annual calendar for the assessment process.

The previous revaluation was completed in 2017 and was based on a June 30, 2016 level of value. These valuations were established using market sales data from January 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 and were used for tax years 2017 and 2018 (payable in 2018 and 2019 respectively). As a result of the assessment calendar, property tax assessment valuations will always lag behind current market conditions. The current revaluations are based on a June 30, 2018 level of value. The new values have been established using market sales data from January 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 and will be used for tax years 2019 and 2020 (payable in 2020 and 2021 respectively). Sales transactions occurring after June 30, 2018 cannot be considered until the 2021 reappraisal.

Real property classes changed as follows: vacant land experienced an overall average valuation increase of about 20%. While vacant land increases within the Montrose city limits were closer to 25%. These increases in vacant land valuations were primarily due to strengthening demand for new single-family home sites. Most residential improved properties, including single-family residences, condominiums, and multi-family housing increased between 15% and 30%. This substantial upward trend in the residential market occurred throughout most of the County, with the one exception being the Nucla/Naturita area, which experienced only a very moderate increase in residential valuations. Commercial and industrial

properties also had strong valuation increases, but varied depending primarily on location, property type, and the age of the property. Most commercial properties experienced valuation escalations between 10% and 25%. This strong demand for commercial/industrial properties was evident based on an abnormally high volume of commercial sales transactions during the data collection period. The only class of property that experienced a decrease in value was irrigated farmland. Agricultural land is valued based on the earning capacity of the land; it is not valued at a market value. The agricultural land calculation uses a ten-year statewide average of commodity prices. For this reassessment cycle, two historic "high years" of commodity prices were removed and two more recent "lower" priced commodity years were added. This factor along with increased operating expenses and lower production yields resulted in a significant reduction of about -25% for irrigated farmland within Montrose County. In conclusion, these substantial increases in property values within Montrose County followed a similar trend to what occurred within most of Western Colorado.

The following is a general review of property assessment and taxes. Three factors determine the level of taxes on a property: the market valuation, the assessment rate, and the mill levy.

(Market Value x Assessment Rate = Assessed Value x Mill levy = Taxes)

The Assessor's office is solely responsible for establishing valuations, not taxes. To accomplish this, the assessor uses actual market sales transactions to build a mass appraisal valuation model that is then used to set the values on all properties within the county. Assessment rates are dictated by the Colorado Constitution and State Law for all 64 Colorado Counties. Currently, the assessment rate is 7.20% for residential properties, and 29% for

most all other property types. However, Senate Bill 19-255 is currently in the Legislature awaiting approval. If this bill is passed, it will reduce the current residential assessment rate to 7.15%. The last component used to calculate taxes is the mill levy. Mill levies are established by the county commissioners, school districts, and the boards of the various taxing entities (fire, recreation, library, sanitation, cemetery, etc...). A summation of these various individual levies is applied to the assessed value to determine the taxes due.

The County Treasurer's office collects and distributes these taxes for the various taxing jurisdictions. Ultimately, the assessor's goal is to equalize property values and ensure that the tax burden is distributed fairly and equitably among property owners within the statutory and constitutional guidelines of the State of Colorado.

After receiving your new Notice of Valuation in early May 2019, please review your change in value. If you disagree with the new valuation, there are detailed procedures on the back of the notice explaining how to appeal your valuation.

If you would like to review your property characteristics, view sold properties, or research property records please go to our online public records search program at <http://eagleweb.montrosecounty.net/eagleassessor/web>. If you have any additional questions, concerns, or comments please call the Montrose County Assessor's Office at (970) 249-3753 or email us at assessor@montrosecounty.net.



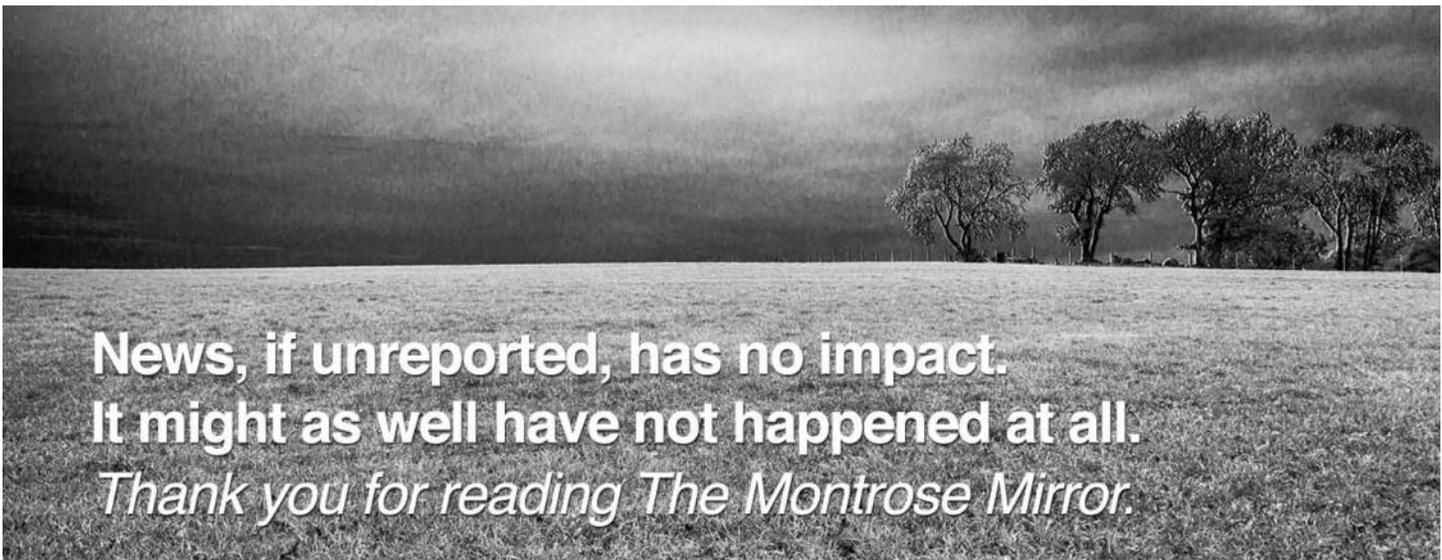
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OLATHE UNVEILS NEW SCULPTURE FOR LIONS PARK



Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE – On Saturday May 4, Olathe High School (OHS) and the Town of Olathe unveiled a new sculpture in Lions Park. The sculpture was constructed by OHS student Angel Enrique and represents both the high school and the town of Olathe. According to a news release, the sculpture was created after the Town of Olathe asked OHS Student Council if a student would be interested in constructing a statue or other form of art to place on the marble across from the high school in Lions Park; pictured above is the work of art created by Enrique for his community.



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It might as well have not happened at all.
Thank you for reading The Montrose Mirror.



SUGAR & THE MINT TO PLAY KAFM RADIO ROOM JUNE 7



Winners of the 2017 Telluride Bluegrass Festival, Sugar & The Mint. Courtesy photo.

Special to Art & Sol

GRAND JUNCTION-Winners of the 2017 Telluride Bluegrass Festival, Sugar & The Mint, will be performing LIVE at KAFM Community Radio on Friday, June 7 at 7:30 p.m.

Sugar and the Mint's spirited take on folk and bluegrass excites audiences across the country. The band synthesizes genres into a sparkling repertoire of original songs,

balancing first-time singalong hooks with robust musicality. Sugar and the Mint's unique vocal approach features complex, ethereal harmonies supporting accessible melodies. Informed by everything from bluegrass to baroque to current pop and country, the traditional blend of guitar, violins, mandolin and bass instrumentation is anything but standard-fare acoustic music.

Sugar & The Mint originated as a youth cultural music conservatory group with The Sharlot Hall Museum in Prescott, Arizona in 2011. Sugar & The Mint is a vibrant young band with a unique style, playing a blend of new old-time, contemporary bluegrass and indie-folk music. The acoustic string quintet is comprised of Matt Tatum Haynes (mandolin, vocals), Johan Glidden (lead vocals, guitar, violin), Glory Glidden (violin, vocals), Keenan Hammack (guitar, vocals), and Cosimo Bohrman (bass, vocals).

In addition to winning the 2017 Telluride Bluegrass Festival, Sugar & The Mint's first place honors include Pickin' in the Pines Acoustic Music Festival, and the Wickenburg Arizona Bluegrass Festival. Additionally, Sugar & The Mint has performed at the Ogden Music Festival, the Pagosa Folk and Bluegrass Festival, and the Pickin in the Pines Acoustic Music Festival. They have toured across The United States and recorded two albums: *Just Past Midnight* (2018) and *Grape Flavored* (2017).

Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased by calling (970) 241-8801, or online at www.kafmradio.org. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the concert begins at 7:30 p.m. The Radio Room is located at 1310 Ute Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501.

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY TOPIC FOR MAY WILL BE 'BISON UNDERGROUND'

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-On May 15, Dr. Lawrence Loendorf will present "Bison Underground," a talk about how various Plains Indian groups connected bison and the underground spirit world and used rock art images, carvings, caves, and stories to encourage bison to appear on the surface world. The talk will include examples from his years of research among the Crow, Hidatsa, and Sioux tribes as well as all over the world. Loendorf, a rock art archaeology specialist, is professor emeritus from New Mexico State University and director of the non-profit Sacred Sites Research Inc. in Albuquerque. The talk is free, and the public is invited to the United Methodist Church at 19 S. Park Avenue, Montrose.

MONTROSE COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM WELCOMES VOLUNTEERS

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-All aboard for inspiration! The volunteers of Montrose County Historical Museum are a driving force behind our Museum. Volunteers play an important role in helping to tell Montrose's story. Whether it's greeting visitors and telling the story of the depot and "Who Lived Here," or working behind the scenes of the Museum, we have a variety of opportunities, (for all ages) and the flexibility for you to be a driving force of our Museum. If you are interested in our history and would love to learn more, please join us for an informational meeting on May 14th starting at 10 am. The location is 21 N. Rio Grande, Montrose County Historical Museum. For more information please contact Sally at 249-2085.

HISTORY COLORADO SEEKING SUMMER AMERICORPS VOLUNTEERS

Special to Art & Sol

PUEBLO-History Colorado is seeking volunteers for its Colorado Service Learning Council (CSLC) Summer Associates, a 10 week AmeriCorps VISTA program that engages volunteers in intensive service experiences. Opportunities are available at all History Colorado properties, with a wide range of duties available from helping with summer camps to living history interpretation to assisting with podcast production. The sites with AmeriCorps opportunities include:

The Center for Colorado Women's History at the Byers-Evans House in Denver

El Pueblo History Museum in Pueblo
Fort Vasquez Museum in Platteville
History Colorado Center in Denver
Trinidad History Museum in Trinidad
Ute Indian Museum in Montrose

Marisa Lopez, a student at Pueblo Community College, was an CSLC Summer Associate at El Pueblo History Museum in 2018.

She helped lead the eight-week Hands-On History Summer Camp.

"I loved interacting with our students and helping plan activities for the summer. Being able to make a positive impact in my community was such a great growth opportunity for me," she said.

CSLC Summer Associates serve full-time from June to August, 2019, and earn a modest living stipend based on the cost of living in the county in which they serve (ranging from \$2,361 - \$2,813) and a scholarship of \$1,222 upon completing their service that can be used to pay tuition/fees at an accredited higher education institution or to pay back qualified loans.

To qualify for the program applicants must be at least 18 years old, be a US citizen/permanent resident, pass a federal background check, serve full-time, and attend required trainings and events, including an in-person orientation in June.



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SIR CHRIS BONINGTON ON CONQUEST OF ANNAPURNA'S SOUTH FACE



Courtesy photo.

Special to Art & Sol

RIDGWAY-Don't miss Sir Chris Bonington in person: "The conquest of the notorious South Face of Annapurna," a Co-presentation by Ridgway Ouray Community Council (ROCC) and Western Colorado Friends of the Himalayas. Wednesday May 29 at 7 pm (doors open at 6.30), Ridgway 4H/Events Center. Suggested donation: \$15. Contact: 970 209 1395.



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RIDGWAY STATE PARK MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND EVENTS:

May 24 7 p.m. "Nature Discovery Trail"
 Hike with a park naturalist and talk about the flora, fauna, and learn some bird songs.

May 25 8:30am – 11 am "Take Me Fishing" event. (Formerly called Huck Finn fishing). Poles and bait available. Meet at the Pa-Cho-Chu-Puk ponds.

May 25 8 p.m. ---"Star Party" Black Canyon Astronomical Society and Ridgway Dark Skies Committee will provide their expertise and a variety of telescopes!!

May 26 11 a.m. "Butterfly Walk", Oak Leaf trail, Pa-Cho-Chu-Puk entrance, meet park naturalist at the bridge.

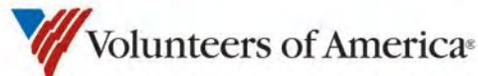
May 26 7 p.m. "Mining in the San Juan Triangle: From Prospector to Smelter" by Don Paulson.

All programs conducted at the Visitors Center* (Dutch Charlie entrance)

* (unless otherwise specified). Call the park for more information: (970) 626-5822

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

RIDGWAY RAILROAD MUSEUM CELEBRATES NEW LOCATION WITH SILVER SPIKE CEREMONY

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RIDGWAY--Ridgway railroad museum silver spike ceremony Saturday, May 11 @10 AM. Come help dedicate the new operations track loop at the Ridgway Railroad Museum's new location at 200 N. Railroad Street, across from Hartwell Park and Town Hall. There will be free rides for all on RGS Motor No. 1 until 4 pm.

COLORADO LANDSCAPE PHOTOGRAPHER JOHN FIELDER TO PRESENT MAY 16

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-Colorado landscape photographer John Fielder will present *Colorado: Black on White*, a new book and multimedia presentation, in Montrose at 7 pm on Thursday, May 16 in the Jordan Room of the Holiday Inn Express. John Fielder is a nationally renowned photographer, publisher, teacher, and environmentalist. *Colorado Black on White* is a slide show featuring more than 200 of Fielder's Colorado photographs. Enjoy John's stories of life on the trail, photo tips, and beautiful accompanying music too! John will be on hand before and after the show to sell and sign all of his popular Colorado books and calendars, including *Colorado Black on White*. John will donate 30 percent of the sales to the Friends of the Montrose Library. For more information, please call the library at 249-9656.

TOUR SHAVANO VALLEY ROCK ART SITE MAY 11

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-Please join us for a free tour of Shavano Valley Rock Art site on May 11. Starting at the Ute Indian Museum, from 9 to 10 am there will be a special screening of "In the Footsteps of Shavano" about the Shavano Valley Petroglyphs and their meaning to modern Ute people. Then drive to the Rock art site, which will be open for self-guided tours from 10 am to Noon with docents to share information. Your tour will take one to two hours. Free events, no reservation is required. Be sure to bring water and sunscreen and wear sturdy shoes for the Rocky trail. This event is hosted by Chipeta Archaeology Chapter, Ute Indian Museum and the Montrose County Historical Society. For more information please call Sally at 249-2085.

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2019

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WHERE: Ridgway Town Park

COST: Free Event

(Micro-brew sampling for \$20.00 per person)

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: EDUCATION



MONTROSE HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION AWARDS

Left to Right: Ezequiel Medina-Estrada, Josiah Gaunt, Mark Metheny, Hailey Moore, Manuel Carrillo-Ramirez, Chelsey Hernandez-Bogarin, Jorge Baeza, Vikky Rivas, Zachary Barrett, Faith Meyer, Yoselin Coronado, Kassydy Brady and not pictured Samuel Preston and Clara Carrasco.

MHS PERFECT ATTENDANCE HONORS



At left, Lillian Hamilton and Reanna Lawhorn. Not pictured Gabriel Lopez and Jacqueline Cortez-Suarez.

MHS JUNIOR AWARDS



*At left, left to right, Eric Gutierrez-Camacho – Xerox Award for Innovation & Information Technology
Olivia Haga – Frederick Douglass & Susan B. Anthony Award
Lyndsey Anderson – Bausch & Lomb Science Award
Ashlyn Manuel – University of Rochester-George Eastman Young Leaders Award*



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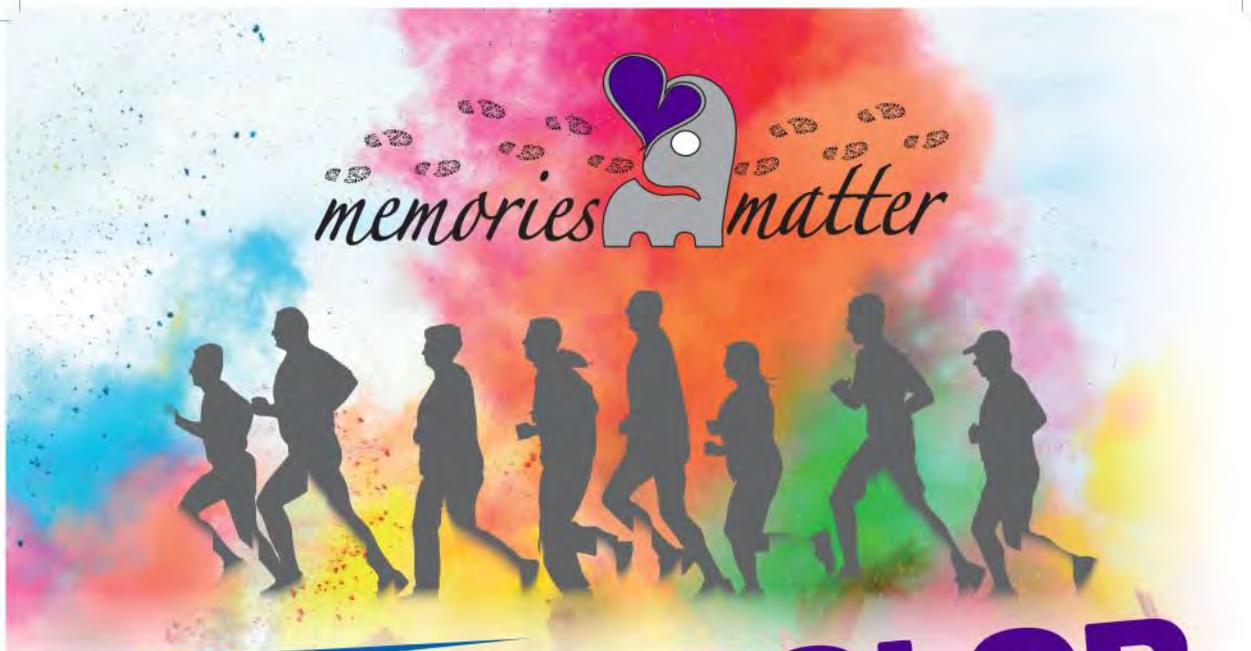
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OURAY-Ouray Elks Lodge 492 has announced its scholarship winners for this academic year. Cooper Rondinelli has earned a \$1,000 award made possible by the Elks National Foundation through the Colorado Elks Association, while Alannah Wister and Venisha Harding have each been awarded \$750 scholarships funded by the Ouray Lodge. All three students are graduating from Ouray High School.

“We are really fortunate to have such

fine and deserving students in our communities,” said Elks Scholarship Chairman Mike Boland. “The first week in May is Youth Week for the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and supporting our youth is a major duty of the Elks. In addition to scholarships, we do this through our Hoop Shoot and Soccer Shoot programs, Santa Delivers, Easter egg hunt, Bowling with Cops, and our annual Haunted House. We have supported Ouray girl’s basketball and donate funds for special

educational opportunities for individual students. Our young people are the future of this nation, and providing them with financial aid as they enter college is one of the most important of our programs in support of our outstanding local youth.” Ouray Elks Lodge #492 awards up to four scholarships each year to area students. To apply for next year’s awards, students should contact their school counselors next September, or contact Boland, Scholarship Chairman, at (970) 317-0362.



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Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes

RITUALS OF SPRING



Maypole ribbons (photo by JuJu Kohler).



Steamed asparagus with Smokey Serrano mayonnaise (photo by Art Goodtimes).

BEYOND THE HUNDREDTH MERIDIAN ... I surrendered ... Stegner was recommended to me when I first hitchhiked through Colorado in the Seventies. But I resisted. His wasn't the racy storytelling of Abbey or Nichols. Nor the nimble lyric countercultural essays of poet Gary Snyder. Wallace's prose seemed ponderous. The morality of characters like Joe Allston in *All the Little Live Things* antiquated ... Then I heard about the Foote controversy -- how Stegner had appropriated large verbatim portions of a Mary Hallock Foote's journals for his celebrated novel, *Angle of Repose*. As a feminist, I was disturbed ... But talking with my good friends Hartley and Lynn Bloomfield in the Montrose City Market the other day, Hartley thrust his copy of *Meridian* into my hands, and said I had to read Stegner. And he was right. Not excusing his poor judgment with the Foote material, he is still an essential Western writer ... Having just finished Dolnick's excellent *Down the Great Unknown: John Wesley Powell's 1869 Journey of Discovery and Tragedy Through the Grand Canyon*, Stegner's account of Powell's Grand Canyon trip in the first half of *Meridian* was not quite as gripping, but full of historical analyses that embedded that adventure into the politics and science of the times. As does the rest of the book, which is

more about the shaping of the American West after the Civil War and the many diverse historical threads that Powell carried on his ambitious and visionary loom ... I keep having to resist pulling out my pencil and marking up the book -- deep insights, great language, salient facts. After all, it's borrowed. Thank you, Hartley & Lynn.

MAYDAY ... I hope you got to honor the workers of the world, who make us the things we trade our labor for. Or, in the case of us American elders, our Social Security safety net guaranteed income savings account we paid into all those years of our working lives ... Labor has gotten a bum rap in neoliberal circles, and some shady dealings from some shady unions has not helped matters. But the labor movement was and is a necessary corrective to the cyclic rise of corporations and their predatory anti-labor legislatures.

MAYPOLE ... I wish I was close to a community may pole dance -- I love that old time folksy American tradition. Friends in Dove Creek do it every year ... And in Durango they did it at the 11th Annual Dandelion Festival that my friend Katrina Blair and Cody Reinheimer spearheaded May 3-5 in Rotary Park.

CINCO DE MAYO ... Spring brings around

this minor Mexican holiday but major celebration of Mexican culture in the U.S. Originally it commemorated the surprising victory of General Ignacio Zaragoza at the Battle of Puebla in 1862 which rallied Mexican nationals against a French colonial incursion (the French-Mexican War). Eventually, Mexican forces under the Zapotec President of Mexico Benito Juárez captured and executed Austrian Archduke Ferdinand Maximilian -- named Emperor of Mexico by Napoleon. The French withdrew ... Chicano activists in the Sixties raised awareness of the holiday, in no small part because they identified with the victory of indigenous Mexicans over European invaders.

ASPARGUS ... For me, the finding, gathering and serving up the wild green shoots for my annual spring meal from the narrow ditches of Lone Cone Road is a Wrights Mesa ritual I've observed for almost every one of the 35 years I've lived outside of Norwood ... In eating asparagus, the essential question is butter or mayonnaise? I dip my wild-harvested steamed asparagus in an organic version of the latter, mixed with my all-time fav salsa picante: Boulder Hot Sauce's Smokey Serrano. More about its spicy peat-whisky flavor than habanero flamethrowers.

OOPS ... I mentioned an obscure poetry book in Facebook the other day, in the process getting the book title almost completely wrong ... When it comes to this column, I try to fact check everything I post -- an old habit as a journalist. But for Facebook I'm not so careful ... So it was I found in searching the internet Gerrit Lansing's *The Heavenly Tree Grows Downward* (North Atlantic, 1977 [CE]) at AbeBooks.com. I have a copy of that slim volume buried somewhere on Cloud Acre in one of my many sheds stuffed with books. I don't recall the poems, except that they were very clever but simultaneously esoteric, so that I only half understood them. But the title I loved ... Now I

Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes

wish I could find that old volume. The cheapest used copy is selling for \$219.45 and the most expensive \$1,076.19 ... Who said poetry doesn't pay?

BLUE LILY ABSOLUTE ... Want to know the most divine scent I know of, it's this oil of *Nymphaea caerulea*. John Winslow, a Teluride Mushroom Festival regular for many years, introduced me and others to it years ago through his Om-Chi Herbs in Eugene (OR) ... Sadly, John passed away a

few years ago, but his family has kept the company going, and now has Blue Lily oil available for sale.
Highly recommended.

BAD NEWS ABOUT BEARDS ... New research coming out of squeaky clean Switzerland suggests that men with beards "carry more bacteria than dogs do in their fur, with nearly 40 percent of beards tainted with microbes that are hazardous to human health" ... Prof. Andreas Gutzeit of

the Hislanden Clinic was even more direct, "Dogs can be considered as clean compared with bearded men" ... However, some men who favor beards (Yo!) blamed the report on pogonophobia – the irrational fear of beards.

They suggested that swabs of people exposed to many germs in the course of a day compared to a dog that stays mainly at home may pick up more microbes, but regular showers and bathing eliminate them on a consistent basis.

THE TALKING GOURD

Tender

I was so callous
but I didn't think I could be
any other way

I couldn't leave your hands
reaching out in the dark

I had to slam the door
I had to break your fingers

-Tori Miner
Fruita
-from her chapbook *ATTN*

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MIRROR IMAGES: CINCO DE MAYO!



Montrose's Annual Cinco de Mayo Festival kicked off with a Monte de Rosas Parade, and featured a bright celebration that brought families, food, music, classic cars, and culture together for a day of fun in Centennial Plaza on Saturday, May 4.



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SAVE THE DATE! UPCOMING REGIONAL EVENTS

CURRENT/ONGOING-

ARTISTS ALPINE HOLIDAY--Artist Registration is open for Ouray County Arts Association's 59th Artists' Alpine Holiday Art Show now through June 24. Go to ourayarts.org for details and a link to register.

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.

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. March 21. For more info on classes and workshops: ColoradoYogaHouse.com

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-

May 6-Montrose Women's Giving Club meets at Bridges of Montrose, 2500 Bridges Drive 5:30 to 7 p.m. Club meets once per quarter to select the next non-profit to receive quarterly donations. Each member pays \$100 per quarter plus a \$10 hospitality fee to participate and has the chance to nominate a non-profit. Members must be present to vote.

May 7 - "Pizza & Politics" presents "Capitalism vs Socialism" on Tuesday, May 7. What: A thought provoking panel discussion by local business owners of Storm King Distilling Co., Go Big Banners, Turner Automotive, D + K Construction Management, Peak Family Medicine, and County Commissioner Sue Hansen. Q & A will follow. Where: Holiday Inn Express - 1391 S Townsend Ave, Montrose, CO 81401. When: Doors open at 6 PM and program is 6:30 - 8 PM. Pizza and beverages will be served. Host: Montrose County GOP.

May 8-Wednesday May 8 at 6:30 at Montrose library meeting rm :Citizens' Climate Lobby monthly meeting. Progress on Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act US HR763.Other Colorado bills HB 1261 Nonpartisan network to influence legislators.All Welcome. Citizensclimate-lobby.org. 240-9146.

May 8-Mason Bee Workshop, Pioneer Room, Friendship Hall in Montrose, 1001 North 2nd Street. 1 to 3 p.m., free to the public. Please RSVP to 970-244-1834 or christin.prins@mesacounty.us.

May 10-Volunteers of American Senior Community Care presents Hazel Miller Band at the Montrose Pavilion, with special guest star Chris Daniels. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Food by Blue Ribbon BBQ & Surfin' Salmon. Music & Silent Auction. Tickets available at ageoutloud.voa.org. Call 970-417-5670 for questions or assistance.

May 11-Yoga House, 207 East Main Street, May 11 & June 8 from 12p-2p - Habits Of a Yoga Series (a 3-part series based on Ayurvedic principles) \$20/class or \$50 for all three.

May 11--Ridgway railroad museum silver spike ceremony Saturday, May 11 @10 AM. Come help dedicate the new operations track loop at the Ridgway Railroad Museum's new location at 200 N. Railroad Street, across from Hartwell Park and Town Hall. There will be free rides for all on RGS Motor No. 1 until 4 pm.

May 12-Mothers' Day recognition ceremony, 1 PM, Ouray Elks Lodge. Open to the public. Bring your mother and honor her with a personal tribute or remembrance; carnations will be presented. There is no brunch this year.

May 14-The volunteers of Montrose County Historical Museum are a driving force behind our Museum. Volunteers play an important role in helping to tell Montrose's story. If you are interested in our history and would love to learn more, please join us for an informational meeting on May 14 starting at 10 am. The location is 21 N. Rio Grande, Montrose County Historical Museum. For more information please contact Sally at 249-2085.

May 14-Alpine Photography Club Meeting, May 14, 7pm, Colorado Mesa University, 245 S. Cascade Ave., Room 100. Presentation: Photographing the Aurora Borealis By: Austin Ray. Sharing Topic: Night Sky (3-5 images). Critiques: Open & Anonymous (up to 3 images). The public is welcome.

May 16-Colorado landscape photographer John Fielder will present *Colorado: Black on White*, a new book and multimedia presentation, in Montrose at 7 pm on Thursday, May 16 in the Jordan Room of the Holiday Inn Express. John will be on hand before and after the show to sell and sign his popular Colorado books and calendars, including *Colorado Black on White*. John will donate 30 percent of the sales to the Friends of the Montrose Library. For more information, please call the library at 249-9656.

May 18-The 16th Annual Montrose Wine & Food Festival is Saturday May 18, 2019 from 1-5 p.m. at the Bridges in Montrose. All proceeds from the Festival benefit the Black Canyon Boys & Girls Club (BCBGC). Tickets are \$50 for general admission, which includes a Festival glass, and there are a limited number of VIP tickets for \$75. Tickets and event information can be found at the Festival website www.montrosewinefestival.com. For more information on the BCBGC, check out www.bcbgc.org.

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READER PHOTO SPOTLIGHT: DEB REIMANN

Photographer Deb Reimann revisits a favorite subject... at right, pasque-flowers on Storm King; below, vista from Storm King.



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