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## WESTERN SKYWAYS HELPS BRING WORLD TO MONTROSE

By Liesl Greathouse

MONTROSE-Montrose is known as a hub for a variety of activities: biking, rafting, off-roading, and more. However, the airplane industry is not often factored in as part of what the local economy has to offer. One local company, Western Skyways, proves that sometimes the best-kept secrets make the biggest impact in our area.

Western Skyways is the largest piston engine shop in the country, and is well-known worldwide. They keep their 50 employees busy by working on 30-40 engines a month from across the country, including Alaska and Hawaii, and from as far away as Venezuela and Puerto Rico. The company makes a big impact globally, yet many locals are unaware of it. "Most people in Montrose don't even know we exist since not many have an airplane," said David Leis. "That's fine unless they have a plane; then we want them to know about us."

David Leis is one of the owners of Western Skyways, along with Al Head and Tom Barry. He was also one of the original founders 21 years ago, with a

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Western Skyways is owned by Al Head (left), David Leis, (right) and Tom Barry (not shown.) Photo by Clay Greathouse.

## NEW ENERGY AT DMEA: COOP LISTENS TO MEMBERS, LOOKS AT BROADBAND OPTIONS

By Caitlin Switzer

REGIONAL-For many members, the news that Delta-Montrose Electric Association [will not increase rates this year](#) is pretty exciting. Affordable power is just part of the picture, however. As a co-op serving rural communities, DMEA continues to make history.

The Delta-Montrose Rural Power Lines Association (DMRPLA) was created in 1938, notes the DMEA web site, just three years after President Franklin Roosevelt signed the Rural Electrification Administration into existence. The first customers to receive power were in Pea Green, with surrounding communities added in years to come. The name was changed to Delta-Montrose Electric Association in 1975 when, according to the [co-op's web site](#), DMRPLA purchased a portion of the territory then served by Western Colorado Power Company, adding approximately 10,000 customers and 730 miles of line to the system. Today DMEA serves more than 27,000 members in Delta, Montrose and Gunnison counties.



Marketing and PR Pro Becky Mashburn will join DMEA's marketing team in April. Mashburn is shown with husband Justin and their two young sons. Courtesy photo.

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## ENERGY OF YOUTH, WISDOM OF AGE: SAN MIGUEL COUNTY'S ART GOODTIMES!



*Wearing more than one hat comes naturally to Writer, Farmer, Scholar and San Miguel County Commissioner Art Goodtimes, who sees his role in life as a bridge builder, and part of "the radical middle."*

By Caitlin Switzer

NORWOOD—His booming voice is the first thing you notice, his colorful appearance is second. To get to know him, however, is to be awed by his relentless energy—and his mind. It's fitting that words are both his passion and his livelihood because it would take the entire dictionary to describe Art Goodtimes in any detail.

The word poet is a good place to begin; though he is perhaps best known for the 19 years he has served as a San Miguel County commissioner, Goodtimes has spent a lifetime creating, publishing and performing his poetry. However, the longtime Norwood resident is also a former Seminarian and Latin instructor, a potato farmer, seventh-generation Californian, Vista Volunteer and past Club 20 member. He is a Rainbow Festival veteran and a dedicated basketweaver, a skill he learned from Pomo Indians; he has created his own World Calendar, and he has been to Burning Man. Goodtimes' work with the Telluride Foundation's annual Mushroom Festival reveal both his sense of fun and his interest in intellectual exploration. His skills as a politician stem from his studies with the late Dolores LaChappell, learning "the way of the mountain." He has been married four times—legally, has three children of his own and a stepchild he considers his own.

Growing up in San Francisco, however, young Art Bontempi saw a very different

path ahead of him. He faced sorrow at a young age after the tragic early death of a brother he considered his closest friend. Though a younger brother later joined the Hell's Angels, Art remained scholarly and conservative.

—I am a seventh generation Californian," he said, —the Santa Cruz

branch of the family came in the 1790's to Monterrey. On my dad's side they were immigrants; my grandpa worked for the Italian language newspaper in San Francisco.

—I was very religious," he said. —I went to Seminary. I can remember supporting the War, and thinking that the Beatles were immoral because their hair was so long.

—Belief systems can change."

So can names. Eventually, deciding the name Bontempi had baggage, Art Americanized his surname to Goodtimes. He also moved to Telluride.

—My friends from the Seminary came here," he said. —They both lived in Placerville, and I came to visit in 1974, 1978, and 1979—I slept on their porch. I came back in the fall of 1980, and camped on their porch."

1980 was also the year Art took a job with the Telluride International Film Festival and moved to Placerville himself. He made his home in the old Grace Estep mansion until it burned down while Art was on his honeymoon two years later.

—I realized I needed a home," he said. —I could have bought a lot in Telluride, but the taxes were so high."

So Goodtimes purchased his Norwood home, Cloud Acre—the subject of many poems over the years, including the compilation, *Looking South to Lone Cone* (Western Eye Press, 2013).

—How could you not fall in love with this

place?" he asked. —I grew up in view of mountains."

In 1996, he ran for the San Miguel Board of County Commissioners as a Democrat and won. Two years later he switched his party affiliation to the Green Party of Colorado. Goodtimes is now in his fifth term, and hopes to run again.

In retrospect, to embark on a political life was like walking into a maze, he said.

—You are trying to find a pathway to anything," he said. —I have been doing my job for 19 years and I am still learning things."

As with his work as a poet, Goodtimes approaches County leadership with the discipline he learned as a young seminary student.

—I am a bridge builder in the political as well as the poetic worlds," he said. —I'm the 'Radical Middle.' There are lots of complicated issues, and I find myself working not only at the local level but on the state and national levels as well, through the National Association of Counties (NACO), which is a powerful lobbying force.

Goodtimes has been involved with a number of projects that are intended to contribute to environmental health, and is currently excited to be working with [Cuivira Coalition](#), a Santa Fe-based non-profit organization whose mission is to build resilience by fostering ecological, economic and social health on western landscapes through education, innovation, collaboration and progressive public and private land stewardship.

His [bio on the San Miguel County website](#) outlines some of Goodtimes' professional accomplishments; his biography as a freelance writer contains yet another set of achievements and prestigious awards—from serving as the Western Slope's first poet laureate and as editor for numerous poetry journals, to his three published poetry collections.

Art is known locally for his popular *Watch Newspaper* column, Up Bear Creek, and for his frequent performances with his partner-in-poetry, Telluride poet Rose-merry Wahtola Trommer. And this past month, he was able to take a belated apology to

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### CHAMBER REDCOATS CELEBRATE CASA MOVE WITH RIBBON CUTTING



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**MONTROSE-**The Montrose Chamber of Commerce Redcoats joined CASA of the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District in celebration of their new location at 301 N. Cascade Avenue during their open house on Feb. 25.

#### FREE ESTATE PLANNING CLASS AT R10

*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; 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 or at [www.browncandbrownpc.com](http://www.browncandbrownpc.com).

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# HEAD DOWNTOWN FOR FIRST FRIDAY STROLL MARCH 6!

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**DOWNTOWN MONTROSE**-Believe it or not Spring is coming soon! Join us Downtown for the First Friday Stroll March 6 from 5:30-8pm.

**Around the Corner Art Gallery** will feature Carol Lee from Telluride in an exhibit of her acrylics and watercolors. She recently returned to the States from the Bahamas, where she lived on a small sailboat and painted miniature landscapes in watercolor.

Most of her watercolors are done plein air, while her acrylics are done in the studio. Her major artistic influences are the landscapes of Dixon and Georgia O'Keeffe, but her muse is Nature, and she incorporates the rhythms of the mountains, deserts and oceans she loves into her paintings.

As an added treat **Karen Mercer** will provide music for the evening.

It's starting to look like Spring at **Tiffany, etc.** Their annual Cabin Fever Auction is always a sure sign! Come place your bids on anything and everything you wish at



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**Amazing Glaze's** March workshop is "Stained Glass". You will be putting the stained glass look within a section of your piece. Their workshops are always fun and any skill level is welcome. Pre-registration is suggested as class space is limited. Call 970-252-7225



**A+Y Design Gallery's** featured artist is Victoria J. Sterkel of Delta. Victoria is an abstract artist of dexterous complexity complimented by an aura of simplicity. She spent most of her formative years in Hawaii, earning a BFA from the University of Hawaii. She also lived in Mexico for 7 years. She is obsessed by color! Working on a ground of metallic gold or silver leaf, Victoria layers transparent colors creating subtle shifts in light and texture.

Come meet the featured artists and see their works on March 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 8 pm during the First Friday Stroll on Main Street in Montrose.

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## CORRECTIONS!

*We got this wrong in Issue 106!*

*Sue Beutler is the only Montrose County Coordinator for Girls on the Run. Kristal Benson is a long time coach with the program...*

*Also, while it is rare for February to have four Sundays, four Mondays, four Tuesdays, four Wednesdays, four Thursdays, four Fridays and four Saturdays, it happens more often than every 823 years—here's what local author Diane Winger has to say about this—"The pattern mentioned happens every time February starts with a Sunday AND it is not a leap year. If it weren't for those pesky leap years, we'd see the pattern every 7 years. Instead, during this century alone, it occurs 11 times. The previous year was 2009 and the next one will be 2026."*





## ENERGY OF YOUTH, WISDOM OF AGE: ART GOODTIMES From pg 2

San Miguel County's earlier inhabitants. San Miguel County Resolution 2014-11 is an apology from the citizens of San Miguel County to the descendants of those Uncompahgre Utes forcibly removed back in 1881 from land within current county boundaries.

With the help of former Northern Ute Tribal Chair Roland McCook, Goodtimes was able to bring the apology before Un-

compahgre Ute Tribal Elders Feb. 10 at a special Tribal business meeting. A moving account of the ceremony is included in [Up Bear Creek](#) on Feb. 20.

Art appreciates the fact that, almost unique in human history, the people of this region are able to live freely. —Throughout most of history, people have not been free," he said, adding, —The Earth has gone from around three billion people to six

billion—in one lifetime! We are a crash-population species exploding in slow motion." As a poet, Art believes in the power of writing to influence reality, and in the power of poetry to generate joy.

—Everybody should write," he said, —because in the process you find what you are looking for. Poetry makes me happy; life makes me happy.

—I love to be alive."

## MARCH 7 IS CANYON CREEK LAFF INN COMEDY NIGHT



### Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Canyon Creek hosts Laff Inn Comedy Night on March 7th. Headliner is Del Van Dyke with Julia Anne Fretwell. The show will be at The Bridges. Show starts at 7 p.m. \$15 a ticket and it is 21+. Buy tickets before the show at [www.canyoncreek.eventbrite.com](http://www.canyoncreek.eventbrite.com). PLEASE call 970-249-2886 for reservations!



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## REGION 10 SELECTS BETTER CITY TO CONDUCT DATA-DRIVEN ECONOMIC ANALYSIS FOR DELTA COUNTY

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE—Last August, Region 10 announced the receipt of \$245,000 in EDA grant funds for a strategic analysis designed to build the economic resiliency and sustainability of Delta and Gunnison counties following closure of the Oxbow and Elk Creek coal mines.

Now, Region 10 is pleased to announce that [Better City](#) of Ogden, Utah has been hired to provide the in-depth, data-driven analysis that will prioritize actions aimed at creating a more diversified, robust economy in Delta County.

—“The work has begun,” Region 10 Executive Director Michelle Haynes said. —“The contractor is gathering data, and we have identified stakeholders from each community.”

The process will be as open and inclusive as possible, she said, and public meetings will be scheduled in the near future to keep the community updated as to progress and to allow public comment.

Better City’s analysis could not come at a more opportune time, Delta City Manager Justin Clifton said. The City of Delta has contributed a significant portion of the matching funds for the implementation plan.

—“I think it’s important to acknowledge that we have lacked a coherent vision for economic development in Delta County,” Clifton said. —“I see this as a once-in-a-generation opportunity to create a unified vision and invest in making it a reality. The consequence of getting it wrong or shrugging it off is solidifying a future that looks just like our past. The opportunity to give it our all and get it right could be making our community virtually anything that we can envision.

—“To me, this is not just a strategic analysis,” he said. —“This is a chance to take the reins and determine our economic future.”

—“Delta County Economic Development is excited to be working with Better Cities on this important project,” said Trish Thibodo, executive director of Delta County Economic Development (DCED), which is participating in the study. —“At the Project Steering Committee for Delta County, we will work closely with Better Cities and the entire county throughout the process. We see this as a tremendous opportunity to define the future economic direction and growth of our county, and we look forward to working with the consultant to create a vision for our future with a feasible action plan to set a new economic direction for our county.”

—“I am excited that this plan may identify

more clearly some of the magnificent reasons to live here, and get us focused on the quality of life we have here in Western Colorado,” said Thomas Huerkamp, who has been a Delta County business owner for more than 43 years and who presently serves as Vice Chair of DCED.

Better City was founded by former Ogden, Utah Mayor Matthew Godfrey in 2012, after a 12-year term in which he transformed the former Railroad town into a national destination for high-adventure outdoor recreation. As he was ending his tenure as Mayor, Mr. Godfrey was approached by multiple communities requesting assistance with their economic development initiatives. Better City was founded in 2011 to assist these communities in developing actionable plans to diversify their economy, attract private investment, and create jobs. Since its foun-

dation, Better City’s client base has grown to include communities in eight states across the country. For more information please call Michelle Haynes at 907.249.2436, or email [mhaynes@region10.net](mailto:mhaynes@region10.net).

A non-profit organization, the Region 10 League for Economic Assistance and Planning was formed in 1972 and serves six-counties (Montrose, Delta, Gunnison, Ouray, Hinsdale and San Miguel), operates an Enterprise center (300 North Cascade) administers the Enterprise Zone tax credit and marketing grant programs, oversees the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) and Community Living Services, coordinates regional transportation planning, and offers a loan program for small business. To learn more about Region 10, call 970-249-2436 or visit the web site at [www.region10.net](http://www.region10.net).



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### CASA TO HOST RAY OF HOPE BENEFIT APRIL 10!



A 2013 "Dessert Dash" creation.  
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MONTROSE-CASA of the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District (Court Appointed Special Advocates - a.k.a. CASA) will host their "Ray of Hope Annual Benefit" on Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at the Montrose Pavilion. CASA holds its annual fund raising benefit during National Child Abuse Awareness month to reinforce the importance of their services. This year's Ray of Hope benefit will again focus on "Remembering the Child."

Donny Morales and Glenn Patterson will start the evening with live music beginning

at 5:30pm and a no host bar while attendees preview the silent and live auction items and desserts. The evening's dinner activities will start at 6pm and help take us back to when we were children and at the same time remind us that many of the children that CASA serves never get to really be a child. Fund-raising highlights during the dinner will include the "Dessert Dash" and a live auction including overnight get-a-ways and a tabletop wine cooler filled with wine donated by the Pour House. The Dessert Dash will feature whimsical specialty desserts created by restaurants and bakeries throughout the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District. Each table selects its own "dasher" to choose a dessert. The table with the highest bid is first to select their dessert with the second highest bid being called for second choice, and so on.

Ray of Hope tickets are \$50 per person, or \$450 for a "Reserved Table of 10 Friends" (\$45 per person). The reserved tables will have the host's name on a banner suspended above the table center piece. The event has limited seating and has sold out in all prior years as attendees come

from throughout the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District. To sponsor, attend, volunteer or donate to this event, call CASA at (970)249-0337 or stop by the new CASA offices located at 301 N. Cascade in Montrose. CASA serves abused and neglected kids from throughout the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District who have been removed from their homes and find themselves in the courts and child welfare system through no fault of their own. Carlton Mason, CASA Executive Director, reminds us that "it is vital that our communities come together and take care of our own, most vulnerable population - our children. We must also support and celebrate the success of our own CASA program." CASA is affiliated with the National CASA Association and CASA in Colorado. CASA's mission is to "help break the cycle of child abuse and neglect, and to advocate for safe, permanent, nurturing home for children, utilizing highly trained and dedicated volunteers." For more information about CASA, becoming a CASA volunteer, or to support the CASA program call 970.249.0337.



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### VALLEY MANOR GIVING EVENT RAISES FUNDS FOR GARDENS, OUTINGS

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**MONTROSE**-Alicia Plantz takes a chance at ringing a bottle of wine or beer at the Valley Manor Giving Event fundraiser dinner at the Montrose Pavilion Feb. 21. Proceeds from the silent auction and wine/beer toss go to improving the lives of residents at Valley Manor Care Center. Specific projects include plans to build "The Gardens at Valley", a botanical walk-through garden with water features on the community's grounds as well as taking residents on regular monthly trips out to lunch at local restaurants.

### MONTROSE BOTANICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS GARDENING FOR BIRDING MARCH 18

*Special to the Mirror*

**MONTROSE**-On March 18 - "Gardening for Birding"—Open free to the public, Pete Loncar, an experienced gardener and birder, will be presenting for the Montrose Botanical Society at 7 PM in the Centennial Room off Centennial Plaza, Montrose. An update on the Botanic Garden activities will be given. Additional information at [www.montrosegardens.org](http://www.montrosegardens.org) or 970.249.1115.



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### NURSE PRACTITIONER MORRIS JOINS DCMH INTERNAL MEDICINE



**Angela J. Morris.**  
*Courtesy photo.*

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DELTA-Angela J. Morris, a Certified Advanced Family Nurse Practitioner for over 13 years, has recently joined DCMH Internal Medicine Associates to provide additional medical

care since the departure of Dr. Scott Rich and Dr. Dolly Lent. She has Nursing licenses in Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona with the State authority to inde-

pendently write medical prescriptions for her patients.

She most recently was with Silver Creek Family Practice Clinic in Bullhead City, AZ seeing up to 28 patients daily, many with multiple chronic medical diagnoses. Nurse Practitioner Morris also served as a primary care provider for a Native American population on an island in Alaska with patients ranging from birth to 90 years old.

With a professional background working in the military, Morris has served as a Certified Family Nurse Practitioner at the Evans Army Hospital at Fort Carson Army Base and at the Veterans Affairs Clinic in Pueblo, CO.

She served in Iraq caring for over 600 soldiers/Marine and 400 private contrac-

tors, in addition to Iraqi soldiers and Iraqi detainees. Morris served as a professional Nurse Practitioner at military bases in Virginia and Georgia.

She also spent three years as the nurse practitioner at Spanish Peaks Medical Center in Walsenburg, CO where she treated patients from pediatric through geriatric, including nursing home patients. While in Walsenburg, Morris started an evening and Saturday clinic to treat patients from the community after hours.

Nurse Practitioner Morris is currently taking courses towards a Doctorate in Nursing Practice. She has dual Master's degrees in Family Practice and Nurse Midwifery from Vanderbilt University School of Nursing in Nashville, TN.

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## **NEW ENERGY AT DMEA: COOP LISTENS TO MEMBERS from pg 1**

With greater connectivity and affordable broadband clearly identified as needs by local communities, DMEA has revised its position on regional broadband in response to member demand. A statement released in November noted that more than 70 people showed up to comment on the issue at a board meeting. In January, the DMEA Board of Directors issued *An Amended Position Statement Regarding Its Fiber Optic Network*. Though the board had agreed in 2014 to approve a business case study for providing commercial middle mile services to governmental agencies and local ISP's, they have now agreed to explore options for providing the last mile.

—In order to address the clear desire and need of our members,” the *Amended Position Statement* reads, —the DMEA board of directors is actively exploring options for making use of our planned fiber optic network as a means of improving the availability of high-speed broadband services for our membership. The board of directors has authorized the development of in depth business plans to explore various broadband service offerings that DMEA could provide for individual DMEA members, local governments /anchor institutions and local businesses. These options could include the extension of DMEA's fiber optic

network facilities all the way to the home, anchor institution and/or business.”

—Obviously fiber is a hot topic,” DMEA Manager of Member Relations & Energy Services Virginia Harman said, —and we will find ways to make this successful. We are working very actively with Region 10 and with their consultant, Neo Fiber—I am excited to see the progress we are making. With our new position statement, we are working on two different business plans for bringing fiber to businesses and into homes.

In addition to the recent expansion of DMEA's customer service efforts—the re-opening and re-staffing of the office in Read, phones that are now answered by human beings—the co-op's marketing team is once again complete. In addition to Harman and Communications Specialist Alex Shelley, PR and design pro Becky Mashburn will join DMEA April 6 as Marketing and Public Relations Administrator.

According to a DMEA news release, Becky is an Iowa native who transplanted to Montrose in 2006 after graduating from Cornell College with B.A. Degrees in English and Studio Art. Becky got her start in the REA world in 2009 at San Miguel Power as the Communications Executive.

—My husband, Justin Mashburn, and I

have two little boys, Holden (2 years) and Cy (9 months),” Becky said. —We enjoy all things Colorado—camping, hiking, snowshoeing, and, of course, the weather. We've made Montrose our forever home, and I'm looking forward to working for my community again.”

—We are very excited about the energy she will bring to our marketing and PR,” Harman said.

Finally, on Feb.9, DMEA submitted a petition to the Federal Regulatory Commission (FERC), seeking clarification of its rights and obligations regarding the purchase of power from local generation facilities; more specifically, they are asking FERC to clarify whether Federal law requires that DMEA purchase power from local, qualifying facilities at agreed upon rates, and to do so notwithstanding any potential conflict with Tri-State Generation and Transmission. An order on the petition is expected around April 6, and anyone who wishes to communicate with FERC about the filing may send a letter no later than March 11 to: *The Honorable Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. Include in the subject line: Re: Delta-Montrose Electric Association Docket No. EL15-43.*



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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### OMBUDSMAN, VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR JOIN REGION 10 CLS TEAM

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REGIONAL- Region 10's resources continue to grow in ways that serve—and value—community members of all ages. Now, two new volunteers have joined Region 10's Community Living Services program—Ombudsman Barbara Ward and Volunteer Coordinator Trish Hawarny. Ward, who helped coordinate the first Region 10 Caregivers Summit last year, was inspired to move to Montrose six and a half years ago to be near her beloved grandchild. Her work as ombudsman is also inspired by a family experience; “My mom is in a nursing home,” Ward said. “This generation needs to know that they have a voice—I have seen the best and the worst when it comes to care. —This is my way of giving back.”

Along with completing 15 hours of intensive, one-on-one training through Region 10, Ward has professional experience in the field, having spent her entire career caring for seniors. “I spent five years as the RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) Coordinator for Boulder County,” Ward said. “I also worked for three years in an assisted living center in Boulder, and worked for The Bridge Assisted Living facility in Longmont.”

Regional Ombudsman Sandy Walker said that Ward brings greatly needed skills and energy to the program. Having a volunteer to help will take the pressure off, especially with two facilities that need a little more oversight,” Walker said.

Region 10 currently works with 14 care

facilities in a three-county area, Director Eva Veitch said. “That’s too much territory for one person,” she said. “Barbara’s health care background makes her a good fit.”

Ward said she has learned never to judge a book by its cover when it comes to care facilities, and to appreciate the variety of resources available through Region 10.

“Working with seniors gets in your blood,” she said. “It never goes away. And this community is growing; Montrose is so unique and giving, and Region 10 has really been reaching out. There is a lot of help available here—they are really keeping community spirit alive.”

Connecting with other agencies has been an important part of the mission for Region 10 Community Living Services, Veitch said. “We are all stronger together.”

Hawarny, who is currently training as Volunteer Coordinator, said that she is impressed with the “reach” the non-profit council of governments is able to achieve with its programs.

“Region 10 welcomes volunteers of all ages,” she said.

“From high school kids to seniors and everyone in between—there are so many opportunities.” She has been experiencing



*Pictured left to right-Region 10 Community Living Services Director Eva Veitch, Volunteer Coordinator Trish Hawarny, Volunteer Ombudsman Barbara Ward and Regional Ombudsman Sandy Walker . Courtesy photo.*

a number of those opportunities firsthand in recent weeks, from helping to shovel snow for Snowbash Challenge clients, to driving a senior home to Norwood after a medical appointment. In addition to the programs they already offer, Region 10 hopes to expand Community Living Services to include post hospitalization assistance for those in need.

“We just want to be there for people,” Hawarny said.

To learn more, call Region 10 Community Living Services Director Eva Veitch at 970.249.2436, or visit the web site <http://www.region10.net/community-living>.



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## WESTERN SKYWAYS HELPS BRING WORLD TO MONTROSE From pg 1



*The Western Skyways team at work. Photo by Clay Greathouse.*

background in aviation before that. —My favorite part is working with people all over the world,” he said. —Today I quoted parts to someone in Saudi Arabia.”

Western Skyways is the home of the legendary "GOLD SEAL®" aircraft engines and accessories. They service Continental, Lycoming, PT6, JT15D as well as experimental aircraft engines. The company does everything from engine assembly techniques, to Turbo Normalizing and FBO shop tools, to re-manufacturing the finest piston or turbine engine in the industry.

While employing 50 people helps keep food on the table for many families, Western Skyways also benefits the local economy in other ways. Since many clients fly their airplanes in to be worked on, the pilots have to stay at local hotels and do something while waiting, such as eat at local restaurants and check out other local businesses.

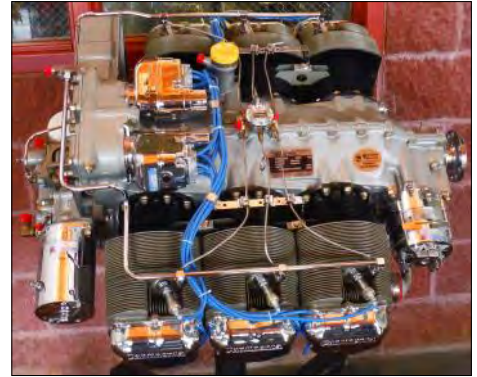
—We also have hosted 'fly-ins' with different organizations,” Leis added. —We will host 30-40 airplanes for three days, giving them tours of places like the Black Canyon and Ouray, while they stay in local hotels

and eat at local restaurants.”

With clients all over the country, Western Skyways also spreads the love to other economies, from Florida to Hawaii, by sending crews out who have to stay in hotels, etc., to repair engines and provide training.

When they are not working on engines to make a profit, Western Skyways also works to use their business for the greater good. Al Head is a member of the Rotary and is part of a disciple program called Project Lead The Way, which includes giving tours of Western Skyways to high school students who are looking for future employment in the industry. They also provide a lot of help to local organization Samaritan Aviation, the Montrose-based Christian ministry that flies medical missions in Mexico and Papua New Guinea. —We work on their engines for them for little cost or at cost,” Leis explained. —The organization has saved over 400 lives and they use our engines in their planes.”

Becoming a well-known business worldwide did not just happen overnight. —It's our reputation,” Leis said. —Aviation is a small community. Everybody knows eve-



*Aircraft Engine photo by Clay Greathouse.*

rybody, and if you don't treat people right you will not be in business for much longer. Word gets around, so our reputation is what has carried us. We've always said 'what's right, then do right'.”

One of the big plans for the future is getting all the paperwork approved by the Federal Aviation Administration to modify airplanes with turbo-normalization. It allows an existing engine to produce a turbo-normalized, full-rated power from sea level to 20,000 feet with sustained climb performance and virtually no high-density-takeoff worries. It is a big thing for the aviation community, and once approved, they will be the only ones doing it—which means even more clients will be bringing in their airplanes to modify.

For Leis, if he could only accomplish one thing in his business, it is the core of what he does. —I want to see the Montrose aviation community grow,” he said simply. —The airport brings in business because people rent cars, go on tours, eat at restaurants and stay in hotels. Aviation is the lifeblood for the area, since we have no train here. It is a big part of the future for Montrose.”

Leis wants people to know that Western Skyways is here to stay. —We have been courted by other states to move to them,” he explained. —Since our business is worldwide, we could be anywhere. We do not need to be in Montrose. But we love the people and the town, and our 50 employees love it here. We love Montrose, so we're not moving.” Western Skyways is located at 21 Creative Pl in Montrose, right next to the airport. For more information, call 1-800-575-9929 or visit [www.westernskyways.com](http://www.westernskyways.com).

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## MOUNTAIN VILLAGE OFFERS INSTANT RELIGHT REBATES

*Special to the Mirror*

**MOUNTAIN VILLAGE**—It's lights out for traditional light bulbs in [Mountain Village](#), where residents and business owners can save money and energy by switching from inefficient light bulbs to new light-emitting diode technology (LEDs). In partnership with [San Miguel Power Association](#) (SMPA) and [Cooperative Business Lighting Partners](#), the program Relight Mountain Village provides instant rebates and exclusive offers to those who purchase LEDs at [greenlivingtown.com](#). The online order period begins March 1 and will run until midnight April 5. Program participants can expect to save up to 75 percent for each LED bulb they purchase. "Based on the excellent response from the community in 2014 we are launching the program again in 2015 with even more opportunity for the large commercial sector," stated Environmental Services Director Deanna Drew. "More importantly, this effort is engaging the community while making more people conscious about their energy use. As a bonus, the success of this program has encouraged other communities to follow suit and create their own LED incentive program, including Telluride and San Miguel County."

In an effort to reduce waste, bulbs will be delivered in bulk and available for pickup

at Town Hall Plaza. Customers will be contacted via email regarding the specific date and time for this pickup event.

As for program rules, participants are limited to 50 common LEDs 300 lumens or greater. This limitation ensures that everyone has the opportunity to change the environmental landscape and their monthly electricity bill for the better. Other types of bulbs such as tube lighting and bulbs less than 300 lumens have different rebate guidelines and amounts, which will be automatically calculated during the online ordering process.

Once LED bulbs are installed Drew suggests placing any unwanted incandescent light bulbs in the trash, but warns that fluorescent tubes and compact florescent bulbs contain mercury, a hazardous material that must be properly recycled or disposed of according to San Miguel County guide-

lines. For more details, visit [lamptrack-er.com](#). One can also sell or donate their old bulbs and fixtures that still work.

#### BIGHT LIGHTS, BIG PROFITS

In 2014, all told, 94 residents and 27 business owners purchased over 4,800 LED bulbs through the Relight Mountain Village program. This translated to a four-month average pay back period and total annual energy cost savings of \$71,362. The most popular LEDs purchased were can lights, standard bulbs, and dimmable table lamps and track lighting. Moreover, of the town's \$20,000 Relight Mountain Village rebate fund, \$18,214 was applied at time of bulb purchase in addition to about \$35,000 from the San Miguel Power Association rebate program. Relight Mountain Village, a \$20,000 funded program, is part of the town's energy reduction strategy.



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## WEST CENTRAL WOMEN OF INFLUENCE...JOEY MONTTOYA-BOESE

Interview by Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-Joey Montoya-Boese, who has been with Colorado Mesa University (CMU Montrose campus) for nine years, was promoted to Director in 2009.

Growing up in the San Louis Valley, Joey was timid and a self-proclaimed introvert. Named after her father, Joey was self-conscious when her teachers called out her name. She laughed, "They'd always look toward the boy's side of the room looking for a boy."

It was in upper-elementary and junior high that Joey discovered her leadership abilities. "Three of my teachers pushed me to come out of my shell and they gave me confidence and direction to run for class leadership roles."

Crediting her parents with being the driving force in honing her leadership skills Joey said, "They instilled in me a sense of independence, as well as service to others. They taught me to give back to the community without expecting monetary gain." As a freshman in high school Joey was part of a pilot program that allowed students to form a non-profit organization that built and sold computers to the community. She gained business experience, as well as organizational skills.

"I became the president and spokesperson. We obtained a revolving loan and partnered with Dell Computers for sales and tech support."

Joey set goals for herself and the fledgling organization, but unrealistically she expected to see achievement on a daily basis. "I had to learn that it may take years to see the fruit from the seeds you've planted." She also learned that being a people pleaser is non-productive, "It doesn't matter what you do, you're not going to please everyone." Joey completed her education at Adams State College and Colorado State University.

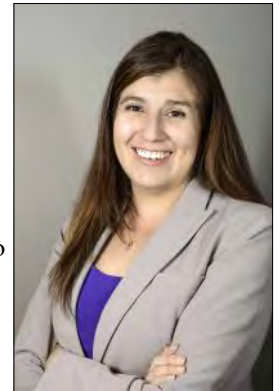
As Joey attends meetings and sits on various panels she has noticed the gender ratio is often 10 men to every two or three women. Interestingly though, for Joey it's not simply being a woman that can be a challenge, but being a *young* woman. Early on in her career an older male leader minced no words when he said, "You're young, what do you know and what do you have to add [to the conversation]?" The man's comments hit a nerve and Joey started to doubt herself and wondered if he might be right. "I thought, *maybe I don't have the right letters behind my name [PhD]*." After giving the careful consideration she realized, "Of course I know what I need to know — and no one knows this campus better than I do!"

As for her style of leadership Joey sees herself as a team builder. In order to accomplish a vision it must have buy-in from others who will not only support, but expand the vision. "The team approach

brings visions together, which can be greater than one person's vision." Joey is not a micromanager, but a facilitator who brings people together so they can relate to one another. She offers the caveat that a person's leadership style must complement an organization's culture.

"You need flexibility. Your grand vision may not fit with the organization's direction at the time." Joey has no immediate thoughts on climbing the career ladder, but she is interested in organizational leadership in the public, or the private sector. "I always leave the doors of opportunity open."

Advice: "Be authentic as to who you are as an individual and acknowledge it. Have a Personal Board of Directors who are your go-to-people, your sounding board professionally, personally and spiritually. Value what you believe in; don't compromise if it doesn't feel right. Learn that *—a*" is a complete sentence. You don't have to explain yourself."



Joey Montoya Boese.  
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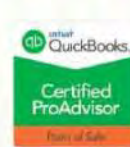
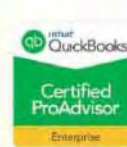




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### ALTRUSA SPRING LUNCHEON WILL BE MARCH 14

#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE- Altrusa's Spring Luncheon will be Saturday, March 14 at the Montrose Pavilion. The theme for 2015 is "All Things Disney." Join us for fun, delightful food, an outstanding shopping boutique, a

fashion show featuring local businesses and much more.

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numerous services to our community and beyond. For tickets to the event please contact Bonnie Eakin at (970) 216-0051, credit cards and checks will be accepted. Shopping Boutique – 9am – 3pm; Luncheon Seating – 12:15 pm.

### RESERVE SPACE NOW FOR THE GREAT US 50 YARD SALE!

#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-The Great US 50 Yard Sale is back in Montrose after several years' absence, and will be held May 16 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Montrose County Fairgrounds east parking lot. Highway 50 runs adjacent to the fairgrounds, via the San Juan Bypass.

Fore-Kin Trails Genealogical Society is sponsoring the community yard sale and is looking for vendors. The spaces will be 12 feet by 24 feet and cost \$25. Marsha Kirby and Myrna Shirey are co-chairing the event and said it will be an excellent op-

portunity for those who don't want to have a sale at their home or who don't have enough items for a full-fledged sale. They emphasized it's not just a yard sale but is open to vendors.

The reservation deadline is May 13 and reservations can be made by calling the Montrose Genealogy Center at 970-240-1755. Fore-Kin Trails will use any profits from space rental for historic preservation of Montrose County stories and documents. The outdoor event will be held "rain or shine" according to the co-chairs. Alpine Bank's mobile ATM will be at the

sale so getting cash won't be a problem.

This is the 16<sup>th</sup> year for the Highway 50 yard sale and organizers are hoping to have sales in all states along the highway from California to Maryland from May 15 to 17. So far the following Colorado towns are planning to participate in the coast-to-coast event: Montrose, Poncha Springs, Maysville, Canon City, Penrose, and Howard. If you are not interested in having a space of your own, then consider donating your unwanted items to Fore-Kin Trails. Call Myrna at 240-1819 and ask about a pick-up of items now thru May 13.

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### WACWC OFFERS PANEL DISCUSSION ON WOMEN'S ISSUES



**Dr. Emma Fleck of CMU.**  
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**GRAND JUNCTION-** The March program of World Affairs Council of Western Colorado will

focus on women internationally. A panel discussion will feature topics ranging from women engaged in business in Africa, Europe and Germany to issues women must deal with in countries riddled with gang violence, as well as the position of women in a matriarchal society.

The event begins at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17 in Houston Hall, Room 139, at Colorado Mesa University. It will kick off with a short documentary film by Linda Stout.

Stout, executive producer of *Women Are the Change*, about six women in sub-Saharan Africa, has had a passion for building confidence and empowering women throughout her varied work history. Linda holds a BA from University of New Mexico and an MA from New Mexico State University.

A native-born German, Gabrielle Mayer-Hunke teaches mainly English composition and first-year German classes and has been a member of the CMU faculty for 29 years. Since she was born, raised and educated in Germany, students in her German classes learn not only how to listen, speak, write and read the language but also first-hand how people live and play in Germany.

Anna Stout, president of the Foundation for Cultural Exchange, has just authored the book "El Salvador: Lessons on Love and Resilience." Stout wrote the book to mark the 10-year anniversary of the foundation, which she started when she was a 19-year-old student at Mesa State University. The foundation promotes cultural understanding and mutual support between the Grand Valley and the community of El Espino, El Salvador. FCE sponsors cultural immersion trips and undertakes development and relief projects; it also funds scholarships.

Hailing from Ireland, Dr. Emma Fleck is an assistant professor of marketing at Colorado Mesa University. She received her undergraduate degree in International Business and her PhD in Entrepreneurship

and Marketing from the University of Ulster, Northern Ireland, and has since spent 10 years teaching and researching women in business, gender, culture and international entrepreneurship.

Born in Venezuela, Dr. Gisela Flanigan is a non-profit consultant, arts advocate, concert pianist and former college professor. She serves on the boards of the Crested Butte Music Festival, Arts For Colorado, MindSpark (Denver) and World Af-

fairs Council of Western Colorado and as a board member and vice president of development and strategic planning for Sistema Global. She also is a member of the Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture.

The event is free to students and members of World Affairs Council of Western Colorado.

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WRITER GAIL MARVEL VISITS NEW LIFE FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER



By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE—Many churches today do not use denominational tags in their names and in my visit to New Life Family Worship Center on Jan. 25, 2015, I was surprised to learn they are a Pentecostal congregation. During the latter part of Pastor Michael Moran's sermon he said to the crowd of about 65, "Some others look at us like we are old-fashioned and outdated, but we're Pentecostals [traditional] and we're not going to change."

Members of the congregation wasted no time in shaking hands and greeting one another, as well as greeting visitors. "Nice to see you. Thank you for visiting. Glad you are here. My name is ..." One lady introduced herself as Sassy Suzie and another woman aptly remarked, "There are no shy people in this church!" About half of those in attendance were young adults, teens and children.

Similar to a concert environment, the platform accommodated eight audio speakers, two keyboards, drums and a guitar. The six-member worship team was led by four women, two on keyboards, and two men on the guitar and drums. Flanking the platform an organ sat on one side and an oblong galvanized livestock trough used for baptisms sat on the other.

During the hour long worship in praise,

which included an altar call for healing, people kept time to the music, clapped, swayed, raised hands and moved freely back and forth between their seats and the front of the auditorium.

The chorus of one particular song included the phrase "the walls tumbling down" and reminiscent of Joshua leading the Israelites around the walls of Jericho, Sassy Suzie walked around the perimeter of the auditorium.

Pastor Moran described the ambiance of the worship service, "We create an atmosphere to be in the presence of God." Transitioning to the sermon the pastor first dismissed the children for Sunday school.

The message, "I may be shipwrecked, but I'm not dead," was based on Acts 27:9-11. The pastor recounted Paul sailing through a storm, throwing cargo overboard to lighten the load and running aground on a sandbar. By swimming and hanging onto planks and pieces of the ship everyone safely reached the shore of Malta.

"There is nothing like a storm to really align us with what is important in life. A storm gives us the ability to lighten our ship and examine the baggage of life." When our ship is destroyed we cling to anything to make it to safety, "Grab ahold of the Word of God; grab ahold of Jesus! We may be wounded in spirit, crying,

heartbroken and suffering rejection, but trials, storms and struggles are not greater than God."

Often pastors will make a statement and solicit congregational agreement by saying, "Amen?" However, when Pastor Moran called for amens I had to laugh. This congregation needs no prompting to say, "Amen, Praise the Lord, Hallelujah and Thank you Jesus!"

With so much to say and so little time to say it, Pastor Moran moved more quickly through Bible examples of surviving trials. When the Hebrew children passed through the Red Sea the only evidence of their ordeal was, "...their enemy floating behind them. There wasn't even any mud between their toes!" Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego went unscathed through the fiery furnace, "They came through with no smell of smoke, no singe, and their shoes intact."

Pastor Moran observed that most of the storms in life are storms we've created ourselves through poor decisions and poor choices. If we are in the middle of a storm we can grab ahold of the hand of Jesus.

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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.*



## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### LOVE YOUR PET FOOD DRIVE A HUGE SUCCESS!

*Special to the Mirror*

REGIONAL-The Love Your Pet Food Drive at Alpine Bank and Chow Down last week from 2/17-2/20 was a huge success. More than \$1,300 in supplies, cash and checks were donated over the four days, and together Chow Down and Alpine Bank have matched the \$1,300. That means more than \$2,600 was raised to support the fantastic work that Black Canyon Animal Sanctuary does for animals in Montrose and Delta Counties. Thank you to everyone for your generosity, you helped to make this pet food drive successful and meaningful. Pictured (from Left to Right) are Tim & Krista Bush from Chow Down, Debbie Faulkner and Daisy from Black Canyon Animal Sanctuary, and Michelle William, Jeremy Russell and Tyler Dahl from Alpine Bank.



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## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE BY SENATOR ELLEN ROBERTS

### POLITICAL DIFFERENCES GENERATE ROBUST DISCUSSIONS

We're heading into the midway point of the 2015 legislative session, which gives me a moment to pause and reflect on how things are going. With the divided legislature, as predicted, it appears that the governor will have fewer bills to consider signing, but that's not for a lack of interesting and wide-ranging topics.

The debates in the committees that I sit on, as well as those on the Republican controlled Senate floor, have been better-rounded than in past years as issues that were squelched in their first committee hearing are making it past that hurdle. At the same time, often strikingly different political views reflected in bills advance from the Democrat controlled House and head to the Senate.

That the controversial bills may die soon after arriving in the opposite chamber doesn't take away the fact that a greater diversity of views on deeply held beliefs are being more fully heard, if not by the public and media, then at least by the legislators exposed to those topics. To me, although I recognize not in the view of all of my constituents, that's a good thing.

Representative democracy works best in a legislature that allows deliberation of sometimes diametrically opposing ideas.

Is this year's divided legislative process neat and tidy? Is it comfortable? No, it's neither of these things.

But, in a district with such different political views among my constituents, differences that often mirror Coloradan perspectives statewide, I value the more robust discussion. Questions about the appropriate role, complexity and cost of government and whether there is, or should be, a limit to state government's intervention in private lives and businesses are fair questions to ask and different responses are to be expected.

As those differences have been expressed in the senate this session, I've been told by colleagues from across the aisle how impressed they are with the civil and robust discourse on even the most contentious of issues that we're grappling with. This is no small victory, given today's political climate.

When I hear a fellow senator say sincerely and with some wonderment, "I've never thought about it like that," I believe we're doing the work we were sent to Denver to do. Rubberstamping others' ideas without closely examining them ourselves is unhealthy if we're to maintain an increasingly diverse and functional society.

As to my own bills, I'm very pleased that my bill promoting water conservation education for local land use planners was passed out of the Senate last week with very strong bipartisan support. I don't expect this bill to solve Colorado's water supply challenges, but I believe it's a significant beginning of addressing the unavoidable tie between our state's rapid population growth, especially on the Front Range, and the competing demands on our limited water resources.

I'm also excited to be working on a new bill that will support advancement of young veterans in the areas of wildfire mitigation and wildland firefighting. This bill idea came from the great work I've seen accomplished by the Southwest Conservation Corps here in my district. If passed, this bill will support existing veteran corps and open doors to similar efforts across Colorado. We'll provide expanded job opportunities for returning veterans and increase our communities' public safety with the help of this very capable and dedicated workforce.

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### "LOCAL ACCESS PASS" FOR SHERBINO NOW AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

Special to the Mirror  
RIDGWAY-In support of the local music in Ridgway and surrounding areas, The Sherbino Theater is excited to announce the —lcal Access" music pass. The Sherbino Theater's Executive Director, Ashley King, states, "For 2015, The Sherbino Theater is committed to support our amazing local music by booking numerous local musicians/bands in order to showcase and support all of the amazing musical talent in our own backyard." The —lcal Access" pass gives pass holders access to the entire series of local music concerts held at The Sherbino Theater for

the remainder of 2015. Look for —lcal Access" events on our website at, [www.sherbinotheater.com](http://www.sherbinotheater.com), and on other promotional materials for upcoming concerts. Come out to dance, have fun, and show your support and love for the amazing local music in our area! —lcal Access" pass holders get the following perks for just \$80: -Admittance to the entire series of local music events for just \$80. \*\*\* (This works out to one free concert for pass holders)! -Two "free beer" vouchers OR one "free cocktail" voucher with the purchase of a —lcal Access Pass"-Backstage" emails and information about

upcoming shows/ and the bands before it's been announced to the public!!! Please note: —lcal Access" music passes are non-transferrable, non-refundable, and will be kept on file at The Sherbino Theater. Sales for the —lcal Access" pass will begin on Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, and will continue through the month of March. Passes can be purchased during the hours of 11 and 4 at Weehawken Ridgway, The Old School House, or at any upcoming local music event at the Sherbino in March. March 13<sup>th</sup>: The Royal We and Bonewagon. Doors and Cash Bar at 7:30pm. \$10.







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## ARTS AND CULTURE

### CREAMERY ARTS CENTER TO FEATURE INTERNATIONAL ARTIST SERGEI ROMANENKO



#### *Special to the Mirror*

HOTCHKISS-The Creamery Arts Center is delighted to feature International artist Sergei Romanenko's distinctive artwork during their March exhibit in the Peach Gallery. The show will open with a "meet the artist" reception on the evening of Friday March 13<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8 pm. This exhibit will be on display until April 6.

Born and raised in Saint-Petersburg, Russia in 1990, just one year before the collapse of the Soviet Union, Sergei grew up with an interest in art and was blessed to be able to see the works of the great masters in numerous art museums in his home town. As a 100-percent self-taught artist, he was able to find his own distinctive style through years of drawing, doodling and painting.

At age 17, while studying real estate management at Saint-Petersburg State University of Engineering and Economics, Sergei suffered an injury from a rock that flew into his eye from a construction site. He was put into a pediatric hospital for several weeks surrounded by kids with all kinds of eye injuries. They were usually bored, sad and hungry. Romanenko started to draw fun pictures to entertain the children. Drawing was the only thing allowed; no TV, cell phones or laptops were permitted. After healing from the eye injury Sergei continued to draw. He began drawing portraits of friends, and at the same time, developed an interest in abstract art. He had his first personal exhibition in 2009 in one of the main underground clubs in Saint Petersburg - the MOD Club. The exhibition included three different sections - portraits, abstract art dedicated to the life

in big city, and "Cuties" - the small stories of cute creatures he created. That exhibition gave a start to the production of stuffed animals called "Cuties", which he sold at garage sales and designer markets. Soon he was also creating iPhone and iPad "Cutie" cases.

At the same time he became 1/3 of *notvetyeti* on tumblr.com. This partnership originated in 2009 with friends whose art had similar styles and common topics. The tumblr page was featured on different websites and blogs with more than 40,000 followers. His work can be viewed at: <http://notvetyeti.tumblr.com/tagged/Sergei-Romanenko> He continued with his self-education in art history, autobiographies, and journals dedicated to art and participated in several exhibitions in Saint-Petersburg, including a collaboration with very talented artist Alina Mifroschinchenko and others in *Illustration Days* - events featuring Russian illustrators under the same roof. His art is also part of a virtual gallery: <http://www.swoppit.org>

Romanenko discovered "sktchy" - an iPhone app that allows people from all over the world to upload their pictures for artists to draw. He started to draw for sktchy in November 2013 and soon became a "must follow" artist. Following an interview with the co-founder of the app, his art was featured in a sktchy app commercial. In January 2015 one of his portraits became the icon of the application. In the next 15 months, using the sktchy app, Sergei created more than 450 portraits. Most of the portraits that are going to be on display for this exhibition were created and

inspired by pictures from that application.

Romanenko describes his artwork as "unique and distinctive, fun and abstract, colorful, expressive, vibrant, slightly zany, playful, resplendent and wholly original! Most of my art works are small in size and I usually use watercolors, ink and markers." His portraits have a vitality, warmth, humor and fluidity that makes the people depicted in them come alive - both in a visual and also in a deeper more soulful way.

So how does a Russian self-taught artist end up having an exhibition in Hotchkiss, Colorado? "While studying hospitality management in Glion University, Switzerland, a representative from St. Regis Aspen Resort was recruiting candidates for a 1-year internship. They selected me as the face of the St. Regis in Aspen - the front desk agent. That's how I ended up in Colorado where I met painter Rosemary Ranck (a Creamery member) who liked my art and encouraged me to organize this exhibition at the Creamery Arts Center, which I hope the people of Hotchkiss will enjoy."

Art lovers can meet Sergei and view his sketches at the opening reception on Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm. International art, tables full of refreshments, local wine & microbrews... this promises to be an event worth attending.

The Creamery Arts Center is located at 165 W. Bridge St. in Hotchkiss, CO. They are open Monday through Saturday from 11am to 5pm.

For more information visit [www.creameryartscenter.org](http://www.creameryartscenter.org), call 970-872-4848, or follow them on Facebook.

## ARTS AND CULTURE

### CONCERT FOR PERCUSSION, VIOLIN, AND MORE NEXT IN CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES

#### *Special to the Mirror*

REGIONAL-The Western Slope Concert Series will present two concerts for percussion and violin: on Saturday, March 7 at 3 PM at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 536 Ouray, Grand Junction, and on Sunday, March 8 at 3 PM at the Montrose Pavilion. Tickets are available online at [www.JunctionConcerts.com](http://www.JunctionConcerts.com), and at Roper Music in Grand Junction and the Montrose Pavilion. All seats are reserved, and start at \$9 in advance and \$12 at the door for adults.

Marcin and David will explore classical music and ethnic folk music with a rhythmic world perspective. Expect to experience some familiar classical pieces as well as some exciting pieces that will surely be new to you! Guest artists on piano and string bass will complete the ensemble.

This is a performance not to be missed! Get your tickets early. Call (970) 241-4579 for more information, or buy tickets online at [www.JunctionConcerts.com](http://www.JunctionConcerts.com).

### CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES TO FEATURE VIOLINIST SHARON PARK

#### *Special to the Mirror*

REGIONAL-The Western Slope Concert Series will present two concerts with brilliant young violinist Sharon Park: on Friday, March 20 at 7:30 PM at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 536 Ouray, Grand Junction, and on Sunday, March 22 at 3:00 PM at the Montrose Pavilion. Tickets are available online at

[www.JunctionConcerts.com](http://www.JunctionConcerts.com), and at Roper Music in Grand Junction and the Montrose

Pavilion. All seats are reserved, and start at \$9 in advance and \$12 at the door for adults.

American violinist **Sharon Park** has performed extensively throughout the United States as a soloist, orchestral and chamber musician in some of the most prestigious concert venues including Carnegie Hall, Zipper Hall, Merkin Hall and Jordan Hall. She was a top prizewinner in the Stradivarius International Violin Competition. Her

program will include works by Beethoven, Schubert, Brahms and Chopin, and will conclude with the fiendishly difficult Carmen Fantasy by Waxman. She will be partnered by brilliant Japanese pianist Madoka Asari, winner of numerous international piano competitions including the International Chopin Piano Competition in Asia.

Get your tickets early. Call (970) 241-4579 for more information, or buy tickets online at [www.JunctionConcerts.com](http://www.JunctionConcerts.com).

### WILLSON & MCKEE TO PLAY ST. PATRICK'S DAY CONCERT AT OURAY'S WRIGHT OPERA HOUSE

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Friday, March 13, 7 p.m., Wright Opera House, 472 Main Street, Ouray. Adults \$15, Children (12 and under) \$5, Family \$30. Tickets available online at [www.ocpag.org](http://www.ocpag.org) or at the door.

## HONORABLE MENTION

*To Jeannie Romero, thanks for years of friendly, efficient, competent citizen service with the City of Montrose Public Works Department...*

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## ARTS AND CULTURE

### CENTRAL CITY OPERA ENSEMBLE TO PERFORM "SMOOTH OPERATOR" MARCH 6

By Bill Patterson  
*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE—One consequence of the economic downturn of the past years has been the end of touring by many performing fine art companies, including those in Denver. These cutbacks not only ended such entertainment for the public, they also affected local arts education because such out-of-town performers often held in-school events for the Montrose School District.

Fortunately the state's economy has improved. One Denver-based group that once performed regularly in Montrose was the traveling ensemble of Central City Opera. It's been seven years since that group's last visit here, but the Ensemble will perform "Smooth Operator" for the

public on Friday, March 6, 7:30 pm. The venue is the Montrose Methodist Church, 16 S. Park Ave. Tickets are \$20. The event is sponsored by the Montrose Arts Council.

This March 6 performance will offer scenes from operas and musicals highlighting infamous schemers from Sweeney Todd to La Traviata, and The Music Man to Carmen, from works that feature some of the most beautiful arias and duets ever written: and despite the wiles of scandalous schemers such as Don Juan and Cleopatra, "Smooth Operator" is appropriate for all ages.

Performers at the March 6 event Central City Opera Ensemble concert include Amanda Raddatz, Soprano, Sarah Barber, Mezzo soprano, Steven Taylor, Baritone,

and Deborah Schmit-Lobis, Pianist/arranger

Earlier in the day, an in-school activity will be held at Columbine Middle School. The Ensemble will hold a workshop during which young people can learn how songs are brought to life. This activity will be at no-cost for the students or the District. This event will also be sponsored by the Montrose Arts Council.

After attending Central City Opera events in past years, I can promise the Ensemble will offer exceptional talent and beautiful music.

Please visit the Arts Council website ([www.montrosearts.org](http://www.montrosearts.org)) or call 249-1350 for more information. Advance tickets can be purchased at Around the Corner Art Gallery at 447 E. Main St.

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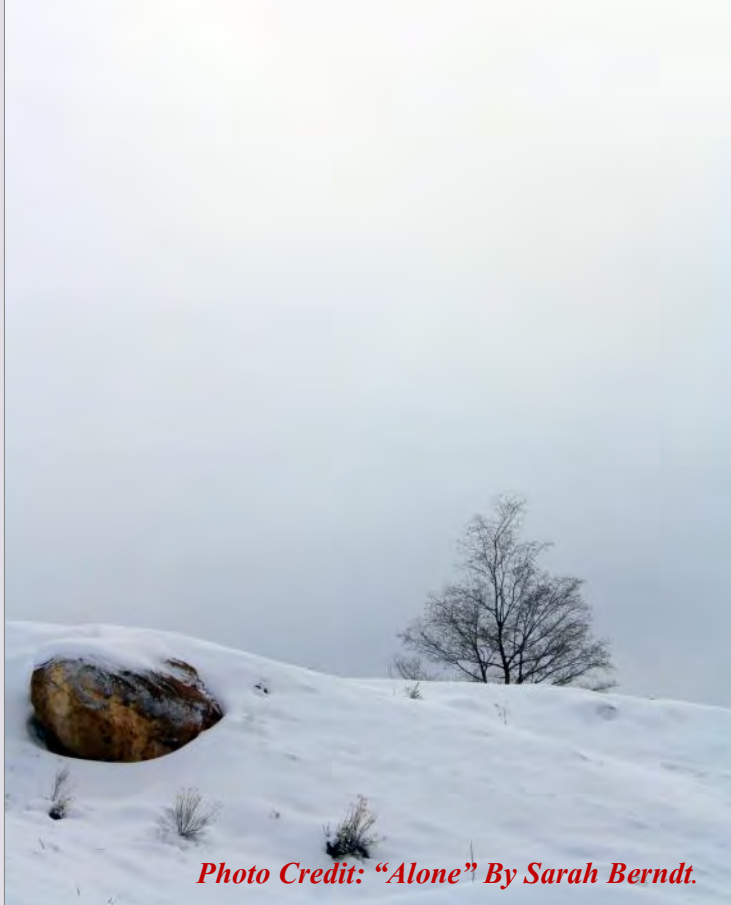


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### ANNUAL MARK FISCHER PRIZE UPS AWARD ANTE TO \$1000

*Special to the Mirror*

TELLURIDE – Celebrating its 18<sup>th</sup> year, the Mark Fischer Poetry Prize has increased its cash award to \$1,000 for this year's winning poem and opened its eligible contestants to any poet living west of the Mississippi, according to the event's organizers – San Miguel County Commissioner Elaine Fischer and the Talking Gourds poetry program.

"We're pleased to be able to honor Mark's memory with a contest that benefits Western poets," explained Art Goodtimes, Telluride Institute board member and Talking Gourds director. "All styles and content are welcome. The wilder the better."

By increasing the cash award and expanding the eligible pool of poets, Goodtimes hopes to draw more attention to one of Colorado's older literary traditions. In addition, this year the prize will be given at a ceremony to be held as part of the second annual Telluride Literary Arts Festival (May 15-17, 2015).

Final judge this year will be North Beach legend Jack Mueller. Mark Fischer, Telluride's much-loved poet, lawyer, skier and raconteur, was a daring experimenter who combined a polyglot's command of languages with a quirky sense of humor and a passion for obtuse words. In that spirit, prizes are awarded to entries that best exhibit the qualities of originality, linguistic skill and wit. Deadline for submissions is April 15 and the fee is \$6 per poem. To register, visit [telluridearts.org/mark-fischer-poetry-prize](http://telluridearts.org/mark-fischer-poetry-prize) Co-sponsored by Elaine Fischer and San Miguel County Poet Laureate Peter Waldor, the Mark Fischer Prize is a collaboration among the Telluride Institute's Talking Gourds program, the Wilkinson Library, the Telluride Arts District, Ah Haa School for the Arts and Arroyo's Telluride. For more info, contact Art Goodtimes at [shroompa@gmail.com](mailto:shroompa@gmail.com) or visit the Telluride Institute website at [www.tellurideinstitute.org](http://www.tellurideinstitute.org)



## OPINION/EDITORIAL-LETTERS

### GOODBYE TO ONE OF THE GREATEST MEN OF THE CENTURY

*Dear Editor:*

On February 26<sup>th</sup>, Father Hesburgh, President of the University of Notre Dame from 1952 to 1987, passed away. While the trending media devotes ink to the death of an actor, most will ignore the death of Fr. TMH, one of the most influential and dedicated men in history. Father Hesburgh was indeed the primary architect of the great University of Notre Dame and a leader of Catholicism. More importantly, however, he was a courageous champion of human rights and fearless advocate for world peace. This man, who implemented the Peace Corp for President Kennedy and stood with Reverend King, truly made a positive difference in our world. His life and many of his accomplishments are memorialized in his autobiography named for his life's philosophy, **—God, Country, Notre Dame.** It is an amazingly uplifting read in today's troubled times. I am a non-catholic Double Domer and very proud of it.

*John W. Nelson*

*Notre Dame Class of '64, '67*

### SOME TOP LOCAL MUNICIPAL SALARIES

*Mirror Staff Report*

#### **MONTROSE-TOP CITY MANAGEMENT SALARIES**

(Obtained through Public Information Request by Marge Morgenstern last week)

City Attorney-\$119,300

City Manager-\$130,300

Assistant City Manager-\$102,614

Police Chief-\$97,700

Finance Director-\$93,085

Planning Services Manager-\$93,849

Public Works Director-\$88,807

Director of Innovation and Citizen Engage-

ment-\$85,539

Information Services Director-\$80,042

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City Clerk-\$63,800

Mayor-\$9,000

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Council Member-\$7,800

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**TOP COUNTY SALARIES** (Published in the Montrose Daily Press per statute last week).

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Montrose County Sheriff \$76,000.08

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Montrose County Clerk & Recorder

\$58,500.00

Montrose County Coroner \$33,100.08

Montrose County Public Works Director-

\$102,282.08

Montrose County Treasurer-\$71,000.01

Montrose County Assessor-\$58,500.00

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## ARTS AND CULTURE

### TALKING GOURDS POETRY CLUB WELCOMES ERIKA MOSS GORDON AND LEIGH ROBERTSON TO ARROYO'S TELLURIDE MARCH 3, MONTROSE LIBRARY MARCH 4

#### *Special to the Mirror*

TELLURIDE – The Talking Gourds Poetry Club presents two Ridgway poets, Erika Moss Gordon and Leigh Robertson, for its First Tuesday poetry reading, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6 p.m. at Arroyo's Telluride.

Gordon writes poetry, works for a film festival and teaches yoga. Her first collection of poetry, *Of Eyes and Iris*, was published by Liquid Light Press in 2013.

Robertson got turned onto writing by Mrs. Petrowski, an amazing elementary teacher in Parsippany, New Jersey, and has been most recently inspired by the wonderful Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer. She's a co-author of *Southern Rocky Mountain Wildflowers* (Rocky Mountain Nature Association, 2015). Currently, she's the Executive Director for Sheep Mountain Alliance. The theme this month is "Divinely Human". On Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, Gordon and Robertson will appear as feature guests of Montrose Regional Library's Open Mic reading, also beginning at 6

p.m.

Following Club announcements and the joint performance in Telluride, the group will take a short break, after which the gourd will be passed around the room to give Club members and attendees a chance to read poems from the monthly theme. Shared pieces may be the reader's own or the work of a favorite writer. In April, National Poetry Month, the featured poet will be Robert King of Greeley (although soon to move to Loveland).

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. beginning at 6 p.m. (next door to Ace Hardware). The same guest(s) will appear at the Montrose Re-



*Erika Moss Gordon, left, and Leigh Robertson, right. Courtesy photo.*

gional Library's Open Mic the next evening. For more info, contact Meg Nagel at: <http://www.montroselibrary.org/event/open-mic-10> Talking Gourds is indebted to generous donations from Audrey Marnoy, Peter Waldor and the Montrose Friends of the Library. Call 970-729-0220 or visit the Gourds website [talkinggourds.weebly.com](http://talkinggourds.weebly.com) for more info.

## CELTIC MUSIC CONCERT AT WRIGHT OPERA HOUSE

*Willson & McKee enchant with ancient Celtic sounds and traditional*

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With their Colorado and Montana roots and Celtic heritage, Willson and McKee offer a distinctive Rocky Mountain Celtic experience. Their music is original, yet drawn from ancient Celtic sounds and traditional tunes. Having recently toured Scotland and Ireland, they have collected new songs, stories and dances to work into their dynamic repertoire.

A Willson & McKee concert is a curiously untamed moment in time, gathering past and present for a comfortable and engaging musical evening with friends.

The upcoming concert at the Wright Opera House, presented by the Ouray County Performing Arts Guild, will include material from Willson & McKee's 10 recordings and 23 years of making music together. Showtime is 7 p.m. Tickets are available online at [www.ocpag.org](http://www.ocpag.org) or at the door. (Adults \$15, Children (12 and under) \$5, Family \$30.)

While in the area, Willson & McKee will also perform at the Ouray and Ridgway schools. For more information, visit [ocpag.org](http://ocpag.org) or contact Sue Hillhouse at 970/626-2970 or [shill@ouraynet.com](mailto:shill@ouraynet.com).





## THIS WEEK IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT...CITY AND COUNTY PREVIEWS

By Caitlin Switzer

### MONTROSE CITY COUNCIL

MONTROSE-On Monday, March 2, agenda items up for discussion at the [City Council Work Session](#) in Council Chambers (11 a.m.) include a report from the Gunnison Basin Roundtable Representative David Harold; a Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) grant application for the Community Options Building; a DOLA broadband grant application; and Tax Increment Financing for a Co-Worker/Proximity Space Center.

At [City Council's regular meeting](#) in Council Chambers (6 p.m.), Tuesday, March 3, agenda items include a discussion of a special event alcohol permit on behalf of non-profit Habitat for Humanity, which will host the San Juan Independent Film Festival Downtown April 9-12.

Also up for discussion is a request for vehicle purchases by City Public Works Director John Harris, who is asking Council to approve the following purchases: Black Canyon Golf Course – One (1) Toro RM5410 fairway mower & one (1) Toro Groundsmaster 4700D rough mower from LL Johnson Distributing Company 2. Utility Division – Two (2) Ford F250 standard cab pickup trucks from Spradley Barr Ford Lincoln of Greeley, Inc. 3. Engineering & Building Services Division – One (1) Ford F250 Crew Cab pickup truck from Spradley Barr Ford Lincoln of Greeley, Inc. 4. Street Division – One (1) Elgin Pelican street sweeper from Faris Machinery and one (1) Crafcro crack sealer from Denver Industrial Sales & Service Co. Police Department: 1. Patrol Division – Six (6) Ford Police SUV Interceptor vehicles and three (3) Ford Police Interceptor Sedans from

Sill-Terhar Motors, Inc.

According to the meeting packet, the total Fleet Division cost for asset replacements is \$731,352, which is \$2,715 more than the amount budgeted for such replacements. The overrun would come from the Fleet Fund Reserve. The total Street Division cost for asset replacements is \$42,937, which is \$937 more than the amount budgeted for such replacements. This budget cost-estimate overrun would be met with cost savings due to efficiencies within the approved 2015 Street Division budget.

### MONTROSE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS-

Today's consent agenda for the [Montrose Board of Commissioners meeting](#) in the Commissioners Meeting Room (9 a.m.) includes the following items:

MONTROSE REGIONAL AIRPORT, possible authorization for the Chairman's signature on the Hangar Ground Lease with St. Mary's Hospital & Medical Center, Inc., effective 03/15/2015, as reviewed by Counsel; this agreement represents budgeted annual revenue in the amount of \$18,000.00 in support of Strategic Plan Priority #1 Managed Growth and Economic Development; MONTROSE REGIONAL AIRPORT, possible authorization for the Chairman's signature on the Hangar Ground Lease with San Sophia Aviation, LLC, effective 03/02/2015, as reviewed by Counsel; this agreement represents budgeted annual revenue in the amount of \$2,051.28 in support of Strategic Plan Priority #1 Managed Growth and Economic Development.

Today's BOCC general business & administrative agenda includes the following

items:

PUBLIC HEARING: FINANCE/OD/HR, Greg Jennings/Corrinne Shearer, per the requirement of the Community Development Block Grant (Hope West Hospice), a post award hearing shall be held allowing citizens to review and comment on the grantee's performance in carrying out the project. The hearing was posted and citizens were notified in accordance with applicable Statutes; CLERK AND RECORDER, Tressa Guynes, for consideration and possible approval for the Transfer of Ownership of the 3.2% Beer License from William Newberry dba Newberry's Store & Cabins to Juanita Newberry, dba Newberry's Store. All appropriate documents, reviews, inspection, background check and fees have been submitted pursuant to CRS 12-47-303 concerning Transfer of Ownership and Temporary Permits; CLERK AND RECORDER, Tressa Guynes, for consideration and possible approval for a Temporary Permit to continue business in the transfer of William Newberry dba Newberry's Store & Cabins to Juanita Newberry, dba Newberry's Store.

The BOCC's Planning & Development Agenda for today includes: PUBLIC HEARING: Adoption of the Montrose County Rubbish and Junk Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2015-02) Proposal: To adopt an Ordinance to regulate rubbish and junk within Montrose County to preserve and improve the health, safety, and welfare of Montrose County citizens.

Finally, the BOCC will enter into an executive session for advice of legal counsel concerning Montrose Emergency Telephone Service Authority.

## RIISING COSTS, STAFFING DISCUSSED AT DISPATCH MEETING

By Sandra Tyler

Government Beat Reporter

MONTROSE-. Rising costs for users of the Montrose Regional Dispatch Center, which serves an array of local agencies and which was recently upgraded, are a focus of the Montrose Regional Dispatch Center Working Group. Comprised of City and County staff and agency representatives, the working group met most recently Feb. 25 and will meet again on March 26th from 2:30-4 p.m. in Friendship Hall. Goals mentioned at last Wednesday's meeting included: building up a reserve fund for future equipment replacement and/or equipment improvement for quality assur-

ance; maintaining adequate staffing numbers of qualified individuals who receive continuing education; avoiding potential liability issues prior to occurrence; and consideration of an Advisory Board or an Authority Board for the very near future. According to information provided, the Dispatch Center is located in the Justice Center complex and receives calls for fires, EMS, accidents of all types, animals on the loose, other issues identified by residents, and officers reporting their location and need for back-up/assistance. 561,087 calls were received from all the entities served in 2014. Additionally, there were 75,004 calls from Telluride



Photo of Dispatch working group by Sandra Tyler.

agencies and 1,963 from National Park Service.



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## ***Food Safety Classes***

***Offered by Montrose County Health and Human Services***

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 13<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>

***NO July class***

Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>

***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.





## MIRROR IMAGES...OUT AND ABOUT!



*Tom and Sandy Hennessey give a "thumbs up" at their fantastic Colorado Boy Brewery Downtown.*



*Sarah Berndt's photo of "Leo" by Ridgway Sculptor Pokey Park, acquired through Public Art eXperience (PAX) (with the help of a private donor) for the City's permanent collection in 2009.*



*The finished "snow kettle" at All Infused Tea Shop. Photo by Clay Greathouse.*



*A cross country skier takes advantage of heavy snows in Baldridge Park. Photo by Sarah Berndt.*



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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.

**MAGIC CIRCLE THEATRE**-Pride and Prejudice opens March 6. Performances will be March 7, 13, 14, 20, 21 at 7:30 pm, as well as March 8, 15, 22 at 2 pm.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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-

**March 3**—UP Collaborative Landscape Forest Restoration Project Annual Meeting, Holiday Inn Express Montrose, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Contact [info@uppartnership.org](mailto:info@uppartnership.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 4**-Open House and Ribbon Cutting, Colorado Photon Light Spa in Delta, Noon to 1 p.m. 721 Hwy 50.

**March 5**-Public Lands Partnership Executive Committee Meeting, Noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Pioneer Room at Montrose County Fairgrounds.

**March 5**-League of Women Voters Forum, Personal Privacy in the Digital Age. Speaker Paul Janzen. Noon, Montrose Library Community Room. Free to the public.

**March 6**-Central City Opera Presents "Smooth Operator," 6 p.m. at the Montrose United Methodist Church. (16 South Park Ave). Montrose Arts Council is sponsoring the performance-Please visit the Arts Council website ([www.montrosearts.org](http://www.montrosearts.org)) or call 249-1350 for more information. Advance tickets can be purchased at Around the Corner Art Gallery at 447 E. Main St.

**March 6**-Pride and Prejudice Opens at Magic Circle Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

**March 7-8**-The Western Slope Concert Series will present two concerts for percussion and violin: on Saturday, March 7 at 3 PM at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 536 Ouray, Grand Junction, and on Sunday, March 8 at 3 PM at the Montrose Pavilion. Tickets are available online at [www.JunctionConcerts.com](http://www.JunctionConcerts.com), and at Roper Music in Grand Junction and the Montrose Pavilion. All seats are reserved, and start at \$9 in advance and \$12 at the door for adults. Get your tickets early. Call (970) 241-4579 for more information, or buy tickets online at [www.JunctionConcerts.com](http://www.JunctionConcerts.com).

**March 7**-Canyon Creek B&B hosts Laff Inn Comedy Night, Montrose Bridges, Show starts at 7 p.m. \$15 a ticket and it is 21+. Buy tickets before the show at [www.canyoncreek.eventbrite.com](http://www.canyoncreek.eventbrite.com). PLEASE call 970-249-2886 for reservations.

**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](http://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.browncbrownpc.com](http://www.browncbrownpc.com).

**March 10**-Montrose County Food Safety Class, Friendship Hall Kitchen 2 to 4:30 p.m. Montrose County Fairgrounds. RSVP to 970.252.5067 or 970.252.5043.

**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**-Ouray Performing Arts Guild presents a Celtic Concert with Willson & McKee at the Wright Opera House. 7 p.m., Wright Opera House, 472 Main Street, Ouray. Adults \$15, Children (12 and under) \$5, Family \$30. Tickets available online at [www.ocpag.org](http://www.ocpag.org) or at the door.

**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@sherbinotheater.com) at 970-318-0892 or visit [www.sherbinotheater.com](http://www.sherbinotheater.com).

**March 13**-Opening reception-Creamery Arts Center presents International artist Sergei Romanenko's distinctive artwork during their March exhibit in the Peach Gallery. The show will open with a "meet the artist" reception on the evening of Friday March 13<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8 pm. This exhibit will be on display until April 6.

**March 14**-St. Patrick's Day Celebration, Montrose Elks Club. 1 to 4 p.m. Anders Brothers Band! For reservations and ticket prices call 970.249.4852.

**March 14**-Altusa Spring Luncheon at the Montrose Pavilion. The theme for 2015 is "All Things Disney." For tickets to the event please contact Bonnie Eakin at (970) 216-0051, credit cards and checks will be accepted. Shopping Boutique — 9am — 3pm; Luncheon Seating — 12:15 pm.

**March 17**-World Affairs Council of Western Colorado, Panel Discussion-International Women's Issues, 7 p.m., Houston Hall Room 139 Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction.

**March 17**-Region 10 SBRC Quickbooks Programs in Delta-Delta Chamber of Commerce at 301 Main Street-10 a.m. to Noon (Banking Activities in Quickbooks) and 1 to 3:30 p.m. (Inventory Issues in Quickbooks). \$15 Delta Chamber members, \$25 non-members. RSVP to 970.874-8616 or visit [www.region10.net](http://www.region10.net).

**March 18**-Region 10 SBRC Quickbooks Programs in Montrose-Montrose Chamber of Commerce at 1519 East Main Street-10 a.m. to Noon (Banking Activities in Quickbooks) and 1 to 3:30 p.m. (Inventory Issues in Quickbooks). \$15 Montrose Chamber members, \$25 non-members. RSVP to 970.249-2436 or visit [www.region10.net](http://www.region10.net).



# Caregiver

## Summit & Retreat

### Key Note Speakers:

Sue Hansen &  
Laura Wayman "The Dementia Whisperer"

### Session Topics Include:

- How do the 3H's Impact me?  
Hospice, Home Health, and Homecare
- Communication, Validation and  
Difficult Behaviors
- Powerful Tools for Caregivers
- Essential Conversations

### Care Recipient Retreat:

Retreat for non-homebound (space is limited to the first 15 recipients that register) and In-Home Respite for care recipients too frail to leave the home.

Retreat at Hilltop's Day Haven  
Adult Day Center  
238 S. 2nd, Montrose, CO

**Must register by April 1st, 2015.**

### Date and Time:

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Registration Deadline on April 8, 2015

Registration Check in & Breakfast 8:30-9:30

Welcome Address 9:30

Keynote Speaker at 12:30

### Information & Registration:

Region 10 Community Living Services

Call: 970-249-2436

[www.Region10.net](http://www.Region10.net)

### Location:

Montrose United Methodist Church

19 S. Park Ave, Montrose

### Admission only \$10 each:

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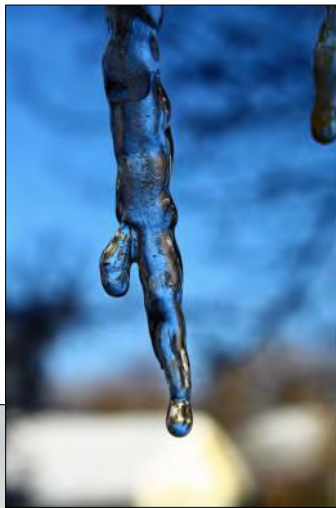
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