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## INNOVATION, INSPIRATION, EDUCATION ...CENTENNIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL'S JOE SIMO



*Montrose's highest achieving middle school also has the most diverse student population. Centennial Middle School Principal Joe Simo, above, with a student.*

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-The student body is diverse, drawing from upscale suburban neighborhoods, high-density Downtown neighborhoods and local mobile home parks. Students include not only native speakers, but those for whom English is a second language. According to RE-1J Data Administrator Charlotte Blowers, 59 percent of Centennial Middle School students qualify for free and reduced lunches this school year.

No matter their background, however, [Centennial Middle School's](#) 580 sixth, seventh and eighth grade students share one thing in common—a safe learning environment and the resources they need to learn and thrive in the high-tech, professional world that awaits them after high school graduation.

—There are a lot of new and exciting things happening,” acknowledged Centennial Principal Joe Simo, now in his ninth year with Montrose County School District Re-1J. —We are at a happy turning point.”

Centennial voted recently to become a Colorado [School of Innovation](#), and the

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## SKY'S THE LIMIT—REPTONS LOOK TO LAUNCH SKYDIVE CLUB AT DELTA'S BLAKE FIELD

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Simon Repton knows from experience there are plenty of other sky diving enthusiasts here in the Montrose area.

—There are quite a lot of sky divers here,” Repton said; —we tend to bump into each other randomly at Home Depot.” Repton has met still other sky divers just by driving his truck around town, a big, old yellow pickup plastered with sky diving stickers and logos.

—People see the truck, and ask where they can go,” he said.

Now, there is a place for those —random” sky divers to meet up and share their love for the sport—Repton and his wife Priscilla, who have a small hangar at Delta's Blake Field Airport, are starting a regional sky diving club.

This past weekend, the Reptons presented information about their business, [Wicked Wingsuits](#), to the Experimental Aircraft Association No. 1373 at Blake Field.

Repton, originally from England, lived and worked

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*To fly in a wingsuit, you must learn skydiving skills first. Montrose company [Wicked Wingsuits](#) hopes to start a club for local skydivers at Delta's Blake Field. Courtesy photo.*

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## OPINION EDITORIAL-LETTERS

### SUNSHINE WEEK HONORS TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY

Dear Editor:

Sunshine Week, March 15-21, marks an annual nationwide discussion about access to public information and the important role that we – the public – have in keeping our communities healthy, vibrant and strong.

It has been nearly 50 years since the [Freedom of Information Act](#) (FOIA), which grants any person the right to access information from our federal government, was signed into law. FOIA plays a critical role in making our government more open and transparent by shedding sunlight on our

government, and empowering citizens to strengthen and improve it. **Open government is the cornerstone of effective government, and a key ingredient in fostering the public's trust.**

We all have the right to know what our government is doing – both its successes and failures. Exercising our right to know gives us power. It allows us to hold elected officials accountable on Election Day and beyond.

We believe that transparency and accountability are in the interest of the government and citizens alike.

This is what allows citizens to monitor Montrose's budget, watch Montrose City and County meetings. The League works to get all members of the community registered and out to vote with the facts examined.

We work to ensure that all voices are heard as decisions are made about our community's future. Transparency and accountability are critical to a healthy and trusted government.

*Karen Connor*

*League of Women Voters*

*Montrose and Delta Counties*

### "A NATION OF COWARDS" – MORE TRUE TODAY THAN IN 2001

Dear Editor:

With the new Colorado legislative session recently starting, a plethora of gun control bills made their appearance. Some were intended to repeal the onslaught of devastating attacks on our Second Amendment rights which passed in 2013 in response to several mass shootings. Those were meant to preserve our natural inherent rights to protect ourselves, our families and our neighbors from criminal acts. Given irrational and emotional opposition, primarily by Democrats, all will undoubtedly fail. According to the media, anti-freedom and gun control advocate, and former mayor of N.Y. City, Bloomberg even made an appearance to whip up opposition to the legislation intended to re-enforce Coloradoans' rights to own and carry firearms. The anti-gun bunch undoubtedly has more of its confiscatory plans underway as well.

Unable to fathom the knee-jerk irrational reaction to several mass shootings involving firearms, a re-read of Jeff Snyder's book of essays on the ethics of gun control was found to be even more relevant today than when first published. The continuing attack on the basic freedom of the ownership and use of firearms is not about guns – it is about government control of our lives and avoidance of holding individuals re-

sponsible for their own actions. If we were to outlaw the instrument of every deadly attack, then we surely should outlaw rocks, since clearly such an implement presumably enabled Cain to slay Abel. Since planes brought down the Twin Towers killing thousands, then surely, using the gun control advocates' perverted logic, all airplanes should be outlawed.

No, it is certainly not the demonized instrument that is the problem; it is those who misuse that instrument. More accurately, it is the misguided concept of avoidance of one's personal responsibility for bad actions which is at fault. This is obvious everywhere. "Political Correctness" requires that one takes outrageous measures to not offend, even where criticism is called for. While Johnny should certainly have a positive sense of self-worth, he should not receive a medal or recognition just for running in a race while at the same time the achievement of the winner is minimized or equally rewarded. To see the avoidance of personal responsibility in action, simply look at the "Zero Tolerance" dogma in many schools. These idiotic policies, while purportedly necessary to protect our children, really serve only to allow those in authority to avoid personal responsibility for their decisions.

How else can you explain a child being expelled for bringing a miniature toy plastic soldier with a rifle to school, as just one insane example? Mandatory sentencing, in my humble opinion, falls into this same abyss. Certainly a few judges have made bad sentencing decisions, but these pale in comparison to some of the outrageous results of mandatory sentencing. Mitigating facts in individual cases are ignored in deference to a "one size fits all" mandate which may be unjustified in a particular case.

The remedy for all of this insanity requires each of us to step up, object, take a stand and organize. How do you boil a live frog? It is done by raising the temperature of a cool pot of water in which he sits to a boil, gradually, a little at a time. That is precisely what is happening to our freedoms today!

Whether viewed as gun possession, excessive taxes, invasion of personal privacy and the like, our constitutionally-protected rights are being diminished. The politicians have already bankrupted our generation and that of our children's children. Do not let them further emasculate our Constitution as well!

*John W. Nelson*

*Montrose*



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Wing suiter and skydiver Jenna Gygi.  
Courtesy photo Wicked Wingsuits.

most recently in Breckenridge, but relocated to Montrose at the end of last year. He and his wife are both experienced pilots, and started their business in 2011.

“I have been a skydiver since 1998, and wing suiting since 2008,” he said. “You have to be a sky diver first, and you must have experienced 200 sky dives. Because suiting increases the risk, you must spend

time with an instructor when you first try it so that he can explain the differences between sky diving and wing suiting.

“It’s like learning to fly,” Repton said, “you start with a beginner suit, and do 20 to 25 jumps. Then you move up to an intermediate suit—like a higher performance aircraft—and do 25 to 50 dives before you move on to a more advanced suit. After 50 or more jumps you are ready for a high-performance wing suit.”

Because suits are custom made and can cost between \$1,500 and \$3,000, renting is a smart option, Repton said.

“We have a fleet of suits, and we rent them to people monthly—like Netflix—so they can gain experience,” he said.

“Colorado is centrally-located for shipping, and we work with the UPS store in Montrose—they send many suits for us every week.”

Repton would like to see a robust com-

munity of active skydivers here, which is the intent of the club he hopes to launch in Delta.

“I want to see more sky diving at Blake Field,” he said. “It’s a great place to get outdoors, and people are always asking me where they can go.”

“I hear that wearing a wingsuit is a lot like flying,” longtime pilot and Experimental Aircraft Association member Merle “Rt” Lynch said. “If I was younger, I would try it! I have skydived—freefall is really a buzz, but once you pull the chord, it is very tranquil. Simon and his wife are both very experienced with skydiving and wing suiting, and they are very nice, and fun to meet and talk to.”

To learn more about Wicked Wingsuits or the Delta Skydiving Club, contact Repton through the web site at <http://www.wickedwingsuits.com/>. For [videos click here.](#)

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## INNOVATION, INSPIRATION, EDUCATION...CENTENNIAL From pg 1



Centennial Middle School received another grant to help with innovation and technology last week, from the Montrose Academic Booster Club. Courtesy photo ABC Club and Joe Simo.

Montrose RE-1J board of education and Colorado Department of Education have approved the change, which has been championed by Simo, 37, who studied Business Education at Adams State College in Alamosa and taught on the Navajo Reservation in New Mexico prior to working in Montrose. Colorado School of Innovation status lasts for three years, after which Centennial has the option to reapply.

“We are still in the school district, and we are not a charter school,” Simo said. “But we have the freedom now to make decisions at the site level, and better adjust to the needs of our students.”

“Technology is the driving force, and we are committed to getting more into the

building,” he said.

Centennial students use Google Chromebooks in the classroom (the Chromebook program is being rolled out to sixth and eighth grades, and is fully in place for seventh graders), to maximize both learning and available resources. The initial 135 Chromebooks were purchased with the help of an anonymous donor who gave \$9,000, and with a \$10,000 2014 Digital Writing Impact Grant to Centennial language arts teacher Greg Whitsell from Montrose Education Foundation. The Chromebooks’ use of Flash memory and cloud-based applications are among the cost-saving measures that deliver the most bang for the learning buck, Simo noted.

“By using Google docs instead of Mi-



Centennial students with Chromebooks. Courtesy photo ABC Club and Joe Simo.

crosoft Word, our students can access the app from home as well as here,” he said. “We have also been selected by Google for a pilot program, in which they will provide us with \$15,000 worth of technology for just \$7,500. So we are fundraising, applying for grants, and asking local organizations for help.”

A “blended learning” model that pairs the latest technology with traditional subjects like reading and writing is paying off in student achievement. Colorado Department of Education (CDE) test results show that Centennial students are learning to read and write—very well. Centennial students show the highest growth in writing of any Western Slope school, Simo said.

“Six years ago, Centennial broke the language arts into two disciplines—reading and writing, and doubled the amount of time devoted to them,” he said. “We have a strong focus on all of our core subjects; with Chromebooks in the classroom, our students can publish their writing in a secure blog.”

“Centennial is our higher achieving middle school,” he added. “We may have a larger population of students on free or reduced lunches, but our students’ reading

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scores are three percent above state average. Centennial scores in the top tier of assessments statewide—we are currently at 69.1 percent out of 100 percent, and our goal is to beat the state average and grow by two percent every year. Eventually, we will be at 100 percent.”

The framework for CDE’s school performance ratings are based on academic achievement and growth, Simo said, adding that Centennial has earned the state’s highest rating as a “Performance” school.

“I think we are doing some very exciting things with reading,” he said. “We incorporate our technology with traditional instruction, which helps our teachers differentiate and work with students. Half of the time is spent with the teacher, half with an online curriculum. All of our students are being pushed at their specific level and need, and while they are doing that, the teacher works with other groups of students to fill in any gaps.”

Though four models are emerging for blended learning—lab-based, classroom-based, flex-style and pod—Centennial prefers the classroom model, Simo said.

“It helps us redefine the teaching process, by keeping students more engaged, providing real-time feedback, and allowing them to control the speed of the lesson. Classes are larger, but seem smaller because the teacher works with groups.

“Ad blended learning lowers the cost per pupil.”

To help fund the purchase of more technology, Centennial is reaching out to community organizations, accepting private donations, and will host a spring fundraiser.

Also helping to engage students in the world of writing and literature is Miss Jeffra Walters, a past RE-1J Teacher of the Year and retired Northside Elementary teacher. At Centennial, Walters works with students on a very popular “Shakespeare Project.”

“Miss Jeffra is retired, and Shakespeare is one of her passions,” Simo said. “The project is supported through the 21<sup>st</sup> Century After School Program—she wanted to continue the work, and we are MORE than happy to have her here.”

Centennial Sixth Grader Dakota Miller, who was attended Pomona Elementary when Simo was there as well, called Centennial’s Principal “pretty good.”

“I like his fundraisers—they are fun,” Miller said. “I don’t like all of the rules he changed, but when he gets money he puts it into our school so we can get new technology and new books.”

Just last week, the Montrose Academic Booster Club awarded grant funds to Centennial for the purchase of 30 more Chromebooks, a management console, one printer, and Teacher Professional Development by Google Personnel. Simo had submitted the grant request.

For 2015, Centennial Middle is focused on classroom management and school-wide discipline, he said.

“I noticed that a lot of our students were tardy to class,” Simo said.

“Each tardy is three minutes—and three minutes is a lot of instructional time. We have reduced the number by 1800 minutes this year—our kids need to be in class and ready to learn.”

Among the ways that tardies have been reduced is by having students with having students attend Saturday school after being tardy to class three or more times.

“It doesn’t make sense to pull a student from class—they need to be learning,” Simo said. Saturday school is a way to provide more di-

rection and focus, and engage in some restorative justice—they do chores around the school that help to make our school better. Though I probably will not have them do any more painting.”



Centennial Middle School Principal Joe Simo and students. Centennial is now a Colorado School of Innovation.

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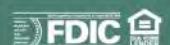
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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### DMEA / REGION 10 PARTNER ON DOLA BROADBAND GRANT FOR WESTERN SLOPE

#### *Special to the Mirror*

REGIONAL-Delta Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) is excited to announce that we will be partnering with Region 10 in their application for grant funds through the State of Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) to help bring abundant, redundant, and affordable broadband to the entire region.

In a special board meeting on March 5, 2015, the DMEA board unanimously approved a resolution which, if Region 10 secures grant funding, will potentially improve the availability of high speed broadband services for our members. 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.

### GRANTS, LOANS AVAILABLE FOR COMMERCIAL / AGRICULTURAL UPGRADES: MARCH 9TH TRAINING AT DMEA

#### *Special to the Mirror*

REGIONAL-Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) is pleased to announce that it has teamed up with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development to host a grant / loan workshop for agricultural and small commercial enterprises. This workshop is the perfect opportunity to learn more about the Renewable Energy for America Program (REAP), which can assist with energy efficiency and renewable energy projects for

businesses, farms, or ranches. The training will be held at the DMEA headquarters at 11925 6300 Rd. in Montrose, Colorado on March 9th from 10 am to 1 pm. DMEA staff will also be on hand during the workshop to offer more information on efficiency incentives including:

- \* Commercial lighting
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\* Premium efficiency electric motors  
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 Small businesses, farms, and ranches in our area need as much help as they can get. Any such business that is interested in working on any project that may result in energy savings is encouraged to contact DMEA Energy Services at (970) 240-1258. To reserve a spot in the USDA grant/loan workshop, you must RSVP to [pattie.snidow@co.usda.gov](mailto:pattie.snidow@co.usda.gov).

### REGISTER FOR MONTROSE RE-1J EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CENTERS

#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-The Montrose County RE-1J Early Childhood Centers will have their registration for the 2015-2016 school year on March 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, and 13th, 2015 at the Family Service Center, 900 Colorado Avenue, Unit #4, Montrose (north of the Bus Barn). Registration will be by APPOINTMENT ONLY! Please call 249-5858 Monday-Friday, 8:00am-

3:30 pm to schedule your appointment. DO NOT bring your children. Transportation services are not available. All children must be 3 or 4 years of age on or before Sept. 15, 2015. March 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>-ECC Returning Families Only. March 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> Open to ALL families with 3 or 4 year olds in the Montrose County area. Please bring: Birth Certificate or a physician signed hospital record; Child's Up-to-

Date Immunization Records; 2014 Income Tax Return or an employer's statement for the Head Start child's parent(s)/ legal guardian(s). Documentation proving TANF, Child Support, Alimony, Military Compensation, Disability or SSI if applicable; Medicaid card/CHP+ or Private insurance card. If you do not have all of the above documents you will not be able to register at this time.

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## JANZEN TO PRESENT ON REVERSE MORTGAGES MARCH 17



Paul Janzen.  
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By Caitlin Switzer  
MONTROSE- What can a reverse mortgage do for you? Find out what you need to know about reverse mortgages from local Mortgage Broker Paul Janzen of Inter-Mountain Funding, when he speaks about this exciting program at the

Montrose Library on March 17, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the community room.

“Reverse mortgages are a way for people over 62 to unlock the equity in their homes, and not make any more mortgage payments,” Janzen said. “I’ve done one myself; they are FHA guaranteed, and the program has gone through some changes recently that have worked out the bugs.”

According to Janzen, regulations now require that a reverse mortgage be taken out on the youngest person in the home.

“They used to loan based on your life expectancy,” he said, “so the older you were, the bigger the loan. So people would

figure a loan based on the oldest person in the home, and then if that person died first the younger spouse would have to leave the home. So the new regulation has been a huge change, and there are more coming.” Borrowers can use the funds from a reverse mortgage to pay for just about anything legal, he said, from taxes and insurance to vacations or motor vehicles. You can even to downsize into a less expensive house and cash out any remaining equity, he noted.

A mortgage broker since the 1980’s, Janzen believes reverse mortgages are a win-win option.

“I am doing an educational session because I want people to know that these are available,” he said. “I am doing a reverse mortgage now for a couple struggling to pay their bills—they could not afford medications, and were going to lose their house. With a reverse mortgage, they can stay in the house and there will be no more mortgage payments.”

According to the [Federal Trade Commission web site](#), there are three types of reverse mortgages- *single-purpose reverse mortgages*, offered by some state and local government agencies and nonprofit organi-

zations; *federally-insured reverse mortgages*, known as Home Equity Conversion Mortgages (HECMs) and backed by the [U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development](#) (HUD); and *proprietary reverse mortgages*, private loans that are backed by the companies that develop the loan. The one you choose depends on a variety of factors, as does the amount you are able to borrow.

The FTC warns that if a borrower feels pressured or uncomfortable, particularly if a lender attempts to tie the reverse mortgage to other products or financial services, it is best to walk away and seek another lender. With most reverse mortgages, you have at least three business days after closing to cancel the deal for any reason, without penalty.

Janzen, who lived and worked in Telluride for six years before coming to Montrose a decade ago, likes being an independent broker so that he can offer a variety of options. “I’m not a big corporate person,” he said. “I like to tailor mortgages to people’s needs.” For more information about the upcoming presentation or about reverse mortgages, call Paul Janzen at 970-252-0306.



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### MONTROSE WOMENS CLUB FLEA MARKET APRIL 4

*Special to the Mirror*  
MONTROSE-The Montrose Woman's Club is sponsoring their annual Flea Market at the Montrose County Fair Grounds, Friendship Hall on Saturday, April 4th, 2015 from 8 am to 4 pm. There will be 100 tables full of new and used items. Breakfast and lunch will be provided by Big Head BBQ. There is no admission charge and all proceeds from this event go to local charitable organization here in the Montrose. If you would like to be a vendor, please call Carol Davis at 970-964-4721.

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## DA'S OFFER to WOMACK A 'SLAP IN THE FACE' RAY SAYS

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-A director-qualified Child-care worker's decision to give adult doses of Melatonin to more than 35 children at a local childcare center in October of 2014 may result in no jail time, according to a Feb. 25 Memorandum of Offered Disposition that has sparked outrage from the former owner of Hug-A-Bear Childcare and Learning Center, Patty Ray.

If the offer is accepted, Dedrie Womack, who had been employed by Hug-A-Bear since it opened its doors more than seven years ago, would plead to one count of Child Abuse, Knowingly-No Injury. Womack was arrested Oct. 22, 2014 after a co-worker reported the incident to Ray, who was out of town at the time. Ray immediately called police.

"It took me out," said Ray, who added that losing Womack and two other key staff members left her unable to staff her business, which closed last month. "I lost my first and second in command, and a top aide."

The offer that Womack received from the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District DA's Office Feb. 25 contains the following terms: Supervised probation, length open; Pre-Sentence Investigation Report; No jail; Apology letters to each victim's family, content to be approved by Probation; All other terms open; Restitution. The offer expires on the setting of motions hearing or trial.

"For me, this is a new beginning," Ray said. "I will recover. But this incident has affected the trust of these parents in childcare centers in Montrose. It displaced students, caused them emotional hardship, and caused financial hardship for their parents. I keep hearing that 'no child was harmed,' but they really don't know—these children will have a hard time trusting their new teachers, and who can say whether a seizure that one child suffered shortly afterwards was not caused by this? These children were given adult doses, without permission."

"It was child abuse, outright," Ray said. "Deedee worked for me seven years; she



*In October, longtime staffer Dedrie Womack gave adult doses of Melatonin to more than 35 children at Hug-A-Bear Child Care and Learning Center, which closed earlier this year.*

was director-qualified and she did this knowingly to 35 students. I am heartbroken that the District Attorney thinks this is an ok offer—I am shocked."

Calls to the Seventh Judicial District District Attorney's office regarding the matter have not yet been returned.

### VENDORS NEEDED for EVENT!

#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-The Museum of the Mountain West is looking for vendors, crafters and musicians to take part in the Sixth Annual Tribute to Western Movies Day on Saturday, June 13. Interested parties may contact Carolyn at 970-417-6476. Vendor applications are also available on the Museum website. Step back in time into the real history of the "Old West" and Western Colorado with a visit to the Museum of the Mountain West located in Montrose, Colorado. For additional details, visit [www.museumofthemountainwest.org](http://www.museumofthemountainwest.org) or call 970-240-3400.

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### MONTROSE WATER SPORTS PARK COMPLETE

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-The City of Montrose is pleased to announce that construction of the Montrose Water Sports Park is complete - approximately two months ahead of schedule, incident and injury free, and within budget.

The project, constructed by local contractors Haynes Excavation and Stonefly Earthworks, includes six —wave stimulator— structures within the river, numerous rock-terraced spectator areas, nearly one-half mile of recreation trails, ADA-compliant access ramps at each end of the park, two rock climbing boulders, and numerous fish habitat improvements.

The project also included improvements to the infields and dugouts at Ute fields, as well as new trails that connect the Ute and McNeil fields to Riverbottom Park.

In early April, the Montrose Recreation District (MRD) will also be installing a sensory playground at McNeil Field and nine outdoor fitness stations alongside the river. These additions to the community's parks system are a part of a joint effort between the City and the MRD, using grant funding from Great Outdoors Colo-

rado (GOCO).

With completion of the Water Sports Park construction, the park is open to the public.

—We invite the public to come down and enjoy the new park additions,” said City Engineer Scott Murphy.

—Whether to sit and enjoy the waves, go for a stroll along the banks, do some fishing, or just get wet and play in the water.”

The water features within the park are not just for kayakers: tubers, paddle boarders, boogie boarders, rafters, and swimmers can all find somewhere to play.

All who enjoy the park should keep in mind that the Water Sports Park is still a natural river with inherent dangers.

Users are urged to exercise good judgment, play safely, and wear personal flotation devices when in the river.

The City would like to thank all who helped to make the project a success: Haynes Excavation, Stonefly Earthworks, Recreation Engineering and Planning, the MRD, GOCO, Colorado Department of Local Affairs, Welcome Home Montrose, Montrose County, the Montrose Recrea-



*Montrose Water Sports Park.  
Courtesy image.*

tion Foundation, the Friends of the River Uncompahgre, LiveWell Montrose-Olathe, the Montrose Community Foundation, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, and the US Army Corps of Engineers.

A ribbon-cutting celebration for the park is scheduled for mid-May, with the 1st Annual Water Sports Park Festival scheduled for August 1.

Visit the Water Sports Park webpage at [CityofMontrose.org/WaterPark](http://CityofMontrose.org/WaterPark), where additional information about these events will be posted as it becomes available.



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## MONTROSE REGIONAL CRIMESTOPPERS: A PROGRAM THAT WORKS TO KEEP COMMUNITY SAFE

By Liesl Greathouse

MONTROSE-Criminals operate all over the country, even here in our little slice of paradise in Montrose. Whether it be robbery, abuse, drugs, or even identity theft, local people have to take responsibility for their safety. That is where the Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers comes in.

Incorporated in April of 2014, the Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers, Inc. is a partnership of public, law enforcement and the media to provide assistance in solving crimes and to improve public safety. It works through the collection of critical information and intelligence regarding criminal activity, unsolved crimes and the whereabouts of fugitives. Crime Stoppers provides a system for soliciting and receiving anonymous tips as well as offering monetary rewards to tipsters in exchange for information that leads to an arrest.

The first Crime Stoppers was started back in 1976 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Today, Crime Stoppers U.S.A. has more than 1,200 U.S. chapters and hundreds more around the globe. Some of Crime Stoppers' nationwide accomplishments include nearly 661,000 arrests made, nearly 8,500 homicides solved, nearly 1 Million cases cleared, nearly \$103 Million in rewards paid, more than \$ 1.1 Billion in property recovered, more than \$3.1 Billion in drugs recovered and five Human Trafficking cases solved.

The concept is simple. Anyone who has information on a crime or fugitive may call in to a dedicated number (970-249-5800 in our area) and anonymously provide the information. There is no way to trace the call or identify the caller. The caller receives a report number and may call later to determine if an arrest has been made as a result of the report. If so, the caller receives a code word, goes to a bank (in our case, Alpine on south Townsend), provides the code word to the manager or bank officer in charge and receives cash in an envelope marked only with the code word.

The program is immune from the legal process, protecting the anonymity of people involved.

John W. Nelson, Crime Stoppers Board President, truly believes that the system works. "It is a tried and true system for coordinating public responsibility with law enforcement," he said. "It also helps with crime prevention. There may be a person out there who may have doubt about committing a crime, knowing that he might be anonymously turned in by friends, enemies or someone who just wants the money. We don't know how many crimes have been prevented, but it works."

There is a need for the program in Montrose, where there have been 500 unsolved crimes in the city. Many law enforcement agencies are under-staffed and under-funded. With Crime Stoppers, it means more eyes on the street. "We are not an arm of the law enforcement agencies," Nelson explained. "We help make people aware of taking personal responsibility for public safety."

The local program hopes to cover all six counties of the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, not just Montrose city and county. "We want to help with criminal transition across the area," Nelson said. "We need to get the community open, with a plan for an ongoing organization that can effectively reach out to all six counties."

With a background in various branches of the law, Nelson originally got involved when he saw an ad seeking board members for the program, even though he already



Montrose Police Chief Tom Chinn and John W. Nelson of Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers. Courtesy photo.

serves on four nonprofit boards. "I forgot to say no," he said simply. "It seemed like something that works."

The program took off and has received positive response from the public, as well as local law enforcement agencies. "The program is justified, needed and extremely welcomed," Nelson explained. "We have not had one negative comment about it. I have received responses from people like 'oh, we had one back in...' They may not have been directly involved with the program where they used to live, but they know the name, know it exists and know it works."

The program is funded only by donations and fundraising, which are used wholly for publicity, materials, rewards and training. Donations should be sent to M.R.C.S., Inc. at 434 S 1st St. in Montrose.

Nelson hopes that the program will continue to grow and help others in the future. "Crime Stoppers allows people to do the right thing, take on personal responsibility and do it anonymously," he said.

"Remember the number and tell your friends." To report a crime, call Crime Stoppers at 970-249-5800.



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# EXPLORE GRAND JUNCTION IN 2015!

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**GRAND JUNCTION**- February 2015 - Located in [Colorado's Wine Country](#), just a few hours west of Denver, Grand Junction provides visitors a truly unique Colorado escape.

With access to more than 20 wineries, 3,000 square miles of state and federally protected public lands, outstanding recreation activities including biking, hiking and fishing, some of the best golf in the state, unique shopping and dining experiences, and much more, Grand Junction offers a variety of memorable vacation opportunities. Here are a few ways to explore Grand Junction in 2015:

**New! Raise a glass at newly opened Red Fox Cellars.** This family run winery in Palisade offers a comfortable, relaxing tasting room with a rustic and inviting feel where guests can sample a variety of their unique wines. [Red Fox Cellars](#) offers complimentary tastings as well as wine available by the glass or bottle. In addition to wine, Red Fox Cellars will soon be offering a constantly rotating selection of fruit wines/ciders from their draft system, all hand made from local fruits.

**New! Take in a show at the recently renovated Avalon Theatre.** The historic [Avalon Theatre](#), located on Main Street in Grand Junction's downtown, recently underwent a \$9.65 million renovation, providing a state-of-the-art performance venue and movie screening theatre. This year, the theatre is welcoming exciting performances from nationally acclaimed groups including Lyle Lovett & His Acoustic Group, Comedian Rodney Carington, and the Grand Junction Symphony presenting Mozart in March, with more acts being added weekly.

**New! Celebrate 100 years of the National Parks Service at the Colorado National Monument.** The National Park Service will celebrate its Centennial in 2016 with a variety of special events and programming beginning summer 2015 and leading up to the anniversary in August 2016. Explore the [Colorado National Monument](#) and soak in one of the grand landscapes of the American West. Towering monoliths exist within a vast plateau and canyon panorama that is only a few minutes from Grand Junction. Visitors can experience sheer-walled, red rock canyons along the twists and turns of Rim Rock Drive, and view bighorn sheep and soaring eagles.



*Each July, visitors can learn more about the unique plant that's used in everything from perfume to homeopathy during the annual [Lavender Festival in Palisade](#) July 10-12. Courtesy photo.*

**New! Bike the Riverfront Trail from Fruita to Grand Junction.** [The Riverfront Trail](#) expansion project now allows visitors to walk, jog or bike from downtown Grand Junction to Fruita on the newly finished Monument Section of the trail. The Riverfront Trail snakes for miles along the mighty Colorado River, passing through cottonwood forests and open space. The trail has many access points, and visitors can spend an hour or a day exploring the beauty of the riverside environment from the communities of Palisade, Grand Junction and Fruita.

**New! Enjoy locally sourced food prepared by executive chef Josh Niernberg.** Dine at Jodi and Josh Niernberg's popular [Bin 707 Foodbar](#) in Downtown Grand Junction, at one of the themed *West Slope Supper Club* pop-up parties, or out of their new food truck at one of their many *Feast in the Field* events. Chef Niernberg serves seasonal American Cuisine from the Grand Valley's best brewers, winemakers and farmers!

**Ride the train to Colorado Wine Country's wine festival.** A not-to-be-missed opportunity is to travel by train and enjoy the scenery while getting to Colorado's Wine Country. Buy a ticket on [Amtrak's sought after California Zephyr](#) route, departing anywhere between San Francisco and Chicago, riding the spectacular scenic rails through the Rocky Mountains to reach Grand Junction. Once there, relax at the 22 wineries or to experience the state's largest wine festival the third weekend of September at the annual [Colorado Mountain Winefest](#).

**Fruita Fat Tire Festival, April 23-26,**

**2015,** Celebrate the 20th Anniversary of a Colorado mountain bike tradition, the US Bank [Fruita Fat Tire Festival](#). Guests can ride miles of pristine MTB Trails, meet MTB friends from around the world and support those who share their same passion and MTB lifestyle. There is a great line-up of live musical entertainment, an exciting expo and much more.

**Shop Downtown Grand Junction.** Main Street in [Downtown Grand Junction](#) has been a pedestrian-friendly shopping district since the early 1960's when visionary city leaders lined the street with trees and created its meandering design.

The heart of Grand Junction has been brilliantly revitalized and expanded in the past few years to include more public art, patio dining and wonderful landscaping. Guests won't find big box chain stores here. What they will find is boutique shopping, unique toy stores, charming candy stores, bookshops, cute kids' clothing, bike shops, outdoor gear and other unique retailers.

**Follow Your Nose to Lavender Fest, July 10-12, 2015.** There's a lot more than grapes growing in Colorado's Wine Country. Lavender farms are becoming increasingly popular in the area. Fields of the distinctively scented purple flower bloom around Grand Junction each summer before being harvested for use in culinary and medicinal applications, as well as aromatherapy.

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### CELEBRATE WOMEN IN HISTORY MONTH! SPEAKER GAIL SAUNDERS WILL PRESENT ON LOCAL WOMEN IN HISTORY AT MUSEUM OF THE MOUNTAIN WEST MARCH 14

#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE – As a champion of women's suffrage and a key player in civic affairs, the League of Women Voters of Montrose and Delta Counties is calling on the public to recognize Women's History Month, an annual commemoration each March to mark the achievements of women to our society.

“The League of Women Voters of Montrose and Delta Counties is proud to honor the hard work of generations of women,” said Karen Connor, League member. “We are particularly grateful for the incredible work women in Montrose, Delta and Ouray Counties have done to improve our community, educate voters, and make our democracy work for us all.”

“While the history of our organization was rooted in the women's suffrage movement and our membership was originally limited to women, today's League is dedicated to fighting back against attacks on our right to vote and to ensure that all eligible citizens are able to have their voice heard through the ballot box. We also draw on the strength of all of our members – a group that includes a diversity of volunteers representing different genders, ages and ethnicities.”

League members work year-round to

assist all voters by providing fact-based information about important community issues, and improving the quality of life in our communities. On Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, the League will recognize historical women of the Western Slope who have made a difference in their communities. Guest speaker, Gail Saunders, will highlight women from Montrose, Delta and Ouray Counties.

Date: Saturday, March 14th, 2015

Place: Museum of the Mountain West – Historic Church

Time: 10 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

“I can't think of a better way to celebrate Women's History Month than to join the League in recognizing Western Slope women whose lives have made a difference. Library exhibits are on display in Montrose and Delta featuring Western Slope women of historical importance. Check them out, and learn how these amazing ladies changed their communities for the better! For information on other upcoming events, visit <http://www.montrose.co.lwvnet.org/> The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences



*Helen Keller, above, overcame many obstacles and was an important woman in U.S. history. [Library of Congress photo.](#)*

public policy thorough education and advocacy. Membership is open to men and women of all ages. With 800 affiliates across the county, the League is one of the nation's most trusted organizations.



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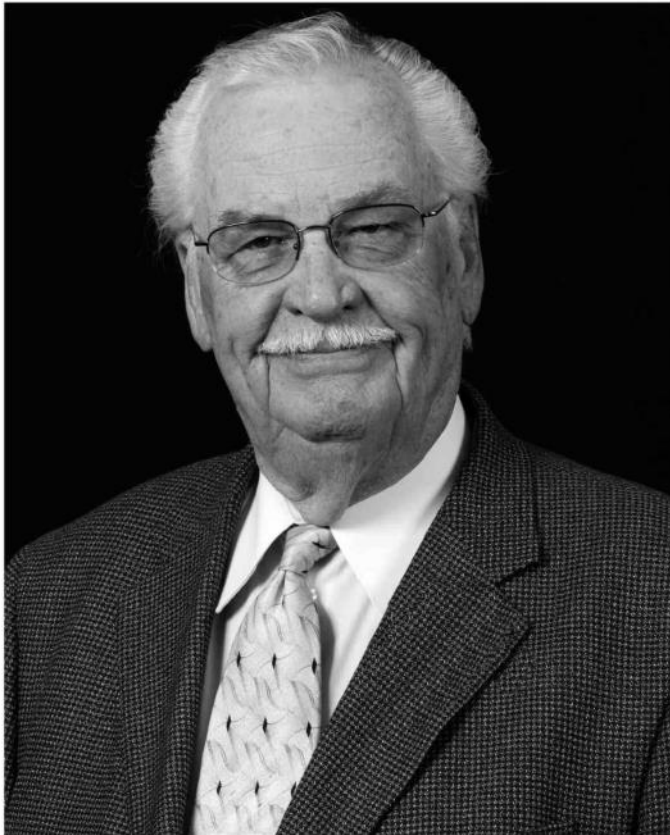
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### MHS AUTO MECHANICS TAKE TOP TWO SPOTS AT SKILLSUSA DISTRICT COMPETITION

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MONTROSE-On Monday, Feb 23, one hundred and twenty hopeful auto mechanic students representing several Western Slope high schools competed in the SkillsUSA District 7 Automotive Repair Competition hosted by Western Colorado Community College in Grand Junction.

The students were competing for three spots in the auto mechanics portion of the SkillsUSA State Conference that will be held in April. Due to the heavy weekend snowstorm, Montrose students were unable to attend that day. However, through efforts between the Montrose instructor Mike Harrington and the WCCC contest coordinator Jim Goetz, a makeup date was added to allow Montrose students to compete. The events and judging were left set up exactly as they were on that Monday and the Montrose students were able to perform the competition on Wed, Feb 25<sup>th</sup>. Scores of the Montrose students were compiled with the scores of the students who had competed on Monday. Montrose High School Auto students were able to place the two highest scores giving them both first and second place. The top score Gold Medal winner was Gustavo Mosqueda, an Olathe High School senior who makes the trip to Montrose daily to attend the auto program at Montrose High School. The second highest score of the contest was Silver Medal winner MHS senior Skyler Moore. The contest is conducted as an individual effort and no team scores are kept. The MHS group, consisting of juniors and seniors from Montrose and Olathe High Schools, competed in eight areas related to automotive and vocational skills. During the competition, students received a combined score for a written exam and a —ands-on” portion. In the —ands-on” portion the competitors demonstrated skills on brakes, air conditioning, alignment, transmissions, vehicle drivability, engine construction, electricity, electronic waveforms, and precision measuring.

MHS auto instructor, Mike Harrington, was very happy with the day's results. — felt after our strong performance, finishing second as a team at the auto competition in Farmington this year, that there were a few Montrose students that could grab those spots. We have finished well at State before, and I feel that either of these students has a chance to win it all.”

## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### WHOLESALE ENERGY SUPPLIER EARNS NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR WIND POWER

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RIDGWAY-San Miguel Power's wholesale power supplier, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. (Tri-State), was honored last month as the 2014 Wind Cooperative of the Year in generation and transmission by the United States Department of Energy.

"Rural electric cooperatives are often pigeon-holed as old stick-in-the-muds against change. But in reality, we are far from that. Co-op's are often the first adopters of new technologies and progressive energy programs, especially right here Colorado," said SMPA General Manager Kevin Ritter. "Tri-State's recognition for their progress in wind energy is well-deserved." Tri-State was selected by a panel of experts from the wind industry, utilities, government, national laboratories, and cooperatives. The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Award was presented at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Techvantage 2015 Conference and Expo in Orlando, Florida.

### PILOT ELECTION REVIEW COMMITTEE SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT

*Special to the Mirror*

DENVER – During his remarks at the 2015 winter conference of the Colorado County Clerks Association, Secretary of State Wayne Williams announced his intent to implement a uniform voting system in Colorado before the 2016 primary election. Secretary Williams recently formed the Pilot Election Review Committee (PERC) to accomplish this task. The PERC will evaluate the performance of various voting systems and make a recommendation to the Secretary of State on the selection of a statewide platform. The committee is seeking public input regarding the criteria that should be used to evaluate competing systems.

"I want all interested stakeholders and members of the public to have an opportunity to weigh in on this process," remarked Secretary of State Wayne Williams. "Public input is critical to ensuring that we achieve the best result for Colorado as we move to the next generation of voting systems."

Five voting system providers are under consideration to provide Colorado's uniform voting system. They include Clear Ballot Group, Inc., Dominion Voting Systems, Inc., Election Systems & Software, LLC, Every-one Counts, Inc., and Hart InterCivic, Inc. The five systems will be piloted in elections this year.

Members of the public may submit ideas regarding Colorado's selection of a uniform voting system

to [dwight.shellman@sos.state.co.us](mailto:dwight.shellman@sos.state.co.us) by 5 PM on Thursday, March 12, 2015. All submissions will be posted on the [Pilot Election Committee's page](#) of the [Secretary of State's website](#). More information about the uniform voting system initiative and the proposals of the various providers are available on the [Voting Systems](#) page of the [Secretary of State's website](#).



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## WEST CENTRAL WOMEN OF INFLUENCE...JUDY WIND

*Interview by Gail Marvel*

MONTROSE—When Judy Wind was 42, she decided to go back to school. Western State College in Gunnison afforded her the opportunity to be on the admin staff while she worked toward a degree. At the time she divided her energies between Gunnison and Montrose as she was co-owner of Summit Photo. In 1993, she permanently relocated to Montrose and is now the owner of Business Options Accounting Services.

As a third grader Judy excelled in math and teachers ask her to help other students. She laughed, “I thought, *I kind of like this* [helping others and mentoring].” Early on Judy found this to be a natural way to lead.

In college a class on Interpersonal Communications was incorporated into her leadership style. “Being a leader doesn’t mean you’ll do it yourself, but that you have an ability to get people to do what you want them to do — in a positive way.” She doesn’t feel the need to butt heads with people. “Finding a positive path that is good for people is rewarding. You keep things going and help others understand so they can fulfill the goal.” Judy doesn’t like conflict, but she won’t sidestep it if that is the situation. “A leader doesn’t step away; they find a way to work through problems.” Judy has served as President of

Rotary, as a board member with the Montrose Chamber of Commerce, and she is on the Magic Circle Theatre Board of Governors. Her interest in Magic Circle goes beyond simply serving on the board; she is also an actor and director. She laughed, “This is my passion.”

The City of Montrose has benefitted from Judy’s presence on the Planning Commission—in December she stepped down after 16 years of service. She is humbled and honored that five of those years she served as chair. “There must be some sort of respect, or else I wouldn’t have been given the opportunity to be the chair and the president of boards.”

During the majority of Judy’s Planning Commission experience she was the only woman serving with men; however, gender has never been an issue. “I started as an alternate. We couldn’t vote, but we could ask questions. I worked hard and found that some of the concerns I raised became the commission’s concerns also.”

Weighing on Judy’s decision to not seek reappointment to the Planning Commission is that the job is no longer challenging. “When I started meetings were packed [with interested people], there were late hours and site meetings.” She laughed, “Growth stopped and now it’s ... Well, it’s a little boring and mundane.”

One area of struggle for Judy was seeing farmland converted into development. “People come here to help the community grow, but you want reasonable and conscientious growth that doesn’t become a detriment to those who are already here.” Judy notes

that there is a lack of consensus on what Montrose is, or what it wants to be. “There are different factions thinking along the lines of what we should look like.” Judy has no interest in climbing the community ladder. She laughed, “The short answer is —**no**.” I’m 69 and at a benchmark in my life. There are other things I want to do; fun things ... like spend time with my three year-old great-granddaughter.”

Advice to those embarking on leadership roles Judy said: “Just do it. Trust your inner voice. If you are capable and have a passion take the bull by the horns.” She laughed, “Of course you may get thrown to the ground and may have to eat some dust, but just do it.”



*Judy Wind.  
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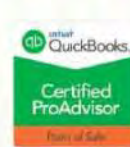
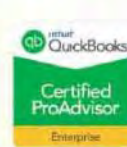
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### REGION 10 CLS, COMMUNITY PARTNERS HOST CAREGIVERS SUMMIT 2015!

#### *Special to the Mirror*

REGIONAL- Are your hands so full with caregiving tasks that you cannot imagine ever taking time away? Help is on the way! Region 10 LEAP-Community Living Services is pleased to announce the 2015 Caregiver Summit and The Retreat, scheduled for April 15 at Montrose United Methodist Church (19 S Park Avenue in Montrose).

This year's thoughtful, collaborative event honors and educates community caregivers, with an emphasis on tools designed to improve communication with the person you care for.

Our 2015 speakers, Sue Hansen and Laura Wayman, have first-hand experience as family caregivers.

Ms. Wayman, known as "The Dementia Whisperer," is a world-renowned speaker who will help the audience appreciate the good days and better understand the not-so-good days.

Breakout sessions include Essential Conversations, The Validation Model, Power-

ful Tools for Caregivers, and the transition from home care to home health and hospice. A pamper room is also provided for those participants who just need some "down time." Lunch and morning refreshments will be provided.

Check in begins at 8:30 a.m., and the event starts at 9:30; Pre-registration is required and can be done on line at [www.region10.net](http://www.region10.net) or by calling 970-249-2436. The registration deadline for the Summit is April 8, and the Cost is \$10 per person.

For many family caregivers, attendance at the Caregivers Summit depends on finding help with your loved one so that you can take time away. We understand this, and this year's Caregivers Retreat is a separate event hosted this year by Hilltop Day Haven. Care and supervision will be provided by Volunteers of America, with lots of fun activities and a special lunch catered by The Crossroads Assisted Living to ensure that our special guests have a wonderful day. For those people who are not able to

attend The Retreat, Region 10 will provide in-home respite care. Space is limited—so please register by April 1 to reserve your space in respite care or The Retreat. Register online at [www.region10.net](http://www.region10.net) or call 970-249-2436—cost is only \$10.00 per person.

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>.

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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# Experiencing the (local) Church

WRITER GAIL MARVEL VISITS HILLCREST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE—My visit to Hillcrest Congregational United Church of Christ took place on Feb. 1, 2015. Greeters Tricia Dickinson and Ardyth Exby welcomed me and introduced me to others milling about. When I asked about their normal attendance one woman laughed, “If we have 18 it’s a good day!” This congregation has gone through a church-split and understandably their attendance has fallen. Members wear multiple hats as they maintain their fellowship. On this day, Lael Van Riper filled the pulpit as pastor and there were 23 people present.

The worship service began with members “Passing the Peace.” The small contingent of worshippers made it possible for everyone to greet one another. Song selections were hymns accompanied on the piano.

The informative bulletin was easy to follow and identified all of those who had a role in the service, as well as the responsive readings. The church theme, —“No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey you are welcome here,” aptly describes the church as a progressive and all-inclusive congregation. Announcements included an upcoming meal and as a way to humorously highlight the church inclusiveness one woman said, —“Bring your spouses — whatever their sex is.” Other announcements included a scheduled meet-

ing with the Western Association Moderator to consider staffing options for the future, and a meeting to discuss adult education. Possible programming for children is available; however at this time the church has no children attending who are of proper age.

Mark 1:21-28 was the basis for the sermon titled, —“What To Do With An Unclean Spirit.” To illustrate a point in the message, Pastor Van Riper intended to play two video clips of comedian Robin Williams. One clip was an ABC News tribute, —“The Life and Death of Robin Williams.” The second clip could not be located on the computer and the pastor made a spur of the moment decision to randomly pick another clip. Unfortunately the colorful language used by the comedian in the hastily selected clip was inappropriate for a worship service and the content was not applicable to the message. *Oops...that was awkward.*

There were some instances during the sermon where a literal student of the Bible would have felt the message mixed apples and oranges. For instance the pastor proposed that demon possession and unclean spirits might simply be a situation of mental illness, in which case the church should take any unclean spirits, clean them up, love them, restore them to health and welcome them back. —“Throughout the Gospels it was the demons that recognized Jesus’

true identity.”

Ms. Van Riper cited a long list of historical figures, artists, scientists and celebrities who suffered from mental illness. —“Those with mental illness cause us to feel discomfort, fear and revulsion. We are nervous and move to avoid them.” She went on to explain that there are 14 categories of mental illness and that one in four Americans suffer from mental illness. Adding to her list of examples she included some who are homeless, indigent and those who have returned from war with reported PTSD, battlefield fatigue, shell shock and brainwashing. —“God takes those we fear and [uses them to] confront us. What will we do with an unclean spirit? You are welcome here.”

Other segments of the service included the collection of tithes and offerings, —“As we examine our blessings let us give generously.” And Communion, which is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month, was prefaced with, —“One common loaf and one cup, one voice, one great God who embraces our differences. In memory of Jesus and his love for you.”

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611 South Hillcrest Drive  
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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

### DR. CAROL PATTERSON TO DISCUSS ROCK ART OF COLORADO PLATEAU

#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-As part of the Chipeta Archaeological Society Lecture Series, we are pleased to present Dr. Carol Patterson on Wednesday, March 18 at 7 PM at the Baldridge Hall / Montrose United Methodist Church, S.1st Street and Park Avenue, Montrose, Colorado to discuss "Cultural Affiliations with the Rock Art of the Colorado Plateau during the Formative through Historic Era." Dr. Patterson explores the cultural affiliation of three different Native American groups represented in the rock art of the Colorado Plateau. We are a member of the Colorado Archaeological Society and our Lectures are free and open to the public.

Visit <https://sites.google.com/site/chipetamontrosearchaeology/monthly-meetings>

or contact Dr. Carol Patterson @ [970-252-8679](tel:970-252-8679) with questions about this, or any other program.

*Dr. Carol Patterson will discuss "Cultural Affiliations with the Rock Art of the Colorado Plateau during the Formative through Historic Era," at the Methodist Church March 18. Courtesy photo.*



## Alzheimer's Educational Series

#### *Living with Alzheimer's - Early Stage*

*Thursdays March 12, 19 & 26*

*4:00 to 5:00 pm*

*Colorado Mesa University Montrose Campus*

*Presented by Teresa Black, Alzheimer's Association Western Slope Director*

#### *Living with Alzheimer's - Middle Stage*

*Thursdays April 16, 23, 30th*

*4:00 to 5:00 pm*

*Colorado Mesa University Montrose Campus*

*Presented by Teresa Black, Alzheimer's Association Western Slope Director*

#### *Living with Alzheimer's - Late Stage*

*Thursdays May 14 & 21 st*

*4:00 to 5:00 pm*

*Colorado Mesa University Montrose Campus*

*Presented by Teresa Black, Alzheimer's Association Western Slope Director*

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Alzheimer's disease is not a normal part of aging. If you or someone you know is affected by Alzheimer's disease or dementia, it's time to learn the facts. This program provides information on detection, possible causes and risk factors, stages of the disease, treatment, and much more.

#### **LIVING WITH ALZHEIMER'S: FOR MIDDLE STAGE CAREGIVERS**

In the middle stage of Alzheimer's disease, those who were care partners now become hands-on caregivers. Join us and hear caregivers and professionals discuss helpful strategies to provide safe, effective and comfortable care in the middle stage of Alzheimer's.

#### **LIVING WITH ALZHEIMER'S: FOR LATE STAGE CAREGIVERS**

In the late stage of Alzheimer's disease, caregiving typically involves new ways of connecting and interacting with the person with the disease. Join us and hear from caregivers and professionals about resources, monitoring care and providing meaningful connection for the person with late-stage Alzheimer's and their families.

**PLEASE RSVP TO MELISSA HANNAH 970-240-0600 OR [MELISSA.HANNAH@BROOKDALE.COM](mailto:MELISSA.HANNAH@BROOKDALE.COM)**

## MONTROSE CITY COUNCIL-WORK SESSION 3/2 AND COUNCIL 3/3/15



*Representative David Harold of the Gunnison Basin Roundtable (center) discussed water issues at the March 2 Montrose City Council work session. Photo by Sandra Tyler.*

By Sandra Tyler

Government Beat Reporter

MONTROSE-CITY COUNCIL 3/2/15

PUBLIC COMMENT-none

APPROVAL OF 2/17/15 MINUTES-Motion made, seconded, and approved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY SPECIAL EVENT ALCOHOL PERMIT

The Habitat for Humanity of the San Juans is planning a special fund raising event, the San Juan Independent Film Festival (Fox Theater Penthouse), April 10-12, 2015. Great Outdoors is a sponsor and they plan a street closure on Cascade between Great Outdoors and Pet Chow on Friday with a live band. There will be a DJ and BBQ vendor at Centennial Plaza, a VIP party on Selig on Friday, 2 shuttle buses running a designated route around town from Friday to Sunday, a parade, and a party at Coffee Trader garden area on Sunday from 8-3. For more information about this event and to see more detailed filed papers, go to

<http://www.cityofmontrose.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/2140> and scroll to pages 9-30.

No action as only a discussion item this time.

PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLE PURCHASE ITEMS

Public Works Director John Harris discussed the vehicles up for replacement as budgeted.

Public Works Department

1. Black Canyon Golf Course — One (1) Toro RM5410 fairway mower, \$47,995 & one (1) Toro Groundsmaster 4700D rough mower from LL Johnson Distributing Company, \$66,894 total purchase price of \$114,889.00.

2. Utility Division — Two (2) Ford F250 standard cab pickup trucks from Spradley Barr Ford Lincoln of Greeley, Inc., \$26,327.00 ea or \$45,290.00 total.

3. Engineering & Building Services Division — One (1) Ford F250 Crew Cab pickup truck from Spradley Barr Ford Lincoln of Greeley, Inc., \$26,327.00.

4. Street Division — One (1) Elgin Pelican street sweeper from Faris Machinery, \$182,950.00 minus trade-in value of \$18,000.00 = \$164,950.00 and one (1) Crafcro crack

sealer from Denver Industrial Sales & Service Co., \$42,937.00.

Police Department:

Patrol Division — Six (6) Ford Police SUV Interceptor vehicles for \$48,192.00 each and three (3) Ford Police Interceptor Sedans from Sill-Terhar Motors, Inc. for \$30,248.00. In previous budget years, replacement Police Department vehicles have been purchased from vendors without necessary equipment and accessories. Fleet Mechanics were required to spend a great deal of time installing equipment and accessories after receiving the replacement vehicles. The 2015 Fleet Division Vehicle Equipment budget includes cost estimates for replacement patrol and administration vehicles purchased from vendors with all new equipment and accessories installed. Fleet Mechanics will only be required to install radios in these replacement vehicles.

Determination of including retro-fitting of vehicles is being considered if there is a new Public Works facility in the future. All the current police vehicles are flex fuel whether regular gas or E85 flex fuel is used. The e85 fuel uses 85% more fuel—an interesting revelation. For more information about these vehicles, the provided bids, and a more detailed explanation, go to <http://www.cityofmontrose.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/2140> and scroll to pages 31-54.

No action as only a discussion item for this meeting. John Harris to provide information at the 3/16 meeting regarding warranties on vehicles and if used vehicles can be offered for sale on the Colorado Municipal League (CML) classified listing of equipment for local communities that do not have the potential for purchase of new vehicles. It was stated that the sale of vehicles on the [govdeals.com](http://govdeals.com) site goes back into the Public Works Budget. The 12-15% disposal fees for the sale on this site go to the buyer. Council member Rex Swanson sent kudos to the staff of Public works re the fast clearance of snow recently and thanked John for replacing the Black Canyon Golf Course mower. <http://www.cityofmontrose.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/2142>

<http://www.cityofmontrose.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/2142>, scroll to page 25-26. From the Golf Advisory Committee: John Harris discussed efficiency improvements by relocating the Golf Course in the Public Work's department, and his oversight of the course for management and budgeting purposes. There are 18 new benches for the 18 holes on the course now ordered. The Office of Business and Tourism will sell the marketing in order to keep the marketing dollars made. Signage is being discussed for the course this week with updates to be provided at the March meeting.

STAFF REPORTS

Public Information Officer Report City Manager, Bill Bell stated that the 2015 Community Garden on Niagara are available at City Hall or on line at <http://www.cityofmontrose.org>. Live Well Montrose/Olathe (<http://valleyfoodpartnership.org/livewell/>) is planning more gardens in the future. The city is planning on participating in H.E.A.L. (Healthy Eating, Active Living <http://www.healcitiescampaign.org/>). Mayor Bob Nicholson commended Bill Bell for his recent selection as President-Elect for the CCCMA, Colorado City and County Managers' Association at their annual conference Feb. 26 in Glenwood Springs. This is also in addition to his current position as Secretary-Treasurer for Colorado Municipal League (CML), which represents over 200 cities and towns in Colorado. Mayor Nicholson stated, "This is great news for our community. Having local officials serve in these statewide associations elevates Montrose's stature statewide."

"Moreover, it is a clear indication that Bill is a highly capable and much respected manager among his peers and other elected officials across the state," he said. The Mayor also reminded attendees of the T.O.E., Teen Opportunity Expo, sponsored by the Youth Council March 26, 1:30-4, Montrose High School Cafeteria.

CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED.

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION 3/2/15 <http://www.cityofmontrose.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/2142>

DISCUSSION ITEMS

GUNNISON BASIN ROUNDTABLE REPORT COUNCIL--

Appointed Representative David Harold

This is up to speed after seven months. The Colorado Water Plan, 400 pages, scheduled to be enforced Dec. 2015 may be pushed back re sensitive issues such as conflict between agriculture and municipalities, especially Olathe; and the water release conflict with habitat areas. The Gunnison Basin Roundtable Report Council needs to report to City Council so that City Council can support as appropriate.

The Gunnison Basin snowfall is 79% of normal with the South section being down but the North section being better. The impact of this to Arizona and other areas dependent on the water plus the interruptible releases caused by amounts available has led to concerns and the potential for issues.

DOLA GRANT APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY OPTIONS

BUILDING--Grant Coordinator Janet Freed and City Manager Bill Bell

CMU purchased the 12,500 sf multi-purpose property located at 336 S. 3rd for \$822,500 with a 1600 sf shop

*Continued on page 33*

## BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS 3/2/15 MEETING

By Sandra Tyler

Government Beat Reporter

**MONTROSE-PUBLIC HEARING:** Mr. Dennis Schultz addressed the Commissioners with information that there are persons providing Special Events, such as weddings or the like on their ranch property without permits for liquor, etc. that creates an advantage to them over what he and his significant other who operates Pine Cone Catering provide on their property.

**COUNTY MANAGER,** Ken Norris requested removal of G. G.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: OFFICE OF COUNTY ATTORNEY,** request for an Executive Session pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(4)(b) for advice of legal counsel concerning Montrose Emergency Telephone Service Authority:

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

The following items were approved.

1. Request for approval of General Fund and Special Fund Expenditures: **NONE**

2. Approval of Minutes: 01/20/2015, 01/27/2015-Special and 02/02/2015.

3. **MONTROSE REGIONAL AIRPORT**-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.

4. **MONTROSE REGIONAL AIRPORT**-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.

**D. GENERAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. **PUBLIC HEARING:** per the requirement of the Community Development Block Grant (Hope West Hospice), a post award hearing was held allowing citizens to review and comment on the grantee's performance in carrying out the project. Ms. Nancy Hoganson reported that the project is behind slightly and opening is expected the end of march to early April and will be providing the child and teen program and the adult program plus the Hospice Care. She thanked the County for their support of money for the project. Mr. Jennings, staff personnel was also present. There was no public comment provided.

2. **THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONVENED AS THE MONTROSE COUNTY LOCAL LIQUOR LICENSING AUTHORITY** to approve 2 items presented by Tressa Guynes and Sandi Nelson (Chief Deputy Clerk):

a. 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. There are no schools in the area. Ms. Newberry is familiar with the requirements of selling liquor and to check ID's. Request related to Mr. William Newberry being recently deceased. Unanimously approved.

b. Temporary Permit to continue business in the trans-

fer of William Newberry dba Newberry's Store &

Cabins to Juanita Newberry, dba Newberry's Store. Unanimously approved.

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RECONVENED INTO REGULAR SESSION.**

Unfinished Business: none

Planning and Development  
**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **PUBLIC HEARING:**

Adoption of the Montrose County Rubbish and Junk Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2015-02) 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. This ordinance brought enough public comments that ultimately delayed the adoption of the ordinance until the next BOCC meeting as there were appropriate requests to change wording that will allow public review again.

Ms. Nancy Medlock readdressed the value of property being lower than if there were not visible property with junk in the yard and the loss to the County of property taxes as a result of lower property values. She reminded those present that it took four years for one person to sell and that the junk property affects 41 homes in the area; that the burning of insulation from copper wiring exposed the surrounding home owners and their children to the noxious fumes from this activity and also to the odors of manure coming from the property.

Mr. Charles McMurdy, a property owner in Olathe, rejected the losses of property value because of junk yards vs the result of recession; that a Home Owners Association should have handled the problem; that neighbors should mind their own business; that we have become a nation of regulations; and that 20 years ago, the attempt to pass a junk ordinance via the BOCC failed when over 1000 signatures against such an ordinance were submitted.

Ms. Sue Ileen Fakiri delivered written comments to the Planning Committee that will be addressed for changes. She stated that section 3.8 is selective to property under one acre and thereby exempts property over an acre from the ordinance.

Mr. Marv Ballantyne stated that the enforcement is selective re front yard vs backyard and where is side-yard addressed. He felt that written vs verbal complaints allows for judgment calls which is vague wording and leads to assumption of guilt regarding preponderance of evidence.

Staff member, Mr. Steve White addressed the compost concerns; section 8.1 which had wording "no sooner" vs the suggestion of "no later" in reference to notification of a hearing being delivered to the property owner when there is a complaint of offensive junk (note: this to be changed to via first class mail at least 7 days in advance prior to the hearing date); and the under one acre issue as a place to start because including all property regardless of size could well result in many numerous calls that will possibly come into the office for review. Mr. White said that there is always the appeal process available to those offenders to the ordinance and that there is always a

concern for the rights of property owners including those in close proximity to the offending property. He has worked in other communities with Rubbish/Junk Ordinances and has experience with appropriate procedures such as drive-by to see the property, taking photos, talking to the owners, and assisting owners with ways to remove the 'junk'. He is supportive of review of the ordinance in a year after being accepted so as to add/delete concerns. Glen Davis stated that this issue is a public health issue ordinance not private property rights.

Ron Henderson stated that health issues have been addressed in existing ordinances and perhaps this needs to be reviewed for conflict of authority. A section could be added to modify this ordinance within one year of activation. Property within HOA's jurisdiction needs to be addressed via HOA's.

Steve White is agreeable to adding to the ordinance and presenting at the BOCC on 3/16/15.

The BOCC meeting was adjourned.

**BOCC 3/3/15 WORK SESSION**

During the work session, the following was heard.

**WEST REGIONAL WILDFIRE AND FIRE COUNCIL** is a non-profit 501c3 that works with grant money to assist home owners to reduce fire potential on their property. Up to 75% of the costs can be shared through the Title 3 Forest Service Grant program for homes and property located in areas that have been identified as high or extreme high risk for fire. Home owners interested can look at the website, <http://www.cowildfire.org/>, or contact Lilia Falk. If the home owner is located in an area that has been determined high to extreme high risk. Areas identified at high risk are Dave Wood Road North and South and Duckett Draw. Areas at extreme high risk were not visible on the slide. It has been determined that for every dollar spent in fire mitigation, saves \$30 spent on fighting fires. The application must contain three bids from contractors who are required to work with natural resource professionals. Ms. Falk can offer information on 50 contractors who can be contacted. Fire mitigation consists of a site visit to determine if that particular property could improve their safety from fire by creating defensible space (the area between a house and an oncoming wildfire where the vegetation has been managed to reduce the wildfire threat and allow firefighters to safely defend the house around your home) such as cutting down trees and/or removing vegetation such as sage brush.

**PUBLIC WORKS MONTHLY REPORT** about the county roads being work on or have concerns such as Rabbit Run Road/Ranger Road where gravel haulers are working and E 81 Road where the bridge over the San Miguel River needs replacement (three bids received).

Bids are for materials only with the work being done by Public Works. A discussion of T-5 Road, Herman Road, and Falcon Road occurred.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES UPDATE**-postponed due to time.

**MONTROSE EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SERVICE AUTHORITY**-postponed due to time.

## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### MOUNTAIN VILLAGE TURNS 20 MARCH 10!

#### *Special to the Mirror*

**MOUNTAIN VILLAGE-** Mountain Village has a reason to celebrate: the town turns 20 March 10. Incorporated on this date in 1995, Mountain Village became a home rule municipality, hired staff, and held its first Town Council meeting 19 days later.

To commemorate this special day, past and present town officials, staff and community members will gather and share memories of the last 20 years.

“Mountain Village is truly a unique place to live, whether it is our open and spacious setting, one-of-a-kind gondola transit system, unmatched recreational amenities, or even the rare ability for our second homeowners to fully engage in the community by voting in local matters, there truly is no other place quite like our community, and the future looks even brighter,” said Mayor Dan Jansen.

#### **TWENTY YEARS OF MOUNTAIN VILLAGE**

##### **March 10, 1995**

Incorporated on this date 20 years ago, Mountain Village formally becomes a home rule municipality.

##### **March 1995**

Mountain Village hires 10 very special employees; 20 years later they continue to work for the town.

##### **March 29, 1995**

Town Council calls its first meeting to order. On the agenda: appointment of offices and departments.

##### **June 25, 1996**

The Town of Mountain Village holds its first election with 43 residents and 92 non-residents casting their vote. Since its incorporation, seven mayors have served the electorate.

##### **1996**

Mountain Munchkins is a welcomed addition to Mountain Village, and currently

offers childcare to 51 families in the region.

##### **Dec. 20, 1996**

The gondola opens on this date, becoming the first and only free transportation of its kind in the United States. Almost 20 years later it is the top rated tourist attraction

##### **July 1999**

The town officially opens the doors to the 31,000-square-foot Telluride Conference Center. Today it is still owned by the town, though operated by Telluride Ski & Golf Company.

##### **Dec. 1, 2001**

The town accepts deposits for Village Court Apartments Phase II rental units, which includes 90 additional apartments. In all, there are 222 units at VCA, and more affordable housing is envisioned in the Comprehensive Plan.

##### **Dec. 2001**

The ski area expands to include an additional 733 acres of skiable terrain accessible by way of ski lift.

##### **2002**

Mountain Village joins the World Wide Web at townofmountainvillage.com. In 2015 Mountain Village will launch a new responsive website so it can be easily viewed on any device.

##### **July 2006**

Busting at the office space seams, employees move into Mountain Village Town Hall with The Market at Mountain Village as its neighbor. It took just over a year to build Town Hall.

##### **Jan. 1, 2007**

From 1995 to 2007, the Mountain Village Metropolitan District provided municipal services like transportation and water. Since this is a typical function of local government, the town gradually took over these services and Metro District formally dissolved. During this same year the town separates from the Telluride Mountain Village Owners Association.

##### **July 22, 2008**

Mountain Village kicks off its comprehensive planning process.

##### **Sept. 14, 2009**

The Mountain Village Bike Park opens with over 1,000 feet of vertical drop, about 30 berms, and multiple jumps. Today the town continues to make improvements to the park and its entire summer trail system.

##### **Oct. 12, 2009**

With demand growing, Mountain Munchkins expands its operations to include 14 preschool-aged children.

##### **June 16, 2011**

After a three-year process and 51 public meetings, the Mountain Village Comprehensive Plan is adopted unanimously by Town Council. This guiding document embodies the community's short and long-term visions for Mountain Village.

##### **Jan. 1, 2012**

Mountain Village creates its first department focused on the environment. To date, the town has placed 41 wetlands – or 55 acres – in conservation easements. Also, 375 native mountain bluebirds fledge in nest boxes on the golf course, calling Mountain Village home.

##### **Fall 2012**

A critical step in developing our entrepreneurial ecosystem, the Telluride Venture Accelerator opens for business in Mountain Village, attracting over 15 companies and 80 mentors to our community who work on a broad array of cool new products and services.

##### **Aug. 2013**

Mountain Village offers its customers 33 percent faster Internet speeds – from 6 MBPS for an individual customer to 20 MBPS – making Mountain Village the best option for Internet service. In 2015 the town will acquire 10 times more capacity, allowing the municipality to offer faster and more reliable service.

##### **March 10, 2015**

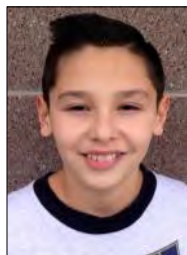
Mountain Village turns 20!



# ACADEMIC BOOSTER CLUB (ABC) STUDENTS OF THE MONTH JAN.-FEB



Alexia Ruiz Arroyo (3)  
Feb.-Northside  
Elementary School



Alexis Lara Suarez (8)  
Jan.-Olathe Middle  
School



Blake Griffin (3)  
Jan.-Oak Grove  
Elementary School



Christopher Vargas-  
Gomez (3)  
Jan.-Johnson Elemen-  
tary School



Cole Simmons (7)  
Feb.-Centennial  
Middle School



Dane Roberts (K)  
Feb.-Cottonwood  
Elementary School



Harley Lee (1)  
Jan.-Pomona  
Elementary School



Heather Prosser (7)  
Jan.-Columbine  
Middle School



Jaxon Killen (3)  
Jan.-Peak Academy



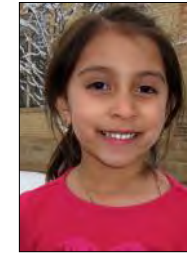
Kael Mattics (5)  
Jan.-Olathe Elementary  
School



Kyle McCracken (1)  
Feb.-Olathe  
Elementary School



Madalyn Freed (1)  
Jan.-Cottonwood  
Middle School



Mildred Flores Avila (K)  
Feb.-Oak Grove  
Elementary School



Natalie Hernandez (4)  
Jan.-Northside  
Elementary School



Ryley Wallace (12)  
Feb.-Vista Charter  
School



Samuel White (K)  
Feb.-Pomona  
Elementary School



Sean Graff (7)  
Jan.-Centennial  
Middle School



Stephanie Rowan (12)  
Feb.-Montrose High  
School



Tyler O'Donnell (10)  
Feb.-Olathe High  
School



Violet Tubbs (7)  
Feb.-Columbine  
Middle School



Wyatt Mansker (6)  
Feb.-Olathe Middle  
School

## Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Since 1983, the Academic Booster Club has collected and returned between \$7,000 and \$10,000 annually to schools and students by giving grants to teachers, students, parents, administrators and support staff to promote positive academic experiences in our community. Academic Booster Club (A+BC) has awarded over \$225,000 in grant money since its inception! Each month, A+BC selects one student from each school in the RE-1J district to be a Student of the Month. These students are recognized at a quarterly awards ceremony. A+BC has been doing this for over 30 years! **Coming up on March 9th at 7PM, students selected to receive the A+BC award for January and February 2015 will be honored at a ceremony at Cottonwood Elementary School.**



## Caring for people with dementia through Validation communication

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### What is **VALIDATION**?

Validation is a way of caring for and communicating with older adults who are often diagnosed as having Alzheimer's-type dementia.

Validation is the foundation of the comprehensive dementia services provided by Volunteers of America. As an Authorized Validation Organization, we offer focused tools and resources that empower caregivers at home as well as those in senior communities. Our passion is to positively impact the quality of life for those with dementia.

Visit **[www.voavalidation.org](http://www.voavalidation.org)** for more information on Validation and **[www.voahealthservices.org](http://www.voahealthservices.org)** for a list of providers in Western Colorado.

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### MONTROSE HIGH SCHOOL JOURNALISM STUDENTS RECOGNIZED AT CMU MEDIA DAY

#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-On Monday, March 2, members of the MHS newspaper and yearbook staffs along with several beginning journalism students attended Colorado Mesa University's annual Media Day.

The event features workshops with CMU Mass Communications professors as well as members of the local media, opportunities to tour campus media facilities, and an awards ceremony to recognize the efforts of high school journalism programs across the western slope.

Prior to Media Day, individual student work was submitted for judging in a variety of writing, graphic design, photography, video broadcast, and web design categories.

Overall newspaper, yearbook, and web-site publications were also judged. The following MHS students received awards for their work, and both *The Chieftain* newspaper and *The Chief* yearbook were awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Best Overall in their respective categories. Individual Newspaper Awards:

Morgan Nichols – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Newspaper Page Design/Layout; 1<sup>st</sup> Place Best Graphic/ Illustration Design  
Keenan Betz – 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Newspaper Advertising Design; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Newspaper Advertising Design;  
1<sup>st</sup> Place - Best Media/Webpage; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Best Editorial Writing  
Sarah Sebre – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Newspaper Page Design/Layout  
Allyssa Taylor – 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Best Editorial Writing  
Emily Annis – 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Best Sports Writing  
Jackie Romero – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Best Editorial Writing  
Tyra Amaya – 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Best Sports Photography; 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Best Feature Photography  
Peyton Ayers – 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Best Feature Photography  
Macy Gurule – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Best Feature Photography  
Individual Yearbook Awards:  
Heather Fredrick – 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Yearbook Page Design/Layout; 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Yearbook

Copy/Story Editing  
Erin Burnet – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Yearbook Copy/Story Editing  
Briceida Ortega – 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Yearbook Advertising  
Cassie Padilla – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Yearbook Page Design/Layout  
Lexi Youngren – 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Best Yearbook Photography  
Peyton Ayers – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Best Yearbook Photography  
Photo Contests:  
Gavin McLaughlin – 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Photo Contest  
Amy Diaz – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Photo Contest  
Lexi Youngren – 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Photo Contest – Sports  
Sydney Warner – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Photo Contest – News; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Photo Contest - Feature  
In addition, *The Chief* yearbook is once again featured in the annual Jostens *Look Book*, a “best of the best” publication showcasing 476 yearbooks selected from among approximately 3,000 submitted for consideration.

### VENDORS SOUGHT FOR DELTA HOME, GARDEN AND RECREATION SHOW!

#### *Special to the Mirror*

DELTA-Vendors Wanted! Applications are now available for the 2015 Home, Garden and Recreation Show, April 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> at the Bill Heddles Rec Center. Please visit our website, [www.deltacolorado.org](http://www.deltacolorado.org) or pick up your application at the Delta Area Chamber of Commerce, 301 Main Street. Applications are due by April 1. Spaces reserved after that date will be charged a \$50 late fee. For questions and additional information, please call 874-8616.



## MIRROR IMAGES...MONTROSE URBAN STYLE!



*Kimberly McGehee of SheShe Boutique shows just a few of the ways to spice up your spring look with a shawl/scarf...with more fashion options than ever before, Downtown Montrose has your style!*



## HONORABLE MENTION

*To Fernie Rendon and the entire team at the City of Montrose Sanitation and Recycling Department, for outstanding customer service!*

*To the Montrose High school Auto Mechanics students for taking the top two spots at SkillsUSA District Competition last month!*

*To Delta-Montrose Electric Association and Region 10 League for Economic Assistance & Planning, for moving forward together on a DOLA broadband grant application for the West Central region!*

*To Olathe, Colorado for the [new Facebook site!](#)*

*To Mountain Village, Colorado, for turning 20 on March 10!*

*To the West End Economic Development Corporation, for working to develop a business incubator for the West End—with seven offices, a light industrial area and commercial kitchen...*

*To lifelong friend and former Fort Lewis College classmate Sharon Wood Marquez...happy birthday!!!*

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## ARTS AND CULTURE

### COSY SHERIDAN TO PLAY GRAND JUNCTION'S RADIO ROOM

#### *Special to the Mirror*

GRAND JUNCTION-Cosy Sheridan will play the Radio Room (1310 Ute Ave., Grand Junction) March 27, at 7:30 p.m. Sheridan has been called "one of the era's finest and most thoughtful singer-songwriters." She first caught the attention of national folk audiences in 1992 when she won both the Kerrville Folk Festival's NewFolk Award and The Telluride Bluegrass Festival Troubadour Contest, then released her critically-acclaimed debut CD *Quietly Led* on Waterbug Records.

She has released 12 CDs, her music is featured in the Robert Fulghum multi-media novel *The Third Wish* and she tours consistently throughout the US. Her concerts are wide-ranging explorations of modern mythology (meet Hades the Biker), love songs for adults, contemporary philosophy for the thoughtfully-minded and her signature parody on aging and women. Throughout this journey, her lyrical dexterity is backed by her distinctive, percussive bluesy-gospel guitar style.

A guitar student of instrumental luminaries such as Guy Van Duser and Eric Schoenberg and a voice student at The Berklee School of Music, she brings a depth of experience to her craft. For the past 18 years, she has taught classes in songwriting, performance and guitar at workshops and adult music camps across the country including The Puget Sound Guitar Workshop and The Swannanoa Gathering. In 2008 she co-founded The Moab Folk Camp.



*Singer/Songwriter Cosy Sheridan.  
Courtesy photo.*

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FOR MONTROSE COUNTY!**

Check out Cosy Sheridan's music at <http://www.cosysheridan.com/>. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$18 at the door and may be purchased by calling (970) 241-8801, Ext 0 or online at [www.kafmradio.org](http://www.kafmradio.org). The Radio Room is located at 1310 Ute Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501. Doors open at 7 p.m.

#### [Radio Room Concert Series](#)

Radio Room concert series are held in the KAFM Radio Room, located at 1310 Ute Avenue, Grand Junction, CO. The Radio Room is a live music venue in an intimate environment, with only 75 seats and great acoustics. KAFM Community Radio is a public access radio station serving Mesa County in Western Colorado. KAFM has been on-air since 1999 and is programmed by a passionate staff of over 150 volunteers.

#### [Lifelong Learning Series](#)

These are lectures and presentations that we present in the Radio Room on a regular basis. They are part of a lifelong learning initiative involving storytelling, theatre and lectures.

Topics have included: a young man who spent a year in Antarctica, a Marine One helicopter pilot telling stories of his years at the White House, a presentation on the Burning Man Festival along with a fire dance exhibition in our parking lot, a program of a staged reading of a new play along with interactive feedback with the playwright, a lecture and demonstration on naturopathic medicine and a storytelling/musical performance by John Winn, a musician who was part of the folk revolution in New York City during the 1960s with the likes of Bob Dylan and Judy Collins.

#### [The Gallery at the Radio Room](#)

Located in the Radio Room at KAFM, 1310 Ute Avenue, the Gallery at the Radio Room features the work of some of the area's finest artists. Works in every medium are represented in ongoing exhibitions throughout the year. The Gallery is open Monday through Friday from 10 am to 1 pm and at all events at the Radio Room. The Gallery is also open by appointment. Call 241-8801, ext. 201 to arrange an appointment. A portion of all gallery sales benefit KAFM Community Radio.



*Photo Credit: "Alone" By Sarah Berndt.*

## **MONTROSE CITY COUNCIL-WORK SESSION AND COUNCIL From pg 24**

building and adjoining parking lot from Community Options to finalize in March for educational activities and thereby double the classroom space.

CMU plans to remodel/rehab the building to house vocational education activities and is requesting a resolution of support from City Council, Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance funding from the City (\$100,000) for the rehab project, and may also request from Montrose County to use its \$75,000 annual donation toward purchase of the building and grant match.

Janet Freed to assist in determining the rehab cost of the building.

One concern to overcome from the City's Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) is the current Energy and Mineral Impact Policy statement, *"DOLA's policy is to not favorably view applications to the EIAF program from higher education institutions due to high demand and intense competition among local governments for the limited EIAF grant funds. In circumstances in which a higher education institution partners with a local government for a facility of benefit to the broader community in addition to its benefit to the higher education institution, the EIAF program would consider the application for funding based on existing program funding criteria."*

On the side of Montrose, it will make the downtown more viable and does foster a vibrant downtown. The Council Resolution would need to show impact to community, i.e. enhancement of educational opportunities locally to get better paying jobs (i.e. both Home Depot and Walmart require computer skills from their applicants).

Since 2011, the City has contributed nearly \$500,000 in grant funds for technology and equipment upgrades at the CMU Montrose facility, that city also contributed \$50,000 in 2013 & 2014, and closed a city street to support CMU expansion.

DOLA BROADBAND GRANT APPLICATION PROGRAM--Coordinator Erica Weeks and City Manager Bill Bell.

Last Friday, there was a discussion with DMEA to support the application as the deadline is Apr 1.

Comments: Council member, Rex Swanson--the DMEA positive appears positive. The voters are behind the broadband goal. Many issues and concerns in the conversation: the carrier neutral concept is important as it supports low cost and wide availability within the city limits; both DMEA and the city have lines; timing is crucial; the \$17 million estimate is the worst scenario; without DMEA support, the City would need \$7-9 million to secure anchor positions; the construction timeline is 3 years; would this be needed up front or over the 3 years?; could there be a \$600,000 bond?

D. CLICK-IT OR TICKET GRANT APPLICATION--<http://www.cityofmontrose.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/2142> and scroll to page 3-4. Police Chief Tom Chinn reviewed the application. Montrose would work with CDOT and State Patrol from 30 Mar-5 Apr to observe and report statistics. Totally paid for by CDOT.

TAX INCREMENT FINANCING FOR CO-WORKER / PROXIMITY SPACE CENTER--City Manager Bill Bell; Josh Freed, Abrams, present.

The availability of the preferred site of the Old Jeans Westerner 20,000 sf building is fast approaching. Abrams is looking at other possibilities in Montrose as Abrams is solid with being in Montrose. Mr. Freed stated that by the year 2020, 60 percent of the work force will be untethered. The salaries for this type of workers averages \$65,000 annually. Attracting people within this income level is a

win-win for Montrose as these workers can choose where they live as the work they do can be anywhere IF the Broadband access is there. MegaPixel wants to expand into the considered site. Back Street Bagels also has the same opportunity to expand into the space and expand their business opportunities. The site could house the Dept. of Corrections. CMU will be a feeder.

Should this be considered at the 3 Mar regularly scheduled Council meeting? Council members requested paperwork that they would need from Bill Bell to do that. It was agreed that he would provide this

WRITTEN REPORTS--<http://www.cityofmontrose.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/2142>

The following written reports were included in the meeting packet but will not be discussed unless City Councilors have specific questions.

Downtown Development Authority Report pages 5-8; Youth Council Report, page 9; All Points Transit Report, pages 10-12; Region 10 Report, pages 13-26; Black Canyon Golf Course Advisory Committee Report, pages 27-28  
MEETING ADJOURNED

POST NOTE: I learned the following at the 4:30 DDA Board meeting that same day: Shortly after the adjournment, Mr. Bell contacted council members to wait for more time to discuss this project more thoroughly and how to support such a concept in Montrose financially. Abrams is working on the similar co-worker space concept in Mountain Village. "If we waited the bugs will be worked out."

**ALPINE PHOTO CLUB  
EXHIBIT MARCH 21**  
**The First Annual  
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## ARTS AND CULTURE

### CATCH ROYAL WE AND BONEWAGON AT THE SHERBINO MARCH 13

#### *Special to the Mirror*

RIDGWAY-On Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, The Sherbino Theater welcomes local bands, *The Royal We* and *Bonewagon*, to play the stage for a night of local live music known as, —Le Bone Royal.” *The Royal We* and *Bonewagon* are playing a double bill for the night, showcasing the top-notch musical talent from Ridgway, Colorado. The night will begin with *The Royal We* taking the stage around 7:30pm and playing until 9:30pm. *The Royal We* specializes in alternative rock and consists of members; Jill Mihelich, on vocals, Kenny Mihelich on bass and vocals, Chris Goplerud on drums, percussion and vocals, Mark Pettit on lead guitar and vocals, and Lee Duvall on guitar and vocals. After a short set change, its Bonewagon’s turn to rock the house, and will keep the night of music and dancing going until 12:30 am. Cash bars and door for —Le Bone Royale” are at 7 pm on Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, and there is a \$10 cover at the door.

### WEEHAWKEN TO OFFER ACRYLIC AND OIL PAINTING BASICS WORKSHOP

#### *Special to the Mirror*

RIDGWAY-Join local artist and instructor, Ann Cheeks, for a four- week session of acrylic and oil painting basics. In this workshop, students will learn the fundamentals of acrylic and oil painting, from color mixing to composition, all in a relaxed and no pressure environment. Students will do studies from life, work, and photographs to create several paintings throughout the entire workshop that they can then take home with them at the con-

clusion of the four week session.

Ashley King, Executive Director of Weehawken Arts, is excited about this workshop in March and says, —An has been an instructor for Weehawken for about two years, and is incredibly good at what she does. Her method of teaching creates a laid back and comfortable environment, for students to learn and to express themselves creatively. Weehawken’s Acrylic and Oil Painting Workshop is great for anyone who is looking to learn more about

art and about themselves as an artist, whether they are just getting started or have years of experience.”

This four- week workshop will start on Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, and will run from 10am-12pm every Thursday until April 9<sup>th</sup>. All materials and supplies are provided. Cost of the workshop is \$250 dollars and is for individuals 16 years and up. Call 970.318.0150 or visit our website at [www.weehawkenarts.org](http://www.weehawkenarts.org) to register or for more information!

### HEAR J.S BACH : GOLDBERG VARIATIONS MARCH 22



*Pianist, composer, performer and music historian Frank French. Courtesy photo.*

#### *Special to the Mirror*

GRAND JUNCTION-Hear J.S Bach : Goldberg Variations played By Frank French on Sunday, March 22, 2015

at 2 PM at First Baptist Church , 720 Grand Avenue in Grand Junction.

The Aria with 30 Variations by J.S. Bach also known as the *Goldberg Variations* represents the culmination of the composer's keyboard style. Originally written for a double-manual harpsichord, it dates from the 1740's when Bach was wrapping up his series of keyboard works known as *Klavierübung*: keyboard practice.

Throughout this work the composer intersperses his florid style of counterpoint with two variations of free form followed by one variation of canon, the ancient form of one voice chasing another in direct imitation. As the variations progress, the interval of the canons in each third variation increases from the unison up to the interval of the ninth. The final variation is called *Quod Libet*, which is two folk melodies of the day played off against one another within the texture of four parts. As polyphonic music this work for solo keyboard in unsurpassed.

Frank French, pianist, composer, performer and music historian, wears many hats. Among musicians he is generally known as an authoritative source on vari-

ous styles ranging from Bach to music of the Americas.

—Music theory and practice go hand-in-hand down through the ages. These arbitrary division made today between popular and classical music are illusory: the raw material of simple melodies in the hands of expertise assumes new form and greater meaning as is the case in these variations,” says French.

French , who has long experience in playing Bach, has recorded the complete set of 48 preludes and fugues, *The Well-Tempered Clavier* of J.S. Bach played in Thomas Young’s well temperament of 1799. This project was undertaken so that the entire cycle can be heard in an explicitly-stated, 18th Century well temperament that allows the characteristic of each major and minor key to emerge as intended during the time of the composer. This four-CD set contains more than four hours of music with liner notes on the history and development of tuning keyboard instruments by Owen Jorgensen. French says, —It can't be denied that we're talking about a highly-developed form of instrumental music here, and the more one listens the more one hears.”

## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### CITY TO CLOSE PORTION OF MIAMI ROAD MARCH 10-11

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-The City of Montrose Utilities Department will close a portion of Miami Road between 6700 and 6720 Roads on Tuesday, March 10 and Wednesday, March 11 to replace an aged water valve on one of the City's water mains. Both 6700 and 6720 Roads will

remain open during this work and will serve as a detour around the project. Access for local residents and emergency personnel will be available throughout the duration of the project.

To facilitate the valve replacement, it will be necessary to shut off water service to approximately 25 residences along Mi-

ami Road for one day. Utility customers impacted by this shutoff will receive notice at least 24 hours in advance. The City urges motorists and pedestrians to respect all coned-off areas and exercise caution near the work area. Questions regarding the project may be directed to Utility Superintendent David Bries at 970.240.1484.

### COMMUNITY GARDEN APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE – The City is committed to promoting quality of life, in part by providing outdoor living and recreational opportunities. In 2014, the City of Montrose Public Works Department, LiveWell Montrose Olathe, and the Valley Food Partnership collaborated to construct the Niagara Community Garden on East Niagara Road. Feedback from the Garden's 2014 season was overwhelmingly positive, evidenced by the short amount of time needed to fill all of the available plots.

Applications are now available for community members who wish to take part in the 2015 Niagara Community Garden. Plots are available on a first-come-first-served basis. Applications may be picked up at City Hall (433 S. First Street) between the hours of 7 a.m. and 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and are available online at [www.CityofMontrose.org/CommunityGarden](http://www.CityofMontrose.org/CommunityGarden).

Contact Valley Food Partnership and LiveWell Montrose Olathe (970-249-

0705) to hear about other gardens in our community and opportunities to volunteer. Citizens who are interested in constructing gardens in other parts of Montrose are encouraged to contact City staff.

For more information about the Niagara Community Garden, visit [www.CityofMontrose.org/CommunityGarden](http://www.CityofMontrose.org/CommunityGarden), contact City of Montrose Parks and Special Projects Superintendent John Malloy at 970-240-1411, or Deputy City Clerk Carolyn Bellavance at 970-240-1420.

### VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA HOME HEALTH RELOCATES WITHIN SAME COMPLEX

*Special to the Mirror*

REGIONAL-Volunteers of America Home Health of Western Colorado is moving, but not far! As of March 16th, the offices will be relocating within the same office complex.

The new physical and mailing address will be 300 N Cascade Ave Suite T9,

Montrose CO 81401. The phone and fax numbers will remain the same: 970-240-0139 and 970-240-0160. Home Health of Western Colorado has been serving local communities in Montrose and Delta Counties since 2001.

At Home Health of Western Colorado, we have highly-experienced, skilled nurses

on call 24-hours/day, seven days a week, as well as home health aides, physical, occupational, and speech therapists. Services include wound care, physical therapy, IV therapy, disease management, medication management, surgical aftercare, tele-health and many other services to help individuals stay in their homes.



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### **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...MONTROSE COUNTRY STYLE!



*Clockwise from top left: Country Critters 4H Club (and a baby goat) held a fundraiser at Producers Coop March 7; Fredia Goodman of Producers' Coop greets customers on Chick Day March 7; "Two Hour Parking," by Sarah Berndt; Chick Day at the Producers' Coop; "Open Sky" by Sarah Berndt.*



## 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 1st Wednesday and 3rd Thursday of every month from 1:30 - 2:30 at Region 10 300 N. Cascade. Call Amy Rowan 249-2436 ext. 203 for more information.

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

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

### MONTHLY-

**March 9-10**-Registration for Montrose RE-1J Early Childhood Education Centers-Returning families only. Please call 249-5858 Monday-Friday, 8:00am-3:30 pm to schedule your appointment.

**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 9**-DMEA, USDA grant training for ag and small commercial enterprises. The training will be held at the DMEA headquarters at 11925 6300 Rd. in Montrose, Colorado on March 9th from 10 am to 1 pm. To reserve a spot in the USDA grant/loan workshop, you must RSVP to [pattie.snidow@co.usda.gov](mailto:pattie.snidow@co.usda.gov).

**March 9**-Academic Booster Club to Honor Jan.-Feb. Students of the Month. 7 p.m. at Cottonwood Elementary School.

**March 10**-Estate Planning Basics, 4:30-5:30 pm; Learn basic estate planning essentials including the difference between wills and trusts and how to use a power of attorney to round out your estate plan. Located at Region 10, 300 N. Cascade Ave. Registration is required. Sponsored by Region 10 and Brown and Brown P.C. Call (970) 243-8250 or at [www.brownsandbrownpc.com](http://www.brownsandbrownpc.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 11-13**-Open Registration for Montrose RE-1J Early Childhood Education Centers-all families with three and four year olds in Montrose area. Please call 249-5858 Monday-Friday, 8:00am-3:30 pm to schedule your appointment.

**March 12**-West Region Wildfire Council to meet, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Montrose Public Lands Center, 2465 South Townsend Avenue.

**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.ocpaq.org](http://www.ocpaq.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 13th 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**-Altrusa 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 14**-Gail Zanette Saunders presents on Women in Local History for League of Women Voters of Montrose-Delta counties. 10 to 11:30 a.m. Museum of the Mt. West, Historic Church.

**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).

**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 249-1115.

**March 18**-Lenten Music at Noon - Featuring various local artists, Noon-12:30pm, Montrose United Methodist Church, 19 South Park Ave.

**March 18**- Chipeta Archaeological Society Lecture Series presents Dr. Carol Patterson, 7 PM at Baldridge Hall / Montrose United Methodist Church, S.1st Street and Park Avenue, Montrose, Colorado to discuss "Cultural Affiliations with the Rock Art of the Colorado Plateau during the Formative through Historic Era." Contact Dr. Carol Patterson @ 970-252-8679.

**March 19**-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.

# 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:

Breakfast & Lunch Provided

Scholarships Available

A **PAMPER ROOM** will be available for mini massages, reflexology and other relaxing activities.



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