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CITY OF MONTROSE DISSOLVES PARKS ADVISORY BOARD AFTER VOLUNTEERS QUESTION STAFF CHANGES



A disc golf player takes advantage of recent warm temperatures to spend some time on the course at Baldridge Park. The City's Parks Advisory Board was disbanded by the City Manager Feb. 5.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—For years, a crowning glory of Montrose has been the City's system of well-maintained public parks and trails. In total, the City of Montrose boasts on its web site of maintaining 29 developed parks, 118 acres of open space and more than 30 miles of concrete trails.

Helping to administer and care for parks over the past 15 years has been the volunteer Montrose Parks Advisory Board (PAB), which is charged with advising City Council and other boards as to capital funding issues, future and immediate park-related projects, land acquisition for parks, modifications to recreation facilities and open space projects. According to the City of Montrose web site, the Montrose Parks Advisory Board also serves as the City's Tree Board, providing guidance for planting, maintaining, and removing trees in parks and other public places.

The volunteer board—which still includes a number of the original members—has served as a liaison between the community and City Council, and performed tasks that Council did not have time to do.

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SO MANY SANBURGS! MONTROSE HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO HONOR SWEDISH SETTLERS, DESCENDANTS

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—The family tree has roots in Sweden, but here in Western Colorado its branches have flourished and grown. The Sanburg family has a Western Slope presence that spans generations, and crosses all walks of life. This month, the Montrose County Historical Society will honor the Sanburgs at its annual Pioneer Social event at the Montrose United Methodist Church (19 South Park Ave.) on Feb. 21.

Kurt Sanburg of Bostwick Park called the event a great honor.

—We appreciate the recognition," Sanburg said.

—When my great-grandfather came here he homesteaded, and my grandpa ranched and farmed. There are Sanburgs in all facets of life today—some are in law enforcement, some are engineers."

Kurt's older sister Susan Humphrey, who has put together a slide show of old family photographs for the event, will serve as emcee. The family's history has already been compiled in a book by Susan's

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Monte Sanburg, 82, holds a copy of the family history compiled by Nadine Sanburg Shannon. "The Sanburg family has kept Montrose history alive," said Montrose Museum Director Sally Johnson.

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UTE INDIAN MUSEUM TO UNDERGO RENOVATION, EXPANSION

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE--One of Montrose's most prestigious institutions is about to get a whole new look, and new amenities as well. The [Ute Indian Museum](#) south of town is scheduled to undergo a major capital construction project in coming months. The Museum, which is overseen by History Colorado, will receive more than \$2.4

million in upgrades—effectively doubling the size of the current facility.

Located on 8.5 acres, the Ute Indian Museum has been under the auspices of History Colorado since 1946, History Colorado information officer Deborah Radman said.

“Our job has been to establish the historic house and museum in honor of Chief



The Ute Indian Museum expansion project is expected to be complete by Nov. or Dec. 2016.

Ouray,” Radman said. “The legislature has approved our capital construction request for \$2.4 million, but after costs escalated, the Joint Budget Committee has approved another \$500,000 to bridge the gap, which the General Assembly will vote on. Once that is approved, we will make our official announcement.”

The construction project, expected to be complete by Nov. or Dec. of 2016, will take the Ute Indian Museum from 4,650 square feet to 8,500, Radman said.

“We are planning to close the Museum and Gift Shop in August, and move into temporary quarters nearby,” she said.

“When we are finished, the Museum will include more rentable event space—it is such a great place for weddings! And we plan to expand and improve our gift shop and our cultural resource library—so many historians and researchers come to work there all the time.

“We will also be redoing the building's exterior, to represent all three Ute Tribes,” she said.

Expect the Native Plants garden to greatly expand as well, Radman said.

“We plan to really spruce that area up, improve the gardens, and place a structure around the patio,” she said. “I plan to visit Montrose in March to see the renderings, and I am very interested in hearing from the community—let us know what you want to see.

“While the museum is closed is a great time to have these conversations,” she said. “So many things are going on in this area—we are

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already providing computers for school children, and space for lectures and events. Please tell us your ideas. We want to get started before we close."

The Museum is also seeking an Assistant Director, according to a news release issued last week by the City of Montrose's Office of Business & Tourism, which has offered "a large, dedicated space" for the Ute Indian Museum to use throughout the

expansion and renovation process.

Longtime Ute Indian Museum Director CJ Brafford said she looks forward to the expansion. "I am very excited about the opportunity being provided to us," Brafford said, "and about the many changes that will come with it." 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. They offer public access to cultural and heritage resources of Colorado, including [statewide museums](#) and special programs for individuals and families, [collection stewardship](#) of Colorado's historic treasures, educational resources for schools, students and teachers, services related to preservation, archaeology and history, and the [Stephen H. Hart Research Library](#).

GRACE OFFERS LEGAL CARE, TAX ADVICE, COUNSELING, LIFE SKILLS HELP

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE— Experts will be onsite at Grace Community Church, located at 16731 Woodgate Road, on Wednesday Feb. 18th from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm. For \$10, attendees will have the opportunity to meet with local attorneys, mental health

professionals. Free services include tax advice, as well as receiving assistance with resume building and job applications. "We understand the need for these types of services and we also know how expensive they can be," said Calvin Schwarz, Executive Pastor at Grace Community Church.

"We just want to meet people where they're at with God's love and offer an immediate benefit." Attend, or call for an appointment. There will be more sessions on every third Wednesday of the month. Information available at [Montrose Grace Center Facebook page](#).

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MEDC ANNUAL LUNCHEON PANEL: AEROSPACE IN COLORADO

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE- Feb. 20, Montrose residents will have the chance to learn more about one of Colorado's most exciting industries—aerospace. This year's Montrose Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) luncheon is entitled Aerospace in Colorado-What it Means to the Western Slope.

The luncheon will build on the information shared at an Oct. 2 Aerospace meeting at Western Skyways in Montrose, the nation's largest aircraft engine repair shop.

“The last event was limited, so we are bringing the speakers back,” MEDC Executive Director Sandy Head said. “Joe Rice (Director of Government Relations for Lockheed Martin Aerospace Company) will lead our panel discussion, and we have Art Maples from NASA—he is the technical advisor for regional partnerships in Colorado.”

Representatives from Sierra Nevada Cor-

poration, Colorado Space Coalition, Colorado Space Business Roundtable and Citizens for Space Exploration will round out the panel of speakers. Subjects to be addressed will include the status of Colorado's aerospace industry; Montrose companies that currently supply goods and services to the State's space industry; new opportunities in aerospace; and the impact of the aerospace industry on Colorado's Western Slope.

“The men who are coming are researching different companies across the Western Slope,” Head said. “It is an opportunity to learn—there is so much that people don't know about our aerospace industry. Yet Colorado has more employees in aerospace per capita than any other state in the nation.” Reservations for the Annual MEDC luncheon must be in by Monday, Feb. 16, she said. The event is from Noon until 2 p.m., and takes place in the Jordan Room at the Holiday Inn Express. Tickets are \$20 for MEDC investors and \$25 for non-



MEDC Director Sandy Head speaks with officials and attendees at the Oct. Aerospace event. Mirror file photo.

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NOMINATION PERIOD FOR RIDGWAY COUNCIL SEATS ENDS FEB. 20

Special to the Mirror

RIDGWAY-Election for four Councilmember seats on the Ridgway Town Council will be April 7, 2015.

The nomination period for the seats begins on Monday, Feb. 2, 2015 and ends on Friday, Feb. 20, 2015 at 5 pm

Contact the Ridgway Town Clerk with any questions, or to receive a nomination packet. For information contact Town Hall at 201 N. Railroad Street, 970. 626.5308 ext. 11 or email pkraft@town.ridgway.com.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET CUTS FORCE LIBRARIES TO CHARGE FOR COPIES OF 2015 TAX FORMS

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-According to Claudia Bishop of the Montrose Regional Library, Congressional cuts to the budget of the Internal Revenue Service have resulted in a loss of funds for local library to offer printed tax forms to citizens. Libraries across the nation are scrambling in the wake of the cuts;

a Feb. 10 article in the [Conway New Hampshire Daily Sun](#) details efforts of librarians there to get answers and obtain enough forms for those without access to the Internet, and the IRS response to their efforts. Here in Montrose, Bishop advises that library patrons unable to access forms online (see links below) that the Montrose

Library has copies of the 1040 A's and 1040 EZ's, and will print copies for patrons at .10 per page.

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ROCKY MT. HEALTH PLANS PRESENTS BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Bridges Out of Poverty will take place March 25, from 9:30 a.m. to Noon at Region 10, 300 North Cascade Ave. in Montrose. Presented by Gail Koehn of Rocky Mountain Health Plans, Bridges Out of Poverty has helped millions

of service providers and businesses whose daily work connects them with the lives of people in poverty. Rocky Mountain Health Plans incorporates Bridges Out of Poverty for their Medicaid Regional Care Collaborative Organization (RCCO) Program, to inform health care workers. Learning Ob-

jectives: Create a true mental model of poverty; Comparisons of the three social classes; Understanding how poverty thinks and communicates; Hidden rules of poverty; Tools and resources that can assist. Contact Gail.Koehn@rmhp.org or call 970-254-5736.



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Mirror Staff Report

MONTROSE--In honor of excellent customer service and hard working grocery staffers everywhere, here is Debbie Armendariz-Wallis from the Montrose Safeway. After 26 years, Debbie still greets shoppers with a bright smile and helpful attitude, and awesome competence. She never forgets a customer. Thank you Debbie!

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Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--Sponsored by Region 10, Reverse Mortgages and the USDA. No one can make a sound financial decision without exploring all options available. If you are interested in an open discussion about is Home Equity Conversion Mortgages (HECM), learn how they are structured and how they may be used in certain situations to meet financial needs or to supplement existing monthly incomes please join us. The USDA will also present on their programs to help with housing modifications and repairs. Located at Region 10, 300 N. Cascade Ave. Registration required: Register online at www.region10.net or call 970.249.2436.

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HOPEWEST BENEFITS FROM DMEA-TRI-STATE RELATIONSHIP

Special to the Mirror

REGIONAL-One of the benefits of being served by an electric cooperative, is that it gives back to your community through sponsorships of local programs. That benefit is extended when your cooperative is, itself, a member of a cooperative.

In this case, local non-profit, HopeWest which provides hospice and palliative care throughout Delta County has received support from not only Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) in the past, but now, from Tri-State Generation and Transmission (tri-State), DMEA's wholesale power provider and partner in community support.

"It's a real pleasure to be a part of this process," said Bill Patterson, DMEA Board Director and Representative to the Tri-State Board. "When we see those sponsorship dollars coming back into our communities, it reminds us about what's unique about the cooperative model." On behalf of Tri-State, Patterson was honored

to present \$1000 check to Delta County HopeWest Development Officer, Jodi Jorns and Bereavement and Child/Teen Program Coordinator, Maggie McCullough.

"[Tri-State's] investment in HopeWest allows us to bring comfort and healing to people in Delta County," said Jorns. "Together we can profoundly change the way our community experiences serious illness and grief-one family at a time."

HopeWest is just one example of a community organization that receives support from Touchstone Energy Cooperatives like DMEA and Tri-State. Community benefits like these are what happens when cooperatives work together.



On behalf of Tri-State Generation and Transmission (Tri-State) DMEA/Tri-State Board Director, Bill Patterson presents a \$1000 check to Maggie McCullough, Delta County HopeWest Bereavement & Child Teen Program Coordinator and Jodi Jorns, Delta County HopeWest Development Officer.



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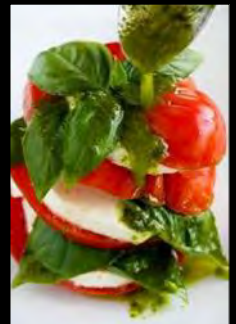
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OPINION/EDITORIAL-LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ABRUPT COUNCIL ACTION RESULTS IN CONFUSION, PARKS BOARD SAYS

The following letters were sent to members of the Montrose City Council this week by the undersigned members of the former Montrose Parks Advisory Board:

To members of the Montrose City Council: On February 5, 2015 we, the undersigned members of the Parks Advisory Board, received an email from William Bell, City Manager. He notified us ~~that~~ the Montrose City Council has opted to dissolve the Parks Advisory Committee immediately." As we were all appointed to serve as regular members of the Parks Advisory Board (not "committee" as referenced by the City Manager in his email) by you, the Montrose City Council, we were disappointed not to hear directly from you, the City Council members.

The City staff has provided us with copies of the 2008 Montrose Comprehensive Plan and the City of Montrose Parks Advisory Board manual which clearly states that this Board is to advise and make recommendations to the City Council and to reflect input from the citizens of Montrose. All of us complied with the City's policy on Volunteer Board Appointments, completed an application for a Volunteer Board position, were interviewed at a City Council meeting, were voted upon by the Council, were appointed to serve on the PAB, and received an official letter from

the Mayor regarding our appointments.

As you are each aware through reviewing our monthly minutes, this PAB has been most active in the past years. Most recently we worked on the Community Garden Project; we recommended to the City Council a name change for the West Main Park; we addressed Sunset Mesa signage and entrance renovation; we reviewed the design of the Hill Street Park; we participated in the site visit to Buckhorn Lakes; we reviewed this Buckhorn project with City staff, Jennifer Spinelli; we endorsed the Audubon Society's efforts on the Marine Road property; we wrote a letter supporting the City of Montrose and Montrose Recreation District Paths to Parks application; and we conducted a site visit regarding a walkway from Niagara Road to East Oak Grove Road with additional access routes to the new recreation center. Although this is not an exhaustive list, it does represent activities recently conducted by the PAB.

What is most distressing to us about the City Council's having ~~opted~~ to dissolve the Parks Advisory *Committee*" is that in our December 8, 2014 meeting, we had Bill Bell, Judy Ann Files, John Harris, and Kerwin Jensen join us. As you read from our minutes, ~~Bill~~ Bell and Judy Ann Files discussed ways to improve and enhance communication between the Parks Adviso-

ry Board and the City Council. ... Bill Bell suggested appointing a Council Liaison to the Parks Board and Judy Ann asked if the Board would like her to start attending the meetings and be a liaison." Garry Baker was endorsed as representing City Staff, and Sharon Dunning was to continue as Secretary of the PAB.

In our January 12, 2015 meeting, the majority of the PAB endorsed expanding our minutes to include points discussed on motions made in the PAB meetings. The purpose of expanding our minutes was to provide a greater range of information to the City Council.

Given the above information, we trust that you can appreciate our confusion and frustration as to why you have dissolved the Parks Advisory Board and why you have chosen not to talk with any of us prior to such an action.

We believe your decision significantly affects the opportunity for citizen input about our parks system, and it changes an important component of the City of Montrose Comprehensive Plan.

We respectfully request a response from the City Council.

Marge Morgenstern, Chairperson

Wayne Quade

Gary Davis

Rocky Helton

Stephen Caldwell

LET'S REINVIGORATE, NOT ABANDON PARKS ADVISORY BOARD

Members of the Montrose City Council:

I respectfully support any effort to re-evaluate the mission of the Parks Advisory Board; however dissolution, if that is the intent, is counterproductive. The city is more than ever in need of a Parks Board to represent citizen interests and flesh out limited staff involvement. There is a reason most towns rely on citizen parks boards. I, myself, have long advocated for a more proactive role for the Parks Board. We could be doing a lot more than we currently do, as you may have noticed in my suggestions for expansion of our mission. What we do not want is to be a mere rubber stamp for staff actions.

Before the letter notifying us of the temporary pause in Parks Board involvement, I had three reports to offer of our ad hoc committee brainstorming efforts. I had started three committees to be able to more effectively work on Parks Board business

under the auspices of the full Board. These three include a Tree Committee, Outreach Committee, and Master Plan Committee. All three have come up with a number of useful suggestions.

I would like to suggest that I work with any of the City Council or City staff to flesh out the role of our reinvigorated Parks Board. With my experience in park and recreation management, as well as my professional involvement and networking through my professional society, the National Park and Recreation Association, I am sure this can offer some benefit to the city.

Kindly let me know when I can meet with any of you or your staff. We are all interested in promoting the role of our parks, trail, and greenways for a healthy community and citizenry.

Sincerely for Parks,

Wayne Quade, CPRP (Certified Parks and

Recreation Professional)

WHY WE NEED CITIZEN INPUT

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To provide monitoring of park and trail use, as well as resource condition and needs

To solicit new ideas and available expertise

To inventory resources and suggest master plan changes or updates

To suggest ways to be more effective, efficient, and better

To recruit park and trail volunteers for specific needs

To educate the public about our recreational resources and how best to utilize and protect them

To adhere to the City of Montrose Comprehensive Plan guidelines for citizen input.

OPINION/EDITORIAL-LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CITY MANAGER DEFENSIVE WHEN QUESTIONED, LATER DISSOLVES BOARD

Montrose City Council Members:

Some 12-15 years ago, the sitting City Council members created the Montrose Parks Advisory Board in order to encourage local citizen input and diversity into the Parks Development of Montrose. It was an attempt to create a liaison between the community and the Council, which would also allow the Parks Advisory Board to undertake the legwork the Council didn't have time to execute. In order for one to become a Parks' Board member the process included a formal application to the Council based on parameters outlined in the Parks' Board Guidelines, also created by the City Council. The process has been a success until recently. The current City Manager made his position clear when I overheard him say recently, "I am a funnel through which everything in the City passes!" This was his method of saying the Parks Advisory Board is unnecessary.

An awkward discussion erupted at the Montrose Parks Advisory Board meeting in December, 2014. When the Advisory Board received its agenda, the first item was Thordy Jacobson's termination as a

Parks' employee. Attending en masse were the City Manager, Judy Files, John Harris, and for part of the meeting, City staffer Kerwin Jensen. Those four attendees had never arrived at a formal Parks' Board meeting before. Why were they here at this meeting? To inform the Parks Advisory Board of what had occurred with Thordy's peremptory leaving?

The agenda line item was the Parks Board's first knowledge that Thordy was gone. Since there have been several other unusual removals of employees recently, the Parks Advisory Board had questions for the City Manager....What was the situation? Why is Thordy gone?

The subsequent explanation/reasons from the City Manager didn't seem to address nor answer their questions, and landed on skeptical Parks Advisory Board members' ears.

As questioning proceeded, the City Manager became defensive and autocratic; when that atmosphere developed the discussion and queries stopped.

The City Manager mandated to Sharon Dunning, secretary, that none of the questions, discussion or commentary in regard

to Thordy Jacobson would be included in the minutes because none of the Parks Advisory Board's commentary was relevant or true; as mandated by the City Manager, none of that segment appeared in those minutes when presented at the subsequent January/2015 Parks' Board meeting. I had the feeling at the end of the December meeting that City Manager would move to eliminate the Montrose Parks Advisory Board and he did.

I have some questions for City Council for which the Parks Advisory Board members deserve answers: 1] Why did City Council decide to discuss the existence of the Parks Advisory Board? Who initiated that discussion? My logic tells me one of the following would have had to introduce the discussion: City Manager, Judy Files, John Harris or Kerwin Jensen. City Council wouldn't have known about the December discussion unless one of those attendees had broached the issue [it was exorcised from the minutes].

City Council had always seemed to appreciate and be pleased with our efforts and performance to date.

Marge Morgenstern, Montrose



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SO MANY SANBURGS! From pg. 1

Aunt Nadine Sanburg Shannon, who traveled to Sweden in the course of her research.

—Knowing about your family and your roots is one of the most important things you can know,” Humphrey said. —It is essential to know where you come from.”

Montrose resident Monte Sanburg, 82, believes one of the most interesting things about his family is its size.

—The Sanburgs are big time in this country,” he said. —I have a lot of relatives, and so many of them still live around here. My great-grandfather Olaf came from Holte, in 1880. He and my grandmother came separately, though she was from Sweden too. They met in Leadville, and moved over to Greeley on the Eastern Slope, and spent several

years farming, and having seven kids. Olaf and the two oldest came here in 1907 to scout things out, and they bought land south of town. Then Olaf went back to the Eastern Slope, loaded all the furnishings, and brought his family over on the train in 1908.

—They settled mostly into agriculture, and ranching cattle and sheep.”

Monte’s father Walter was born in 1912, and was one of four brothers. Of the other three, Harry went to the Paradox Valley, Oscar went to Bostwick Park, and Dick went to Coffeepot and Cerro Summit.

—In later years, the family got bigger and bigger,” said Monte, who was born in 1932. —I’ve got hundreds of cousins, fifth cousins and great aunts!

—I have lived here all my life,” he said. —I was born on a ranch at Riverside, and I picked a lot of potatoes, stacked a lot of hay, pulled a lot of beans, and worked on the farm.”

As a young person, he also spent time hitchhiking around and working in the



The Sanburg Family around 1931, from the collection of Susan Sanburg Humphrey, who will serve as emcee at the Montrose Historical Society Pioneer Social honoring the Sanburgs on Feb. 21.

Paradox Valley. Eventually he went to work for the City Market chain, where he spent 33 years, and later spent a decade doing archaeological tech work in the oil fields near Rangely.

—Then I really retired,” Sanburg said. In addition to his working life, Monte has given his time and energy to the Montrose County Historical Society. He was instrumental in helping to preserve the D&RG Railroad Depot building that now serves as the local historical museum.

—I went to Denver and negotiated with the owner of the Denver & Rio Grande, and they donated the property to the City of Montrose, with a provision that it be rented to the historical society at a cheap rate,” he said. —It was a real mess! The Depot had been abandoned, so my friends, my wife and I spent three or four years cleaning it up and making it fit for the Museum.”

Monte said he looks forward to learning more about the history of his own family at the upcoming Pioneer Social.

—It will be interesting to see what comes

up, and what kind of participation there is,” he said. —There are only so many minutes to talk about all these families! My wife and I have three kids, six grandkids and 19 great-grandchildren. We’re liable to see most of those 19; they’re itty bitty buggers. Most of the families live around here, but a few don’t that I wish could be here. My brother and I married sisters from the Cimarron country, and though my brother has passed on, my wife’s sister can’t be here.

—There are so many other families that have married into ours and become a part of it,” he said. —They are part of the Sanburg history too.”

Myrna Sanburg, a Sanburg by marriage for 44 years, said that she is proud of the whole family and proud to be part of it.

As for the Pioneer Social, —I plan on being there,” Myrna said.

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.



REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

CENTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH AWARDS \$422,575 IN GRANT FUNDS TO YOUTH-SERVING ORGANIZATIONS

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The Center for Mental Health, headquartered in Montrose, Colorado, recently learned that they were awarded \$422,575 collected through marijuana tax dollars to help prevent marijuana use and abuse by youth. The award to the Center was based on the objective that the Center would, in turn, grant dollars to youth-serving organizations, including school districts, through a competitive application process.

By engaging other organizations and agencies, we hoped to employ creative and effective opportunities in reaching high-risk youth. The primary goal of this effort was to make certain that some of these dollars went into each county served by the Center to create a wide distribution of the funds. Affected counties would include Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Montrose, Ouray, and San Miguel. With this approach we knew that we would reach the greatest number of youth.

A second goal was to include youth in the creation and delivery of programs and services, specifically by having youth create messaging and visual images that resounded with their peers. The Center reserved \$18,416 to award youth for these efforts and to publish a brochure for use in primary care and in other locations about the harmful effects of marijuana use and abuse by youth. Awards will be given to youth groups for best efforts and quality and for the use of their products in the brochure.

The project period ends on May 15th of this year and we are told by the State that there will be future opportunities to apply for these funds.

The Center is hopeful that, through this program and through our collaborative partnerships, that many lives will be impacted and wonderful and creative programs and services for youth will be the result.

Gunnison Valley Mentors	\$49,646.50
Hinsdale County School District RE-1	\$3,550.00
Telluride School District	\$33,090.00
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Partners of Delta, Montrose and Ouray	\$36,329.00
Montrose Regional Library District	\$2,000.00
Vista Charter School	\$3,000.00
Montrose Recreation District	\$24,313.00
City of Montrose Youth Council	\$14,310.90
21st Century Community Learning Centers	\$15,000.00
Ouray County School District	\$38,181.00
Drug Free Delta County	\$22,700.00
Delta County School District	\$100,576.00
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CITY DISSOLVES PARKS ADVISORY BOARD From pg 1



Above, families enjoy Ute Park during Youth Appreciation Day in 2014. Mirror File photo.

Board members have been selected through an application process that adhered to the guidelines originally set forth by Council.

“The process has been a success until recently,” said Parks Advisory Board Chair Marge Morgenstern, who has served on the board from its inception.

However, Morgenstern said that she was caught off guard at the PAB meeting of Dec. 8, when the first item listed on the meeting agenda was the resignation of longtime City Parks Supervisor Thordy Jacobson.

“(Former City Park Planner) Dennis Erickson was our mentor,” Morgenstern said, “and Thordy worked very closely with us.

“There is a tree,” she recalled, “near Hill-

crest and South 12th Street, planted with money donated by people in town when my mother died, and every year I buy ornaments to for it. Over the years people have started bringing me ornaments to store for the season ahead...and when it was time, Thordy would always put them up for the community to see and enjoy.”

Morgenstern said she was also surprised recently to find that a longtime public works administrative assistant was also no longer on the job.

“There is no secretary at Public Works, so they are scrambling to find message pads, and answer phones,” she said.

“The City Manager has way too much power; he can hire and fire with impunity, and he is cutting costs everywhere except his own salary.”

Morgenstern details in a letter to City Council (See Mirror Op/Ed pg) what happened when members of the Parks Advisory Council began to question Bell about Jacobson’s departure.

“A questioning proceeded, the City Manager became defensive and autocratic; when that atmosphere developed the discussion and queries stopped,” Morgenstern wrote. “The City Manager mandated to Sharon Dunning, secretary, that none of

the questions, discussion nor commentary in re: Thordy Jacobson would be included in the minutes because none of the Parks Advisory Board’s commentary was relevant nor true, and, as mandated by the City Manager, none of that segment appeared in those minutes when presented at the subsequent January/2015 Parks’ Board meeting. I had the feeling at the end of the December meeting that City Manager would move to eliminate the Montrose Parks Advisory Board and he did.”

Though an agenda is posted on the City’s web site for the [PAB meeting of Jan. 12](#), none is posted for the board’s final meeting of Feb. 9.

That’s because on Feb. 5, Bell acted to dissolve the Parks Advisory Board.

“I got a letter from him that began ‘Dear Marjorie,’” Morgenstern said, “saying that he had opted to dissolve the Parks board immediately.”

PAB Member Wayne Quade, who has also served on the board since its inception, said that he hopes to negotiate with the City to instead “reinvigorate” the Parks Advisory Board.

“I am trying not to be critical,” Quade said, “But as a community we SHOULD be soliciting citizen input, and we don’t want to be a rubber stamp for City staff.

“I hope we can negotiate something and move forward.”

Though minutes of PAB meetings are consistent through Nov. of 2014, no minutes are posted in the City’s documents archive for meetings that follow.

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ABRAMS GETS CITY CONTRACT WITHOUT PUBLIC BID PROCESS

Mirror Staff Report

MONTROSE—Perhaps the biggest story coming out of the City of Montrose over the past week is one that has not been listed on any City Council agenda to date.

As announced proudly in the *Montrose Daily Press* Sunday, local Josh Freed—who has family ties to the City and sits on several local boards including the City's Planning Commission—and his company, Abrams, were retained to handle a major marketing contract for the Office of Business & Tourism. The award was announced after the fact, without, apparently, a competitive and transparent public process.

A check of the [Abrams' web site](#) reveals that the company has more than doubled its staff in the past month, while Kelly Rhoderick, who previously worked for Abrams, has jumped to a high profile marketing position with the City of Montrose. Like the \$30K data analytics report that was noted as the basis for hiring Abrams in the Press article, none of these items appear to have been brought before Council in a public meeting.

The work session scheduled for Feb. 16 has been cancelled, and Tuesday's Council Meeting agenda for Feb. 17 includes a proclamation of support from the City's Youth Council for the Paths to Parks project; approval of the Council consent agenda and minutes.

Also on the agenda is consideration of Resolution 2015-06 and an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Montrose Rec District (IGA) in support of a Paths to Parks Great Outdoors Colorado (GoCo) grant prepared by City Grant Coordinator Janet Freed, Planning Services Manager Kerwin Jensen, and Montrose Recreation District Director Ken Sherbenou for completion of a Montrose Underpass connecting the Recreation Center to the River Trail and Baldrige Park. The City will also consider **Second Revised Resolution 2015-03, authorizing the filing of an application requesting up to \$600,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds through the Colorado Department of Local Affairs to construct a food bank at 49 North First Street** (the new Sharing Ministries Facili-

ty); consideration of the **transfer of a Retail Liquor Store liquor license** at 1840 E. Main Street from Discount Cigarettes and Wine LLC, d.b.a. Discount Cigarettes and Wine, to Mangum Enterprises, Inc., d.b.a. Bear Creek Liquor, for consumption off premises; and **consideration of the transfer of a Hotel and Restaurant liquor license** at 235 N. First Street from Luz Munoz, d.b.a. Ah Chihuahua, to Ay Jalisco LLC, d.b.a. Ay Jalisco, for consumption on premises. Council will consider Second Readings of Ordinance 2350, an ordinance of the City of Montrose, Colorado, pertaining to the amendment of consumption in parks; Ordinance 2351, an ordinance pertaining to the amendment of the Municipal Code Chapter 1-2, General Provisions, and Chapter 1-14, Municipal Court; Ordinance 2352 pertaining to the amendment of the Municipal Code Chapter 3-1, Trash and Recycling Collection; and Ordinance 2353, an ordinance of the City of Montrose, Colorado, pertaining to the amendment of the City's Municipal Code Chapter 3-5, City Distributed Water and Sanitary Sewer Collection Systems.

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POETS D.R. GOODMAN AND CHARLES POTTS COME TO COLORADO



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Special to the Mirror

TELLURIDE-Talking Gourds Poetry Club is happy to offer two special poetry events beyond our normal First Tuesdays: visits by California poet D.R. Goodman and the legendary Charles Potts of Walla Walla, Washington.

D.R. Goodman will be the featured reader as a special performance Tuesday, Feb. 17, at 6 p.m. at Arroyo's Telluride. A native of East Tennessee, Goodman lives now in Oakland where she is founder and chief

martial arts instructor at the Cuong Nhu Redwood Doho. Her poetry has appeared in several journals, such as *Crazyhorse*, *Notre Dame Review*, *Wisconsin Review*, *Cold Mountain Review*, *Whitefish Review*; and the an-

thology, *Sonnets: 150 Contemporary Sonnets*. She is the author of *The Kids' Karate Workbook: A Take-Home Training Guide for Young Martial Artists* (North Atlantic/Blue Snake Books); and an illustrated chapbook, *Birds by the Bay*. Her latest, a book of poetry, *Greed: A Confession* was a finalist for the 2013 Able Muse Book Award.

John Oliver Simon has called Potts "the most notorious neglected poet in America." A counter-culture hero, Charles edited *Litmus* magazine when he lived in

Berkeley and moved to Walla Walla where he was famous for *Temple* magazine and its accompanying bookstore. One of his many recent books is the brilliant *Inside Idaho: Poems, 1996-2007* (West End Press, 2009). His reading on Thursday evening, May 5th will take place at a private party in Placerville. Anyone interested in attending, call Art at 970-729-0220 for an invitation.

Talking Gourds is a program of the Telluride Institute in partnership with the Wilkinson Library, the Montrose Regional Library, Between the Covers Bookstore, Ah Haa School for the Arts, Telluride Arts District, Arroyo Telluride and the newly formed Telluride Literary Arts. Members meet monthly, on first Tuesday evenings, at Arroyo Fine Art Gallery & Wine Bar at 220 E. Colorado Ave. (next door to Telluride Hardware), beginning at 6 p.m. The same guests appear at the Montrose Regional Library (320 S. 2nd St.) on the next day, Wed. Feb. 4th at 6 p.m. We are indebted to generous donations by Audrey Marnoy, Peter Waldor and the Montrose Friends of the Library.

PRIDE AND PREJUDICE OPENS AT MAGIC CIRCLE THEATRE MARCH 22

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Magic Circle Theatre's production of *Pride and Prejudice*, a novel by Jane Austen and dramatized by Jane Kendall, is replete with intrigue, comic moments and a happy ending. *Pride and Prejudice*, widely considered one of the premier novels in English literature, is a favorite for adaptation to the stage.

Directed by British-born Jane Pierrepont, and assisted by Ginny Spaven, this adaptation portrays the studied behaviors of the privileged upper class in England's 19th Century: good manners, dutiful upbringing, unblemished morality, cultured education, and the estate-preserving marriages of

the landed gentry. Upper class marriages were an economic necessity for English women, many of whom only had small inheritances. For the Bennets, with five daughters, it is apparent that this is of the foremost importance to Mrs. Bennet who is distraught about the family estate being entailed by law to Mr. Collins, a cousin and nearest male relative to Mr. Bennet.

Equally interested in marrying well are several male suitors: the wealthy and sociable Mr. Bingley; his best friend, the extremely rich and aloof Mr. Darcy; and the charming, yet untrustworthy Mr. Wickham. Mr. Collins provides a distinct contrast to these polished gentlemen, for he is

pedantic, pompous, and deliciously awkward.

Making their first appearances on the Magic Circle stage are Mitch Hamilton (Mr. Bennet), Jennifer Moreland (Jane), Nikole James (Elizabeth), Elizabeth Mueller (Lydia), Ryan Mathias (Wickham), Amber Boyd (Miss Bingley) and Tiffany Rae (Charlotte Lucas).

Magic Circle veterans who complete the cast are Lisa Rediger (Mrs. Bennet), Shannon Rediger (Mary), Katelyn Rediger (Catherine), Troy Lee (Darcy), Bob Allyn (Bingley), Tony Roberts (Collins), Tania Hajjar (Lady Lucas), Cynthia Hight (Lady Catherine) and Nick Hoppner (Hill).

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

INCREASE IN COLORADO MOTOR VEHICLE FATALITIES RELATED TO SPEED, IMPAIRED DRIVING AND NOT WEARING SEAT BELTS

Special to the Mirror

STATEWIDE—According to a report released by the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), the total number of motor vehicle fatalities in Colorado increased for the second time in seven years in 2013, after steadily declining between 2007 and 2011. There were 481 motor vehicle fatalities in 2013, a 1.9 percent increase in fatalities from 2012, in which there were 472 fatalities. The FY2015 Problem Identification Report provides an annual description of motor vehicle crash characteristics for crashes within the state. The report shows that speeding-related fatalities, unrestrained passenger vehicle occupant fatalities, and fatalities with a driver impaired by alcohol accounted for the three largest proportions of the 481 motor vehicle deaths in 2013: 177 (36.8 percent), 150 (31.2 percent), and an estimated 134 (27.9 percent), respectively.

Though the five year trend data show speeding and alcohol-related fatalities to be improving, the number of unrestrained passenger vehicle occupant fatalities increased 5.4 percent between 2009 and 2013 and by 12.0 percent between 2012 and 2013. —Focusing prevention efforts on

these three areas provides the greatest opportunity to impact the total number of fatalities,” said Darrell Lingk, Director of the Office of Transportation Safety at CDOT. —But there are many other traffic safety issues that also need attention, such as pedestrian safety and impaired driving involving marijuana and other drugs. Local community efforts provide critical programs that help move the needle in terms of decreasing motor vehicle fatalities and serious injury crashes,” he added.

To address the traffic safety issues in the report, CDOT’s Office of Transportation Safety offers grant funds through the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) to agencies, organizations and tribal governments within the State of Colorado that provide programs, projects, services and strategies that are intended to reduce the number of deaths and serious injuries resulting from traffic crashes on Colorado roadways. Grant applications are due April 1, 2015. Priority funding is given for projects that address key traffic safety issues in the state, including impaired driving, occupant protection, pedestrian safety, and distracted driving.

In an effort to help organizations plan for

long term success, the grant period will be three years instead of one as in previous years. The first year grant cycle will begin on or after Oct. 1, 2015. Funding for the second and third years will be based on satisfactory performance, adherence to the program specifications, the availability of funding and the submission of required second and third year application and budget updates.

Detailed information, including the application and the FY15 Problem Identification Report, is available at:

<https://www.codot.gov/business/grants/safetygrants/ots-fy-2016-funding-opportunities>


The total projected funding available is \$3.5 million and the average award amount typically ranges from \$50,000-\$75,000. The Request For Application (RFA) process kicks off during a webinar on February 11, 2015 at 10:00 am, which covers the 2015 Problem Identification Report and the FY16 grant funding process.

The webinar can be viewed at:

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WEST CENTRAL WOMEN OF INFLUENCE...JUDY ANN FILES



Judy Ann Files
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Interview by Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-Judy Ann Files retired from teaching after 38 years; 35 of those years were with the Montrose School District RE-1J. In 2012 and 2014 she was elected in consecutive two-year terms to the Mont-

rose City Council as the At-Large representative and has served as both Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem. She is currently Chairwoman for the Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

Growing up in an average home Judy Ann never thought of herself as a leader. She laughed, "I was going to be a stay-at-home mom." During her high school and college years others dropped clues and made suggestions about her leadership potential, but she was more career focused.

When her own daughter became a teenager Judy Ann saw the need for more women's equality, and it was in the 1970's that she realized she could no longer sit back if she wanted her voice heard. "I had been doing my own personal thing, but to effect

change I had to put up, or shut up."

During her teaching tenure one supervisor needed to address a situation in Judy Ann's class, however he made the fatal mistake of sidestepping Judy Ann and taking the issue to her husband Ralph, who was also a teacher. Judy Ann confronted the principal, who was surprised by her assertiveness. "I don't think men always know how they are coming across until a woman points it out. Their actions are not intentional, they're just not aware of how they're perceived."

Judy Ann's style of leadership includes being a role model, an active listener, and networking. "It's important to listen to everyone and prompt them to fully express themselves." She laughed, "That doesn't mean I always agree with them." Judy Ann feels that women who are overly forceful can alienate others. "Sometimes women need to be more creative." Identifying a pitfall that some leaders make is the need to take credit for everything that is accomplished. "The idea may come from one person, but input from others helps it grow to become the best it can be. You don't have to take credit for having an idea."

Judy Ann describes her relationship with the media as excellent. "I think the press [Daily Press] wants to promote positive things and I do positive things. I've never

gotten any bad press." Recently Judy Ann was selected by readers of the *Montrose Daily Press* as the "Best Elected Official for 2014."

When asked if she had any aspirations of running for higher office Judy Ann said, "No, because of my age." She laughed, "I'm getting too old for this — I need to get back to retirement!" In the 1970's Judy Ann thought about running for City Council, but at the time she was told not to bother because it was a position for businessmen only. "I have some good qualities for higher office, but age is a factor. I'm sorry that this [being an elected official] didn't happen 20 years ago." Judy Ann credits serving on City Council for building up her self-worth.

"It has been a tremendous boost to my self-confidence. I think it's knowing that someone had enough faith in me to elect me; that what I am doing is positive and credible."

Judy Ann's advice to would-be leaders: "Get involved, go to meetings and learn as much as you can. It's possible to effect change only if you are part of the process. Don't walk into a meeting expecting to wing it; be prepared and do your homework."

Be realistic — you can't please everyone!"

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WRITER GAIL MARVEL VISITS THE SPIRITUAL AWARENESS CENTER



By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE—The meditative music and flickering candle light wafted through the darkened room, but nothing was going to deter Sadie the dog from welcoming me with a wagging of her docked tail. My visit to the Spiritual Awareness Center took place on Dec. 21, 2014. This day the program for the inclusive metaphysical community was the Winter Solstice Celebration and, including Sadie, we numbered 20.

The service began by attendees gathering around an Advent candle where announcements were given and prayers were said for peace on earth, health issues, the spiritual family and Mother Earth. We then moved to the sacred circle — a circle of chairs surrounding a large lit candle, small drums and tambourines. A few people walked single file completely around the circle while others simply took their seats. Rev. Tony presided over the service and explained that during the service there would be three silent meditations and we were invited to sing along with the choir.

Readings, meditations, quotes and chants were listed in the bulletin. The selections came from a variety of sources; many of which were unidentified, while others were referenced by title, or author's name: *Black Elk Speaks*, Marianne Williamson, Pat King, the Eskimo people, and Judith

Laura.

This is an all-inclusive group, meaning all religions are welcome; however, this particular service was heavily weighted toward Pantheism (nature being identical with divinity) and the worship of Mother Earth. —We're all rooted in the same earth — we drink from the same well; breathe the same air, and need the same sun."

Rev. Tony led a guided meditation, which included the relaxation technique of taking four deep breaths, expelled in the four directions. —Think of roots growing out of your feet into the ground. Feel them growing into Mother Earth. Feel yourself breathe in good energy. First to your ankles, to your knees, to your hips, fill your torso. With healing energy down your arms, feel the roots and leaves grow out of your finger tips and shoot out the top of your head in a healing light. Feel your roots in Mother Earth and entangled with others." I looked over at Sadie and had to laugh, this dog was seriously relaxed!

Some songs and chants were performed a cappella; while others had individual accompaniment played by Rev. Tony using a keyboard, guitar, harp, maracas, drums and tambourine.

Describing the feelings one might have during the Winter Solstice Rev. Tony said, —[For some] the holiday season seems commercialized; it's dark, cold and ex-

hausting; full of pain and fear; as though you've gone to the underworld. You are afraid spring will never come." Rev. Tony then focused on spring and coming back into the light, but his reference to a child was unclear; whether he meant a *son*-child (as in the Son of God) or a *sun*-child (described in Gnostic writings).

Rev. Arlyn Macdonald contributed to the service by quoting Marianne Williamson and then asking, —What is your light? Meditate and think about what is your light. Spirituality resides in the earth, sun and water. We are brighter when our light shines together."

The offering basket was passed and curiously, people were not only putting their offering in, but they were also taking something out. I laughed to myself wondering how the math would work out in this scenario. When the basket came to me I took out a folded strip of white paper, my paper had a blue clipart angel in one corner, said —The Angel of Friendship is by your side." The service concluded by singing all three verses of —Silent Night."

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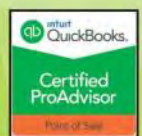
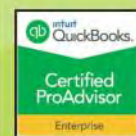
Speaking to the disciples of John the Baptist, Jesus said, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see ..." (Matt 11:4 NIV).

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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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE BY SENATOR ELLEN ROBERTS

2015 ISSUES INCLUDE PARENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS, WATER CONSERVATION, RURAL FIRE DISTRICTS

We're already about a third of the way into the 2015 legislative session. Bills are being heard in committees, and, if approved, move to the senate floor for debate and possible passage there.

As chairwoman of the judiciary committee, I spend additional time planning the committee's schedule and working with bill sponsors. Starting this session, with advance planning, citizens can testify on bills heard in committee using the option of remote testimony, live-streamed over the internet from Colorado Mesa University's campus in Grand Junction rather than having to drive to Denver. This was recently tested out on a couple of bills in my judiciary committee and things went well. This remote testimony option is hoped to be expanded in the future to other sites.

My bill regarding water conservation education for land-use planners has passed the hurdle of the appropriations committee with bipartisan support from Front Range legislators. With each committee, I have an opportunity to discuss the importance of making sure Colorado's water resources are used wisely, now and in the future.

Another bill I'm sponsoring passed the Senate, allowing citizens in sparsely populated areas without a formal fire district to

organize a volunteer fire department as a nonprofit organization. This would enable them to apply for state grants and equipment to fight fires. Unfortunately, with the lack of moisture this winter so far, wildfire season is already arriving all too soon.

Two other bills of mine passed last week, one that streamlines state and federal banking laws applying to consumer lending and another requesting the federal government fulfill its responsibility to provide regular and adequate funding for fire suppression and federal firefighting air-tankers.

Amid the committee work and presenting my own bills, we're spending an increasing amount of time on the senate floor for debate. One controversial bill recently debated is the "Parent's Bill of Rights." While characterized differently depending on who's looking at the bill language, I support the bill because of its focus on strengthening the parental safety net under each child.

The bill calls for greater transparency and decision-making left to parents in raising their children. It provides for increased engagement between parents and teachers as well as between parents and a child's healthcare provider. For years, teachers have told me that parental connection

needs strengthening and, simultaneously, parents have decried a sense of increasing powerlessness over their child's life. Many of my constituents feel that governmental decision-making has overtaken their parental responsibilities.

Reality today is that many parents spend far fewer waking hours with their kids than other adults in the children's lives. This may be due to economic necessity or job requirements. Yet, many of the challenges we face at the legislature related to children and their education and care remind me that, despite time limitations, parental responsibility, engagement and support are crucial for any child to succeed in school and later as an adult.

I believe strongly that the best role for government in these circumstances is to provide the parents with the most complete information and tools necessary to provide the primary foundation for each child. Transparency and access to their child's information are key and, barring real rather than conjectured endangerment, so is allowing parental choice to take the lead in a child's life.

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4H OFFERS A FULL SLATE OF PROJECTS, PROGRAMS FOR 2015

BACK TO 4H NIGHT IS MARCH 5



Youth work with livestock at the 4H beef weigh-in earlier this month.
Courtesy image Montrose County Fair & Rodeo.

By Liesl Greathouse

MONTROSE—As we look forward to warmer weather, sunny skies and relief from cabin fever, kids and adults can also look forward to the fun of 4-H events in 2015.

Brandon Creamer has been part of 4-H, the largest youth program in the world, since he was a kid. Today he works as a 4-H Youth Development Program Associate, working to promote the program and share his love of it with other people. "I wish that people didn't have the mindset that 4-H is just about livestock," he said. "What people see 4-H as is what they see at the Fair. But there is so much more that I wish people knew about 4-H."

To help promote the program, the local 4-H Council has hired someone in charge of 'school enrichment', who will work to promote 4-H in local schools. "We want to be more involved in getting people who may not have known about 4-H," Creamer said. "We want to promote the program to the community as something that is a whole lot more than just the county Fair."

The upcoming Spring and Summer months include a lot of fun activities promoting all the various parts of 4-H.

March is the kick-off month, with Back to 4-H Night on March 5, 3-8 p.m. There will be demonstrations, livestock, and kid's booths that show the whole aspect of 4-H, designed to engage people and get them involved.

April will be about meat quality assurance for livestock. "It will help educate kids about shots, feeding, and maintenance for animals for high quality product," Creamer explained. "It helps kids understand what it is like to be a producer and the idea behind the quality of the product."

May 15 will be sheep and goat weigh-ins.

June will keep the livestock side of 4-H busy with a Livestock Field Day on June 6, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. "We invite people with beef, sheep, swine, goats and more to the Fairgrounds," Creamer explained. "We bring in professionals who know what they are doing to help mentor participants in how to feed, wash and get their animals ready for Fair."

June also ramps up the intensity and fun just before the Montrose County Fair by featuring the annual BBQ fundraiser on June 12, 4-8 p.m. at Friendship Hall in Montrose. Tickets can be purchased at the door, through 4-H members or at the CSU Extension Office. "The fundraiser will feature general projects, a silent auction, and BBQ pork and beef," Creamer said. "It is our money maker for the year and my favorite event. I'm expecting bigger, different things that will make it fun and challenging."

With currently 211 members (with the cut off date for membership being May 1), Creamer's main goal for 4-H in 2015 is to get more members more actively involved. Part of that includes getting more leaders involved, one of the best ways people can help with the organization. "We need leaders in whatever specialty they are in, such as science, sewing, rockets, etc.," Creamer explained. "All they have to do is call us. We are trying to get leaders more involved with the 4-H program by presenting clinics and workshops on their specialty."

Creamer's favorite part of 4-H is working with the youth. "I definitely see the youth set and achieve their goals with my help," he said. "Being around the youth, I get to watch them grow and succeed at what they do."

Creamer hopes to help give people a different perception of 4-H. "It's not just plows and cows," he said. "From a livestock standpoint we do have people with cows, horses, sheep, poultry, dogs, rabbits, etc. But we are also entering a new phase that will also have other general projects, like cake decorating, sewing, rockets, leather craft, wood work, and so much more. People don't understand all that we do because they have a perception of 4-H. That means that there is a lot that kids in urban areas are missing out on."

For more information about joining, whether as a participant or leader, visit the Colorado State University Extension office at Friendship Hall, 1001 N. 2nd Street in Montrose or call 970.249.3935.

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LIFE SKILLS, COLLEGE READINESS AMONG 4H BENEFITS

Mirror Staff Report

MONTROSE—The 4H kids who turn out for Montrose County Fair week every year to show off their hard work and project displays are doing more than learning about livestock, shooting sports, or cake decorating; they are learning how to document their accomplishments as they go and attaining valuable life skills.

Claire Clemens, a 2012 Montrose High School graduate now studying at Colorado State University, earned awards for her gardening projects while in 4H, but also took classes in baking and food preparation. Now, Clemens is grateful for those classes.

“4H has been very useful when it comes to feeding myself,” she said. “For years in the baking program really helped me learn to cook. Now that I am a college student I don’t eat lots of frozen meals—I eat cheaply and healthfully.”

4H students have more than 50 projects to choose from, and one of the most popular has nothing to do with livestock, Tri-River Area Extension 4H Administrative Assistant Stephanie Conley said.

“Shooting sports are among our biggest draws,” she said. “We have a pilot program called Western Heritage that teaches the history of firearms, and includes a

manual that talks about the old West, antique handguns, and the use of arms. Students also learn and dress in the attire of that age.”

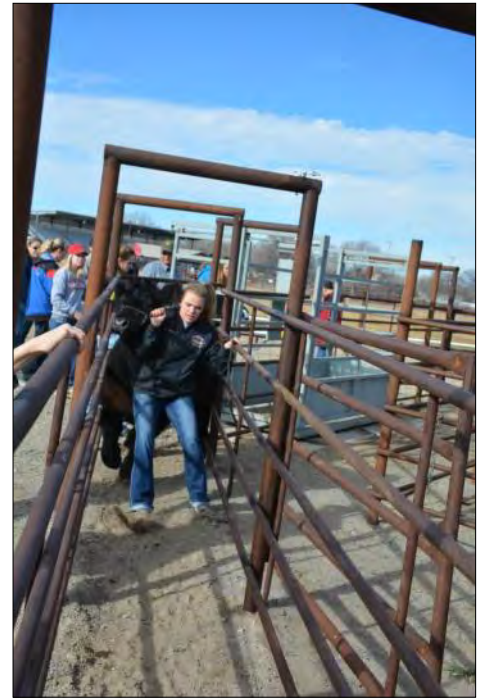
Montrose is one of eight counties statewide taking part in the pilot program, she said, and one of just two (with Mesa County) on the Western Slope. Other project possibilities include livestock of all kinds, dogs and cats, pocket pets, entomology, clothing construction, rocketry, and many others, Conley said.

“Statistics show that kids who are in 4H are more likely to go to college and succeed,” Conley said.

Upcoming Montrose County 4H events include Back to 4H Night March 5 (see related story in this issue of the Mirror), the District 10 Campout for members age 8 to 18 at Friendship Hall March 6-8, a Field Day for livestock June 6, and the annual 4H BBQ at Friendship Hall June 12. “Back to 4H Night is a great experience, to see the different types of projects and demonstrations,” Conley said.

“Montrose-Ouray Extension Agent Brandon Creamer will be there, and so will Nicole Goza, our 4H After School Program agent.”

The 2015 4H enrollment period ends May 1, she said. To learn more, call the



A 4Her works with her project at the 2015 Beef weigh in. Courtesy photo [Montrose County Fair & Rodeo](#).

Tri-River Area Extension office at 970.249.3935.

HONORABLE MENTION

To Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA), for re-considering its broadband policy and authorizing further exploration of business plans for low-cost, high-speed consumer broadband...

...and to [Hank Lohmeyer and the Delta County Independent](#) for reporting on this important issue!

To WildFlower Boutique in Ouray...for “green” clothing, bright colors, and great service!!!

To the dedicated volunteers who serve on community boards and non-profit organizations—you are the backbone of so many services on the Western Slope, and the leaders who show the way forward...

To the Montrose Parks Advisory Board, for years of service that helped produce a system of community parks in which we all can take pride...

And to our readers, thank you too!

LOCAL NON-PROFITS ALWAYS NEED VOLUNTEERS!

By Caitlin Switzer

REGIONAL-In a small community, those who give their time and energy as volunteers are the backbone of many essential programs. While Sharing Ministries Food Bank (970.240.8385), located at 121 North Rio Grande, and the Warrior Resource Center (970.765.2210) at 11 South Park are both excellent places to lend a hand, there are a number of less obvious but very necessary non-profit organizations that can also use a little extra help.

At Mexican American Development Association (MADA), the mission is “to help people,” Director Beth Reideler said. Volunteers are essential to that goal, she added. MADA (970.249.4774) operates a free area for those in need, and volunteers take in donations, organize things and keep the area clean, she said.

“We have some really good volunteers,” Reideler said. “We depend on them. They see what needs done before we do! They take care of building maintenance, cleaning, anything in general that needs done.”

MADA was started in 1972, she said, and is located at 17 North 6th St. Interested volunteers can call or come by, Reideler said.

Partners Mentoring is an excellent place to help a young person get a good start in life, Partners Board Chair Brad Switzer said. “We are always in need of Senior Partners, especially men,” Switzer said. “Our primary mission is to provide appropriate adult role models to serve as mentors for at-risk youth.”

Partners, located at 315 South 7th Street, can be reached at 970.249-1116.

If promoting an active electorate and a thriving Democracy are important to you, the Montrose County League of Women voters also welcomes new members willing to volunteer—visit the web site at <http://www.montrose.co.lwvnet.org/>.

And if you have the time and heart to lend a hand on behalf of wildlife, Olathe Rancher Brenda Miller can use your assistance with administrative and other tasks for her non-profit, Roubideaux Rim Wildlife Rescue. Roubideaux Rim Wildlife Rescue (970.209.5946) is licensed by Colorado Division of Wildlife and the US Fish and Wildlife Service to take in, rehabilitate and eventually release wildlife that has been injured, sick, orphaned, or habituated to humans.

“You have to be able to get personal satisfaction from caring for wildlife and the environment in which we all live,” Miller said. “I have met so many amazing people over the years! What I need help with right now is putting out our newsletter—

preferably someone who can take it over. I need to be out fixing fence this time of year, and we’ll be calving in March. If I had someone to help, we could put the newsletter out more often and tell some of the amazing wildlife stories we have experienced.” Miller, who has been licensed to perform wildlife rescue work for 18 years, started her non-profit six years ago. She also needs volunteers to help move two large flight cages in the near future.



Roubideaux Rim Wildlife Rescue can use help putting together a regular newsletter on behalf of those they assist (above). Courtesy image.

“We have funds to pay for fuel,” she said, “and we have donated cages. We can move them in April or May, and we will need people with trailers to help.”

Roubideaux Rim Wildlife Rescue is also seeking a new location, one that is more accessible to volunteers and still amenable to the needs of wildlife. Miller said she welcomes new ideas as well as volunteers, and can be reached via email at rwild-liferehab@gmail.com.

Valerie Meyers' Weekly Monday



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ESTATE PLANNING BASICS

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--"Estate Planning Basics", Tuesday, March 10th, 4:30-5:30 pm; Sponsored by Region 10 and Brown and Brown P.C. Learn basic estate planning essentials including the difference between wills and trusts and how to use a power of attorney to round out your estate plan. Learn the difference between probate and non-probate assets and how they are affected by your will, how trusts can be used to protect your heirs and your assets, and the good, bad and ugly of the use of powers of attorney. Cost: Free Location: Region 10, 300 N. Cascade Ave. Registration is required. Call [\(970\) 243-8250](tel:9702438250) or at www.browncandbrownpc.com.



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

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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.



REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

CITY REMINDER ON HOLIDAY TRASH COLLECTION SERVICE

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The City of Montrose reminds customers that scheduled residential trash collections falling on a city-observed holiday will be rescheduled to occur on another day of the same week.

Note that recycling collections that occur on a city-observed holiday will be delayed until the customer's next scheduled collection day. For Presidents' Day holiday on Monday, Feb. 16, 2015, collections for

addresses south of San Juan Avenue/Highway 50 will occur on Tuesday, Feb. 17th. Collections for addresses north of San Juan Avenue/Highway 50 will occur on Wednesday, February 18th. Alternative trash collection days apply only to customers whose normal collection day falls on the holidays shown. All non-holiday collection days will not be affected. This year's city-observed holidays are: New Year's Day, Presidents' Day, Memorial

Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

To view the "Holiday Schedule and Routes Map" document for information about holiday collection schedules and for additional information about the city's sanitation and recycling services, please visit www.CityofMontrose.org/trash. Customers with questions about holiday collection schedules can also call [\(970\) 240-1480](tel:9702401480).

LOVE YOUR PET AND SUPPORT BLACK CANYON ANIMAL SANCTUARY

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE – In conjunction with Montrose Community Foundation's 28 Days of Generosity, Chow Down Pet Supply and Alpine Bank are teaming up to support Black Canyon Animal Sanctuary. Starting Tuesday, Feb. 17 through Friday, Feb. 20 you can make a donation of pet food at Chow Down Pet Supply or any of the three Alpine Bank locations in Montrose and

Delta. Alpine Bank & Chow Down together will match all donations collected throughout the week. As an added bonus for every person that shops at Chow Down in Montrose on Friday, Feb. 20 (Love Your Pet Day), they will get a free gift for their pets from Alpine Bank. Love Your Pet Week – Tuesday, February 17 – Friday, Feb. 20. Presented by: Chow Down Pet Supply and Alpine Bank, Supporting:

Black Canyon Animal Sanctuary. Alpine Bank locations: 2770 Alpine Drive; Montrose, CO 81401; 1400 East Main Street; Montrose, CO 81401; 1660 Highway 92; Delta, CO 81416; Chow Down Pet Supply location: 202 West Main Street; Montrose, CO 81401. For information please contact Allison Nadel, Alpine Bank Regional Marketing Coordinator at 254-2732 or allison-nadel@alpinebank.com.

CITY HONORS EMPLOYEES FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE – City Engineer Scott Murphy and Director of Innovation and Citizen Engagement Virgil Turner have been recognized for their outstanding service to the City of Montrose.

At a recent awards ceremony, Scott Murphy was honored as the city's 2014 Employee of the Year, and Virgil Turner received the Manager's Excellence in Service Award.

Scott has worked in his current position since 2013 and has lead several large capital improvement projects including the Montrose Water Sports Park recently constructed on the Uncompahgre River. This project has been widely anticipated and will be an asset for years to come.

His nomination stated, "Scott has produced a high quantity and quality of work, and his extra effort has contributed to the successful completion of many projects

over the past year." The Manager's Excellence in Service Award recognizes directors and managers who extend themselves well beyond their normal job duties in an effort to make a better place in which to live, work and raise a family.

Virgil has worked for the City for more than 26 years and in his current position since 2013.

Virgil has become a nationwide expert in broadband technology and has been working to make Montrose a Gigabit city, thus putting Montrose on the virtual map. Being

a leader in broadband will give Montrose an edge in attracting new businesses and industry to the area, all while providing citizens with a faster internet service.



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Hold the Date! Upcoming Business and Cultural Events

ONGOING-

FREE FAMILY LAW CLINIC—LAST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH, Montrose County Courthouse (Leslie German self-help center) at 1200 North Grand, Noon to 1:30 p.m. Sponsored by Uncompahgre Volunteer Legal Aid and the 7th Judicial District Bar Association. Call 970-249-7202 for information.

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-

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

Feb. 18—Colorado Archaeological Society, Chipeta Chapter, 7 p.m. at Montrose United Methodist Church, South First and Park.

Feb 18 — 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm, Caring Conversations - Caregiver Support Group - This month's topic will be "Coping with Guilt" led by Danielle McCarthy. Respite care is available for the loved ones you care for with planned activities from Therapeutic Recreation staff. Hosted by and held at Senior Community Care PACE, 2377 Robins Way, Montrose. Please RSVP to Tai Blair, 970-901-7768.

Feb. 18—Grace Community Church will offer low cost professional services from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Grace Community Church is located at 16731 Woodgate Road. For \$10, attendees will have the opportunity to meet with local attorneys, mental health professionals. Free services include tax advice, as well as receiving assistance with resume building and job applications.

Feb. 19—West End Bike Alliance, meets at Glockson Bldg in Norwood, 6:30 p.m. Call 970-428-2276 for info.

Feb. 20—Aerospace in Colorado, Montrose Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) Annual Luncheon Mtg, Holiday Inn Express, Noon to 2 p.m. Panel to feature Joe Rice of Lockheed Martin Aerospace, Systems. RSVP by Feb. 18 to Patricia at 970-249-9438.

Feb. 20-21—Montrose Home, Garden, Business Expo—Friendship Hall, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

Feb. 22—Auditions for Magic Circle Theatre —Theatre for Children, Production of The Prince Who Wouldn't Talk, 2 to 4 p.m. Magic Circle Theatre.

Feb. 25—Lenten Music at Noon - Featuring various local artists, Noon-12:30pm, Montrose United Methodist Church, 19 South Park Ave.

Feb. 26—Business Resource Expo, Delta. Heddles Rec Center. 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. Sponsored by Region 10 and Bank of Colorado.

Feb. 27—Club 20 Energy Forum and Expo, Two Rivers Convention Center, Grand Junction.

Feb. 27—St. Mary's Blood Drive, Bill Heddles Rec Center, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Photo ID required.

Feb. 27—Dance to Triptihkal. at the Sherbino Theater in Ridgway. Doors and Cash bar at 7:30 pm. \$10 entry. For more information please contact [Jasmine Oeinck](mailto:Jasmine.Oeinck@sherbinosherbinotheater.com) at 970-318-0892 or visit www.sherbinosherbinotheater.com.

Feb. 28—Montrose Memorial Hospital Health Fair 2015, 6:30 to Noon at the Montrose Pavilion.

Feb. 28—Montrose Rotary Winter Carnival at Cerro Summit, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Feb. 28-March 1—Rich Nelson Memorial Bird Dog Championship Tournament Hunt, Black Canyon Wing and Clay. \$170 entry doubles, \$130 singles. Call 970-874-7195.

March 3—UP Collaborative Landscape Forest Restoration Project Annual Meeting, Holiday Inn Express Montrose, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Contact info@upartnership.org to RSVP.

March 4—Lenten Music at Noon - Featuring various local artists, Noon-12:30pm, Montrose United Methodist Church, 19 South Park Ave.

March 7—Montrose Soccer Club Grade 8 Referee Clinic. 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.

March 9—Public Lands Partnership, Montrose Library (320 South Second St.) present lecture, *Biology and Management of Bighorn Sheep in the Uncompahgre and San Miguel Watersheds of SW Colorado* 7 p.m.

March 10—Estate Planning Basics, 4:30-5:30 pm; Learn basic estate planning essentials including the difference between wills and trusts and how to use a power of attorney to round out your estate plan. Located at Region 10, 300 N. Cascade Ave. Registration is required. Sponsored by Region 10 and Brown and Brown P.C. Call (970) 243-8250 or at www.brownsandbrownpc.com.

March 11—Lenten Music at Noon - Featuring various local artists, Noon-12:30pm, Montrose United Methodist Church, 19 South Park Ave.

March 12—Living with Alzheimers—Early Stage, 4 to 5p.m. Colorado Mesa University Montrose Campus, Volunteers of America, Brookdale Sunrise Creek, Heidi's Chateau and Region 10, presented by Alzheimer's Association Western Slope Director Teresa Black.

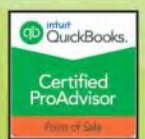
March 13—The Royal We and Bonewagon at the Sherbino Theater in Ridgway. Doors and Cash bar at 7:30 pm. \$10 entry. For more information please contact [Jasmine Oeinck](mailto:Jasmine.Oeinck@sherbinosherbinotheater.com) at 970-318-0892 or visit www.sherbinosherbinotheater.com.

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