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2015 BLACK CANYON HUNT & OUTDOOR EXPO KICKS OFF MAY 1, PROMOTES "WEEK-BEFORE" EVENTS, ACTIVITIES



The Black Canyon Hunt & Outdoor Expo (above in 2013) is back, and will take place May 1-2, at Friendship Hall. Courtesy photo.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-It's an event that caters to and attracts crowds of folks who love the outdoors—and yet, for the first two years it was held almost entirely indoors due to wintry weather. So the [2015 Black Canyon Hunt & Outdoor Expo](#)—one of the Montrose's major annual draws for visitors—will take place May 1-2 at Friendship Hall at the Montrose County Fairgrounds.

Though the Expo began as an annual event in February, —The first two years we had big storms, so we wanted to shift it to make things easier for people to get here from places like Gunnison,” organizer John Pope said. —We'll be able to do more things outside; we will have food and music vendors on the lawn, music throughout the day, and High Country Sporting Dogs will be doing demos outside with live birds.”

Though it is only in its third year, the Black Canyon Hunt & Outdoor Expo has drawn 4,000 to 5,000 previously.

—We're hoping to hit those numbers again,” said Pope, who partners with local teacher Jason Killen to

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LONGTIME LOCAL ORGANIC GROWERS AWARDED OURAY COUNTY'S FIRST PERMIT FOR MARIJUANA CULTIVATION

By Caitlin Switzer

RIDGWAY—After 16 years in business, Sheila and Tim Manzagol had hit something of a plateau.” Their 40-acre farm in Ridgway, [Shining Mountain Herbs](#), is known throughout the region as a leader in the production of handcrafted, organic herbal products in keeping with Shining Mountain's mission: —Everyone deserves optimal health.” Despite the challenges of growing at an elevation of 7,000 feet, Shining Mountain Herbs makes impressive use of biodynamic farming techniques and grows 80 percent of the herbs used in its sought-after products on site.

And yet, one of nature's most potent remedies remained unavailable to them.

—We had been waiting to be able to use medical marijuana,” Tim Manzagol said. —So when the Ouray County Board of Commissioners voted to allow some cultivation, we saw it as an opportunity.”

The Ouray County Board of Commissioners adopted Ordinance [2014-003](#) on Dec. 22, 2014. The Ordinance notes that no more than five licensees are to be permitted in 2015, and no more than 10 in 2016.

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“They know we'll do this right,” said Ouray County grower Tim Manzagol, after he and his wife Sheila (above), a certified clinical herbalist, were awarded Ouray County's first marijuana cultivation permit March 17. Photo by Sarah Berndt.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL

STORY ON HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT AT PUBLIC WORKS UNFAIR TO TOP MGMT

Dear Editor:

As a regular reader of The Montrose Mirror, I was disturbed to see the March 16 article entitled —CITY PUBLIC WORKS A HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT, STAFFERS SAY”. At first glance, the sensational headline promised a scandal brewing in City government.

Upon a closer reading, the lengthy article contained a wide range of unsubstantiated —complaints” from two —unidentified sources” with a Public Works background. However it became quickly clear, that the intent of the article was a not so thinly veiled attack on City Manager Bill Bell, Public Works Director John Harris, and Assist. City Manager Rob Joseph, for implementing operational cost savings measures to City government, that ultimately benefit the taxpayer.

The most glaring deficiency in the article, however, was the fact that the Mirror made absolutely no attempt whatsoever, to interview Bell, Harris, or any other City officials, regarding the alleged complaints noted. That omission in itself, suggests a concerning journalistic bias on the part of The Montrose Mirror.

Dee Laird

Montrose

EDITORIAL: DEAR DAILY PRESS-THE ONLY THING ‘YELLOW’ IS YOU

Mirror Staff Editorial

MONTROSE-The Montrose City Council meeting of March 17, 2015 opened with a —Call to the Public,” a time for community members to comment on issues of general importance to the City and its operations.

Not surprisingly, the theme for the public comments was *The Montrose Mirror* article, —City Public Works a Hostile Work Environment, Staffers Say,” Issue # 109.

As is the pattern for some of our local political types, this was an opportunity to lavish praise on the City staff and elected officials, while at the same time devaluing the integrity of Montrose City employees and *The Montrose Mirror* for exposing issues important to the community at large.

County resident Dee Laird began by describing *The Mirror* as, —Aocal blog that is published twice a month.” Laird went on to say that the article was a one-sided range of unsubstantiated claims presented as fact; provided solely by two sources (there were actually four sources, including the City Manager himself), that the employees quoted had an ax to grind, and there were glaring deficiencies without input from the City. —This is not what you would call unbiased journalism ... it is an attack on City staff as well as an attack on Council ... sour grapes.” Chiding City employees Laird said, —Disgruntled employees should be thankful you have a job be-

cause many people do not ... it may be time for them to move on to other opportunities.” (Editor’s Note: One of the sources we interviewed actually resigned from the job in which they had worked for many years, because of the hostile work environment cited in the article.)

Jim (L.J.) Anderson also took to the podium, giving accolades to everyone on the City staff. As though doing a roll-call, he named names and worried he might accidentally forget to praise someone, or a department. Addressing *The Montrose Mirror* article Anderson said it was hard for him to see, —...god, honest and hardworking people maligned... You [the City] do not deserve the negative comments that were received and they will not stand.” Addressing the City Council he said, —We’ve finally elected the right people to do the right job.” Commenting on the past administration Anderson said, —The [City] manager’s bar was set very low. We now have a high standard.” Doug Glaspell’s comments were brief, —The Council we’ve had in the last few years has been excellent.”

Though the story in Issue 109 was not pretty—including descriptions of vermin under desks and on countertops, black mold in the workplace, and a management culture that devalues the contributions of longtime workers—we stand by the integ-

rity of our sources.

It is not customary for City Officials to comment publicly on past or present personnel matters, so we relied for City comments on those made less than a month ago by City Manager Bell in a letter—made public by Bell himself—concerning the recent Public Works staff resignations. The letter was sent in response to concerns raised by the former Parks Advisory Board Chair (who is also quoted in the article) and is dated Feb. 24, 2015.

The Mirror, an advocate of the First Amendment and free speech, will not be silenced or intimidated in our role as journalists—despite being called ‘yellow’ in a story by brand new *Montrose Daily Press* News Editor Allan Lewis Gerstenecker on Sunday.

We have ourselves experienced bullying behavior from Mr. Bell and his associates on more than one occasion—including, obviously, this one—and believe that speaking up on behalf of hard-working, longtime employees—who, unlike Bill Bell, do not have access to a City Television Channel, a weekly —public” forum attended by top City staff and community members every Wednesday morning at a local eatery, or the *Montrose Daily Press* to tell their stories—is the role of a newspaper in a Democratic society.

Thanks for reading.



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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

TALKING GOURDS POETRY CLUB PRESENTS ROBERT KING



Robert King.
Courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror
TELLURIDE – The Talking Gourds Poetry Club presents the poet author of *Old Man Laughing* and many other books, Robert King of (formerly Greeley

and now) Loveland, for its First Tuesday poetry reading, April 7th at 6 p.m. at Arroyo's Telluride.

April is National Poetry Month, and we're proud to host one of the state's best poets and the founder/facilitator of the Colorado Poets Center – the on-line directory and clearinghouse for the Colorado poetry

community.

–King writes refreshingly intimate poems that brim with honesty, humor and rue," writes Wendy Videlock. Adds former Colorado Poet Laureate David Mason, –Intelligence and whimsy are seldom wedded as delightfully as they are in the poems of Robert King."

On Wednesday, April 8th, King will appear as feature guest of Montrose Regional Library's Open Mic reading series, also beginning at 6 p.m.

In May, the featured poets will be Aaron Anstett of Colorado Springs and James B. Nicola of New York City.

Talking Gourds is a program of the Telluride Institute in partnership with the Wilkinson Library, the Montrose Regional Library, Between the Covers Bookstore,

Ah Haa School for the Arts, Telluride Arts District, and Arroyo Telluride. Members meet monthly, on first-Tuesday evenings, at Arroyo Fine Art Gallery & Wine Bar at 220 E. Colorado Ave. beginning at 6 p.m. (next door to Ace Hardware). The same guest(s) will appear at the Montrose Regional Library's Open Mic the next evening (a Wednesday).

For more info, contact Meg Nagel at: <www.montroselibrary.org/event/open-mic-10>.

Talking Gourds is indebted to generous donations from Audrey Marnoy, Peter Waldor and the Montrose Friends of the Library. Call 970-729-0220 or visit the Gourds website

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KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS RESTORATION IS ONGOING



The Montrose Knights of Pythias Building at Cascade and South First St. dates to 1909, and cost \$24,300 to build, according to Authors Marilyn S. Cox and Cathleen M. Norman of "Montrose: Take A Closer Look, A Walking Tour Guide (Preservation Publishing, 2006).

By Liesl Greathouse

MONTROSE- One of Montrose's architectural wonders is the 1909 Knights of Pythias Building located right next to the Fox Cinema Center in Montrose.

In 2013, the City of Montrose was considering buying the Knights of Pythias Building. Albert Stowell, who restores historical buildings, contacted the City to discuss what they intended to do, and learned that, due to the worn out state of the building, the City had concerns about how it would impact the goal of revitalizing Downtown Montrose.

—I asked the City if it would interfere with any long term City goals if I were to buy the building instead of the City," Stowell said. —The City wanted the building to be used in a way that would help create a more vital downtown, and indicated that they would prefer that the private sector take on the challenge. Budgetline Furniture had occupied the building for several decades but because of [a] fire in the second floor apartments the prior owners were not in a position to move forward with the restoration of the building."

Stowell's interest in restoring historical buildings is nothing new. In fact, in 2012 Stowell purchased the Old Uncompahgre School building just south of Montrose and worked to restore it. Stowell also has a long history of restoration work in his family. —In 1964 our family moved from Rangeley to Longmont where my father bought several old historic houses in downtown Longmont," explained Stowell. —My Dad allowed me to work with him as he repaired and restored these old houses. Dad then rented the houses to local families at affordable rates."

Because of his experience working on those old buildings, Stowell was able to find a job doing the same thing in college. —While attending Colorado State Teachers College (now UNC) in the late 1960's I

found a job working for a man that remodeled and restored old historic buildings around the college," he said. —These historic buildings were then converted from single-family homes into student housing. That started me on a long career of historic restoration. During the last forty plus years I have restored and re-purposed dozens of historic buildings.

—I really love the process of creating a new economic use for these wonderful old buildings."

In restoring the Knights building, Stowell and his team are still completing the beginning stages. —The first step was to remove the fire damage and to stabilize the structural integrity of the building," he explained. —As we move forward with the planning phase, we will be able to determine what the future uses will be. Once this process is completed we can move forward with the logistics and financial aspects of the construction."

Unfortunately, the building had suffered a lot of damage and needs a lot of work, with nearly all the original details having been removed or destroyed. —There was only a small amount of damage to the second floor apartments but there was an incredible amount of damage to the structure that was done when floor joists were cut willy-nilly when the original second floor ballroom was subdivided into apartments," Stowell explained. —More damage was caused when the old balconies were added to the first floor. The foundation needed to be replaced as well. This ended up taking several months longer than originally anticipated because the entire underbelly of the building had to be excavated by hand in order to remove the old foundation piers and install new piers and structural steel."

While discovering such intense structural damage, some hidden crevices and treasures were discovered as well. —During the last hundred years someone had filled in

what had at one time been a full basement," said Stowell. —We found four different stairways that had been completely filled in. Treasures found during the excavation included the back cover to a 1930 ford roadster and several 1930 license tags from a form car dealer. We also discovered everything from a wagon wheel to antique bottles from a pharmacy that had operated in the building at one time."

Discovering the history of the building and those that used it has been one of the most interesting parts of the restoration for Stowell. —The hunt for the original building plans, the original costs of the building construction, and the membership of the Knights of Pythias is one of the most challenging and rewarding part of this project," he said.

The mystery is actually something that Stowell is hoping that people can help him with. —Hopefully [someone] will have family photos in the building or family history with the Knights of Pythias," he said. —In 1910 there were 130 local members of this chapter of the Knights of Pythias."

Stowell hopes to finish the planning phase of the restoration in the next few months so that he can move on to the construction of some big plans by the end of the summer or early fall. —The second floor has 26 foot height that we are anticipating building out as exclusive residential uses," he said. —The first floor will probably be finished out with a combination of restaurant, office and retail. Because we are planning to combine residential along with the commercial uses we hope to have a vital building that will bring activity to the building around the clock." If you have any information about the Knights of Pythias in Montrose or about the building itself, contact Stowell at 240-4000.

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ALPINE BANK ANNOUNCES ANNUAL FREE COMMUNITY SHRED DAYS

Special to the Mirror

REGIONAL-Are you overwhelmed with papers you would like to get rid of? Do you have old tax documents, bank statements, credit card solicitations, medical records, and other personal documents needing to be destroyed? Then, join Alpine Bank and Colorado Document Security for the Annual Free Community Shred Days at our Alpine Bank locations in Montrose, Ridgway, Delta and Telluride:

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All documents will be shredded on-site by Colorado Document Security; we do limit the number of boxes to 5 per person or business.

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In addition Alpine will be hosted a Canned Food Drive to support Sharing Ministries, Ouray County Food Pantry and Angel Baskets. One canned food item per box of shred will be greatly appreciated; Alpine Bank will match all donations collected at the event. In 2014 at these locations, over 41,000 pounds of paper was collected, shredded, and then later recycled.

According to the EPA's Waste Reduction Model, this saves about 349 trees and over 143,500 gallons of water. This is the equivalent of 61 cubic yards of landfill space. Andrew Karow, Alpine Bank Regional President, states, "Alpine Bank's Environmental Policy encourages community participation in our environmental efforts.

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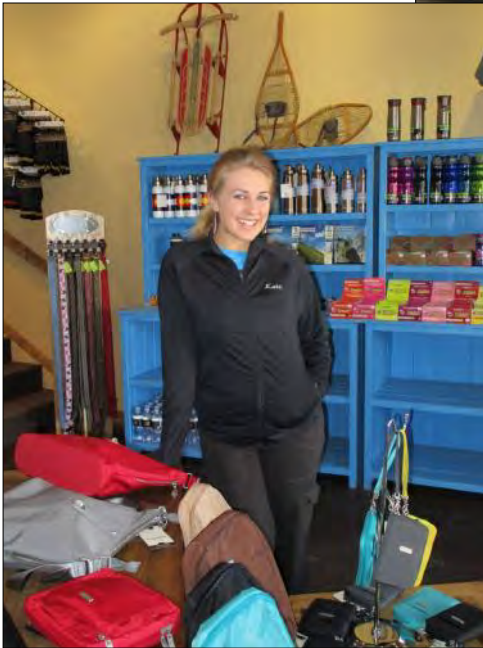
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Special to the Mirror
REGIONAL-Applications are now available for the second annual Nurses 4 Nursing Memorial Scholarship. The goal of this scholarship is to help others find the true love of nursing by offering a \$500 scholarship to a qualified individual seeking education in the nursing field. This is an all ages opportunity for Western Slope students seeking further education in nursing fields. Recipient will be announced at the annual Nurse's Day Celebration on May 6th, 2015 at Canyon Creek bed and Breakfast. For applications: Please send email request to nurses4nursing@yahoo.com subject Application Request. Deadline for return is on or before April 30th, 2015.

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put on the Expo. The idea first came to him several years ago.

—I went to an outdoor expo in Salt Lake City,” Pope said, —and thought, why not Montrose? So we started planning a small event.”

However, the small event quickly became a big event after Pope brought it to the attention of Title Sponsor Cabela’s.

—They offered to sponsor, so we went from 20 participating businesses to 70 right away,” he said. —The second year, we had 80—it just grew legs and took off.”

This year, seminars will be moved to the main show floor, he said. Also new for 2015 will be the —week before” activities, with Expo-sponsored businesses eligible for advertising opportunities that promote —week-before” opportunities and events that help generate enthusiasm for the Black Canyon Hunt & Outdoor Expo itself.

—We do this to get the public in front of our vendors and build excitement,” Pope said. —Ad if you sign up as a vendor, we will give you ad space on our web site.” Only a few of the top ad spots remain, he said, because the Black Canyon Hunt & Outdoor Expo has major appeal to businesses from out of the area as well—this year’s vendors will come from as far away as the Texas Panhandle.

—We’ll have a real mix,” he said,

—everything from outfitters to taxidermists, artists and businesses of all kinds—if it’s outdoor related, we’ve got it. Cabela’s will be there; the Division of Parks and Wildlife will be doing youth archery shoots, and Gunnison Gorge Anglers will have fly casting and tying.

The 2015 Black Canyon Hunt & Outdoor Expo will highlight youth fly fishing activities, noted Marshall Pendergrass of Gunnison Gorge Anglers/Trout Unlimited.

—We’ll help school kids learn to tie knots, cast flies; general fly fishing activities,” Pendergrass said. —By moving to May, we’ll have better weather—so we want to let local kids that we’ll be there.” In addition to event set-up, there will be a Social Dinner at the Holiday Inn from 7 to 10 p.m. the night before the Expo, April 30.



As always, there will be activities for all ages at the 2015 Black Canyon Hunt & Outdoor Expo. Above, young people try archery in 2013. Courtesy image.

—Our guest speaker will be Wildlife Caller [Wayne Carlton](#),” Pope said. —He’s pretty entertaining, and it should be a great opportunity for businesses to network with each other.” The Expo itself runs from 1 to 6 p.m. on May 1, and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 2. Contact organizers at 970.417.5868, or via email at blackcan-yonexpo@outlook.com.

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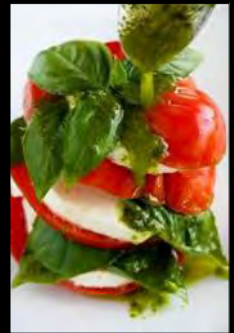
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DELTA HOSPITAL NAMES WADDINGTON TRAUMA NURSE COORDINATOR

Special to the Mirror

DELTA-Lisa Waddington, RN who has worked at Delta County Memorial Hospital (DCMH) for the past nine years, has been tapped as the new Trauma Nurse Coordinator. Chief Clinical Office Jody Roerber stated —We have high expectations for Lisa as the Trauma Nurse Coordinator. The level of excitement she has to jump in and get started is infectious. With the support of an extraordinary ER/Trauma Manager in Misty Sakala, I anticipate Lisa to be the spark to move the program to an even higher level than they have already achieved.” Waddington is a graduate of Olympic College in Bremerton, Washington. She has been a Registered Nurse for 13 years, working in Tacoma, WA, St. Mary's Hospital (Grand Junction, CO) and nine years at Delta County Memorial Hospital.

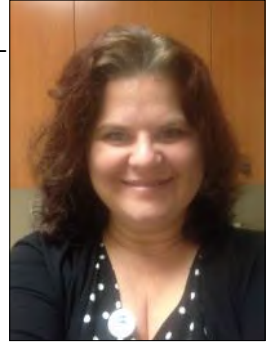
Her experience has predominantly been in the Emergency/Trauma department,

although she has also worked on Medical Surgical, Intensive Care and float nursing. She and others in the Emergency Department will be working hard to achieve the reaccriditation of the Trauma Level IV designation for the DCMH Emergency Department.

Following the last review in 2012, the Emergency Department was applauded by state wide inspectors as a state-wide model for a Level IV trauma center. In 2012 trauma nurse coordinator Misty Sakala was appointed by the Colorado Governor to represent the Trauma Nurse Coordinator position on the State Trauma Designation Review Committee. Sakala has been the Emergency Department Manager since 2013 and Urgent Care Manager in 2014. —I am very excited and pleased to have Lisa take on this role. She will bring great perspective and fresh, new ideas. I think we will work well together to ensure that trauma patients seen in the DCMH Emer-

gency Department get the best care; — ER Manager Sakala said. Waddington is originally from West Virginia but has lived in Colorado Springs, Connecticut and Washington over the years.

Her Father is a local pastor and she is married with five children. —I love working at Delta County Memorial Hospital. I am excited to take on the Trauma Nurse Coordinator position. It is an amazing opportunity. I look forward to the new challenges. I also love community outreach and the education aspects of this new position,” commented Waddington.



Lisa Waddington, RN. Courtesy photo.



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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

DMEA: ENERGY OUTREACH IMPACTS LIVES, WARMS HEARTS

Special to the Mirror

REGIONAL-Depending on where you live in Colorado, your winter may have been late, extreme or just plain weird. However you experienced winter, you probably had a nice, warm home to shelter you. ...but what if you didn't?

Energy Outreach Colorado is a state-wide non-profit organization that raises funds to help thousands of low-income Coloradans afford home energy and remain warm and safe in their homes. This program has helped over 100,000 households across the state. Forty-four non-profit facilities were weatherized to lower their energy costs and more than 2,600 affordable-housing apartments have been weatherized to lower their energy costs through the Energy Outreach Affordable Housing Energy Effi-

ciency Program. Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) is proud to be one of the 125 organizations partnered with Energy Outreach to provide heating bill assistance. DMEA's mission to energize and serve our communities aligns with the mission of Energy Outreach Colorado.

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INNOVATION SCHOOL STATUS A REALITY FOR CENTENNIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The Colorado State Board of Education has approved Montrose County School District RE-1J as a District of Innovation for Centennial Middle School. In the application process, the district sought waivers from specific regulations that could stand in the way of innovative practices and programs to boost student achievement and college/career-readiness for all students. All waivers requested were approved.

The Innovation Schools Act (hereinafter —Act”), passed in 2008, provides a pathway for schools and districts to develop innovative practices, better meet the needs of individual students and allow more autonomy to make decisions at the school-level. The stated purpose of the Act is to

provide additional flexibility to schools and districts for the purpose of meeting student needs, and it is the intent of the Colorado Department of Education to interpret the provisions of the Act broadly so as to maximize this flexibility. The Act allows a public school or group of public schools to submit an innovation plan to its local board of education that is designed to increase student outcomes and strategically align the school’s resources with their approach to teaching and learning. The Board of Education approved the district application in January 2015. —This will provide Centennial Middle School the opportunity to design more effective approaches around increasing student learning and ensuring that all students reach high standards and expectations,” said

President of the Board of Education for Montrose County School District RE-1J. —The impressive collaboration of school administrators and parents is a great example of the creativity and leadership necessary for our kids to succeed.”

—It is exciting to see this come to fruition. The School of Innovation will provide expanded and improved educational opportunities for our students,” said Joe Simo, Principal of Centennial Middle School. This Spring Centennial Middle School will hold informational meetings to share the plan for implementing the School of Innovation. Please go to the Centennial Middle School page on the website: www.mcsd.org for more information.

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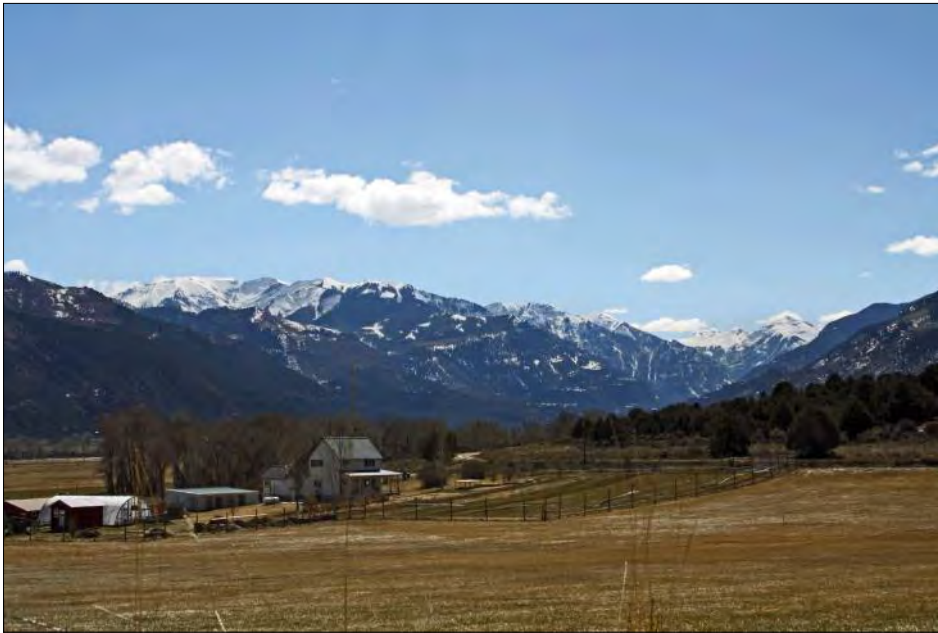
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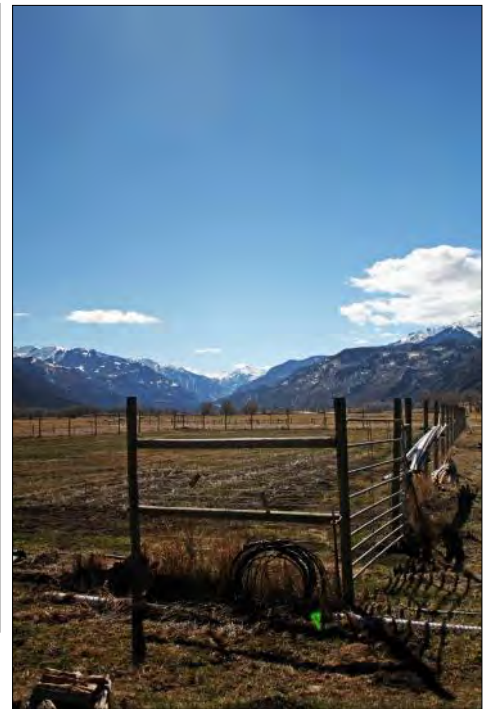


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OURAY COUNTY ISSUES FIRST PERMIT FOR MARIJUANA CULTIVATION From pg. 1



Shining Mountain Herbs uses biodynamic farming methods and grows 80 percent of the herbs used in its products at its Ridgway farm, above. The company will establish a separate line, Shining Mountain, for its upcoming line of products infused with medical marijuana. Photo by Sarah Berndt.



"Our botanical 'basket' has been greatly enriched by cannabis," said Ridgway Herbalist and organic grower Sheila Manzagol. Photo by Sarah Berndt.

With only five cultivation licenses to be issued in the County this year, however, the process was competitive, even for one of the community's most established commercial farms. So the Manzagols joined other applicants in camping out overnight outside the Ouray County Land Use Office, where applications were to be delivered at 8 a.m on Jan. 20.

"We knew that one of those permits was being grandfathered in," Tim Manzagol said. "So we knew that left just four open slots, and that those would be filled on a first-come, first served basis. So we camped out through the day and overnight with the other applicants," he said, calling the experience "wild but fun."

"It was the craziest thing; there was so much camaraderie," he said. "And in the morning, (County Planner) Mark Castrodale came to let us in and made a pot of coffee."

And though they had held second place in the application line, the Manzagols' permit ended up being the first approved by the BOCC on March 17.

"The County staff and three Commissioners were very cooperative," Tim said. "And though concerns were discussed, nobody raised any objections through the

entire process."

Shining Mountain Herbs will become two companies now, he noted. Shining Mountain Herbs will continue to sell "an-infused" organic herbal products as it always has, while a new entity, Shining Mountain, will create and sell organic herbal products that are infused with organic, medical marijuana grown on site.

"Our botanical 'basket' has been greatly enriched by cannabis," said Sheila Manzagol, a certified clinical herbalist of more than 18 years.

"This gives us more opportunities to help people with wellness in a big way," she said. "Cannabis can produce dramatic, helpful effects for diseases like epilepsy, multiple sclerosis, insomnia...the list goes on and on. This is a botanic that has been evolving along with us, and we are so excited to be able to incorporate it into our work."

Because Shining Mountain Herbs is an organic farm, product grown there will be organic. Because it cannot be certified as such through a Federal program, however, it will be certified through an organization called "Clean Green," she said, adding, "Only one other marijuana grower in the state is certified as organic."

If it seems unlikely that the Manzagols--

known locally as family-oriented, school-volunteer types--have become the County's first licensed marijuana cultivators, the community's respect and trust in them has been evident throughout the process.

"The unanimous BOCC decision made us feel good," said Sheila, who began her career as an AIDS researcher, and worked in an immune biology lab at Stanford Medical School before she and Tim purchased their Ridgway farm in 1995.

"It's remarkable that there were no objections to our application," she said.

"We are all about wellness, family and community."

The Manzagols have been working closely with the state throughout the process as well, Tim said.

"This in an industry in its infancy," he said. "That is not a bad thing. I cannot believe how many people have expressed their support to us; I believe it's because we are a known commodity—we have even provided organic foods to the schools here for many years.

"They know we'll do this right."

Learn more about Ridgway's Shining Mountain Herbs at <http://www.shiningmountainherbs.com/>.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

LAUREN MUELLER, CASA STATE COORDINATOR, TO VISIT MONTROSE



Lauren Mueller.
Courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror
MONTROSE—Lauren Mueller is scheduled to visit the Montrose area CASA organization on April 9 & 10. She will be meeting with Montrose County and City officials

and will be the guest speaker at the CASA Ray of Hope Benefit event being held on April 10th at the Montrose Pavilion. Tickets for the Ray of Hope event can be purchased via their website www.casa7jd.org or by calling (970)249-0337.

Lauren Mueller is a former foster youth with foster care experiences in both Ohio and Colorado. As a child, Lauren was severely abused and neglected by her mother, who had severe mental illness and substance abuse issues.

She was fortunate to have a CASA volunteer in her second Colorado Dependency & Neglect case in 1998, and as a result, was able to break free of the statistical norms surrounding most foster children. Lauren was involved in a third Dependency &

Neglect case in Ohio in 2003 and was taken in by a close friend's family. She worked and volunteered through high school, graduating with honors in three years. Sadly, her younger sister was removed from the home in 2006 due to severe abuse, and Lauren took custody. Following that custody, Lauren received a full scholarship to Denison University in Ohio. After graduating with a degree in Communication, Lauren moved to Colorado, where she is now the State Coordinator for Colorado CASA. Lauren believes strongly that all children deserve a loving, constant adult in their lives, and her success is proof of how that makes a difference.

Lauren is an experienced public speaker who has spoken to groups of 30-1,300 and has also testified in front of the Colorado Senate.

She is available to speak on a variety of foster care advocacy-related topics, including: education, kinship care, multiple placement, parental substance abuse, severe physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, detention of foster children, mental illness, psychotropic medication, federal and state impact of children in care, adolescent needs, long-term advocate involvement, post-care community integration, and more. CASA serves abused and neglected kids from throughout the 7th Judicial Dis-

trict who have been removed from their homes and find themselves in the courts and child welfare system through no fault of their own. Carlton Mason, CASA Executive Director, reminds us that "it is vital that our communities come together and take care of our own, most vulnerable population — our children. We must also support and celebrate the success of our own CASA program."

CASA of the 7th Judicial District is affiliated with the National CASA Association and CASA in Colorado. CASA's mission is to —help break the cycle of child abuse and neglect, and to advocate for safe, permanent, nurturing home for children, utilizing highly trained and dedicated volunteers."

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WEST CENTRAL WOMEN OF INFLUENCE...MICHELLE HAYNES



Michelle Haynes.
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Interview by Gail Marvel
MONTROSE-For 12 years Michelle Haynes lived in Norwood, Colorado and she still has a soft spot in her heart for the west end of San Miguel and Montrose counties, particularly in the area of economic development.

In 2009 Michelle moved to Montrose, and in December 2012 she became the Executive Director of Region 10. When first asked to do an interview Michelle responded, "I don't know about my being a woman of influence — I'm just doing my job." Michelle noted that leadership abilities for some people began at birth. "I'm the firstborn and we tend to assume a leadership role in the family. It's a personality trait that comes with being the firstborn."

In her first manager position after graduation from college Michelle was fortunate to have a mentor who helped her develop leadership skills and thoughts. "I don't think I thought of myself as a leader until I started my career." Michelle's mentor ascribed to the old cliché that you should

hire people smarter than you are because they make you look really good. "She was my direct supervisor and she helped me reach my potential."

While some people only have a loose grasp on the function of Region 10, "We're working hard to become more visible and we let our projects and our work speak for themselves. When you make an organization personal it becomes relevant to people."

Region 10, a 501C3 non-profit organization, offers programs and services in support of six counties and 23 municipalities. "It's important that we understand the people in the communities that we serve, and that we listen to what they have to say. We [Region 10] can come up with solutions, but it may not be what the community needs. We're listening." Michelle laughed, "At least I'm *working* on listening!"

The Region 10 Board is comprised of more than 30 people, with an executive board of 11-12 people who rotate their positions similar to that of an election cycle. The six counties all have different views and the executive board helps manage the daily operations. "The board is supportive of our work and at any given time they are a good mix of history and new thought."

In describing her leadership style

Michelle said, "I really like to work within the team environment. As a leader and a manager you give your team the credit, but you take responsibility for any poor decisions, or anything that doesn't go as well as you would have liked." Michelle wants to give her team the ability to think strategically and be more creative. "I want to help them realize their potential. It's amazing what you can get done when you're not worried about who gets the credit."

In Michelle's experience gender discrimination is a very real issue that takes time to work through. "Women must be careful in how they give and receive information. We must have a higher level of professionalism and missteps are not easily forgiven." Although a woman's approach to leadership differs from that of a man, "In our approach we can bring things to the table that can be complementary to the collaborative effort."

Michelle's advice for other leaders, "Follow what really speaks to you. We do our best work when we are personally invested. Don't be afraid of the thoughts and opinions of others. You can't know everything, so don't be intimidated by people who are more knowledgeable than you are. You can accomplish more if you leverage your resources and collaborate with others."

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MONTROSE ARTS COUNCIL ANNOUNCES SUMMER CAMP STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

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MONTROSE—Once a year the Montrose Arts Council offers up to four camping scholarships for students talented in a field of art, be it performing or visual. These scholarships are available to students who are residents of Montrose County, ages 12 to 18, and will attend a summer training experience to benefit their talents. The award is based on the information submitted by the student on the application as well as a recommendation from their instructor. The usual award is \$250 per student paid to them directly after we have received confirmation they have been accepted to a summer camp. Copies of the

application may be made by individuals or by instructors to be distributed to the students they feel will qualify. The deadline for the application is April 30 each year. Applications should be mailed to:

**Montrose Arts Council
Attn: Scholarship Committee
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The Scholarship Committee will review the applications and contact all applicants as to whether or not they have been chosen. A check will be sent to students selected after they have provided Montrose Arts Council with a copy of the camp's acceptance of their application.

Each fall the Montrose Arts Council holds their annual membership meeting and honors the students that received the scholarships. As part of this gala event, the winners may be asked to share their experiences at camp. Parents of the students are also invited to this occasion. Details of this meeting will be given to students following the scholarship selections.

Applications can be found at <http://www.montrosearts.org/scholarshipapp.html>

If you have any questions, please contact us by email at www.montroseartscouncil@gmail.com.

GEORGE WALSH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED



Special to the Mirror

DELTA – Martha Gollogly, at left, was recently awarded the George Walsh Memorial Scholarship to help her continue her studies in Early Childhood Education at Delta-Montrose Technical College. The scholarship is awarded by the Paonia Rotary and is given to students who are enrolled in programs that do not qualify for financial aid.

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Experiencing the (local) Church

WRITER GAIL MARVEL VISITS VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE—My visit to Valley Baptist Church took place on Sept. 28, 2014. I was quickly identified as a visitor and welcomed by numerous people. I explained the reason for my visit and with a dry sense of humor, Elder Ken Kiehlbauch said, “Say something nice about us.”

The 11-member worship team was accompanied by a piano, two guitars, and four different types of bongo drums. The abundance of drums correlated with a recent trip to Africa from which many of the 15-member mission team returned home with their own drums. Pastor Mike Lundberg laughed, “But, we don’t play like the Africans!”

The traditional worship music, seasoned with bongo drums, set the stage for the visiting missionaries and the sermon, which was delivered by Ugandan Pastor Charles Magale. I had to laugh when one little girl left her seat and just as she began to dance to the rhythm of the beat a quick thinking family member swiftly escorted back to her seat.

Interestingly there was somewhat of a role reversal when Pastor Mike Lundberg took the platform wearing native dress and beating a drum; while the visiting pastor presented himself in a suit and carrying a Bible. The women missionaries were also

dressed in fashionable American attire.

Prior to the sermon Pastor Lundberg made announcements, one of which was an upcoming congregational vote to change the name of the church from Valley Baptist Church to Church on the Hill (Conservative Baptist Association). Virginia Kiehlbauch, who has worshiped with the church for two years, placed her membership. Virginia is 102 years old and has been a Christian for 80 years.

Under her own power she walked to the front of the auditorium and in a strong voice said, “You have been a blessing to me and I hope I can be a blessing to you. I take one day at a time and I trust the Lord for that day. I don’t know how much more I have left in me, but my life is in His hands.”

Virginia immediately became the oldest member of the church — and eligible to vote on the name change.

The message, “Your Own Salvation,” was based on Philippians 2:12-16 and presented by Presbyterian Pastor Magale. The pastor began with a humble prayer, “That I do not speak my own words, but Your [God’s] words.” The message was preached with the urgency of salvation and the pastor ask the 100 attendees to look around the auditorium, —look at the pews and many people are missing. These

[chairs] should be filled ... we want people to come to salvation.” The pastor spoke of a lost generation, the youth who lack a relationship to God, “Where are the children?”

Unlike American preachers who illustrate their sermons points with modern examples, anecdotes and humorous stories, Pastor Magale’s thought-provoking message was illustrated with additional Scripture and he connected his points with familiar biblical examples.

The pastor noted that in Africa, family conversations after the worship service begin with, “What Scripture did you study this morning?” He observed that in America people no longer carry a Bible, but they have a tablet. The pastor has nothing against technology, but he laughed, “Texts [messages] always come in when the pastor is preaching!”

Valley Baptist Church has a heart for missions and while this particular service focused on the African mission, the bulletin contained an impressive list of another 15 missions that the congregation actively supports.

Contact Information:
Valley Baptist Church
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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

ASSOCIATION OF MONTROSE CHURCHES HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The Association of Montrose Churches invites you to attend Holy Week Services the week of March 30 to April 3. The services will be held at 7 a.m. each morning and will conclude around 7:30 a.m. A continental breakfast will be served following each service. The services will be hosted by the following AMC churches:

Monday, March 30

1st United Methodist Church
19 South Park Avenue

Tuesday, March 31

First Church of the Nazarene
705 South 12th Street

Wednesday, April 1

Church On The Hill
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Thursday, April 2

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Friday, April 3

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By Sandra Tyler

Govt. Beat Reporter

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Former Mayor, Ms. Carol McDermott, used her Irish brogue and wished the Council a Happy St. Patrick's Day. Then she lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. (photo 1)

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Dee Laird responded to a recent article about Bill Bell and John Harris in a recent online publication. He stated, "This is one sided, with sources not identified, and there is no courtesy of attempts to get responses from city staff accused. Prior to Mr. Bill Bell as City Manager, "I encouraged City Council to streamline and save \$500,000. Mr. Bell came up with savings of \$700,000. We see the changes. Ten percent of our residents are unemployed. Be glad you have a job. Work out your differences or move on."

Mr. Jim Anderson recalled a recent incident in the neighborhood and he observed Officer Rumbaugh, Montrose Police Department, and his actions. "He performed as a ten-year veteran of the department." Then he commented about Dee's comments. "The Council and legal staff are really qualified and do a good job. I was taken aback by the article. I feel both Mr. Bell and Mr. Harris have done good and set high standards in the community with their leadership and don't deserve the comments written. Thanks to John Harris and Bill Bell for an excellent job and I hope we don't lose you. You have raised the bar and in some areas it can be raised some more."

Mr. Doug Glaspell stated, "Councils have improved in recent years, the staff in the city in recent years are now excellent, and Bill Bell and John Harris are excellent additions to Montrose."

CONSENT AGENDA

City Council consideration of the minutes of the March 3, 2015, regular City Council meeting.

It was moved, seconded, and passed 4-1 as one absent.

City Council consideration of Resolution 2015-07, authorizing the City of Montrose Police Department to file a 2015 "Click It or Ticket" enforcement grant through the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), requesting \$8,400 to provide overtime funding for occupant safety enforcement activities; authorizing the Police Department Project Coordinator to act in connection with the application and to provide such additional information as may be required; and authorizing the City Manager, Police Department Project Coordinator, and Finance Director to sign the grant documents. This item was discussed at the March 2, 2015, work session.

It was moved, seconded, and passed 4-1 as one absent to adopt Resolution 2015-07 as presented.

City Council consideration of Special Events Liquor Permit in conjunction with the closure of Selig Avenue between Main Street and S. First Street for an event associated with the San Juan Independent Film Festival on Friday, April 10, 2015. This item was discussed during the March 3, 2015, City Council meeting.

It was moved, seconded, and passed 4-1 as one absent to approve a Special Events Liquor Permit in conjunction with a street closure for the San Juan Independent Film Festival on Friday, April 10, 2015.

CITY VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT PURCHASES

City Council consideration of the purchase of one (1) rough mower and one (1) fairway mower for Black Canyon Golf Course, two (2) pickup trucks for the Utility Division, one (1) pickup truck for the Engineering & Building Services Division, one (1) street sweeper and one (1) crack sealer for the Street Division, and nine (9) Police Department vehicles.

Mr. John Harris requested to strike (see above) as he is looking into the cost of extended warranties on the two vehicles.

Mr. Harris stated that bids were hand distributed by staff to local distributors but that no return bids were received. Mr. Harris did receive a text request from Mr. Tom Chinn just a minute ago for more vehicles and bicycles will be investigated.

It was moved, seconded, and passed 4-1 as one absent to approve the purchase of one (1) Toro RM5410 fairway mower & one (1) Toro Groundsmaster 4700D rough mower from LL Johnson Distributing Company at a total purchase price of \$114,889; two (2) Ford F250 standard cab pickup trucks from Spradley Barr Ford Lincoln of Greeley, Inc. at a total purchase price of \$45,290; one (1) Ford F250 Crew Cab pickup truck from Spradley Barr Ford Lincoln of Greeley, Inc. at a total purchase price of \$26,327; One (1) Elgin Pelican street sweeper from Faris Machinery at a total purchase price of \$164,950; one (1) Crafcro crack sealer from Denver Industrial Sales & Service Co. at a total purchase price of \$42,937; and six (6) Ford Police SUV Interceptor vehicles at a total purchase price of \$289,152 and three (3) Ford Police Interceptor Sedans from Sill-Terhar Motors, Inc., at a total purchase price of \$90,744 for grand total of \$523,465.

RESOLUTION 2015-08

City Council consideration of Resolution 2015-08, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Montrose, Colorado, supporting Colorado Mesa University's application for an Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance Grant requesting up to \$2,000,000 to rehabilitate the 336 South 3rd Street property to house new education programs. The City will provide \$100,000 in 2015 to assist CMU in purchasing the

property. Future City funding of the project is subject to annual appropriation. Resolution 2015-08 also authorizes the City Manager to act in conjunction with the application and provide such additional information as may be required. Action: Accept public comment. Consider making a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-08 as presented. Staff: Director of Innovation and Citizen Engagement Virgil Turner ITEM REMOVED FROM AGENDA UPON REQUEST

RESOLUTION 2015-09

City Council consideration of Resolution 2015-09, a resolution of the City of Montrose, Colorado, authorizes the City to participate in an Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance Grant application to be submitted by Region 10 to implement the portion of the regional broadband plan within the municipal boundaries of the City of Montrose, hereinafter referred to as the Montrose Community Anchor Institution Network. The City's participation shall be specifically for the Montrose Community Anchor Institution Network and is budgeted at a cost \$1,500,000. The cash match for the City of Montrose portion of the Region 10 grant application will be 50% of these budgeted costs or \$750,000; setting forth the Montrose Community Anchor Institution Network fiber-optic infrastructure installed in conjunction with this project shall be owned and operated by the City of Montrose and become a part of its larger municipally fiber-optic infrastructure; setting forth the intent of the City of Montrose to operate the municipally-owned fiber-optic network in a manner as to allow access to third parties to provide retail services over the network; authorizing City staff to participate in the application creation and grant processes on behalf of the City of Montrose; and authorizing the City Manager to act in conjunction with the application and provide such additional information as may be required.

Mr. Virgil Turner presented the following answers to questions: The \$750,000 amount will be over the next 2 years of the term of the grant and will be 3 fiscal years. Year one will be most engineering expenses. Government entities involved are Delta County, the City of Delta, the City of Montrose. There are 21 anchor institutions. The counties involved are Montrose, Gunnison, Delta, Ouray, and Hinsdale. San Miguel opted out. There was a 74 percent voter approval in April 2014. In the fourth "WHEREAS, The City Council is committed to attracting new businesses, and retaining current businesses;" add **enhancing, expanding**, before "and retaining". page 10 of <http://www.cityofmontrose.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/2153>, In the first bullet below the "WHEREAS" sections on page 9 -10 of <http://www.cityofmontrose.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/2153>, "Authorizes the City to participate in an Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance Grant application to be submitted

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<http://www.cityofmontrose.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/2153>, scroll to page 3-11.

Action: **Accept PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Ms. Sandra Tyler of Montrose stated that the Board of County Commissioners heard a presentation by Ms. Michelle Haynes Tuesday AM (3/17/15) during their regularly scheduled work session. The commissioners verbalized the importance of the results of this application on our county and town as it will position Montrose County as a place to be in Colorado and will have many economic development benefits. Finding the money and the decision to commit or not to this immense project will occur before the weekend. The BOCC all along wanted details to consider to support or not.

It was moved, seconded, and passed 4-1 as one absent to adopt Resolution 2015-09 as presented and amended.

ORDINANCE 2354 - FIRST READING

City Council consideration of Ordinance 2354 on first reading, an ordinance of the City of Montrose, Colorado, pertaining to the amendment of alcoholic beverages, optional premises licenses.

Action: Hold a hearing.

Input from City Attorney Stephen Alcorn and City Manager Bill Bell:

This is different from the most recent groups applying such as at the Athletic Complex events (baseball). This is the City trying to develop a business plan at the water park to allow a permit to be issued for the sale of liquor by a business with an existing state license to sell alcohol at an option premise via application than they currently offer liquor...The revenue from the sales would benefit sports event parks. The applicant would need to make application to the City Clerk at least 2 or more months before an event. There is also a consideration to extend to food vendors and beverage vendors.

It was moved, seconded, and passed 4-1 as one absent to adopt Ordinance 2354 as presented on first reading.

SOUTH TOWNSEND SIDEWALK PROJECT CONTRACT

This item is for discussion only, from the March 16, 2015, work session agenda that was not presented due to lack of time. The sidewalk will tie into the Rec Center path. City Engineer Scott Murphy discussed the over 4-5 year project with CDOT to repair the sidewalk

from WalMart to Woodgate over the bridge as there are missing links. He discussed the design, the contact with CDOT, the approval in August 2014, the pre-bid conference for interested bidders, the receiving of no bids, the call for bidders again, and the receiving of 3 qualified bidders with one from Ridgway being the lowest and under budget. He commented that most of the bid expenses can be attributed to the CDOT paperwork which is a very high stack of paper. "We now have to receive the OK from CDOT on the bidder selected and show all the bids to validate the best job for the best quality would be the Ridgway bid but it is short by 0.1 percent or \$427 from the required 8.8 percent of the project being from an under-privileged business that is not local. City Attorney Stephen Alcorn even tried the Federal Department of Transportation but the 800 page application was too long. Should there be no CDOT concurrent approval, we expect to drop the process with CDOT and go locally. This is unfortunate to miss by 0.1 percent cost of the total project and the large amount of personnel time and effort and years put into it."

LIFT STATION ELIMINATION DESIGN PROJECT

This item is for discussion only, from the March 16, 2015, work session agenda that was not presented due to lack of time.

Public Works Director John Harris discussed the design project to eliminate lift stations and replace with gravity stations as some of the areas in town that are below levels and require a trip with a water truck to those areas to dump water to activate the lift stations to move the sewage along. This will reduce the sewer odor in the JCP/Applebee's area. Five proposals ranging from \$87,600 to \$166,697 have been received and they will recommend a proposal to the low bidder as they have worked with this bidder before. **STAFF REPORTS**

Fourth Annual Mayor's Water Challenge

Public Works Director John Harris reported that this is a friendly competition between cities of similar population size (5 categories). Anyone can go on line (mywaterpledge.com) and pledge to use less water by several suggestions between April 1-April 30, thus creating a natural resource conservation mode for the city. In 2012, Montrose placed 7th and in 2014, Montrose placed 32nd. There is no cost to the participants. Ms. Kathy Ellis reminded everyone that she was mayor in 2012.

Sales, Use, and Excise Tax Report

Finance Director Shani Wittenberg presented the news that in January we were up 11 percent (over \$100,000), from Jan. 2014 in Total Collected Sales and Use Tax (\$1,074,708 and over budget of \$973,796 for Jan. 2015), \$103,236 was collected for the Montrose Rec District, Hotel Excise Tax was up 30.1% from Jan., 2014, Total Collected Hotel & Restaurant Tax was up 14.4% from Jan., 2014, Retail Enhancement Program was up 23.8% from



There will be two presentations about Underage Drinking and Smoking from the Youth Council and members of the Neural Activity Project of Grand Junction at the Olathe Middle School on April 6, 2015 from 10-11 AM and at Columbine Middle School at 1:30 PM on the same day. Photo by Sandra Tyler.

Jan., 2014. For all the results, go to <http://www.cityofmontrose.org/DocumentCenter/View/30801>.

Kudos from Council members given to Mr. Rob Joseph again. Ms. Kathy Ellis also stated that he was given praise at the TRAK meeting she attended.

Public Information Officer Report

City Manager Bill Bell Announced four items: the State of the City Address is coming up; Heidi's March 18th presentation is the Water Sports Park, the Youth Council is sponsoring the T.O.E. (Teen Opportunity Expo) on Wed., March 23rd, at the Montrose High School Cafeteria from 1:30-4 PM. There will be work opportunities, internship opportunities, and volunteerism opportunities; the Niagara Community Garden has spots available so apply for a 5x10, 10x10, or 10x20 spot.

Mr. Bob Nicholson's last night as Mayor was March 17th. He thanked the Council and staff. A new Mayor will be announced April 6th. "Council and city staff have reached for excellence this past year. I sit on the CML Policy Committee and Montrose is the envy of other cities within the CML. One year ago, we bought a golf course and dropped this on Bill Bell and John Harris and now we have a great running golf course. Recently opening of the water park will bring thousands to this town. Rob Joseph has taken a business approach to the OBT (Office of Business and Tourism) and quality has resulted. It is not easy being the mayor, but I have enjoyed the job. I have gotten to know the city staff better." Rex Swanson thanked Bob, those who presented Public Comment to-night, and the entire City staff. David Romero, Mayor Pro Tem, thanked Bob. Kathy Ellis stated, "At first, Bob and I were scared of each other but now we are friends. I admire, respect, and thank him for his over-analyzing everything. I also thank Jeff at OBT and Erica Weeks for the golf grant writing."

ADJOURNMENT-It was moved, seconded, and passed to adjourn.

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INTRODUCTION OF NEW CITY EMPLOYEES

Mr. Rob Joseph introduced **Ms. Kelly Rhoderick**, Marketing Manager, Business and Tourism. Ms. Rhoderick is from Atlanta, has two children (ages 11 & 14), has two dogs, is a biker rider, and in her past has been an NBC reporter. She will be targeting the market, working on the marketing plan, working with ad buys in pre-determined spaces in publications as the Daily Press to inform the public of events, etc., and more. (photo 2)

Mr. John Morella, Part-Time Pavilion Technician was introduced. He will be at the Pavilion nine months of the year and at OBT during the months of June, July, and August. He is from New Jersey and is glad to be in Montrose as he has family here. (photo 3)

DISCUSSION ITEMS

DOLA (Department of Local Affairs) Broadband Grant Application

Director of Innovation and Citizen Engagement, Virgil Turner presented. Program Coordinator Erica Weeks is also involved with the project. <http://www.cityofmontrose.org/Archive.aspx?AMID=45&Type=Recent> and scroll to pages 3-11. This is where you will see the involvement of DMEA in this project (pages 6-8).

Recap: DOLA (<http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/DOLA-Main/CBON/1251589672852>) has \$20 million available from the state for broadband projects in rural Colorado areas. Region 10 (representing local governments in Gunnison, Hinsdale, Delta, Montrose, Ouray and San Miguel counties [recently opted out]) is applying for \$1.5 million with a match from counties, the City of Montrose, and hopefully Montrose County. It is a Tier II (over \$200,000 to under \$2 million) grant application with three components:

1. Connect Montrose County with the lines in existence.
 2. Connect all the cities, towns, counties to Broadband and the internet in general. This is called the "middle mile".
 3. Connect the anchor institutions, such as schools, Rec Center, government, Health Care, Public Safety, This is called the "last mile".
- The City's portion is 50 percent of \$1.5 million and is dependent on the other participants ability to be monetary involvement. Mr Turner stated, "We expect a reduction in costs with the anchor institutions involvement. The City will oversee the operation to the network which will be OPEN with 3rd parties providing their services to individuals and businesses. Capital expenditures to be offset to the city and to the private sector. If the City is not involved, the rights of way could impact negatively.

We have accessed grant monies from DOLA in the past for the renovation of OBT and City Council building. This participation is goal #8 of the **2012-2014 City Council Policy Goals & Objectives: Increase availability and public access to high-speed broadband Internet."**

Liquor License Compliance Check Violation Penalties

City Attorney Stephen Alcorn presented information as a result of the check on 10-12 liquor establishments for the first time in 2 years as this is usually a state function. Three establishments were non-compliant in selling to minors. They will be reported to state. All three conceded to their infraction and are paying the fines which are equal to the sales in an average of 3 days of operation including a weekend day (\$300, \$500, \$200). All the owners, managers, and key staff will retake the classes provided to review the procedures for selling liquor. This will be a Consent Item at a future City Council Tuesday meeting. Pages 12-23, <http://www.cityofmontrose.org/Archive.aspx?AMID=45&Type=Recent>

Commercial Rafting Permit Ordinance

Assistant City Attorney Andrew Boyko discussed this ordinance so as to be proactive with the recent opening of the Water Park. Ordinance will apply to commercial "river runners" and not the general public. Prior to obtaining a Commercial Rafting permit, the Permittee must provide the following documents: Proof of insurance in compliance with the requirements of Section 9-10-2(D) of the Municipal Code. Proof of a current and valid River Outfitter License, required and issued by the State of Colorado. Proof of a current and valid Sales and Use Tax License, issued by the City of Montrose.

An Emergency Action Plan approved by the City of Montrose and the Montrose Fire Protection District.

A copy of the Permittee's client liability waiver, which must list the City of Montrose as an indemnified party.

<http://www.cityofmontrose.org/Archive.aspx?AMID=45&Type=Recent>, pages 24-29

GENERAL CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION

State of the City Report-City Manager, Mr. Bill Bell, stated that this is usually performed twice a year, highlights the accomplishments and changes in press releases. It will be presented to the City Council at their second meeting in April. The first draft will be reviewed by himself, some Council members, Mr. Rob Joseph, and Department Heads.

It will be aired on Channel 10 and 191. Since 19 percent of Montrose's population is of Spanish descent and we are not sure the percentage of those only Spanish-speaking, a Spanish version is being considered. It was also remarked that many places in Montrose such as hotels, motels, the Homestead do not have access to CH 191.

WRITTEN REPORTS

Downtown Development Authority Report [http://www.cityofmontrose.org/Archive.aspx?](http://www.cityofmontrose.org/Archive.aspx?AMID=45&Type=Recent)

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pages 30-31.

At the DDA meeting on March 16th, Mr. Ken Watson, Black Canyon Jet Center, provided public comment regarding the possibility of the Black Canyon Jet Center in Montrose being voted #1 Fixed Based Operator in the USA through the Aviation International News annual survey of members as they were recently very close to being #1. He presented to obtain information about hanging a banner in 1, possibly 2 spots in town as this would be an incredible honor for the small town of Montrose. A mock up of the banner was provided.

Also at this meeting was the on-going discussion of the anticipated Montrose in Motion on Main Street the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the months of June, July, and August. The goal of the newly formed Montrose in Motion is to **Create a community atmosphere focused on all ages with localized areas for teens and weekly themes including musicians, food, arts/crafts, and retail vendors.**

DDA members present discussed the need for improvement from past MinM events that have disrupted business in the 300-500 blocks on Main Street and that if these blocks are closed, it would be desirable to have activities that are more conducive to a shopping experience and less obtrusive such as a "carnival" experience. Members of the revamped MinM were very receptive to items proposed and discussed. They will: try to have the Teen Dance in an area less obtrusive and to reduce excessive noise; reduce the street closure blocks of 300-800 and the times to 5:30-8 with no vendors in front of stores that remain open; have agreed that problems will be taken care of before the next on-going MiM scheduled dates; the music area will be down near Horsefly and punch cards will be used to reduce physical money transactions. They feel confident that their large network of security staff available will be useful.

Youth Council Report

Youth Council members enjoyed a dinner provided by Mayor Bob Nicholson on March 18th.

There will be a T.O.E. (Teen Opportunity Expo) on March 23, 2015 at the Montrose High School Cafeteria, from 1:30-4 pm. There will be two presentations about Underage Drinking and Smoking from the Youth Council and members of the Neural Activity Project in Grand Junction at the Olathe Middle School on April 6, 2015 from 10-11 AM and at the Columbine Middle School at 1:30 PM on the same day.

<http://www.cityofmontrose.org/Archive.aspx?AMID=45&Type=Recent>, pages 32-33

Region 10 Report-<http://www.cityofmontrose.org/Archive.aspx?AMID=45&Type=Recent>, pages 34-103

SANDRA TYLER GOVERNMENT BEAT-BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS 3/16

By Sandra Tyler
Govt. Beat Reporter

MONTROSE-BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Monday, March 16, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Mr. Michael Scott Dosch, Montrose County Housing Authority Executive Director, stated that Montrose County Commissioners have a good opportunity to assist in shaping policies and determine distribution guidelines for Montrose County as the state received a Federal Grant of \$7.6 million to assist Coloradans with disabilities to receive permanent housing through voucher programs. This will help with more new construction in our area.

COUNTY MANAGER, Ken Norris consideration for removal or change in any items on this Agenda:

CONSENT AGENDA-EMERGENCY MANAGER, authorization for the Chairman's signature on the 2015 Montrose County Annual Operating Plan allowing for the request of State and Federal resources in the event of a wild land fire in Montrose County. This document also requires that Montrose County commit pre-identified resources to assist in the suppression of wild land fires in Montrose County and addresses the flow of fire fighting resources between all agencies as reviewed by Counsel.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, possible authorization for the Chairman's signature on the Nurse Home Visitor program (NHVP) FY 2016 Continuation Budget Proposal effective 07/01/2015 through 06/30/2016, as reviewed by Counsel.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, possible authorization for the Chairman's signature on the Contract Amendment No. 1 regarding Original Contract Number 14-55369 for the Single Entry Point Program, effective once signed by the Colorado State Controller, as reviewed by Counsel; this represents estimated revenue in the amount of \$385,000.00.

MONTROSE REGIONAL AIRPORT, authorization for the Chairman's signature on the Schedule Airline Operating Agreement and Terminal Building Lease with Allegiant Travel Company, effective 06/16/2015 for the term 12/01/2014 through 03/28/2015, as reviewed by Counsel; this represents estimated revenue in the amount of \$12,515.96.

It was moved by Glen Davis, seconded by Ron Henderson, and passed unanimously that all items be approved as submitted.

GENERAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED: PUBLIC WORKS, Dean Cooper, reported that Public Works solicited a publicly advertised invitation to bid for Corrugated Steel Bridge Decking to be used on the 90 Road Bridge over the San Miguel River, as reviewed by Counsel. Three bids were received. Big R

Bridge submitted the lowest price bid in the amount of \$270.00 per unit for a total price of \$29,110.00. Public Works' Staff recommended the Board of County Commissioners consider award of the bid to Big R Bridge. No Public Comment. PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed to authorize the Chairman's signature on the purchase agreement, effective 06/16/2015.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED: PUBLIC WORKS, Dean Cooper, reported that Public Works solicited a publicly advertised invitation to bid for Bulk Magnesium Chloride to be used for 2015 gravel road maintenance throughout the County, as reviewed by Counsel. Three bids were received. GMCO Corporation submitted the lowest price bid in the amount of \$0.55 per gallon. This is an increase of \$0.15/gallon. Public Works' Staff recommended the Board of County Commissioners consider award of the bid to GMCO Corporation. No Public Comment. PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed to authorize the Chairman's signature on the purchase agreement, effective 03/16/2015.

Consideration and possible reappointment of Richard Davis to fill a vacancy on the Olathe Cemetery Board and to appoint Bruce Ray to the Olathe Cemetery Board. *It was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously to reappoint Richard Davis to a three year term. It was moved, seconded, and passed 2-1 (David White opposed) to appoint Bruce Ray for a three year term.*

Consideration and possible reappointment of Zilla May Brown to the Historical Landmark Society and to appoint Jane Thompson to the Historical Landmark Society. *It was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously to reappoint Zilla May Brown for a three term. It was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously to appoint Jane Thompson for a three year term.*

Consideration and possible appointment of Bruce Ray to the Montrose Airport Advisory Board. *It was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously to appoint Bruce Ray.* Consideration and possible appointment of Ray David to the Weed Commission. *It was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously to appoint Ray David for a 2 year term.*

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT: OLD BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED: Adoption of the Montrose County Rubbish and Junk Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2015-02) Proposal: *Continued from the March 2, 2015 meeting.* Section 6-Wording to be removed will be after "however". Section 8.1-Change of the word to "sooner" to the words "at least".

Section 4.5 and 5.1-Mention of "composting" not to be included.

Public Input

Ms. Nancy Medlock stated that it was important to pass the ordinance as the property that brought this forward has moved the items on to flat bed, installed a six-foot corrugated fence around the entire property, and is burning again. It is both a health hazard and safety hazard.

Ms. Ileen Sue Fakari stated that no verbal complaints and no anonymous complaints should be accepted, only written complaints; and that the composting on private property needs to remain in the ordinance as leaving this up to interpretation by the current staff person may not be similarly interpreted by future person in this position.

Mr. Marv Ballantyne stated that he appreciated the issue of dealing with the reality of individual property rights infringing on others.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

It was moved, seconded, and passed 2-1 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.

OTHER BUSINESS

Kennett Minor Subdivision-Division of 5.961 acres into two lots approved, 66800 and 66822 Landfill Road. Steve White presented information.

Mendenhall Minor Waiver-Waiver from the Subdivision Regulations to allow an existing fence to remain in the proposed dedicated road right-of-way at 58763 Falcon Road approved.

Steve White discussed that the fence was removed within 100 ft. on both sides of the intersection of Church and Falcon Roads to facilitate access for maintenance, i.e., drainage. Notes have been added to the plat and to the deed to remove the fence if the County requests so in the future if the road is widened/improved. Mr. Ron Henderson stated that (he) "felt that eventual removal of the fence will likely occur and that it is better to address in the beginning vs over ten years down the road."

It was moved, seconded, and passed 2-1 (Ron Henderson opposed) to allow the division.

Mendenhall Minor Subdivision-Division of 19.8 acres into three (3) lots, 58763 Falcon Road

Steve White presented that the three lots will be 10 acres, 3 acres, and 6.8 acres and that there are currently three homes on the property.

The city allows more than one building on property over one acre if in clusters but that septic tanks for each occupied home might be required.

It was moved, seconded, and passed 2-1 to allow the division.

The BOCC went into Executive Session for consideration and advice of legal counsel concerning: Title VII Claim and a Montrose Memorial Hospital update.



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SANDRA TYLER GOVERNMENT BEAT-BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS 3/17

By Sandra Tyler

Govt. Beat Reporter

MONTROSE-BOCC WORK SESSION 3/17/15-Grants Program
Dave Laursen, new Facilities Director as of Feb. and Justin Musser, Weed Commissioner Manager, brought the commissioners up-to-date on the Grants Program revision of policies. They are establishing a flow chart spreadsheet to track the grants received, the requirements, the contact person, the beginning and ending dates of the grants, the focus, etc. When the grant is ended, what happens after that, i.e., was it worthwhile enough to continue, is there money in the budget to support it in the future, how many employees will it take to continue it, etc.

Old Paradox Road vs Old Paradox Trail

Bill Booker, President of the Beaver Hills Subdivision Home Owners Association, presented information about the on-going issue of access to Old Paradox Road within the subdivision and the division of residents regarding access. The original use of the road was to transport goods to Telluride until Dave Wood Road opened. In the past, the commissioners received a lengthy report from a local group requesting access on the southern end via BLM land for mountain bikes and/or ATV's.

The HOA bylaws address maintaining the gravel road including fire mitigation but funding is limited. There are signs posted stating "Private Road" that resulted in conflicts, ultimately leading to the Sheriff being called in. Easements were never deeded to the HOA. Research of the descriptions on the plats resulted in little to no information to give answers to solve the concerns. This is a quagmire to solve. Mr. Booker will go back to the HOA with suggestions made.

Region 10 Broadband MOU

Michelle Haynes brought information to the commissioners requesting their support to participate in the grant application to DOLA which has \$20 million for communities for Broadband issues. The proposed grant application is for \$1.5 million from DOLA and matching funds from Montrose City & County to bring the internet into Region 10, to carry these lines into the communities, and then to take the lines to anchor institutions within the cities of Montrose, Naturita, Nucla, Olathe, and Paradox.

Montrose City Council is participating in the grant application. Go to pages 5-8 of the March 16, 2015 City Council work session packet at <http://www.cityofmontrose.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/2153>.

Total cost is \$3.9 million with \$1.5 million coming from DOLA and \$975,000 from DMEA, leaving \$2.9 million from Montrose County. Ms. Haynes highlighted the estimated costs at \$590,087 to bring the lines from Delta to Montrose, \$565,753 to take the lines from Montrose to Nucla, and \$75,000 to take the lines from Nucla to the West end.

Service providers would pay access fees to the lines to Region 10 and that revenue would be used for future expenses of new equipment, up-dating the equipment, repair, maintenance of the lines, etc. There will be a CNL, Carrier Neutral Location, that DMEA will have access to in lieu of Montrose County having access to the DMEA lines in existence. Many questions were asked and answered.

The County Commissioners could prepare a Resolution that would state "not to exceed" and "subject" to future issues. Ms. Haynes stated that Region 10 has a model MOU (memorandum of understanding) that the County

Commissioners could use to prepare their MOU or Resolution. The commissioners verbalized the importance of the results of this application on our county and town as it will position Montrose County as a place to be in Colorado and will have many economic development benefits. Finding the money and the decision to commit or not to this immense project will occur before the weekend and the publication of this report. I will report next week after attending their usual Tuesday work session where I expect to hear their decision.

Heads Up

Ken Winckler Public Works Director, and Dean Cooper, County Engineer, provided recent up-dates regarding the areas around the Ute Museum and what is happening in conjunction to their \$168,000 remodel. The Museum received monies from the 5013c History Colorado which is out of Mesa County. Thoughts to parking and access to parts of museum are now being presented to the County for assistance.

T-5 Road-BLM is not on board to construction on the road, Water Discussion-Marc Catlin, County Water Manager, reported on what he saw during his recent trip to southern Arizona and Blythe, CA. Forty million people depend on the water of the Colorado River. The Central Arizona Project is storing their water rights underground in aquifers. Las Vegas is paying Phoenix to store water for their future use. Blythe, CA. is following their water on 29,000 acres and has a huge system in place for issuing water as needed and for re-using water over and over. El Centro grows hay on 500,000 acres of land which is baled, shrunk-wrapped, and shipped to Dubai for camel food and to China for dairy cow feed.



TWO NEW LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS ANNOUNCED

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Applications for two new scholarships are now available to local students. The Shaun Peter Cassidy Memorial Scholarship is available to MHS graduating seniors who plan to pursue education and training in the field of auto mechanics. The Patrick J Noonan Memorial Scholarship is offering two awards to graduating seniors in the Montrose-Olathe area. One is designated for a female student whose father is in the vocational/trade industry; the second is for a male who plans to pursue training in the vocational/trade industry. More information and applications are available in the guidance offices at each of the local high schools.

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The 99Thai Food Truck is now conveniently located in the Uncompagre Events Plaza near South First Street Downtown.

ARTS AND CULTURE!

OLATHE MIDDLE SCHOOL PRESENTS GUYS AND DOLLS, JR. MARCH 26

Special to the Mirror

OLATHE—Montrose County residents will see how a “bushel and a peck” of students from Olathe Middle School “can do” when the students present their production of *Guys and Dolls JR.* on Thursday, March 26.

The production is the result of a long-standing collaboration between the 21st Century after-school program and the OMS Choir program.

Considered by many to be the perfect musical comedy, *Guys and Dolls* follows Salvation Army crusaders and high rollers from the streets of Times Square to Havana and back again.

Nathan Detroit, who is permanently engaged to psychosomatic showgirl Miss

Adelaide, will be forced to fold Detroit's Oldest Established Permanent Floating Crap Game unless he wins a bet from slick high roller Sky Masterson.

When Sky gambles that he can woo any “doll” Nathan counters that Sky will not be able to convince an up-right but up-tight missionary named Sarah to go to Havana with him. Sarah finds the rakish Sky very resistible at first, but eventually both Sky and Sarah teach each other a lesson on winning.

From Sky Masterson, Nathan Detroit, Miss Adelaide and Sarah, to their fellow gamblers, performers and crusaders, *Guys and Dolls* is filled with well-loved characters. Ken Cotter, the Olathe Middle/High School choir director says that the students

“have been hard at work in creating the world of this musical and the wonderful characters in it.

The cast includes 16 students who auditioned for the speaking/solo singing roles and an additional 60 choir students who are singing and acting the chorus parts.” Olathe Middle School/21st Century will present the MTI Broadway Junior production *Guys and Dolls JR.* on Thursday March 26 at 7 PM in the OMHS cafeteria. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$2 for students or \$12.00 for a family of four or larger. Tickets are available at the door.

Guys and Dolls JR. is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI), 421 West 54th Street, New York, NY 10019.

BOOKCLIFF BARBERSHOP HARMONY CHORUS PRESENTS GRAND VALLEY'S GOT TALENT!

Special to the Mirror

GRAND JUNCTION—The Bookcliff Harmony Chorus and Quartets, Cover Charge -- Sweet Adelines Quartet, Local Youth Choirs and Singers from schools in the Grand Valley, The Avalon Theater, Saturday, April 11, 2015, 2 pm and 7 pm. Adults \$15, Students \$10. For tickets or information on the show call 970-257-SONG (7664).

CRIMESTOPPERS ALERT-MARCH 23, 2015

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE—Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers is seeking the help of citizens to locate and apprehend perpetrator (s) in the below crime. On Sunday, March 15, 2015, at about 2 a.m., an unknown person (s) purposely set fire to the home located at 2650 Maya Way, Montrose. The outside of the home sustained approximately \$5,000 in damage before the fire was ultimately extinguished by the Montrose Fire Department. Anyone with information about the suspects can call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 970-249-8500. Information that leads to an arrest may earn the caller up to \$1,000 in cash.

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To Albert Stowell, for sharing the story of the Knights of Pythias Building restoration with us...what a gorgeous community resource this will be when the work is done!

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A poster for an event. The background is a green and yellow checkerboard pattern. In the center is a large, stylized globe showing the Americas. Below the globe are silhouettes of several people in various dance poses. The text is in a bubbly, outlined font. At the top, it says 'The Earth Day Spring Dance'. Below that, in large letters, is 'THE STUPID BAND'. At the bottom, it says 'Turn of the Century Saloon', 'Saturday, April 25th 2015', 'doors open at 7:30 pm', and '\$10 admission plus two items for the food bank'.

The Earth Day Spring Dance

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS CELEBRATES WOMEN IN HISTORY MONTH

By Nancy Ball

League of Women Voters

MONTROSE—The fully-restored historic Lutheran Church sited at the Museum of the Mountain West was the location for the "social" held to honor several women from Delta, Montrose and Ouray counties whose lives made positive impacts on their communities during the past 150 years.

Before introducing our guest presenter, Gail Saunders of the Ouray County Historical Society, Karen Connor welcomed the 37 attendees, announced upcoming League activities, explained that 2015 is the 95th anniversary of the founding the League of Women Voters by Carrie Catt, as well as the ratification of the 19th Amendment, and gave a bit of background on "Women in History Month". Nine women--- Chipeta, Harriet Backus, Kittie Heit, Lucy Hillman, Georgiana Buckley, Una Winne-rah, Harriette Collins, Marie Scott, and Genevieve Hardig--- were selected by Gail for special recognition, highlighted by

photos and historical information and interesting anecdotes. The presentation was enthusiastically received by the audience, and a spirited conversation followed, with several of the attendees adding personal anecdotal tidbits. It seemed as though everyone learned something new and was impressed with the achievements of our female forbearers! An optional tour of the museum guided by



A Women in History Month display prepared by League members. Courtesy photo.

co-owner Rich Fike followed and about ten people took advantage of the most excellent opportunity!

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Tuesday, February 10th

Tuesday, March 10th

Tuesday, April 14th

Tuesday, May 12th

Tuesday, June 9th

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Tuesday, August 11th

Tuesday, September 8th

Tuesday, October 13th

Tuesday, November 10th

NO December class

Steps to Follow

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

Class Location and Time

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

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





MONTROSE COUNTY NEWS AND INFORMATION

COUNTY ENACTS RUBBISH AND JUNK ORDINANCE

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE— The Montrose Board of County Commissioners held the second and final reading of the Montrose County Rubbish and Junk Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2015-02) March 16. The ordinance was approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

The Junk and Rubbish Ordinance will take effect in approximately 30 days, and

is only applicable to parcels of less than one acre located in unincorporated Montrose County that are zoned either General Residential or Multiple Family Residential. The ordinance, which can be found here ([http://montrosecounty.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?](http://montrosecounty.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=2&event_id=239&meta_id=35319)

[view_id=2&event_id=239&meta_id=35319](http://montrosecounty.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=2&event_id=239&meta_id=35319)), outlines the definitions of “junk” and “rubbish.” The county will only respond

to formal, written complaints signed by the complainant. —Please note that this only affects smaller lots that are zoned General Residential or Multiple Family Residential,” said Planning and Development Director Steve White. —This ordinance was driven by our community members and addresses concerns that many have regarding health and safety issues posed by overwhelming amount of junk or rubbish.”

COUNTY TO HOST COTTAGE FOODS SESSION MARCH 26

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE—Are you a talented home baker who would like to learn more about selling your cottage foods? Join Montrose County Environmental Health for a free informative session about the Colorado Cottage Foods Act on Thursday March 26th from 3 to 4 p.m., at the Health and Human Services Board Room.

—There is a lot of misleading information on the internet when it comes to cottage foods. This class is designed to inform those who are interested in producing cottage foods,” said Environmental Health Manager Jim Austin. Attendees can expect to learn more about which foods are allowed, labeling and training requirements, revenue limits and answers to frequently asked questions. The classes will be held at the Montrose County Health and Human Services Board Room at 1845 South Townsend Avenue. For more information please call Environmental Health Manager Jim Austin at 252-5067 or jaustin@montrosecounty.net.

CSU EXTENSION HOSTS FOOD SAFETY TRAINING FOR COTTAGE FOOD PRODUCERS APRIL 15

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE—This training will help participants to comply with the Colorado Cottage Food Act, so that they can confidently market jams, dried herbs, honey, etc. The next training is in Montrose @ the Montrose County Fairgrounds will be held on Wednesday, April 15th from 9 am to noon with Jeanne Rice, CSU Extension Educator, presenting. Preregistration is required - \$25 fee. Please pre-register by calling the Mesa County Extension office at: 970-244-1834.

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW CSU'S MARCH GARDENING CALENDAR FOR MONTROSE COUNTY!](#)



READY, SET RIGS! RIDGWAY COMPANY SELLS ADVENTURE YEAR ROUND!



Whether you want to kayak, raft, fly fish, or head out on a stand up paddle board, RIGS Adventure Company in Ridgway has it all! Courtesy images fishrigs.com.

By Caitlin Switzer

RIDGWAY—Yes, they are known as a destination shop for seasonal fly fishing enthusiasts in Western Colorado. But after more than a decade of helping locals and visitors live their seasonal outdoor dreams, Ridgway's [RIGS Adventure Company](http://fishrigs.com) embodies the town's brand, —"Think Outside," all year-round.

—We have been investing in more inventory, and more vendors," RIGS owner Tim Patterson said. —We are proactively building our winter presence, and increasing our commitment to retail. This winter we went full bore, with lots of product in our shop year-round, and guided photo tours.

—We are expanding on what we do, and we are doing it better," Patterson said.

Shutterbugs can now participate in half and full-Day guided photo tours in the Cimarron High Alpine River Region, Uncompahgre National Forest, Black Canyon National Park or the towns of Ridgway, Ouray and Silverton, the company's web site notes. And for those who like it hot,



RIGS Adventure Co has added hosted destination trips to Mexico.

Can't wait to get your feet wet? Fly fishing season kicks off a little early this year.

—We are definitely getting off to an early start, due to weather conditions," Patterson said. —We have a deep selection of apparel, boots and waders—we are the top pick in the area when it comes to guided fly fishing tours.

—A lot of people are fishing—and with Montrose's new whitewater park drawing more attention to our regional assets, we are very excited about 2015," Patterson said. —We have really grown, and we have a lot of access on the San Miguel, Gunnison and Uncompahgre rivers. We also offer guided float trips, and fishing from drift boats on the lower Gunnison has become increasingly popular in the last couple of years."

Some of the most explosive growth has been in the [stand-up paddle board](http://fishrigs.com) sector, however, Patterson said.

—We are a service-based company," he said. —We rent and retail stand-up paddle



boards—our biggest increase over the past two years has been in this area. The boards are super fun and accessible, very stable and friendly. You can rent one, and go out on your own—these boards are designed for everyone; they are for the whole family, including kids."

Those who want to purchase a paddle board of their own can find the [Imagine](http://fishrigs.com) line of paddle boards at RIGS.

—These offer great exercise, and they are easy to do," Patterson said.

—You just crawl on, and stand up. People can take them out on Ridgway Reservoir, and some even take them out on the rivers—it's a very fast-growing sport—really hot." According to statistics compiled by the [American Canoe Association](http://fishrigs.com), mountain states such as Colorado have the second highest percentage by U.S. Census region (0.8 percent) when it comes to participation in stand up paddle boarding, after the Pacific Coast states. Learn more about adventure opportunities in your own backyard by calling 888-626-4460, or visit the RIGS Adventure Co web site at [http://fishrigs.com/](http://fishrigs.com).

ALPINE BANK OFFERS SCHOLARSHIP FOR CMU MONTROSE STUDENTS

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE – Alpine Bank is pleased to offer the Alpine Bank Scholarship for students attending the Montrose CMU campus for the second year. The scholarship is open to part time and full time students with a 2.5 GPA or above. —We strongly believe in giving back to others through the opportunity of education. Our customers who utilize their Education Loyalty VISA Debit Card do too. Each time an Education Loyalty VISA Debit Card is

swiped, we donate 10 cents to education related projects in the Montrose community," states Allison Nadel, Alpine Bank Community Relations Director. The scholarship is worth \$1,000 and is non-renewable. Alpine Bank plans to make the scholarship a yearly offering.

—Community support and engagement is invaluable to students pursuing their education. Alpine Bank is helping create access for students who want to pursue their goals of attaining a degree; we are very

grateful for their support of CMU Montrose students," says Joey Montoya Boese, Montrose CMU Director.

Scholarship applications can be picked up at either Alpine Bank location in Montrose or at the Montrose CMU Campus. Applications are also available at www.alpinebank.com/Scholarship-Opportunities.htm.

Application deadline is Monday, Aug. 31, 2014. All applications must be returned to the office at the Montrose CMU Campus.

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

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 24-IAWC Lecture series, Bill Heddles Rec Center, 6:30 p.m. “Best Kept Secret of the Wild West: the Hanging Flume.”

March 22--Frank French will Play J.S Bach : Goldberg Variations at 2 PM at First Baptist Church, 720 Grand Avenue in Grand Junction.

March 22--“Pump” to be featured at Sherb Sunday Cinema in Ridgway, 7:30 p.m. at the Sherbino Theater.

March 24-Annual Meeting, Interpretive Association of Western Colorado (IAWC), 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Bill Heddles Rec Center at 530 Gunnison River Drive. In conjunction with the meeting, IAWC will screen the 60-minute documentary, *The Best Kept Secret of the Wild West, The Hanging Flume.*”

March 25-Rocky Mt. Health Plans presents Bridges Out of Poverty, 9:30 a.m. to Noon at the Region 10 Enterprise Center. To register contact Gail.Koehn@rmhp.org or call 970-254-5736.

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

March 25-Region 10 Small Business Resource Center and the Montrose Chamber of Commerce present a Publisher class with MBA and SBDC Counselor Susan Bony, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Region, 300 North Cascade. Call to RSVP 970-249-2436.

March 25-City of Montrose Youth Council Teen Opportunity Expo, 1:30 to 4 p.m. Montrose High School Cafeteria. Contact City of Montrose Youth Council Coordinator Tina Woodrum for info at 240-1415.

March 25--“First Ascents in the World’s Greater Ranges,” March’s Second *Sherb Talk* will feature climber Jim Donini Doors and cash bar are at 7 pm and the lecture will begin at 7:30 pm. There will be a \$10 cover charge at the door with free entry for individuals who work for Ouray Mountain Rescue.

March 26-Olathe Middle School presents Guys and Dolls, Jr. at 7 PM in the OMHS cafeteria. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$2 for students or \$12.00 for a family of four or larger. Tickets are available at the door.

March 26-Grammy Award winner Mollie O’Brien will play Ridgway’s Sherbino Theater. Tickets are \$15 in advance and are available for sale at Cimarron Books and Coffee in Ridgway until March 25th. Ticket price will increase to \$20 the day of the event, and can be purchased at The Sherbino Theater when doors open at 7 pm. Show starts at 7:30 p.m.

For more information about Mollie O’Brien please visit her website at www.mollieobrien.com.

March 26-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 26-Montrose Regional Dispatch Working Group to meet, 2:30 to 4 p.m. Friendship Hall.

March 26-Cottage Foods Session, Montrose County Environmental Health, 3 to 4 p.m. The classes will be held at the Montrose County Health and Human Services Board Room at 1845 South Townsend Avenue. For more information please call Environmental Health Manager Jim Austin at 252-5067 or jaustin@montrosecounty.net.

March 28-Delta Chamber of Commerce Wild, Wild West Annual Mtg and Awards Banquet, Bill Heddles Rec Center (531 North Palmer Dr.) 5 to 9 p.m. \$20 admission includes dinner and one alcoholic beverage, please call 970-874-8616 to RSVP.

March 30-April 3-Montrose Association of Churches Holy Week Services listed on page 21.

April 1-Montrose County Historical Society Presents “Saving the Historic 1885 Enos T. Hotchkiss Barn,” related by Chris Miller, Executive Director of Interpretive Association Western Colorado, 7 pm, Pioneer Room Friendship Hall, 1001 N.2nd St., Montrose. For more information call 970-323-6466.

April 1-Lenten Music at Noon - Featuring various local artists, Noon-12:30pm, Montrose United Methodist Church, 19 South Park Ave.

April 1- “A Framework for Understanding the ISIS Crisis: Examining the Root Causes of Islamist Extremism” lecture by Dr. Nader Hashemi of Denver University. 7 p.m., Avalon Theater in Grand Junction.

April 2-Montrose-Delta League of Women Voters presents, “An Overview of Social Security,” Noon-1:30 p.m. in the Montrose Library Community Room.

April 4-Canyon Creek Bed and Breakfast, Laff Inn Comedy Night, Bridges of Montrose. 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15, show is 21+. For tickets <http://www.canyoncreek.eventbrite.com/>.

April 7-Estate Planning-Beyond the Basics. 4:30-5:30 pm; Sponsored by Region 10 and Brown and Brown P.C. Learn about will and trust estate plans and how to decide which one is right for you. sign-in at 4:15, we will start promptly at 4:30. Location: Region 10, 300 N. Cascade in the Sneffels room. **Registration required:** Register online at www.region10.net or call 249-2436.

April 7-9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., UP Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Project Annual Stakeholder meeting, Hampton Inn, 1980 North Townsend Avenue, Montrose.

April 9-Public Lands Partnership, Montrose Library (320 South Second St.) present lecture, *Native Plants Program*, 7 p.m.

April 9-Delta Listen and Learn. 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Learn the differences between SSI, SSDI and Social Security Retirement, what the qualifications are and how to navigate the system. This class will take place at the Hotchkiss Sr. Center on 276 W. Main. Check in starts at 12:15 and we will start promptly at 12:30. Required: Register online at www.region10.net or call 970-249-2436 or toll free 1-855-800-6050. Register also with Delta County Senior Resources 712-2295.

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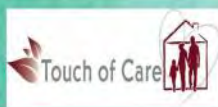
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