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COFFEE TRADER, COLORADO BOY IN A DEAD HEAT FOR TRIP ADVISOR TOP SPOT

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--When a local coffee shop and a beer/pizza joint are battling it out for the top spot on the Montrose restaurant list on TripAdvisor web site, you know something's up.

That something? Great customer service, according to reviews:

—“I have all of my staff stopping here when they are on the Western Slope. Best coffee and the service is excellent as well,” Reviewer Kim from Denver wrote recently of Coffee Trader (845 East Main St.). Of Colorado Boy (320 East Main St.), Reviewer Peggy B. of Texas writes, —“We were in Montrose for three nights, and, after dining at Colorado Boy the second night, we decided to return on our last night. Great pizza, breadsticks, lasagna, wine, and craft beer.”

Of more than 70 local restaurants reviewed on TripAdvisor, Coffee Trader and Colorado Boy have been trading the No. 1 spot back and forth between them for long enough that a friendly rivalry has been established.

—“It has been fun to see it bouncing back and forth between us and Colorado Boy,” Coffee Trader's Dee



Coffee Trader, above, celebrates 16 years on Main Street April 10. TripAdvisor reviewers consistently rate Coffee Trader No. 1 (except for Colorado Boy Pizzeria) when it comes to restaurants in Montrose.

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GUNNISON COUNTY KICKS OFF PROSPERITY PROJECT



Gunnison County residents from Gunnison to Gothic are being asked to engage in a dialogue about prosperity through the One Valley Prosperity Project. Above, the City of Gunnison, at sunset Sunday night. Photo by Dave Bernier.

By Caitlin Switzer

GUNNISON--They don't talk about economic development in Gunnison County these days.

Instead, they're getting specific—the target is prosperity. And while they talk about prosperity and how to build it, they're also taking action.

The “One Valley Prosperity Project” is a county-wide initiative, according to a news release issued by Gunnison County last week. Organized by the Community Builders Task Force, the initiative includes representatives from Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley, Gunnison County, the City of Gunnison, Western State Colorado University (WSCU), Crested Butte South Property Owner's Association, Town of Crested Butte, Town of Mt. Crested Butte, and Crested Butte Mountain Resort.

The task force was inspired by a regional training hosted by the non-profit Sonoran Institute in 2014. The goal of the One Valley Prosperity Project is to strengthen the economy and improve regional collaboration. Gunnison County has contracted with the

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CELEBRATE 55 YEARS WITH MAGIC CIRCLE PLAYERS FEB. 14!

By Dr. Sheryl S. Solow

Board President, Magic Circle Players

MONTROSE—This year, Magic Circle Players is celebrating 55 years of providing magical theatre experiences to the Montrose Community—entertaining, educating and involving residents of Western Colorado in a vibrant and creative environment! Did you know that more than 200 volunteers have offered approximately 60,000 hours of their time and energy each year to create outstanding theatre experiences for our guests? Every year, come-

dies, dramas, and musicals, as well as children's theatre, drama camp, and traveling children's shows provide a variety of enjoyment and encourage an appreciation of the arts to more than 12,000 guests who attend the theatre each year. Ninety-five percent of our seats are sold per season!

Overwhelming interest from the Montrose community has been the key to continuous success of the theatre! We are grateful to the generosity of many local businesses and individuals for their continued support in making our theatre addition



My Funny Valentine 2014. Courtesy photo.

a reality. Added improvements to our existing theatre are currently being planned to enhance our future productions.

In an effort to thank our guests, local sponsors, and to celebrate Magic Circle Players, our second benefit concert, "My Funny Valentine," will be held at the Montrose Pavilion on Feb. 14, 2015. Presented with the support of the Montrose Community Foundation, this joy-filled event will feature your favorite singers, actors and musicians from our community. You won't want to miss the beautiful voices of Dr. Parker and Dr. Meo, as well as love songs, laughter, and delightful musical surprises performed by some of Magic Circle's recognizable talents -- Bethany Ward, Dalyn Pearson, Jeff Nelp, Nathan Cretti and many more. We are excited to introduce several new talents to the Magic Circle family!

The evening will begin at 6 p.m. with the V.I.P. reception serving champagne, a variety of delicious hors d'oeuvres, cheeses/fruits, and decadent desserts prepared by Pine Cone Catering. Special Valentine's Day surprises will be part of the evening including a silent auction and professional photography of sweethearts to commemorate the event! A cash bar will be available to all guests. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m.

General Admission tickets are \$20, Student tickets are \$15, and V.I.P. tickets are \$50, which includes reserved seats and 6 p.m. VIP reception. Tickets are currently on sale at Magic Circle Theatre, 970-249-7838, 420 S. 12th Street, Montrose, the Montrose Pavilion, 970-249-7015, 1800 Pavilion Drive, Montrose, or mcpmy-funnyvalentine.brownpapertickets.com.

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CITY OBT DEDICATES VC SPACE TO UTE INDIAN MUSEUM DURING HISTORY COLORADO'S EXPANSION

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE – The City of Montrose Office of Business and Tourism (OBT) announced last week that it is excited to partner with History Colorado during the Ute Indian Museum's expansion and renovation project. "During their expansion and renovation, the Ute Indian Museum will be relocated to the Downtown Visitor Center and have a large, dedicated space for the organization to continue with their exhibits, gift shop, and offices," explained OBT Director Rob Joseph. "We're also excited to hear that History Colorado is looking to bring in an assistant director at the museum."

The Ute Indian Museum is overseen by

History Colorado. Established in 1879, History Colorado is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization and an agency of the State of Colorado under the Department of Higher Education. The agency's statewide activities support tourism, historic preservation, education and research related to Colorado's rich western history, offering the public unique opportunities to interact with Colorado history through its network of museums offering engaging exhibitions and special programs for adults and children.

One of the most complete collections of Ute Indian artifacts in the nation and the only History Colorado sanctioned museum on the Western Slope, the Ute Indian Mu-

seum offers dioramas, changing exhibits, and hands-on programs that bring American Indian history and culture to life. History Colorado has announced plans for a \$2.4 million capital construction project scheduled to start this summer that will nearly double the size of the current facility. The expansion will serve to further highlight the native Ute people and their unique heritage and culture, allow for expanded interpretations of exhibits with help from the three regional Ute tribes, address space issues that come with outgrowing the current building, serve a growing community and schools through educational programs and gathering spaces, and support Montrose's tourism efforts.

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MONTROSE COUNTY NEWS AND INFORMATION



TRESSA GUYNES APPOINTED AS MONTROSE COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER



Tressa Guynes. Courtesy photo.

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MONTROSE—The Montrose Board of County Commissioners has appointed local candidate Tressa Guynes as the Montrose County Clerk & Recorder. Guynes replaces Fran Tipton-Long, who resigned her post in early December (effective Jan. 12, 2015).

“Tressa is an extremely qualified candidate,” said Commissioner Glen Davis. “I think it will be beneficial for the organization to have a new perspective and move things down the road. She is capable and certainly able to lead an organization such as the Clerk & Recorder’s Office.”

Guynes was appointed Feb. 2nd, but will officially take office Feb. 9th at which time she will be sworn in as the Montrose County Clerk & Recorder. This delay provides the Clerk & Recorder’s Office time to arrange the necessary official documentation, signatory stamp and more.

Guynes is retired after 30 years of service with the State of Mississippi. Her state experience began in 1985 as the Business/Office Manager of the Mississippi Arts Commission. She then progressed to Accountant/Auditor III with the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration

and eventually the Mississippi Department of Insurance where she was the Senior Insurance Examiner, Chief Insurance Examiner, and Director of Examinations. Guynes retired from the Mississippi State Senate in 2012 where she served as Secretary of the Senate (2008-2012) and Assistant Secretary of the Senate (2004-2008) since 2004.

Guynes and her husband, Jeff, moved to Montrose in 2012, to enjoy the outdoor activities available on the western slope. In particular, she enjoys downhill skiing, snowmobile riding, snow shoeing, hiking, ATV riding, tennis, back country jeeping, walking and horseback riding. She is actively involved in the Montrose community through her volunteer work with Grace Community Church, the Uncompahgre Valley Trail Riders Association, offering coaching assistance for the Montrose High School Junior Varsity Girls Tennis Team, and the Ouray Ice Festival.

To view her resume, please visit <http://www.montrosecounty.net/DocumentCenter/View/7639>. A public welcome reception will be announced shortly.

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Above, teams poised for action at the Feb. 7 Monumental Madness Roller Derby event at Friendship Hall.



Woods Plaza is getting a facelift, above, and Domino's Pizza of Montrose has doubled its space.



At right, Montrose Republican Party Chair Dave Laursen (left) and Montrose Democratic Party Chair Bob Connor chat before the Montrose-Delta League of Women Voters program at the Montrose Library Feb. 4



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***MONTROSE**—In recognition of front-line service workers everywhere, and especially right here in Montrose...the Mirror is pleased to spotlight Bobby from the Downtown City Market, far right at left, shown helping a customer early Saturday, Feb. 7. The Downtown store is busy all the time—especially at the U Scan—but staff there are consistently friendly, knowledgeable and helpful. Thank you Bobby!!*

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DMTC STUDENTS AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS

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DELTA – Five Delta-Montrose Technical College students were recently awarded scholarships for spring semester. Scholarships awarded were the Colorado Centennial Scholars Scholarship, a merit-based state scholarship, the Delta Montrose Electric Association scholarship awarded based on merit and financial need, and the Ulrich and Inge Lange Scholarship from the Rotary Club of the North Fork Valley awarded to a North Fork Valley resident. Pictured left to right are Sergio Antillon, Barbering – Centennial Scholars Scholarship, Lisa Martinez, Business – DMEA Scholarship, Russell Harris, Business – DMEA Scholarship, Danielle Recchia, Practical Nursing – Centennial Scholars Scholarship, and Rodney Byrge, Technical Drafting – Ulrich and Inge Lange Scholarship.

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APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENT ANNOUNCED TO STATE BYWAYS COMMISSION

Special to the Mirror

DENVER – Three appointments and one reappointment have been announced to serve on the 15-member Colorado Scenic and Historic Byways Commission. The following commissioners will serve a three-year term: Representative K.C. Becker (D-Boulder) represents the State Legislature – appointed; Charlotte Bumgarner (R-Guffey), from Gold Belt Tour National Scenic Byway, represents the Eastern Byways – appointed; Margaret Hunt (U-Denver) represents Colorado Creative Industries – appointed; Leah Quesenberry (D-Cañon City) represents the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) – reappointed.

In addition to the entities listed above,

other members of the Commission represent the following: Colorado Transportation Commission, History Colorado, BLM, Creative Industries, Eastern Colorado Byways, Western Colorado Byways, U.S. Forest Service, State Legislature, Land Conservation, Members at Large, and four Ex-Officio Commissioners from state departments. Commissioners are appointed by the Governor and they work to increase regional effectiveness and promote awareness of rural tourism, economic development, scenic conservation, historic preservation and recreation. Commissioners also provide a significant catalyst to bring together federal, state, local and private entities under one program.

In addition, the Commission is charged with developing and recommending funding sources and assisting with the coordination of the budget process and allocating federal, state, and private funds for byway development and management. It also evaluates and designates Colorado's Scenic and Historic Byways.

Colorado's Byways program is celebrating 26 years of service to tourists and the state's economy by designating routes that provide exceptional scenic, historical, cultural, and recreational opportunities.

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ALTRUSA APPLE AWARD WINNERS!



Above, Roxie Schmalz at the podium speaks about Erica White's accomplishments with her students and colleagues.

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MONTROSE-This month, the MCSD Early Childhood Centers (ECC) and Northside Elementary (NES) selected their honored teacher. The ECC winner is Erica White, a preschool teacher, who was introduced by Roxie Schmalz, Educational Coordinator. The NES winner is Lucia Cretti, a second grade teacher, who was introduced by Carrie Clark, Principal. Both teachers have revealed effective teaching practices, innovative ideas, collaborative approaches, and dedication to their students. Altrusa International of Montrose continues to focus on supporting education through literacy projects, scholarships, and Altrusa Apple Awards.



Carrie Clark at the podium speaking about Lucia Cretti's accomplishments with her students and colleagues.



Above, Dr. Sheryl Solow (far right) introduces Carrie Clark and Lucia Cretti from NES.

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MONTROSE SOCCER CLUB SEEKS REFEREES

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MONTROSE-If you love the game of soccer and want to make some money while supporting competitive youth soccer in your community consider becoming a soccer referee!

The Montrose Soccer Club will be offering a grade 8 referee clinic here in Montrose on Saturday, March 7. This is a one day clinic. In addition, there is required coursework that must be completed online before the class begins on March 7. If interested, you would need to register soon

in order to have adequate time to complete online coursework prior to March 7.

The Montrose Soccer Club will reimburse the course fee to anyone who completes the course and referees a minimum of 2 games for the Montrose Soccer Club during the spring 2015 season. You must be at least 12 years old to become a referee.

**If March 7 does not work for you, you may also attend the clinic in Grand Junction on February 28 or in Austin on March 8.

Go to: <https://coreferees.gameofficials.net/public/class/classSearch.cfm> to register for a 1 day grade 8 referee clinic OR Visit our website: www.montroseavalanche.org Contact us: info@montroseavalanche.org if you have questions or want more information about our club

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DELTA CHAMBER SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR BUSINESS, VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

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DELTA-Have you had a really great experience at one of our local businesses? Have you had a staff member or the business owner go above and beyond for you? Have you seen a business demonstrate excellent customer service and an outstanding service to the community? Then let them know by nominating them for Business of the Year! Nominations are now being accepted for the Business of the Year; Volunteer of the Year; Nonprofit of the Year, and Community Partner for the Delta area. The winners will be announced at the An-

nual Meeting & Awards Banquet of the Delta Area Chamber of Commerce on March 28th.

—Recognition for excellence is great, and even greater when the voice of the community speaks it. This is the time to let us know who that is it you,” said Leslie Workman, Executive Director of the Chamber. —This is an opportunity for the community to let our businesses know who is doing an outstanding job for the customers and the community.” Nomination forms can be found on the Chamber’s website, www.DeltaColorado.org. Cham-

ber staff is also happy to fax or email you a form if you call 874-8616. Forms can be picked up or dropped off in person at 301 Main St. Nominations must be made no later than March 2, 2015. Last year the Chamber recognized Two Rivers Veterinary Clinic as the Small Business of the Year; Taylor Funeral Home as Medium Business of the Year; Davetos Italian Restaurant as Large Business of the Year; and Tom Huerkamp as Volunteer of the Year. David DeYoung & Jamie Ould were also recognized as Chamber Volunteers of the Year.

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COFFEE TRADER, COLORADO BOY TRADING TRIPADVISOR TOP SPOT *from pg 1*

Coram said. “It’s fabulous! And what it basically boils down to is customer service.”

Coffee Trader will be 16 years old on April 10, he said.

“We have watched a generation of kids grow up,” Coram said. “Our first batch of kids is having kids! It’s cool to be such a vital part of the community—we are on the annual “Christmas Tour,” and Coffee Trader is where young people meet up when they are home visiting from college.

“It has become something of a landmark.”

Following the Colorado Boy’s status on TripAdvisor has been exciting, Colorado Boy Manager Heather Crane said.

“Dee was just in here,” Crane said, “and we were razzing each other. We check TripAdvisor religiously! It really keeps us on our toes.”

Though Colorado Boy opened its Montrose location in mid-2013, the popular eatery has established a faithful clientele, and is in the process of becoming a full-fledged brewery. Colorado Boy’s Ridgway location, located on South Clinton Street in the Sherbino Building, is currently rated No. 1 local restaurant by TripAdvisor in Ridgway.

“It has been fun to read the responses from our customers,” Crane said. “We love the feedback.”

At right, a Montrose mainstay since 2013, Colorado Boy Pizzeria is rated No. 2 restaurant in Montrose on the TripAdvisor web site—for the moment. A friendly rivalry with No. 1 rated Coffee Trader has kept Colorado Boy staff on their toes, Manager Heather Crane said. Excellent customer service is repeatedly acknowledged in online customer reviews of both establishments.



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REGIONAL-St. Mary's Hospital Care-Flight and Montrose Memorial Hospital have agreed to form a joint venture (JV) relationship to provide emergency helicopter services to patients on the western slope of Colorado. The joint venture, which will place a helicopter in Montrose at the hospital in early April, 2015, will provide a helicopter air ambulance service which will be fully integrated with the existing Grand Junction based Care-Flight. This service is planned to be another example of a collaborative connection between neighboring hospitals and enhances an already strong relationship

with St. Mary's Hospital. St. Mary's and Montrose Memorial Hospital share the express mission of providing a high quality, cost-effective air ambulance service for the region.

—This partnership will allow for local medical helicopter services for the entire region to be met with the same level or quality and timeliness that St. Mary's has provided out of Grand Junction" said Steve Hannah, CEO at Montrose Memorial Hospital. Mike McBride, CEO at St. Mary's added; —This partnership is an example of collaborating with the local communities to provide regional healthcare solutions."

—We see this as a great opportunity to

increase cooperation and coordination of resources on the Western Slope" said Randall Koehn, RN, MMH Trauma Services Director.

—Flight crews will be integrated into the staff at MMH allowing them to provide direct assistance with patient care in the Emergency Department and ICU during the times they are not flying."

Kathy Shoemaker, Chief Flight Nurse for St. Mary's CareFlight stated, —StMary's is excited to be part of the joint venture. Having provided Air Medical transport since 1976, we feel we can provide a high quality service to the Montrose region."

TRI-COUNTY HEALTH NETWORK RELEASES 2015 REGIONAL MEDICAL SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

Special to the Mirror

NORWOOD – Effective Feb. 1, 2015, Tri-County Health Network is altering the Regional Medical Shuttle schedule to reflect the needs of the West End and San Miguel County riders. The medical shuttle serves Nucla, Naturita, Norwood, Telluride, Placerville and Ridgway with routes to Grand Junction and Telluride. The medical shuttle will maintain the same level of service and will continue to run up to seven times per month into Montrose and once per month into Grand Junction, based on demand. The Regional Medical Shuttle will no longer run on Thursdays and additional Tuesday and Wednesday routes will now be offered as follows:

Trips to Montrose:

First Friday of the Month

First, Second and Third Tuesday of the Month

Second, Third and Fourth Wednesday of the Month

Trips to Grand Junction:

One Monday per month will be scheduled, on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Regional Medical Shuttle only runs if it is scheduled to take a passenger to a doctor's appointment. When the shuttle is running for a medical purpose, general public riders can make use of the shuttle to go shopping or take care of another personal errand in Montrose or Grand Junction. Passengers will be contacted prior to the date of service if their non-medical transportation need cannot be met.

The cost to ride the shuttle is just \$5 round trip for passengers with medical appointments and a \$10 fare for all others (these rates are a suggested donation). This service is offered in partnership with All Points Transit, a 501c3 non-profit organization.

For more information, or to schedule a ride, call 970-249-0128. If you have concerns about the new schedule, call TCHNetwork Programs Manager, Stacey Wright 970.708.7096

Formed in 2009, TCHNetwork is comprised of a group of health care providers that include Montrose Memorial Hospital, the Basin Clinic, Uncompahgre Medical Center, Telluride Medical Center, River Valley Family Health Center, the Center for Mental Health, and the Telluride Foundation.

As part of its strategic plan, TCHNetwork operates a number of Community Outreach Programs that serve a vital role in filling the void of access to critical healthcare by assuring care is accessible, affordable and available to all populations living in the rural three county region regardless of socioeconomic status. In addition to the Regional Medical Shuttle, programs include: San Juan Kids Cavity Prevention Program (Skippy); Insurance Coverage Assistance; Community Health Worker Preventive Care Outreach; and Patient Health Navigator Chronic Care Outreach. For more information, visit:

www.tchnetwork.org.

WEEHAWKEN PRESENTS: TWO- DAY PRINT MAKING WITH ADULTS AND TEENS

Special to the Mirror

RIDGWAY-Join instructor Ann E. Cheeks at Weehawken Ridgway (The Old School House) on Feb. 27th and 28th from 9:30am-12:30 pm for two days of creative exploration. No experience is necessary! This class will show students how to make multiple works of art using a variety of methods. From free form to carving into a soft rubber, explore monotype, linoleum-relief, and calligraphy. It's a lot of fun to get creative with print making! Ages 14 and up only please. Cost is \$45. Please contact Weehawken Creative Arts to register and for more information at [970.318.0150](tel:970.318.0150) or questions@weehawkenarts.org or www.weehawkenarts.org.

WEST CENTRAL WOMEN OF INFLUENCE...ELIZABETH VAN LIERE



Elizabeth Van Liere
Courtesy photo.

Interview by Gail Marvel
In Elizabeth Van Liere's generation very few women took on leadership roles. "I was happy to let my husband lead because that was the way I was brought up." Although Betty knew

she was capable of making good decisions, she was never given the chance to do so until Chet became ill and he could no longer manage their investments. Betty was widowed after 45 years of marriage, but before her husband passed away she had the opportunity to say, "See Chet, I can do it!"

As a child Betty wrote stories in grade school, but it wasn't until she was in her 30's that her first article, a children's story, was published. "There is no way it would be accepted today. It was single spaced, with no margins. I broke all the rules; I didn't know there were rules!" While Betty writes her own study material to teach women's Bible studies, for publication her writing is generally inspirational, devotional and poems.

Although she has had hundreds of articles

published, it wasn't until age 87 that she authored a book. Betty's book, *Dare to Live, devotions for those over the hill, but not under it*, was published in 2011. At age 91 her second book, *Dare to Laugh, devotions for those full of years*, is scheduled for release in January 2015. She laughed, "I wish all of this would have happened 20 years earlier."

The publishing industry has changed drastically in the last 60 years and today's publishing houses ask authors to assume much of the responsibility for marketing and promoting their own books. Betty sighed, "I just want to write. I don't want to maintain a web site, write a blog, or be on social media."

Although Betty doesn't see herself as a leader, as a nonagenarian (between 90-100 years old) who is willing to learn Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn, she leads by example. In an understated leadership style developed through mentoring a teenage girl for 10 years, giving devotions and teaching Bible studies Betty said, "Others may see me differently, but I think of myself as a facilitator. I ask questions and wait for people to answer."

Along with internet promotion, Betty makes personal appearances at book stores, conventions and conferences. "Selling an article to a magazine editor is much easier

than selling your own book." Her publishing house strongly encourages her to read, critique, and review the work of other authors. "Maybe I'm getting lazy, maybe it's my age, but I'd be content to just sit and read for enjoyment."

While Betty doesn't mind writing books because she thinks they may bring people closer to God, when she recently felt her creativity fading she decided two books was the limit. However, when preparing lessons for a new study the title that emerged was *Dare to Die*, coincidentally a perfect complement to the previous books. She groaned, "I thought I'd turned that switch off!"

Bit by bit Betty is losing her independence and people who open doors, offer an arm to help her up steps, or ask her how she is doing, add to her loss of independence. "People are nice and I know they are concerned, but it feels like they are saying kind words to an old lady." Hesitantly Betty admitted that her pride gets in the way. She laughed, "I am old — but I can do it myself!"

Betty's advice to leaders: "Be a listener. Meet with others who share the same goals. Attend conferences and communicate with others in your field of interest. If you want to be successful, sometimes you have to do things that you'd rather not do."

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR MASLOW ACADEMY

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE- This year, the Montrose Community Foundation is offering \$10,000 in need-based scholarships for students who are interested in attending the Maslow Academy of Applied Learning this coming fall. Maslow Academy is an independent school in Montrose. The Maslow program focuses on educating the whole child by providing individualized learning. These scholarships, which have been generously funded by private donors in the community, are intended to provide access for students of limited means. To be eligible for the scholarship program, children must be qualified to enroll in Maslow Academy's kindergarten/1st -fifth-grade classes. Students can qualify with current assessments, teacher recommendation or via an intake interview and assessment. Families with multiple children who qualify may receive more than one scholarship per family.

The scholarship application is available via the Montrose Community Foundation

website at www.montrosecf.com, or at Montrose Community Foundation, Timberline Bank, 1561 Oxbow Drive, Montrose, CO 81401. Application is due back to MCF by March 13th. All families are required to demonstrate financial need as measured by standards similar to the National School Lunch Program. Families currently receiving CCAP funds are not eligible. The Montrose Community Foundation will evaluate all applications received, and will notify scholarship recipients the week of March 30th. Selected students will receive 25-50% of their tuition in scholarship funding, depending on income level and family size.

The Maslow Academy of Applied Learning is an educational partnership of master teachers, involved families and reflective learners who challenge one another to grow through experiential and applied learning so that each may reach the peak of their potential. If you are interested in more information, visit <http://maslowacademy.com> or call 970-249-

6483.

The Montrose Community Foundation was the vision of long-time Montrose resident Cliff Baldrige. Baldrige, along with three other partners started the foundation with a \$300 initial investment, an in-kind donation of legal services and a vision to create a vehicle for funding community projects. The Montrose Community Foundation celebrated twenty five years of service to the community in 2014 and explosive growth in the level of participation in the community thru capacity-building workshops for nonprofits, youth leadership classes, philanthropy programs to area students, community service recognition programs, partnerships for community initiatives, and grants to non-profits. A charitable 501(c)3 organization, the Montrose Community Foundation is committed to growing a stronger community. For more information about our initiatives, opportunities for giving, and community partnerships, please visit www.montrosecf.com.

GUNNISON COUNTY KICKS OFF PROSPERITY PROJECT from pg 1

Glenwood Springs office of the Sonoran Institute to provide technical assistance to the Community Builders Task Force as the prosperity project advances, and to work with community partners to develop the project, offer feedback, and provide guidance and facilitation.

Clark Anderson, Rocky Mountain program director of the Sonoran Institute, said that the non-profit's involvement with the One Valley Prosperity Project is atypical.

—We work with communities around the Rocky Mountain West,” Anderson said, —to help them achieve their goals—they know what they want, and we help them get there. There is a lot of demand for the work we do. But Gunnison's Prosperity Project is by far the biggest thing we are working on.”

Anderson said that it has been fun to watch the Gunnison team take what they learned at the training and move forward together.

—It is very ambitious,” he said. —They are defining economic development on their own terms, and what it means to them is prosperity. The right leadership is there; and they have buy-in from people and community groups.

—The parties involved understand that their individual futures and the futures of the community and local businesses are tied together.”

Anderson noted that a common misconception about economic development is that it hinges on out-of-area companies choosing to relocate.

—What happens is that PEOPLE move here for the quality of life,” he said, —they

bring ideas, and generate home-grown businesses. Economic development is changing—now we try to grow businesses from within, and grow the jobs that attract the people.

—This project has a chance to ride that wave.”

The first step will be a community-wide dialogue that encourages residents from Gunnison to Gothic to think strategically about building a more prosperous future for the region based on local strengths and resources. The information gained in the process will be used to create a plan for moving forward.

Historically, communities in Gunnison County have higher poverty rates, lower wages and higher costs of living compared to most cities in Colorado, Gunnison County's news release states.

—By gathering the valley-wide community to conduct an honest, open and inclusive assessment of our strengths and challenges, we can collectively build a foundation upon which we guide our vision,” Gunnison County Commissioner Jonathan Houck said. —This can be a vision that respects our values while actively pursuing opportunities that will increase potential for true prosperity and long-term security for the Gunnison Valley.”

Public opinion and inclusion are at the heart of the project, said Julie Feier, chief financial officer for WSCU and Community Builders Task Force member.

—Community prosperity can be defined in a unique way by each of us and we hope to have a large community turnout to establish a shared definition of prosperity,” she



The Forest Queen and Maroon Huts in Gunnison County.

2015 photo by Dave Bernier.

said. —WSCU is honored and excited to be working with such a committed group of valley residents focused on generating actionable outcomes for a more vital community.”

The project's goals and timelines will be officially unveiled at the project kick-off event on March 4, 2015 in the University Center Ballroom at WSCU. Its ultimate success depends on community engagement, Anderson said.

To learn more about the One Valley Prosperity Project, the photo contest and how to become involved, visit the project's website, <http://www.onevalleyprosperity.com> or [Facebook page](#).



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Experiencing the (local) Church

WRITER GAIL MARVEL VISITS MONTROSE CHRISTIAN CHURCH



By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE—My visit to Montrose Christian Church was on July 20, 2014. The crowd filtered in slowly, but by the time services began the room filled to more than 300 in attendance. This is an informal and casual congregation. The accompaniment for the eight-member praise team included guitar, keyboard, trumpet and drums. The selections, all praise songs, were displayed on video screens above the platform. The crowd was enthusiastic in their singing, but when they sang a portion of a song a cappella (without accompaniment) their blended voices showed strength in unity and became one.

The announcements and communion meditation were led by Associate Minister Bryan Goforth. The communion thought this day was a video clip that marked the 45th anniversary of Apollo 11 astronaut Buzz Aldrin taking the Lord's Supper just prior to stepping out onto the moon for the first time. This church celebrates communion every Sunday. The emblems, a small piece of unleavened bread and a small cup of grape juice, are passed in trays throughout the congregation for those who wish to partake.

The Bible text, Acts 8:6-35; 1:8, served

as an introduction to church missionaries from Southwest Asia who are home on furlough. The mission field where this young couple serves is such a volatile area. For their own protection, they must use the pen names, Will and Jamie Jordan, even when visiting in the United States.

The Jordans, dressed in traditional tribal clothing, shared stories and slides of their life on the mission field. Because persecution of Christians is so prevalent, Will and Jamie use extreme caution when presenting the Gospel. Describing what a potential disciple looks like, Will said, "Someone who is ready to immediately be obedient to what they have studied. Personal relationship is primary." These missionaries don't hand out whole Bibles written in the native tongue, but rather they give students one page at a time in order to build a personal relationship as they study together. "We can't go to the people with theological reasoning, but we tell them we are *all* [you and I] trying to do what Jesus wants us to do."

Will made an interesting observation about the many conflicts that surround them in their adopted country and he noted there is a silver lining, "When the country is in turmoil, they back off from persecut-

ing Christians." The Jordans serve in a country where few people, particularly women, know how to read. "Theirs is an oral culture, but they have very good memories. If you share a verse [from the Bible] just a couple of times they take it and share it with other groups." He laughed, "Scripture travels really fast!" Will believes fear is the biggest roadblock to evangelism in his area. "Christians meet secretly because of fear. Some are now overcoming fear and starting to meet together more openly."

The audience was given an opportunity to ask questions of the missionaries and Jamie explained their career path and raising three young children on the mission field. Their trek is made more remarkable, and their blessings more evident, when you know that the Jordan children are all under the age of nine.

At the close of the service I wandered toward the exit door and Donna CoRona, the church secretary, smiled and said, "It's good to see you again!"

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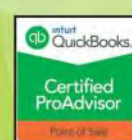
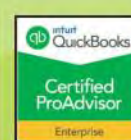
Speaking to the disciples of John the Baptist, Jesus said, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see ..." (Matt 11:4 NIV).

To our readers: Though Montrose writer Gail Marvel does belong to a local church, she is interested in the other houses of worship here in town as well. With this column, Gail will share her experiences as she visits local churches and congregations to learn more about them. Gail wrote a church newsletter for years, and has published her work in a number of Christian publications including The Lookout, Christian Standard, Discipleship Journal and The Christian Communicator.

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DR. WILLIAM STEDING TO SPEAK AT SHERBINO

Special to the Mirror

RIDGWAY-Join us for a Sherb Talk with Dr. William Steding: "The Disciple, the Alchemist, and the Prodigal Son: Religion and US Foreign Policy During the Presidencies of Carter, Reagan, and George W. Bush."

February's Sherb Talk features Ridgway resident, Dr. William Steding, on Thursday the 26th. Please join Dr. Steding as he discusses religion and US Foreign Policy during the presidencies of Carter, Reagan,

and George W. Bush. Dr. Steding's academic interests include presidential decision-making, religion, and US foreign policy.

In his current role as Senior Fellow at the Center for Presidential History at Southern Methodist University, he is focused on the development of the Collective Memory Project of the George W. Bush Administration.

He is the author of a number of essays and book reviews as well as his 2007 col-

lection, *American Avenue: Rhythm and Reason* and his 2014 monograph, *Presidential Faith and Foreign Policy*.

In addition, Steding has a book in process for 2016 titled *The Presidency and the Press: New Realities in an Old Relationship*. He resides in Dallas and Ridgway. Doors and cash bars will open at 7pm and cost is \$10. For more information please contact Jasmine Oeinck, programming director of The Sherbino Theater. [970-318-0892](tel:970-318-0892).

PUBLIC LANDS PARTNERSHIP ANNOUNCES LECTURE SERIES AT MONTROSE LIBRARY

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Public Lands Partnership (PLP) Announces Winter Lecture Series - Understanding Our Natural Resources, A series of three lectures sponsored by PLP and hosted by the Montrose Regional Library District @320 S 2nd Street, Montrose. *Responding to Threats to Our Forests* Tuesday, Feb. 10, 7 p.m.

Over the past decade, thousands of acres of high-elevation aspen and spruce forests in southwest Colorado have experienced substantial mortality from insects and diseases. In recent years, impacts have rapidly increased and are moving closer to our area. Resource specialists from the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests (GMUG) will detail these impacts as well as a proposal to implement a variety of silvicultural treatments, including commercial timber harvest and the use of prescribed fire. Presented by the Public Lands Partnership.

Biology and Management of Bighorn Sheep in the Uncompahgre and San Miguel Watersheds of SW Colorado Monday, March 9, 7 p.m.

Brad Banulis, Wildlife Biologist with Colorado Parks and Wildlife will detail the ecology, history, and management of both the Rocky Mountain and desert bighorn sheep populations in our area. Presented by the Public Lands Partnership.

Native Plants Program

Thursday, April 9, 7 p.m.

The Native Plants Program was formed in 2001 to provide federal and state agencies with seeds of native species to use in landscape-scale restoration efforts. Seed from the region can significantly improve restoration success by preserving genetic diversity and ensuring that the plants used in re-

vegetation projects are adapted for local conditions. Partners include the Colorado Department of Parks and Wildlife, Western Area Power Authority, The Bureau of Land Management, and the

USDA Forest Service. Presented by the Public Lands Partnership.

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BILL HARRIS TO PRESENT ON HISTORY, PREHISTORY OF CO PLATEAU



The Wetherill-Grand Gulch Research Project field team, 1990. Courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Chipeta Chapter of Colorado Archaeological Society presents –The

History and Prehistory of the Colorado Plateau,” at 7 p.m. Feb. 18 at Montrose United Methodist Church at South First

Street and Park Avenue.

The lecture is free to the public. Presenter is Bill Harris, and this presentation is about Bill’s experiences participating in several research projects related to the history and prehistory of the Colorado Plateau.

A central figure in the Grand Gulch experience was Fred Blackburn, author of –The Wetherills: Friends of Mesa Verde” and co-author of –Cowboys and Cavedwellers.”

Key elements in those experiences were the landscape of the Colorado Plateau, obscure treasures and the characters involved. Places including Canyon de Chelly, the Navaho Reservation, Marsh Pass, Cedar Mesa, Grand Gulch, Dominguez Canyon and Roubideau Canyon are covered in this presentation.

Bill Harris has been traveling the back-country of the Colorado Plateau since 1976, making two-three trips a year to the canyon country. He moved to Montrose in 1978, and in 1984 joined the Chipeta Chapter.

He has been an active member in the chapter, participating in chapter field trips and archaeological projects, and was state CAS president in 1988, Chipeta chapter president in 1984, 1985 and 1992.

HONORABLE MENTION

To front line grocery store and supermarket workers across the Western Slope...thank you!!!

To Murdoch’s, for caring enough about customer safety to display their firearm policy on the front door— “all un-holstered firearms must be unloaded, cased, and presented to the check stand at the front of the store.”

To Gunnison County, for getting past the jargon that surrounds the subject of economic development, and embarking on a multi-agency, community-wide Prosperity Project...

To The Bistro, a new Mediterranean restaurant opening Friday in the former Sushitini location at 228 East Main. Call for info and reservations, 970-240-1100.

To Magic Circle Players, for 55 years of home-grown entertainment! Support the local community theatre by attending the My Funny Valentine fundraiser at the Montrose Pavilion Feb. 14!

To SOM Footwear...for opening their Montrose outlet store Feb. 13!

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS FORUM LOOKS AT PROCESSES USED TO FILL VACANCIES



City of Montrose Clerk Lisa DelPiccolo addresses the League of Women Voters at CMU Feb. 4.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—Though a last minute Library room shuffle shifted the Montrose County League of Women voters presentation to a new location in the CMU wing, turnout was healthy as ever for the League's Feb. 4 Noon program, "As vacancies for elected and appointed officials arise, how are they filled in the City of Montrose and Montrose County?"

A guest panel composed of Montrose City Clerk Lisa DelPiccolo, Mayor Bob Nicholson, Montrose County Attorney Teresa Williams, Montrose County Republican Party Chair Dave Laursen and Montrose County Democratic Party Chair Bob Connor presented specifics on how the process of filling vacancies works.

A recurring topic was the difference between a Home Rule City like Montrose, and Montrose County, which is a branch of Colorado's state government. Mayor Nicholson called the City a different "construct," and County Attorney Teresa Williams, who has worked in four states, outlined that difference.

"The City, through a vote of the people, chose to be a Home Rule city," Williams explained. "A commission was created to appoint a charter; the City can decide its own destiny. They can decide how the city is supposed to look and function; so long as there are no conflicts with the State constitution and the laws that apply to Home Rule cities.

"Counties do not have that option," she

said. "A County is basically an arm of the state, and all powers are by Constitution. All ordinances, etc. are done by legislation, in Denver, by electeds there. There is a lot of difference in the way a County operates—they can't do anything that is not by statute."

The process of filling vacancies left by officials varies, depending on circumstances and the entities involved. Nicholson spoke about the requirements for those who hope to serve on Council, and the

City's efforts to replace Councilor Thomas Smits, who left in mid-term in the summer of 2013.

"By our Charter, you need the signatures of 25 people who reside within the City limits to petition to get on," Nicholson said. "You must live in one of four designated districts, but you must represent the whole town. Thomas found that he had to move across town after having just scads of kids, so we put an ad in the paper, and found two candidates to replace him—both quite good."

After a tie vote, Council discussed the matter and selected one of the two to replace Smits, Nicholson said. City Clerk Lisa DelPiccolo spoke about basic requirements for City Council candidates, and how vacancies are publicized. "To be on Council, you must be an eligible elector of the State," DelPiccolo said.

"You must be registered to vote, and be of good moral character." When a council seat is vacated, we have 30 days to fill the vacancy; we do advertise, as we do for seats on our other boards and commissions, and we issue a press release. Sometimes, we run a display ad, and we announce the vacancy on our Channel 191 and place a notice at our official posting places. We have a notification feature on our City web site, and there is a slideshow that runs before Council meetings are broadcast on Channel 191.

"Finally, our City Manager does a Public Information Officer report at the end of

Council meetings, and he can mention it there too," she said, "and that about covers it."

City Council appoints the City Manager and City Attorney, as well as the Municipal Court Judge, she said.

"Our Charter states that the Municipal Court Judge can be recalled," DelPiccolo added. "Downtown Development Authority board seats must adhere to State statute, but all other boards are governed according to our Charter."

Planning Commission members must reside within City limits, and City Councilors must have resided in their district for the previous 12 months to be eligible to serve, she said.

County Attorney Teresa Williams spoke about the process of filling the Montrose County Clerk & Recorder office following the recent resignation of longtime Clerk & Recorder Fran Tipton Long.

"We turned to Article 17 of the State Constitution," Williams said. "It set out what we had to do."

In the case of a vacant County Commissioner seat, a vacancy committee from that office-holder's political party would be established to find a suitable replacement, Williams said. "With the rest of our elected positions, there is a specific sentence—'The Board of County Commissioners shall fill by appointment.'"

The Appointee, who must have resided in the County for at least a year previously, then serves until the next election, Williams said.

Montrose County also oversees a number of public boards and commissions ([listed on the web site](#)), and Commissioners interview candidates for vacant seats on those. "There so many boards they do it in shifts," Williams said. "The Commissioners also appoint candidates to represent the County on Regional boards."

How each of the major Political parties functions when the need arises to fill vacancies left by elected members was addressed in detail by Montrose Republican Party Chair Dave Laursen and Montrose Democratic Party Chair Bob Connor. A question and answer session followed the League's presentation. For more information on the Montrose-Delta League of Women Voters as well as [contact information for elected officials](#) visit <http://www.montrose.co.lwvnet.org/>.



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SANBURG FAMILY TO BE HONORED AT 2015 PIONEER SOCIAL

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE MUSEUM-Save the date for the Montrose County Historical Society Fourth Annual "Pioneer Social", Honoring the "Sanburg Family", at the United Methodist Church, 19 South Park, Montrose. On Feb. 21, 2015, The Social program will begin at 2 pm. Donations will be taken at the door, and everyone is invited. For more information please call Sally at 970-249-2085.

SHERBINO THEATER OFFERS LOCAL ACCESS PASS

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RIDGWAY-Now available for purchase, the "Local Access" music pass is an all access- pass for every local music event held at The Sherbino throughout the entire year!

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hawken Ridgway- The old School House building.

Our upcoming local music for February and March:

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Feb. 27th: Triptihkal. Doors and Cash bar at 7:30 pm. \$10

March 13th: The Royal We and Bonewagon. Doors and Cash Bar at 7:30pm. \$10

For more information please contact Jasmine Oeinck, programming director of The Sherbino Theater or visit

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Our 2 ½ hour class provides basic food safety knowledge in order to prevent food borne illness. You and your staff will learn how to keep your food and customers safe.

2015 Schedule

Tuesday, January 13th

Tuesday, February 10th

Tuesday, March 10th

Tuesday, April 14th

Tuesday, May 12th

Tuesday, June 9th

NO July class

Tuesday, August 11th

Tuesday, September 8th

Tuesday, October 13th

Tuesday, November 10th

NO December class

Steps to Follow

1. Preregister by calling 252-5043 or 252-5067.
2. Bring \$10 payment per person to the class, either check or cash.

Class Location and Time

In Friendship Hall kitchen - Montrose County Fairgrounds
2:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Those completing the class will receive a wallet size class participation certificate.



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

STATE BILLS WOULD EXPAND CONCEALED CARRY RIGHTS



NRA Member Dave Murray. Coloradans are watching SB 15-032 and HB 1152.

By Caitlin Switzer

REGIONAL-Colorado residents interested in gun ownership and concealed carry laws are following Colorado [Senate Bill 15-032](#) and [House Bill 1152](#) closely.

SB-15-032, introduced Jan. 7, recently passed out of the Senate Judiciary Committee chaired by Senator Ellen Roberts. According to the Colorado Legislative Staff Fiscal Note Summary, "Current law

prohibits both carrying a concealed weapon without a permit and carrying a weapon on school, college, or university grounds, with certain exceptions. This bill expands the exceptions to include any person who is at least 21 years old and who may legally possess a handgun under United States and Colorado law.

"Under Senate Bill 15-032, anyone who may legally possess a handgun and who carries a concealed handgun has the same rights and is subject to the same limitations as a person with a concealed handgun permit."

According to the [LegiScan web site](#) HB 1152, introduced Jan. 28 and entitled Concealed Handgun Carry No Permit," allows a person who legally possesses a handgun under state and federal law to carry a concealed handgun in Colorado. A person who carries a concealed handgun under the authority created in the bill has the same carrying rights and is subject to the same limitations that apply to a person who holds a permit to carry a concealed handgun under current law, including the prohibition on the carrying of a concealed handgun on the grounds of a public elementary, middle, junior high, or high school."

Olathe resident Richard Harding said that

he supports both SB 15-032 and HB 1152 because of the U.S. Constitution.

"Being a Constitutional Fundamentalist, which goes hand in hand with being a Republican by party affiliation, I believe the Founders said what they meant and meant what they said," Harding said.

"The movement to regulate gun ownership has not worked out well for those who were regulated throughout history. Just ask any American Indian or German Jew about their ancestors. Realistically speaking, if gun control laws worked, Chicago would not be in the shape it is today!"

On the other hand, Gayle Davidson of Delta, a former Director of Partners Mentoring of Delta and Montrose, said she is "appalled at the very thought" of both bills.

"Considering the horrible events we have witnessed over the past few years, seeing schoolchildren massacred, I think this is the worst idea ever," Davidson said.

"The idea that the 'good guys' with guns will protect kids from the 'bad guys,' I only wish it was true. We are so inundated by the media, and seeing people get shot and fall down, but we don't see the blood, guts and gore.

"It is very, very sad," Davidson said. "(These bills) are the worst idea ever."



Valerie Meyers' Weekly Monday



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Real Estate Market Report video...from the road!*

ARTS AND CULTURE

ARTISTS, VENDORS SOUGHT FOR RIDGWAY ARTS AND CRAFTS RENDEZVOUS

Special to the Mirror

RIDGWAY-- Weehawken Creative Arts is calling all Artists and Vendors as the 'vendor application deadline' approaches for the 31st annual Ridgway Rendezvous Arts and Crafts Festival—the primary deadline is Feb. 28.

There are two methods that artists and vendors can use to register for this year's Rendezvous -use Zapplication! by going to www.zapplication.com & typing —Ridgway Rendezvous—or registration can be done by paper with the PD available at this link: <http://www.weehawkenarts.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/rendezvous-application-2015-final.pdf>.

The dates and times of the 2015 Ridgway

Rendezvous are as follows:

Saturday August 8th 9am – 5pm

Sunday August 9th 10am – 5pm

Set up: Friday noon – 6pm & Sat 6am – 9am

Location: Ridgway Town Park, Ridgway Colorado

The Ridgway Rendezvous is an annual arts and crafts festival located at the junction of Highways 550 and 62 in Southwest Colorado, Gateway to the beautiful San Juan Mountains. Ridgway is just 9 miles north of Ouray, 37 miles east of Telluride and 24 miles south of Montrose. Known as one of the most picturesque locations out there for artisans as well as shoppers, this show boasts very successful sales for the 140 vendors.

The Ridgway Arts Rendezvous Arts and Crafts Festival is looking for fresh and exciting artists, craftspeople and food concessionaires for their annual juried show. The dates for this year's event are August 8 & 9, 2015. Reminder: The primary application deadline for exhibiting in this event is February 28, 2015.

With 30 years of history behind it, the show offers live entertainment both days, plenty of activities for children and families and a great tie-in to regional recreational and shopping and dining experiences. Vendors and customers are highly encouraged to stay, explore and fall in love with Ridgway. (This event is sponsored by Weehawken Creative Arts, a 501 (c)3 non-profit organization.

2015 Health Fair

Early Blood Draws

Montrose Pavilion
February 4, 5, 6, & 7
6:30-9:30 a.m.

Additional Locations for Early Blood Draws

January 31st

4H Event Center in Ridgway 7:00 - 10:00 a.m.

February 2nd

American Legion Hall in Olathe 6:30 - 9:30 a.m.

Appointments may be made online for all three locations at
www.MontroseHospital.com
January 18-28

Phone appointments will be taken January 19-20 from
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 1-888-592-6255

12 hour fast required. Drink lots of water!
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- Male Testosterone ~ \$45

Health Fair 2015 is
Saturday, February 28

The lines are long, so MMH offers early blood draws to make it more convenient for you.



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CITY OF MONTROSE UPDATE-SANDRA TYLER

By Sandra Tyler
City Beat Reporter

MONTROSE—Here's a link to the most recent City Council Work Session 2-2-15 Packet- [wspacket02022015r.pdf](#).

City Council Regular Meeting 2/3/15-

The meeting started off with a positive note when a member of the public came forth to present a thank-you to an excellent staff member. I only leave out the names as that will spoil the surprise factor. Minutes from 1/20/15 approved.

City Council consideration of Ordinance 2349 on second hearing, an ordinance of the City of Montrose, Colorado, amending the zoning District Designation of 14334 6900 Rd, from -RL", Rural Living District, to -R-1A", Large Estate District. 81-101. No public comment. This second reading was approved as was the first reading.

City Council consideration of **Ordinance 2350** on first reading, an ordinance of the City of Montrose, Colorado, pertaining to the amendment of consumption in parks.

(A) Alcohol Consumption Permits for beer and wine may be obtained from the City, subject to fees, terms and conditions as administered by the City for the following designated locations within City parks:

(1) Within the pavilion picnic structure located at Rotary Park and a 20-foot perimeter thereof, during times when school is not in session.

(2) Within the pavilion picnic structure located at Riverbottom Park and a 20-foot perimeter thereof and in other areas as maybe determined by the City.

(3) Within La Raza Park, Cerise Park and Ute Park Softball Fields, at a specified location to be determined by the City.

All other possession or consumption of alcohol in City parks is prohibited pursuant to the provisions of 5-12-3(A), (B) and (C).

The consumption will be closely monitored by the adult baseball teams and players and there are strict rules such as nothing in glass, only cans, plastic, or metal as in growlers and clean-up by those involved so that others will still enjoy their park experience. Both the Rec District and the City are working together as in the past there has been alcohol allowed and not allowed in parks. Hearing held. Public comment heard. Approved on first hearing.

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City Council consideration of Ordinance 2351 on first reading, an ordinance of the City of Montrose, Colorado, pertaining to the amendment of the Municipal Code Chapter 1-2, General Provisions, and Chapter 1-14, Municipal Court. 34-40. This makes a change in two areas of fine amount changes and deleting the holding in jail until fine is paid. Hearing held. No public comment. Approved on first hearing.

City Council consideration of Ordinance 2352 on first reading, an ordinance of the City of Montrose, Colorado, pertaining to the amendment of the Municipal Code Chapter 3-1. Trash and Recycling Collection. 41-48. It was explained that a review of all city codes is being done to update terminology and to confirm compliance with Federal guidelines, rules, and regulations and to confirm compliance within Public Works and with input from employees. ex. removing the word -extremely" from the phrase -a extremely flammable items," removing dead from -a dead animals." Hearing held. No public comment. Approved on first hearing.

City Council consideration of Ordinance 2353 on first reading, an ordinance of the City of Montrose, Colorado, pertaining to the amendment of the City's Municipal Code Chapter 3-5, City Distributed and Sanitary Sewer Collection Systems. This is mostly wording changes, removal of fee schedule. Input obtained from Finance. Red-lined versions can be provided upon request. Hearing held. No public comment. Approved on first hearing. More in depth detail re these ordinances can be read at <http://www.cityofmontrose.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/2123>

Public Information Officer, City Manager, Bill Bell, reminded us that City Hall and the Visitor Center will be closed on the holiday. The Parks Superintendent and the Police Department are working on graffiti removal. Erica Weeks is accepting registration for use of parks. Field umpire positions are open.

Bob Nicholson, Mayor, commented



Montrose City Council Work session Feb. 2.
Photo by Sandra Tyler.

that he is seeing more visitors to Cerise and River Bottom Parks. Virgil Turner presented at Heidi's re: -Next Century Cities" (<http://nextcenturycities.org/>). The City Council is working hard for their goal to become a giga-byte city. We are already a Tree City USA (<http://www.arborday.org/programs/treecityusa>), a Main Street City (<http://www.preservationnation.org/main-street/>), and an All America City, our nation's oldest and most prestigious community recognition award honoring exemplary problem solving and collaboration to address local challenges from the National Civic League, based in Denver.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM RECENT DDA MEETINGS—

-Main Street Boot Camp-Today, Feb. 9!

-The DDA Design Committee is building three to four more parklets similar to the existing one for \$7,000. Other projects are sign poles for visitor direction info. Money has been received from DOLA (Colorado Department of Local Affairs) and through donations...

-The Adventure Films 2014 is now called the San Juan Film Festival and will be held April 9 & 10, 2015. It is being totally sponsored by Habitat for Humanity

-Executive Director Lance Michaels and City board liaison Judy Ann Files will be attending the upcoming Conference in Atlanta March 30-April 1 with expenses covered by grants to be obtained.

-New Officers have been elected: Kirk Hartman, Chair; Adam Duncan, Vice-chair, Yvonne Meek, Secretary; and Ray Blanchard, Treasurer. There was mention of consideration of forming a 501-3c Downtown Merchants Association (DMA) to assist with funding events.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

AERIAL SURVEY RESULTS ON THE GMUG NFS

Special to the Mirror

DELTA – The U.S. Forest Service and Colorado State Forest Service has released the results of the annual aerial forest health survey in Colorado. Each year the agencies monitor insect and disease-caused tree mortality or damage.

In Colorado, that involves 28 million acres of forests surveyed. Statewide, the results for 2014 indicate that the spruce beetle epidemic continues to escalate, while the mountain pine beetle epidemic has slowed dramatically.

On the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests (GMUG), survey results show increased spruce beetle mortality on an additional 64,000 acres of forest over 2013 results, totaling approximately 224,000 acres of spruce beetle mortality from 1996-2014.

Additionally, Douglas fir beetle mortality

has increased by 10,000 acres to total about 57,000 acres of from 1996-2014. Meanwhile, effects from the western bark beetle declined on the forest and aspen dieback/mortality increased by approximately 575 acres. According to Forest Supervisor Scott Armentrout, "The Forest Service is focused on increasing the pace and scale of active forest management by stepping up forest treatments and working collaboratively to strategically plan and apply work to the areas that need it most."

He went on to explain, "This includes various aspects, including public safety and health, reduction of woody fuels and vegetation near communities and in high use areas, and in support of local industry and jobs."

In 2014, the Forest worked to increase capacity to provide restoration activities and promote resiliency-offering a 20-year

high sale volume of 60,739 hundred cubic feet in 12 timber sales. Various timber sales to harvest dead and dying trees on national forest lands (salvage sales) are in process and the GMUG is working on a large-scale project to treat areas of spruce beetle and aspen decline called the SBEADMR. The Forest Service has been engaged in ongoing outreach, public involvement and collaboration with interested groups and individuals and anticipates release of the Draft EIS for the Project in late April 2015 for 45-day public review and comment. For further information on forest health conditions in the USFS Rocky Mountain Region, visit <http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/r2/forest-grasslandhealth>.

For information directed at private landowners seeking to achieve healthier forests and reduced wildfire risks, visit www.csfs.colostate.edu.

2015 WINTER GOLF SCHEDULE AND "EARLY BIRD" SEASON PASS SALE

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE –The Black Canyon Golf Course, owned and operated by the City of Montrose, is now open Wednesdays through Sundays from 9 am–4:30 pm. The course will be closed for play Mondays and Tuesdays until spring season begins.

–Early Bird" season pass discounts are available for purchase at City Hall (433 South First Street): \$50 off for individuals

and \$100 off for couples. Passes include a free range pass. –Early Bird" discount offers end Feb. 26th.

After Feb. 26th, season passes at regular prices may be purchased at the Black Canyon Golf Course (1350 Birch Street). Kids' passes (10 and under) are free. Youth passes (over age 10) are \$200 and include a free range pass. Family golf lessons are available starting at \$50/hour;

individual lessons start at \$40/individual/hour. For information about the Black Canyon Golf Course, call (970) 249-4653, email adejulio@ci.montrose.co.us, or visit cityofmontrose.org/golf. Follow the course and keep track of events on Facebook ([facebook.com/pages/Black-Canyon-Golf-Course](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Black-Canyon-Golf-Course)) or by visiting the Black Canyon Golf Course Pro Shop at 1350 Birch Street.

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Kendall Mountain Ski Area, Silverton, CO

Photo by Ray Dileo.

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MIRROR IMAGES...POWDERHORN SKI RESORT!



Guests ride the Take Four lift at Powderhorn Ski Resort on the Grand Mesa in Colorado on Friday, Feb. 6, 2015.



Students participate in a ski school lesson at Powderhorn Ski Resort.



A skier rides Showdown run at Powderhorn Ski Resort.



Snowboarders ride Powdered run.

*Powderhorn Photos
by Barton Glasser Photography*



The Denver Post reported last week that a planned \$5 million upgrade will bring a new high-speed quad chairlift to replace the Take Four at Powderhorn in 2016.

SOM FOOTWEAR OUTLET STORE OPENS FRIDAY!



SOM Footwear partner Nathalie Bouchard at SOM's new outlet store, open the second Friday of each month. Photo by Clay Greathouse.

By Liesl Greathouse

SOM (Sense of Motion) Footwear in Montrose has been providing quality casual shoes made right here in Montrose, Colorado since the Summer of 2014. As they have grown and developed, they have also found the need to add new services for their customers. One of those services is a new outlet store at their factory, as well as a new store offering their shoes in Grand Junction.

SOM shoes are made of a lightweight material that makes them feel like slippers, yet they are versatile enough that people wear them not only while running errands, but also for yoga, Crossfit, Zumba, and, at least for one customer, while olive picking. **The outlet store will be open the second Friday of each month, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.** The outlet store will mostly be used to sell out styles that they are not continuing and sell shoes that have imperfections (no defects), with some special sales coming along once in a while, such as their current special of buy two pairs for \$180, or \$99 each.

The reason for the outlet store is because of the demand for shoes. "When we began, people would come to our factory to buy shoes," said Nathalie Bouchard, who,

along with Olivier Marchal, are the owners and creators of SOM. "It made it difficult to work, but if we had the inventory we would sell to them. When Nina Suzanne's in Montrose started selling our shoes, then we would refer people to them. But since people keep coming to our factory, we decided that an outlet store would be necessary."

While SOM actually sells more shoes online and through other retail stores, they see their new outlet store as a service to the community. "It is an opportunity to sell imperfect shoes, get rid of the styles we are no longer selling, and be able to offer customers sales on our shoes," said Tammy Kulpa, SOM's executive marketing engineer. "It is also good for helping us keep in connection with our customers," Nathalie added. "When we used to sell at Farmer's Markets every week we were able to get a feel for how the shoes were doing from customers."

Since the SOM Footwear project started four years ago, the company has grown a good following, so much so that the company refers to it as the 'SOM Addiction', with 'cases' reported all the way from Alaska to Texas and California to Maine and even in Canada, France and Germany. "As we worked on trying to open our factory, people always wanted to know when we would open so if they were in the area they could stop by," Nathalie explained. "People were willing to make a detour to buy our shoes."



SOM Footwear, Montrose. Photo by Clay Greathouse.

The company gained a large influx of local visitors after some promotion in the Grand Valley area, which they believe has benefited Montrose. "When people would come down, some would say that they were going to go over to Russell Stover and buy chocolate, or they would ask 'where is the best place to eat?'" Nathalie said. "We became a tourist attraction for shoe addicts."

As many of their local customers come from Grand Junction, SOM shoes are also now available in Grand Junction at Shoe Design on Main St. "We have gotten a good response from there, and since it is a bigger city, there will be a larger audience for us," Nathalie said. "We want to be everywhere in Colorado."

Customers can also find the shoes at Jagged Edge in Telluride.

Looking ahead to 2015, the team just aims to spread the 'SOM Addiction' across Colorado, while still being sustainable. Since the company now has a stable team, the motivation for the owners has changed. "With a business that has employees, they depend on us for their paycheck," Nathalie explained. "Also our customers love our shoes. We want to continue to keep going, and because of those two things, we don't want to disappoint anyone."

"I believe that SOM is a better company, which is better for Montrose," Tammy added. "We want to help Montrose's image, so that people will know that things are happening here and will stop by to shop, not just drive through." The SOM Footwear outlet store is located at 1006 N. Cascade Ave in Montrose. It is open the second Friday of each month, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information, visit somfootwear.com.

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Hold the Date! Upcoming Business and Cultural Events

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FREE LEGAL ADVICE NIGHT-SECOND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH, 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Region 10 Enterprise Center, 300 North Cascade. Sponsored by Uncompahgre Volunteer Legal Aid and the 7th Judicial District Bar Association. Call 970-249-7202 for information.

MONTROSE INDOOR FARMERS MARKET— Every other Saturday through April 25. 10 am -1pm, Centennial Hall and Behind Straw Hat Farms Store, S. 1st and Uncompahgre.

FIRST FRIDAY STROLLS MONTROSE DOWNTOWN —Monthly from 5:30 p.m.-8p.m. Artist Demonstrations, Free Wine Tastings, and in-store promotional events!

THIRD SUNDAY DULCIMER CLUB WITH HARPS & HAMMERS, 2 to 4 p.m. Please call Robin for information and directions to our new location as our club has grown! 970-275-8996. Guitars and Autoharps welcome too—the more the merrier!

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 STAMP (PHILATELIC) CLUB meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 420 Alta Lakes Dr. from 7-8pm. For Beginners to Pros! Please contact Brenda Moureaux at 970-765-6948 for more information.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT & NETWORKING GROUP — Sponsored by Region 10; This unique Caregiver Support and Networking Groups is designed for Montrose and the surrounding areas. The meetings are structured to be an all-inclusive support/networking groups for those who care for someone with Dementia or any disability/illness in any living environment. Groups meet the 1st Wednesday and 3rd Thursday of every month from 1:30 - 2:30 at Region 10 300 N. Cascade. Call Amy Rowan 249-2436 ext. 203 for more information.

AARP DRIVER SAFETY COURSE-Save on insurance, keep up on newer traffic laws, and learn defensive driving techniques. For details and schedule for Montrose and Delta, contact John 970-856-6924 or 970-424-1778.

TAIZE-STYLE SERVICES OF MUSIC, PRAYER AND MEDITATION on Scripture are offered on the first Thursday of the month, except June, July and August, at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. All are welcome. Montrose United Methodist Church.

MONTHLY-

Jan. 10-March 13-Cheri Isgreen and Sabrina Soong present "Legacy," an art show at the Ridgway Library. Sabrina will show her mixed media abstract compositions, including pieces from her "Meditation" series. Along with the "Dream Horse" series, Cheri will show some landscapes in watercolor and pastel, and newer equine watercolors.

Jan. 12-March 13-On-line registration for Delta County early blood draw events and health fairs in Delta, Cedaredge and Paonia. These annual health fair events are a joint effort with Delta County Lion's Club in Delta, Cedaredge and Paonia and Delta County Memorial Hospital (DCMH). For additional information and details please refer to the Delta County Memorial Hospital website www.deltahospital.org.

Feb. 10-Montrose County HHS Radon Awareness Class, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. and 5:15 - 6:15 p.m., Montrose County Health and Human Services Board Room at 1845 South Townsend Avenue Call [970-252-5067](tel:970-252-5067) for more information.

Feb. 10-Public Lands Partnership, Montrose Library (320 South Second St.) present lecture, *Responding to Threats to Our Forests*, 7 p.m.

Feb. 11-Western Colorado Latino Chamber of Commerce Second Anniversary Celebration, featured speaker is José de Jesús Legaspi, owner and president of the Los Angeles Legaspi Company, named one of the top innovative companies in the World by Fast Company. 5-7:30 p.m. at Chez Lena Restaurant. \$10 for WCLCC members, \$20 non-members. RSVP by Feb. 6 Susan Welk de Valdez 970.209.5320 OR info@wclatinochamber.org.

Feb. 11-Alpine Trust & Asset Management presents, Navigating Your Financial Future. Free admission, featuring Attorney Lincoln Anderson, 2 p.m. Sunrise Creek, 1968 Sunrise Dr. Call Allison at 970-254-2732 for information.

Feb. 12-Create Your Saucy Valentine with Artist Kellie Day, 6 to 8 p.m. at the Sherbino. Class is \$40, includes glass of wine and supplies. Please contact Weehawken Creative Arts to register or for more information at [970-318-0150](tel:970-318-0150) or questions@weehawkenarts.org or www.weehawkenarts.org.

Feb. 12-Region 10 Community Living Services presents "Say What," with Karen Mercer of Southwest Hearing. 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at Westminster Hall in Delta (145 East Fourth St.

Feb. 12-Join the 80th Annual DeltaRado Days committee planning meeting at noon in the Delta Area Chamber of Commerce Conference Room.

Feb. 12-Build Your Own Facebook Business Page, with Nikole James, Delta Chamber, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Register 874-8681 or www.region10.net.

Feb. 13-14-The Black Canyon Barbershop Chorus offers Singing Valentines Feb. 13-14. Surprise your guy or gal sweetheart with a quartet direct to your location in Montrose, Delta, Olathe and Cedaredge. For \$35 you receive a real red rose and two songs by the quartet. We also sing to office groups or restaurants for \$50. Available times are limited. For reservations call Dennis at 970-596-7395. Our internet contact is www.blackcanyonchorus.org.

Feb. 13, 14, 15-Bookcliff Barbershop Harmony Chorus Annual Singing Valentine's program-\$45 gets the recipient a Red Rose, a small box of Enstrom's Candy, a Valentine's card with the brief wording of your choice AND 2 love songs delivered by a BBHC Quartet dressed in Tuxedos. Delivery available from Palisade to Mack from 8 AM to 8 PM. The simplest way to order is call 970-257-SONG [7664].

Feb. 13 - 16-The Ouray County Winter Arts and Crafts Show will take place at the Ouray Community Center, and features the work of local artisans and craftsmen, art demonstrations and a silent auction of items donated by artists, crafts people and local businesses. Bidding opens at 1 pm on Friday, and closes at 2 pm on Sunday. Proceeds support the Ouray County Arts Association. Admission is free to the public. For more information or to register as an exhibitor for this event, go to the OCAA website: www.ourayarts.org. Space is limited, and the postmark deadline for exhibitors is Feb. 6.

Feb. 13--Join Ridgway band Joint Point for a Mardi Gras Celebration at The Sherbino Theater. Doors and cash bar @ 8pm. \$10 entry. For more information please contact [Jasmine Oeink](mailto:Jasmine.Oeink@sherbintheater.com) at [970-318-0892](tel:970-318-0892) or visit www.sherbintheater.com.

Feb. 13-Seventh Annual Wine and Chocolate Extravaganza and Meet the Artists Reception-Creamery Arts Center Hotchkiss. \$5 cover, 6 to 8 pm, hors d'oeuvres and chocolates, beautiful music, local wines. 165 W. Bridge Street, Hotchkiss. 970-872-4848 or www.creameryartscenter.org.

Feb. 14-My Funny Valentine, benefit for Magic Circle Players. Montrose Pavilion, 6 p.m. V.I.P. reception. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. General Admission tickets are \$20, Student tickets are \$15, and V.I.P. tickets are \$50, which includes reserved seats and 6 p.m. VIP reception. Tickets are currently on sale at Magic Circle Theatre, 970-249-7838, 420 S. 12th Street, Montrose, the Montrose Pavilion, 970-249-7015, 1800 Pavilion Drive, Montrose, or mcpmyfunnyvalentine.brownpapertickets.com.

Feb. 14-Delta Elks Charity Ball, featuring the David Starr Band. Dinner 6-7 or 7-8 p.m., Dance at 8 p.m. \$50 per couple. For info call 874-3624.

Feb. 15-German Mardis Gras Celebration, Travel Lodge on Horizon Drive in Grand Junction. \$5 cover charge. German Schläger and International Party Music by Alpine Echo. Costume contest and prizes. Costumes optional. For further information call 970-209-9241 or email jkwitt811@gmail.com.

Feb. 17-Region 10 and Delta Chamber of Commerce (301 Main St. in Delta) present Setting Up a Quickbooks Company, 10 a.m. to Noon, Quickbooks Basics, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Call 970-874-8616 for more information or to RSVP.

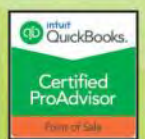
Feb. 17-Dental Health and Resources, Region 10 Enterprise Center, 300 North Cascade, Noon to 1 p.m. No fee, registration required. Call 874-2436 to register or visit www.region10.net.

Feb. 17-Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper, 5 to 7 p.m. Cost is \$5 with a family max of \$15, Montrose United Methodist Church, 19 South Park Ave

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From left, Jaya Case, 11, Baylie Case, 10, and their mother, Darcy ride the Take Four lift at Powderhorn Ski Resort on the Grand Mesa in Colorado on Friday, Feb. 6. Long, slow lift rides will soon be a thing of the past...Powderhorn has announced plans for a \$5 million expansion, including a new high-speed quad chairlift to replace the Take Four lift in 2016. Photos by Barton Glass Photography.

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