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## MONTROSE GOLF COURSES TO FEATURE LIVE MUSIC FOR SUMMER FUN!

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—So your short game needs a tune-up and you could use some time on the driving range, but you also want to catch some hot tunes while the weather is nice. Have no fear, Montrose has the cure for what ails you this summer, as local golf courses get set to showcase great music all summer long.

At [Bridges of Montrose](#), concerts on the lawn will take place throughout the warmer months from May-mid September, according to Marketing Director Beth Feely.

—We are still putting our lineup together, but our featured event on July 24 will be Sawyer Brown,” She said. —We have a lot of new artists, and we’re very excited. We get a lot of synergy on Friday nights, with drink specials and patio views—people come early to get a good table. Last year the music started at 5:30, and we have FAC on Fridays from 6 to 8 p.m.—it has been so popular!

—It’s just a fun experience, and people like it.”  
The driving range at Black Canyon Golf Course will be the scene of the First Annual Montrose



The featured event at Bridges of Montrose this summer will be [Sawyer Brown](#), above. Photo of Sawyer Brown by Troy Fleece/Craven Country Jamboree Photographer. Courtesy image.

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## RE-1J AGGRESSIVELY SEEKS NEW FUNDING SOURCES FOR 21ST CENTURY AFTER SCHOOL SITES



The Centennial Middle School Before and After School programs are among those that have been funded through 21st Century CLC grant funds.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—Since 2001, Montrose County School District Re-1J has used 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center (CLC) grant funds to support a number of before and after school programs in the Montrose and Olathe schools. However, this year, only one local school—Peak Virtual Academy—remains eligible for 21<sup>st</sup> Century CLC grant funding—meaning that other, grant-funded after school sites at Centennial Middle School, Olathe Middle School and Olathe Elementary School must seek other resources. The current co-hort of the grant expires May 31, Re-1J Communications and Special Projects Coordinator Erica Jiron said.

—We are aggressively seeking alternative funding sources and opportunities to provide safe, structured environments before and after school,” Jiron said, adding, —On Montrose elementary after school program is not grant-funded, and will continue.”

Based on last year’s data, an average of 81 percent of students at Centennial Middle School used the grant-funded before and after school program one or more days each week, while the percentage at Olathe

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### MACHALE RESIGNS AS RE-1J SUPERINTENDENT, SEARCH BEGINS



Mark MacHale.  
Courtesy photo.

*Special to the Mirror*  
MONTROSE—Dr. Mark MacHale, Superintendent of Montrose and Olathe School District has agreed to resign effective June 30, 2015 and will be on leave, available for consultation and projects until then. Dr. MacHale

has been the superintendent since July, 2011 and during his tenure he has been instrumental in moving the district into full accreditation, setting strategic goals for stronger student achievement, a safer school environment for staff and students, an employee recognition program, as well as the planning and on-going implementation of 21<sup>st</sup> century technology in our schools. The School Board accepted Dr.

MacHale's resignation, acknowledges his leadership and dedication, and wishes him well in his future career plans. Leann Tobin, School Board President said, "We appreciate the hard work and expertise Dr. MacHale has given to our school district. We have accomplished a great deal under his leadership." The Board will begin the search process for a new Superintendent immediately.

## OPINION/EDITORIAL-LETTERS

### FISHERING RESIGNS FROM TRAC

To: Montrose City Council

RE: Letter of resignation from TRAC Team

I would like to extend my appreciation to the City Council for appointing me to the TRAC Team over two years ago. In that time the OBT has invested in many areas that had been neglected in the previous three years. However, the past few months it has become increasingly clear to me and others that the TRAC team's input is not solicited or acted upon. For example, the recent hiring of a marketing manager was not discussed at all at any meeting.

Many projects that are important to the retail community, shopping habits survey, way finding signage, brochure racks and others, have been ignored in favor of what the City wants to do. I cannot speak of the requirements for the tourism tax money, but the retail enhancement fund was to be used for retail enhancement at the direction of a board of RETAILERS.

I meet (sic) with Rob Joseph last week to discuss my concerns, and was told by Rob: "That it was my way or the highway." Well I can tell you this is one highway I don't want to be on. Along with my resignation from the board I would also like to request that a formal hearing be held to determine what should be done with the retail enhancement fund, perhaps even return the money to the retailers.

Thank You,

Greg Fishering

High Mesa Communications

### JOSEPH RESPONDS TO NEWS OF TRAC RESIGNATIONS

*Editor's Note: Below is Assistant City Manager and OBT Director Rob Joseph's response to my phone inquiry about recent resignations from TRAC. Though we did ask about the two resignations we had learned of in 24-hours, Mr. Joseph is mistaken in believing we were referring to the resignation of Ken Watson—which had occurred March 16 according to Joseph. In fact, another committee member informed us personally on April 3 that he was resigning as well.*

Dear Ms. Switzer:

Thank you for taking time to call and leave me a message as to the recent tourism retail advisory committee (TRAC) activity and to the allegations that the OBT has been unresponsive to the committee's recommendations and is spending excessively. I appreciate the opportunity to tell our side of the story.

First, I want to apologize for not being able to speak with you personally. As you may know, city offices are closed today; however, I am working. I have had back-to-back meetings and unable to call you. I have a few minutes and decided that writing would provide you with much more information than a few minutes of conversation. Having said that, I welcome the opportunity to speak with you personally.

Since time is tight, I will get right to the point.

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### REGION 10 SBDC SATELLITE EXPANDS TO SAN JUAN COMMUNITIES



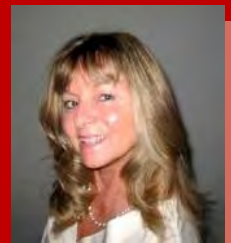
**MONTROSE**—From left, Linda Riba of the Region 10 Small Business Resource Center (SBRC), Region 10 Board President Bruce Hovde, and Colorado Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Director Kelly Manning were among those who turned out for the grand opening celebration of the Region 10 SBDC San Miguel County satellite office at the Region 10 Enterprise Center on March 31. For more information please contact Vince Fandel or Linda Riba of the [Region 10 Small Business Resource Center](#) at 907.249.2436, or email [Vince@region10.net](mailto:Vince@region10.net) or [linda@region10.net](mailto:linda@region10.net). Photos by Brad Switzer.

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## MONTROSE COUNTY NEWS AND INFORMATION

### BOCC MEETS AT 6 P.M. APRIL 6

#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE—The Montrose Board of County Commissioners will meet at 6 p.m. on April 6, at the Commissioners Meeting Room at 161 South Townsend Ave. The [agenda is lengthy; follow this link](#) to read it in its entirety. Montrose Mirror Government Beat Reporter Sandra Tyler will be there to report on the proceedings.

### MONTROSE COUNTY CORONER RE-APPOINTED TO STATE BOARD

#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE—Governor John Hick-enlooper has reappointed Montrose County Coroner, Dr. Thomas M. Canfield, MD to the Colorado Coroners Standards and Training Board for a second consecutive term. The Board is charged with setting and maintaining standards for coroners across the state.

Of his appointment Dr. Canfield stated, "I'm very proud to serve as a member of this board. Its importance in establishing a superior level of professional coroner service to all Colorado residents cannot be overstated. As a member of the Colorado Coroners Standards and Training Board I will continue to set high standards for Col-

orado coroners."

Dr. Canfield is especially qualified for this position with more than 50 years of experience in the field. Early in his career Dr. Canfield worked in the Coroner's Office at Denver General Hospital.

He did a fellowship in forensic medicine at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. and served as Medical Director of the Criminal Investigation and Forensic Science Laboratory for the City and County of Denver prior to moving to Montrose in 1972.

He was appointed as the first Director of Laboratories at Montrose Memorial Hospital; a position he held for over 35

years. During that time he served on multiple medical service committees and was Chief of Infection Control as well as Chief of Staff.

He was selected for the Montrose Memorial Hospital Fall Clinics Award as Physician of the Year. He established a forensic science laboratory in Montrose and was the Chief Medical Examiner for the Office of Medical Investigation.

He served as the Montrose City Medical Officer and Police Surgeon; the Montrose County Sheriff's Office Medical Officer and was an agent with the Colorado Bureau of Investigation. Recently Dr. Canfield was reelected as Montrose County Coroner; a position he has held since 2007.

### MONTROSE COUNTY MOTOR VEHICLE TO BE CLOSED APRIL 16-21

MONTROSE—According to Montrose County Motor Vehicles Division, the offices at the Downtown Courthouse will be closed from April 16-21, and will re-open for business on April 22.

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# DOWNTOWN AUSTIN ACHIEVES FULL OCCUPANCY



*Though hit hard by the loss of local jobs, all available storefronts in the historic fruit packing town of Austin are occupied.  
Mirror file photo.*

*Mirror Staff Report*

AUSTIN—Just months ago, much of the

historic fruit packing town of Austin sat empty following the closure of the town's main business, Red Hat Foods. Today, however, the Red Hat warehouses are occupied once again, and the historic Main Street boasts full occupancy.

Realtor Mark Shaffer, who has owned much of Austin's historic Downtown since the 1990's, noted that even the local café is under new ownership. Don Shearer and Teresa White have taken over the eatery, located at the corner of Main and the 2100 Road, following the retirement of longtime proprietors Rufus Miller and Faye Rodrigue.

—The new owners have spruced it up, and they're doing real good," Shaffer said.

—There is also a new tenant in the corner space, Hungry Lion Garden Supply—

people seem to really like that."

With all of the Red Hat buildings sold to new owners and occupied, Austin is a much more exciting place these days. —Austin is 100 percent occupied," Shaffer said, though he declined to take much credit for saving the little town, once a thriving railroad stop. The former Austin Depot can now be seen in Cedaredge, where it is on display as part of the Pioneer Town historic park. Much of Austin, a thriving town at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, was washed away in the flood of 1937, when the dam above the town burst. According to the [US Bureau of Reclamation](#), "Irrigation of lands now encompassed by the Fruitgrowers Dam Project was initiated about 1890. In 1898, settlers built a small dam on Alfalfa Run to provide water storage for their irrigation system. This dam failed on June 13, 1937, resulting in extensive damage."

Photos of the flood, shared with Rufus and Faye by longtime Austin resident June Mills, can still be seen at the café. On March 19, Delta County Independent Reporter Hank Lohmeyer pointed out that with all of its Main Street businesses occupied, Austin is ahead of many of the region's larger cities and towns.

For Mark Shaffer, it's all in a day's work. —Somebody needed to do this," said Shaffer, who has fully restored a number of the storefronts on Austin's Main Street. —So I did. But I am just the caretaker for a while; Austin will be here long after I am gone."

## ATTEND NATIVE PLANT MEETING

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE—Plan to attend: Improving the Health of our Landscapes: Combating Noxious Weeds & Restoring Native Plant Communities on April 9, from 7 to 8 PM at the Montrose Regional Library District @ 320 S 2nd Street, Montrose. The UP Native Plant Program works to provide federal and state agencies with seeds of native species to use in landscape-scale restoration efforts. Seed from the region can significantly improve restoration success by preserving genetic diversity and ensuring that the plants used in re-vegetation projects are adapted for local conditions. The Noxious Weed Management Program facilitates cooperation among public land managers, local counties, land owners and the public to prevent and combat noxious weed infestations, improving wildlife habitat, natural ecosystems and recreational experiences. Come learn how you can become involved! [info@upartnership.org](mailto:info@upartnership.org).

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Elementary School was 62 percent and at Olathe Middle School 100 percent, Jiron said. The Montrose Elementary School After-School Program is located at Pomona Elementary, with students bussed over to the site from other local elementary schools. At the end of the 2014-2015 school year, the number of students served in that program on a daily basis ranged from 39 to 61, Jiron said. —Our numbers

are already much higher than last year,” Jiron said.

The need for safe, structured environments before and after school hours has not diminished though funding has.

—Our vision in Montrose and Olathe is to empower youth and collaborate with students and families to create an environment that supports, social and academic growth,” Jiron said. —An after school pro-

grams open doors and provide opportunities to try something you may never have tried before.” According to the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) web site, [The 21st Century Community Learning Centers \(21st CCLC\) competitive grant program](#) is authorized under Title IV, Part B, of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

### SUNRISE CREEK RESIDENTS HIT THE ROAD TO THANK LOCAL FIREFIGHTERS

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-Sunrise Creek Assisted Living residents, at right, celebrated the start of April by taking to the streets, and devoting an afternoon to thanking each local fire station for caring for them. Montrose Fire Protection District Station No. 1 is located at 441 South Uncompahgre Avenue; Station No. 2 is located at 65960 Racine Road; and Station No. 3 is located at 62840 Spring Creek Road. For more information, visit the district's web site: <http://montrosefire.org>.



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## CUSTOMER SERVICE RECOGNITION...GROCERY WORKERS!



MONTROSE-From the front lines of grocery work--this week at the Montrose Safeway! A.J. Vigil had been on the job nine days when we took this photo. "It's wonderful," he said of his new career. Thank you A.J.!

### CITY WEED CONTROL EFFORTS TO BEGIN APRIL 8

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-The City of Montrose will begin spraying weeds along alleys and other public right-of-ways on April 8, weather permitting. Residents who wish to avoid spraying operations adjacent to their property should call 240-1400 no later than April 6 to be added to the City's "No Spray" list.

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### DONATE TO CASA THROUGH HIGH-TECH ONLINE AUCTION!



*The Third Annual "Dessert Dash" will be at CASA's Ray of Hope event April 10. Courtesy photo.*

*Special to the Mirror*

REGIONAL-CASA of the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District is participating in the newest way for non-profits to raise funds. "So many businesses and individuals have come forward and donated for our annual "Ray of Hope" benefit. "We want to showcase these items in a manner that can provide their business an added level of exposure" said Carlton Mason / Executive Director. Each auction has a link; to access the silent auction go to:

[www.casarayofhope2015.eflea.ca](http://www.casarayofhope2015.eflea.ca). The silent auction will be open for bidding online from April 1-17. The live auction, at [www.casarayofhope-live2015.eflea.ca](http://www.casarayofhope-live2015.eflea.ca)

will also open for bidding April 1. **You may bid on the live auction items and not attend the Ray of Hope. You may however be out bid when the auction goes live April 10, at the Ray of Hope benefit. Online bidding will close for the live auction at 3:30 pm and high bids will determine the opening bid at the event.** The live auction, to be called by professional auctioneer Lee McCombs, will finish at the event. **Tickets, if available, may be purchased by calling (970) 249-0337.**

The Ray of Hope benefit will be held at the Montrose Pavilion from 5:30 pm until 9pm. Donny Morales and Glenn Patterson will be providing live music. Our guest speaker will be former CASA kid, Lauren Elizabeth Mueller. Ms. Mueller is a national speaker on the subjects of foster care & permanency advocacy. She will be sharing her personal experience with CASA and the impact our volunteers have on the children they serve. Enjoy the Third Annual "Dessert Dash" featuring desserts created just for this event by local restaurants and bakeries. For tickets: phone: (970) 249-0337 or email: [elauby@casa7jd.org](mailto:elauby@casa7jd.org) Cost: \$50 each or a reserved Table of 10 people for \$ 450.00 CASA serves abused

and neglected kids from throughout the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District who have been removed from their homes and find themselves in the courts and child welfare system through no fault of their own. Carlton Mason, CASA Executive Director, reminds us that "it is vital that our communities come together and take care of our own, most vulnerable population – our children."

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

CASA volunteers undergo extensive training prior to working with any children. CASA volunteers are given direction from the presiding judge to act as a child's advocate. They provide formalized observations and written recommendations to the court to assist in the complex decision-making process directly affecting the child. Sadly, the need for CASA volunteers is growing each year. For more information about CASA, becoming a CASA volunteer, or to support the CASA program call (970)249-0337 or visit CASA at 301N. Cascade in Montrose.

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## GUNNISON BASIN ROUNDTABLE MEETS APRIL 6

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MONTROSE—Members of the Gunnison Basin Roundtable (GBRT) and its representative agencies urge the public to attend a crucial input meeting at 7 pm on Monday, April 6 at 1391 South Townsend Avenue in Montrose (The Holiday Inn). The intent of the meeting is to gather, consider, and incorporate changes and comments to the regional basin plan which will then be submitted to the state by mid April. The entire Colorado Water Plan (encompassing feedback from all nine roundtables) is scheduled to be completed by December 2015.

The GBRT was formed by statute in 2005, under the Colorado Water for the 21st Century Act; it is one of nine similar roundtables in Colorado, charged to “encourage locally driven collaborative solutions to water supply challenges,” “assess basin-wide consumptive and nonconsumptive water supply needs,” and “serve as a forum for education and debate regarding methods for meeting water supply needs,” according to Colorado Governor’s Office. Its 32 members represent all local governments and significant economic and environmental actors in the Basin.

The Gunnison Basin Implementation Plan (GBIP) was created by the GBRT for submittal to the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB). It is designed to support regional water planning through the roundtable process established by the Colorado Water for the 21st Century Act. The GBIP builds on previous roundtable work to propose and fund projects for meeting water needs. The GBIP also provides critical grassroots input to the forthcoming Colorado Water Plan (CWP).

To encourage locally-driven and balanced solutions to water supply challenges, the plan identifies water projects through targeted analyses of water issues in the Basin. The GBIP includes analyses of water shortages, water availability under variable hydrologic conditions, and various site-specific water supply issues. The ultimate purpose of the plan is to better identify water priorities in the basin and highlight proposed projects that will excel at meeting these priorities in the near future.

For additional information, visit: The Gunnison Basin Roundtable has prepared a more thorough guide to the CWP, keyed to the PDF chapters that can be downloaded from the website above. You can find this guide on the Colorado Mesa University website: <http://www.coloradomesa.edu/watercenter/>.



# HELP!

**Your help is needed to plan the water future of the Uncompahgre Valley and Colorado.**

The Gunnison Basin Roundtable, the Montrose, Delta, and Ouray County Commissioners; the Municipalities of those counties; and the associated water districts invite you to a critical public input meeting for the COLORADO WATER PLAN:

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For additional information, contact George Sibley at (970) 641-4340 or Mike Berry at (970) 249-3369.

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### West Region Wildfire Council Announces Financial Assistance for Wildfire Mitigation

#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE – The West Region Wildfire Council is offering financial assistance to accomplish wildfire mitigation projects on private property within Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Montrose, Ouray and San Miguel Counties. This wildfire mitigation program provides up to a 75 percent cost-share for implementing defensible space around homes, completing landscape-scale fuels reduction projects, conducting neighborhood chipping events, or completing demonstration sites in communities to encourage further mitigation work. Applications will be accepted through December 31 or until available funds have been expended.

Representatives from the West Region Wildfire Council are available to meet with area residents to discuss specific

wildfire risk reduction recommendations and help homeowners apply for cost-share funding. Since 2011, the West Region Wildfire Council has worked with homeowners and landowners to design and implement projects that have reduced wildfire risk to homes and communities throughout the region. This ongoing program has provided over \$300,000 in reimbursement funding to offset the costs of wildfire mitigation since its inception. Residents who are interested in learning more about the program can visit [www.COWildfire.org/grants](http://www.COWildfire.org/grants) or contact the West Region Wildfire Council (970-615-7300) for more information. The West Region Wildfire Council promotes wildfire preparedness, prevention and mitigation education throughout Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Montrose, Ouray and San Miguel counties. Their

mission is to mitigate loss due to wildfire in wildland urban interface communities while fostering interagency partnerships to help prepare counties, fire protection districts, communities and agencies plan for and mitigate potential threats from wildfire. Further information about grant opportunities, Community Wildfire Protection Plans, and resources about wildfire mitigation are available on the WRWC website ([www.COWildfire.org](http://www.COWildfire.org)).

For information on wildfires and restrictions in the area, call the Southwest District Fire Management Information line (970.240.1070), visit the MIFMU website ([http://gacc.nifc.gov/rmcc/dispatch\\_centers/r2mtc/](http://gacc.nifc.gov/rmcc/dispatch_centers/r2mtc/)), or follow us on Twitter ([https://twitter.com/SWD\\_Fire](https://twitter.com/SWD_Fire)) and Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/BLMMontroseFireUnit>).



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## GOLF COURSES FEATURE LIVE MUSIC FOR SUMMER FUN From page 1

Summer Music Series, four nights of free concerts courtesy of Dave Bowman and Blue Sky Music Presents in cooperation with numerous local sponsors known as —Community Builders.”

Putting the series together has been a challenge, Bowman said, but will be well worth the effort; headliners announced last Thursday include the fantastic [Ori Naftaly band](#) from Israel on May 29.

Though this is the same band that rocked Main in Motion last year, Bowman noted in a news release last week that the band has added a new lead singer, Terinii Jackson of Memphis.

According to the band’s official announcement, the Memphis born and bred powerhouse vocalist replaces Eleanor Tsaig, who has left to travel other musical avenues after contributing lead vocals on the first two Ori Naftaly albums and appearing at Main in Motion in Montrose. Naftaly found Jackson at a Baptist Church in Memphis.

On July 3, [Parker McCollum](#) will perform at Black Canyon Golf Course. According to the Montrose Summer Music Series news release, the popular 22-year-old artist from Texas, who released his debut album *The Limestone Kid* on Feb. 24, makes his Colorado debut here in Montrose just in time for Independence Day.

On July 39, a five-piece rock band from Dallas, [Somebody’s Darling](#), will perform as part of the series. The band is headed by Amber Ferris, and released its third full-length disc in September of 2014.

Finally, the Montrose Summer Music Series finishes with Denver legends [Chris Daniels and the Kings](#) on Aug. 14. Formed in 1984, Chris Daniels and the Kings have toured two continents and have played to appreciative crowds here in Montrose in the past.

With such a killer lineup, Bowman hopes to attract more small donations through the web site,

[www.montrosummersmusic.com](http://www.montrosummersmusic.com). Major sponsors have been very generous, he said.

—“Things are really coming together,” said Bowman, who noted that the golf course location makes sense than a local park because of the availability of the restaurant and better infrastructure.

—“Parking will be easier, and access to bathrooms and portapots is better at the Golf Course,” Bowman said.

—“City Manager Bill Bell has helped us tremendously,” Bowman said.

—“The Office of Business & Tourism chose not to fund the event, but Bill Bell has waived the fee for the police presence, and the City will provide traffic police for the event and has helped reduce our fees for things like portapots—they have pro-



*The Montrose Summer Music Series debuts at Black Canyon Golf Course this summer.*

vided us with around \$2,900 in services to reduce our expenses.”

Parking at the golf course itself will be reserved for sponsors at levels of \$1,000-\$5,000, with the remainder of parking along Hillcrest. Small donors are welcome to help [contribute](#) as well, with the goal of making the Montrose Summer Music Series an annual event.

—“We will be hosting a tap night at the Horsefly Brewing Company on April 21,” Bowman said. —“Stop by and contribute to the Montrose Summer Music Series!

Though donations have been very strong, any excess funds will be used for marketing efforts and to bring in new and exciting bands next year, he said.



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# OPINION/EDITORIAL

## BULLYING...A GROUP ACTIVITY FOR COWARDS OF ALL AGES

### Mirror Staff Editorial

MONTROSE—Recent suicides have resulted in heart-wrenching losses to the community and the added component of bullying that surrounds these deaths leaves us looking for answers.

Many assume bullying is predominately a youth activity, but that is not the case. Unfortunately, there are adults who never outgrow their bullying tendencies and many more adults who tolerate their behavior. It should come as no surprise that the lack of civility displayed by adults filters down to our youth.

We need go no further than the community backyard to see adult bullying in action. Almost without exception, public meetings for government, political activities and community comment are prefaced with a warning about unacceptable behavior. The City Council's "Call for Public Comment" begins with, "Personal attacks and disagreements, personnel and employment matters, the use of profanity or ethnic, racial or gender-oriented slurs are prohibited, as is any "disorderly conduct" which violates state or local law (and) shall not be permitted." In a similar manner media outlets, such as newspapers, also caution letter-to-the-editor writers to mind their man-

ners.

Gone are the days when the duties of a facilitator or moderator simply kept a meeting moving forward. Today, they are required to be the disciplinarians for those who shout, punctuate their comments with profanity and get in the face of others. Interestingly, bullying tends to be a group activity. These people find strength in numbers and in their perceived positions of authority and superiority.

In the last few weeks Mirror Publisher Caitlin Switzer, when reporting on former and current City public works employees who felt they were in a hostile work environment, was publically accused of "yellow journalism" by the Montrose Daily Press. In addition, last Friday, it came to light that some advertisers to the Mirror felt pressured by a sitting city councilman who personally questioned their support of the Mirror. "I am not intimidating anybody," Council Member Rex Swanson told the Mirror when we questioned his behavior. "I am asking them to do is read your articles and decide if they want to support what you are doing."

However, it cannot be overlooked that by interjecting himself in the advertising practices of even a few businesses, the council-

man cast a condescending eye on all businesses and how they use their advertising dollars.

In another surprising turn of events, Montrose Assistant City Manager Rob Joseph's very appropriate and lengthy email response (printed in this issue of the Mirror) to our phone message Friday seeking comment on the resignation letter we received that day from TRAC committee member Greg Fishing was accompanied shortly afterward by a very inappropriate, bullying, negative comment regarding Mirror Publisher Caitlin Switzer from Region 10 Small Business Resource Director Vince Fandel—sent via his official organizational email address to a number of prominent local business owners and TRAC Committee members. On a side note, Caitlin has supported Region 10 with outreach on a contract basis since 2004.

In conclusion, we ask our community to look at what is happening, and ask hard questions—are these the right people to trust with our municipal dollars, and our lives? Or is it time to do as some in the community are suggesting...and take our City back from the grownup bullies who are currently wielding power in inappropriate ways?

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT, STUFFED ANIMAL DRIVE FOR CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH



#### Mirror Staff Report

MONTROSE-April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, and Montrose County Health & Human Services will host a family movie night and stuffed animal drive this month to promote happy kids and healthy families.

On April 24, a free dinner will take place at 6 p.m. at the Montrose County Fairgrounds (1001 N. Second St.), and a free screening of the movie "Epic" will follow at 7 p.m. Free movie popcorn is being provided by the PACE program. Donations to the stuffed animal drive can be taken to Montrose County Health & Human Services at 1845 South Townsend Ave; to Cherry Creek Radio at 106 Rose Lane; to CASA at 300 North Cascade; and to Dolphin House at 735 South First Street. Stuffed animal donations should be new or very gently used.



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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### SIX-WEEK DUI SPRING EVENTS ENFORCEMENT BEGAN APRIL 4 1,800 Arrested During Same 2014 Enforcement

*Special to the Mirror*

STATEWIDE — As spring ushers in longer days and warmer weather, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), Colorado State Patrol (CSP) and local law enforcement agencies are also turning up the heat, ramping up DUI patrols for the Spring Events *The Heat Is On* enforcement period running from Saturday, April 4, through Sunday, May 17.

Aiming to keep Colorado's roads safe and reduce the number of DUIs and impairment fatalities, the enforcement period runs for more than a month, coinciding with functions where people will likely be celebrating — whether that be college graduations, sporting events, or marijuana-friendly libations — CDOT doesn't mind if you celebrate, as long as you never get behind the wheel impaired.

During the 2014 Spring Events *The Heat Is On* enforcement, more than 1,800 people were arrested for a DUI, an increase from 2013 when 1,709 were arrested during the same time. April also marks the

start of a noticeable upward trend in impairment fatalities heading into the summer. In 2014, there were 12 statewide impairment fatalities in April, steadily increasing during the summer before peaking at 24 fatalities in August, according to preliminary 2014 data.

—With the weather warming up and the days getting longer, motorists tend to drive faster and take longer trips," said Col. Scott Hernandez, Chief of the Colorado State Patrol.

—Wherever the road may take you this spring, remember to never drive impaired and be aware of other drivers who may be impaired.

—If you drive after drinking or doing drugs, we will find and arrest you."

To kick off the spring season, CDOT will have a presence at Coors Field during the Colorado Rockies baseball season — distributing posters with *The Heat Is On* messaging, and playing public service announcement (PSA) videos on the Jumbotron. The new PSA's feature Rockies

players reminding fans to enjoy the game responsibly.

—We find it best to incorporate our campaign messaging in places where people are more likely to become impaired — festivals, sporting events, concerts, restaurants and bars," said Darrell Lingk, Director of the CDOT's Office of Transportation Safety. —People are out and the about more as the weather warms up, so we want to make sure we are there reminding people to not drive when impaired."

*The Heat Is On* campaign runs throughout the year with 12 specific high visibility impaired driving enforcement periods centered on national holidays and large public events.

Enforcement periods can include sobriety checkpoints, saturation patrols and additional law enforcement on duty dedicated to impaired driving enforcement.

More details about the campaign, including impaired driving enforcement plans, arrest totals and safety tips can be found at [HeatIsOnColorado.com](http://HeatIsOnColorado.com).

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## WEST CENTRAL WOMEN OF INFLUENCE...

# CORRI SCHMIDT



**Corri Schmidt.**  
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*Interview by Gail Marvel*  
MONTROSE Chemical Engineer Corri Schmidt has been with the 3M Company for 17 ½ years and is the plant manager for not just one, but two 3M Companies; each with 38-

Although in high school she was a cheerleader and played soccer, she gravitated towards the arts —studying drama, choir, and three musical instruments. “I was a pretty good student, but not naturally gifted. I had to work really hard.”

Corri was bent towards doing things people told her she couldn’t do. “I was motivated me to do it anyway, I’m a little stubborn that way.” She elected to play a big and bulky string base simply because, “I was mostly played by the boys. I wasn’t afraid of failing and I didn’t back down from much.” Throughout her education teachers noticed her abilities, “Their encouragement put wind in my sails.”

While Corri’s career field is dominated by men, she has not been subject to gender discrimination. “I haven’t, or if I have I’ve been blind to it — or ignored it.” Corri finds herself somewhat turned-off by the women’s movement. “I don’t want to diminish the women’s movement effort, but women have to be careful that by pushing the movement we don’t hurt ourselves. I want my work to speak for itself.”

Describing 3M products Corri said, “Our products are considered wheels, but customers think of them as tools.”

The 3M Company manufactures bonded super abrasive grinding wheels for precision finishing and hard-to-grind materials and composites. Some markets include aerospace, round tools (carbide bits), gas

and oil, and woodworking. Interestingly, an area of disconnect for employees is how the wheels they make fit into the end product. “When they don’t have the big picture it’s hard for them to connect with what they’re making.”


Corri leads by example and is willing to work side by side with employees. “Employees are your greatest asset; don’t suppress them if you want to be successful. In advanced manufacturing collaborative leadership is more effective than authoritative.”

Citing integrity and a good work ethic as vitally important for leadership she said, “You have to build trust; it’s hard to follow someone you don’t trust.”


Corri likes the challenge of getting out of her comfort zone; however, she’d rather not be put on the spot publicly. “I’m not the most polished and I’m more comfortable in rehearsed situations. That sounds strange since I originally thought I’d be an actor.” She laughed, “But actors get a script!”

Corri’s leadership advice, “Pigeonholing yourself limits your options. Be open minded and put yourself out there to see what you’re made of. Analyze what you like to do, find your strength and capitalize on it. You should think broadly about the work you do and how you contribute.

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## COMMUNITY VOICES...ON THE LOSS OF A STEPCHILD TO SUICIDE

**"IT JUST GETS DIFFERENT"**

By Richard Harding  
Special to the Mirror

I don't know what words can adequately describe the emotions experienced while looking into the casket of a 17-year-old child, especially a child that has taken their own life.

Perhaps the best place to start is from the beginning, four days earlier, Mother's Day 1990. The phone rang early that morning and it was my stepdaughter Cathy calling to wish her mother, Sarah, a happy Mother's Day. She and I talked for a while about a car accident she had been in several days earlier and I handed the phone to her mother. Cathy and her mother exchanged the typical mother – daughter pleasantries one would expect on any given Mother's day.

Cathy was living with her biological father in another state while she finished high school and prepared for college, her mother and younger sister, age two, were living with me. Cathy had anything and everything a young girl could ever wish for. Her father's family was a well-known prominent family. The entire family resided on a several-hundred-acre gated family compound in the Smoky Mountains that resembled more of a country club and theme park, than private residences.

About two hours after Cathy called, the phone rang again. As Sarah laid crying and screaming on the floor, I picked the phone up off the floor to find out what was going on, while trying to calm Sarah down. The fact that it was Sarah's mother on the other end of the phone is the only reason I think I believed the words my ears were hearing; —Cathy is dead, she shot herself." When I was able to regain some semblance of composure, I told her mother that we would pack some clothes and head over to her parent's house.

Nobody has ever authored a book on proper etiquette in dealing with a parent that has just lost a child, nor would anyone ever be inclined to read it to try and figure out what to do next. My gut told me to call

the pastor of the church we were attending and members of the congregation, who immediately showed up at the house. While the prayers and gestures were comforting, there is only one place that Sarah wanted to be, with Cathy.

I packed some clothes and we drove to Sarah's parents' house in a neighboring town. We decided to make the two-day journey by automobile rather than fly due to the weather. There is such an overwhelming feeling of inadequacy when trying to comfort a mother over the loss of a child. I came to learn that words could never fill that void and there are insurmountable tears that a mother can shed.

Arriving in the Smoky Mountains Sarah insisted on going to the funeral home. The funeral director explained that Cathy was not ready for viewing and wanted to speak to me privately. While Sarah and her parents sat in the chapel at the funeral home, I met with the funeral director.

There are certain realities that have to be addressed in this type of situation; I was, perhaps, the most removed from the emotional roller coaster to deal with those realities. Cathy's father requested an open casket viewing and service. In the preceding two days since the suicide, councilors at her high school had identified five other students contemplating suicide. He wanted the students to see the results of what happens when they don't seek help. Without getting overly specific, overcoming the challenges of preparing a body of a suicide victim from a gunshot wound to the head from a large caliber pistol are not easy. One of my assigned tasks was to keep Sarah from running her hand through Cathy's hair, as a mother would fondly do with her daughter.

After leaving the funeral home we drove to the father's family compound to see where she took her life. With the exception of the large square of the carpet removed, her bedroom looked much like one would expect any normal teenagers bedroom to look.

There is, what I would describe as, a —drone mode." It is somewhere between feeling totally helpless and totally hopeless. Perhaps this drone mode is actually a blessing from God to be able to withstand the public viewing, church service and graveside service without just running aimlessly to escape the reality of what is going on.

Finally, it was all over, or, so I thought. In reality, it was just the beginning. The word —why" takes on a whole new meaning and dimension in your life. Fortunately or unfortunately the answer to the —why" about Cathy was answered with reasonable certainty. It took two years and two Grand Juries to formally indict the minister accused of sexually molesting Cathy, her younger sister, his own daughter and son along with over 100 members of his congregation.

Did it bring peace? No, not really, nothing could replace the loss of Cathy. So why tell the story? A couple of reasons. Something did happen when I returned from the Smoky Mountains that sticks in my mind some 25 years later as Mother's Day approaches. I received a call from a parent who lost their child to suicide years earlier. She said she had received a call from another parent who had lost their child under similar circumstances, who gave her a wonderful piece of advice. She said, —~~all~~ meaning people will attempt to comfort you by telling you it will get better. Take it from me, and others who have gone down the path you have now entered, it doesn't get any better, it just gets different."

I felt compelled to do whatever I could to prevent another child from taking their own life. I was able to volunteer at a juvenile facility for children confined due to alcohol or drug abuse.

It isn't the 200 success stories of children that were able to turn their lives around that stick in my mind; it's that one child that I just couldn't help, that haunts me to this day.

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*Special to the Mirror*

GRAND JUNCTION— Freedom Financial Services, a division of Mortgage Solutions of Colorado, LLC, will announce a name change to Mortgage Solutions Financial with a ribbon cutting ceremony at their office at 4 p.m. on April 23. When the company opened its doors in 1997, its goal was to find the right type of mortgage for each customer and to simplify the process as much as possible. The name they chose for the retail offices was Freedom Financial Services, reflecting the wide variety of mortgage offerings and the freedom afforded for each client to choose the mortgage solution that was right for him or her. This approach to business succeeded in Colorado, and the company began a growth pattern that continues today.” —With growth come challenges, and one of our challenges has been that the name Freedom Financial Services has not been available in most states. But the name Mortgage Solutions Financial was available and we now do business in 44 states,” said CEO Alan Kalell. —I am proud to announce that Freedom Financial Services will now be known in Colorado by the name that is known throughout the rest of the United States, Mortgage Solutions Financial.” The Grand Junction office, located at 2412 Patterson Rd., Suite 1, invites customers and visitors to come by their lobby for refreshments following the 4 p.m. ribbon cutting ceremony.

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# Experiencing the (local) Church

## WRITER GAIL MARVEL VISITS QUAKER SILENT WORSHIP GROUP



By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE—On Feb. 8, 2015 my visit to Quaker Silent Worship Group was... *well it was silent*. Unless you're a poet, which I'm not, an hour of silence is somewhat challenging to write about.

Prior to the start of worship I visited with a couple of folks and learned this group began meeting in Montrose in November 2012. They have no leader per se, or formal structure.

According to a handout, "Worship is based on silent waiting, where we expect to come into the presence of God." If during the silence someone is inspired to speak, they may do so and then attendees contemplate the message that was spoken. The intent of the speaking and listening is not one of dialogue, but rather one of reflection and insight.

Music, hymns and praise songs have no part in this service. The walls of the meeting room were void of religious symbols, other than charts describing silent worship; and chairs were arranged in a circle.

In casual conversation while waiting for members to assemble it was reported that Kathy would be absent because she was home, "Recovering from the cold from hell." The group welcomed back another woman who had finally recovered from a

bad case of flu, which interestingly came from the same place as the cold.

There was no call to worship, people simply sat in their chairs and assumed their own meditative position. Some closed their eyes, others looked out the window, and a couple turned pages in the books they held in their laps.

Unlike praying to God, or meditating on something specific, silent worship is the act of listening for, —.the still, small voice that comes from God through the Inward Light."

I spent my hour of silent worship reading Matthew chapters 1-15 and I had to laugh, *inwardly of course*, when three times Jesus said, "He who has ears let him hear" (Matt. 11:15; 13:9; 13:43b). Apropos for the setting, in Matthew 13 Jesus speaks loud and clear about the necessity of listening.

During the session one man stood to give a testimony and referenced the Oracle at Delphi, credited for saying, —*Kaw Thyself*." The speaker equated the quote with the love God offers us in Jesus. During the session no other worshippers were moved to speak.

At the conclusion of the service the group stood up and joined hands for a moment of silence and reflection. They then introduced themselves by first names, greeted

one another, and gave announcements. There was a lengthy discussion on the Second Sunday Cinema, an upcoming pot-luck chocolate affair and the logistics of fixing the coffee for the fellowship to follow. In the midst of the conversation one woman said, "What the bleep do we know?"

After we were dismissed I tentatively asked the woman about the context of her remark. "Oh, that's the name of a movie, "What The Bleep Do We Know?" It's a good movie, you can find it on YouTube." She laughed, "But that's also something I might say."

A pamphlet gives the historical background for this faith: "The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) began during the 1650's following the vision of a young and spiritually troubled Englishman, George Fox, who heard a voice say, —*There is one, even Christ Jesus that can speak to thy condition*." George later testified, —.my heart did leap for joy."

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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*.**



## OPINION/EDITORIAL-Continued from page 2

### JOSEPH RESPONDS TO NEWS OF TRAC RESIGNATIONS-continued

The allegation that two or more TRAC members have resigned in the past 24 hours is simply not true.

Please know that Mr. Fishing resigned (as per his letter) via a hand delivered letter on March 16. Mr. Ken Watson also resigned on March 16. As today is April 3, neither of the two gentlemen resigned in the past 24 hours as your voicemail message indicated. In fact, Mr. Fishing threatened that there would be a slew of resignations - this was a disingenuous threat, at best.

"The bottom line is that I don't have the time or energy to continue on the TRAC board... I wish you the best and will watch to see continued success for your efforts." - from Mr. Watson's e-mail to me as to his reason for resigning.

Mr. Fishing resigned because, I think, he claims that the OBT has been unresponsive to TRAC recommendations. This is a false and fallacious position and I direct your attention to the following points on how OBT has been responsive.

(Interestingly, most of the following actions were initiated by Mr. Fishing): In 2014, TRAC members asked to have a TRAC member chair the meetings. I was to meet with the chair before meetings and design the agenda with his/her input. I thought this was a good idea and Mr. Fishing became the chair. I worked with him in what I believed to be a good relationship. In fact, he never complained about the agendas and actually commended OBT efforts.

TRC members requested changes to the way financial reports were presented. The May 13, 2014 meeting notes (available on the OBT website) prove that "the April financial report was presented in a new format which incorporated the suggested changes made by members during the April meeting. All those present approved the changes."

During the open discussion period of that same meeting, OBT suggested a program to use retail funds to provide free WiFi and then promote special offers by businesses to promote retail activity. Mr. Fishing was the driving force behind negating that proposal. In fact, the notes state, "the committee thought that the Montrose WiFi was a great idea, but something that should have been done years ago [Mr. Fishing]. OBT was acknowledged for thinking of new programs, but the idea was tabled..." (May) The TRAC asked to have more of a say in the OBT budget by way of a budget

sub-committee. I agreed - it was a good idea.

The June notes reflect, "Rob asked if there was interest in pursuing Paul's suggestion to form a subcommittee to review and assist with the 2015 budget. Members were in favor and Ken and Vince volunteered to be on the budget subcommittee." The September notes reflect, "the 2015 budget was discussed and approved by the committee. Vince and Ken were thanked for donating their time and providing valuable input to the preparation of the budget. One specific outcome was the suggestion to provide a single comprehensive sheet outlining all projects and expenditures with percentages. It was decided that since there was a specific competitive sports line item that it would make sense to establish a competitive sports sub-committee to review grant applications. Scott, Sinny and Matt volunteered to assist. (In fact, Mr. Fishing was on the special event sub-committee along with several other TRAC members. Mr. Fishing was instrumental in guiding the OBT as to which special event applications should be funded, or not.)

At the May meeting, "Greg (Fishing) suggested that OBT purchase brochure holders once the rack cards are completed and provide them to restaurants and hotels to start.

Restaurants would have rack cards for hotel and shopping information while hotels would have rack cards for restaurants and shopping information." Two days ago we ordered the first set of such display holders (in order to be ready for the upcoming season) after formulating a TRAC sub-committee to assist with the project and then receiving full TRAC support to go ahead at the February meeting.

The September notes reflect that. "Greg [Fishing] suggested that it was time to engage in a retail shopping habit study." Greg was the only TRAC member wanting this. I told him that I thought it was a good idea and that I would set up a meeting with Bill Bell to discuss the subject. When Manager Bell, Mr. Fishing and I had lunch to discuss the idea, we all agreed that we should pursue the idea in 2016 for the following reasons:

We had just received the results of the tourism data analytics study and wanted to include and implement its findings and recommendations into our 2015 marketing plan before embarking on another study. (We were sensitive to, and mindful of,

community members' comments that expensive studies are often unused and shelved.)

Manager Bell was working with the chamber, the DDA and Region 10 to engage in a community-wide face-to-face business study to understand what businesses wanted. The September notes also reflect: There was conversation to invite the DDA to become a TRAC member and Rob was asked to invite Lance Michaels, the DDA Executive Director, to the next meeting. (I followed up, invited Lance and he has been a member for several months now.) It was suggested that retail sales efforts by the OBT should include a tag line stating that the effort was made possible by contributions from the Montrose Merchants Partnership. (We implemented a standard footer in all RSE advertising since November with this message.)

Following concerns that retailers were not as involved in Montrose Bucks distribution, the OBT involved TRAC members in 2014 as secret Santas. Mr. Fishing was a secret Santa. TRAC recommended that OBT contract with the Daily Press to include photos of secret Santa Bucks recipients. OBT responded with three consecutive half page ads.

At the March meeting (where Mr. Fishing was not present), the TRAC unanimously agreed that it was satisfied with how the OBT was operating and decided to make TRAC meetings quarterly instead of monthly because of the high level of trust earned by the OBT. The notes (posted on the website) all reflect that every time the committee met it approved the financial reports (i.e. expenditures). Mr. Fishing was TRAC chair the entire time until his March 2015 resignation.

The above is not an all-inclusive list - it is merely intended to demonstrate that the OBT listens to the TRAC. Despite what some may allege, the OBT appreciates and respects the TRAC members and considers them important and very relevant partners.

Regarding the accusation of overspending - numbers don't lie.

Despite the rumors and unsubstantiated accusations, during the two budget cycles that OBT has stewarded tourism promotion and retail sales enhancement funds (2013-2014) it has come in substantially under budget - each year - and delivered results.

It's only a matter of time before Montrose becomes a destination.



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## ARTS AND CULTURE



### CREVICE GARDENING WORKSHOP WITH KENTON SETH, MIKE KINTGEN

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-On April 25 the Montrose Botanic Society presents "Crevice Gardening Workshop" with Kenton Seth and Mike Kintgen, Lecture and build. 1 to 3 p.m. \$5 for members, \$10 non-members. Montrose Botanical Gardens photo at left by Sarah Berndt.



## SAN JUAN INDEPENDENT FILM FESTIVAL KICKS OFF APRIL 10-12

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE- The San Juan Independent Film Festival kicks off April 10-12 in downtown

Montrose. The three-day festival is presented by The Great Outdoors Company and will benefit Habitat for Humanity of the San Juans. The entire program is available electronically here: <http://online.flipbuilder.com/fvta/dslu/#p=6> Images from last year's event and this year's poster are attached. Media passes are available for coverage at the event. Please contact Heather Zeilman for info.

Program highlights:

- Award winning films from around the world in the historic Fox Theater Friday – Sunday
- Friday night kick off event at The Fox Theater with films and live performances from the Montrose High School drum line and light dancers
- Hors d'oeuvres and cocktail hour for VIP passholders prior to the kick off in The Fox
- VIP Night Club event Friday night at the Great Outdoors Company with local plates and cash bar catered by The Bistro
- Family and kid program featuring the Weehawken dancers and kid-friendly films in the Fox Theater on Saturday
- Block party with Seattle-based DJ, Chris-

tian Jackson, on Centennial Plaza Saturday night

(Open to the public) Food by Hog Rock BBQ, local beer from Two Rascals Brewing Co. and Colorado

Boy Brewing Co., and cocktail bar

- Bloody Mary bar and brunch sponsored by The Coffee Trader on Sunday (Open to the public)

- Mountain and road biking sponsored by Cascade Bicycles on Saturday and Sunday, with the chance to demo Specialized Bikes and Five Ten Climbing Shoes

- Presentation by Paradox Sports on Saturday- Includes screening the film, "Prevail"

- Reading and book signing with climbing writer, Luke Mehall, Saturday at A&Y Design Gallery

- Adventure Filmmaking and Watercolor Painting workshops Saturday and Sunday

- Yoga in a Colorado Yurt on the Event Plaza Saturday and Sunday

- PiYo workouts led by Wilderfit Colorado on Centennial Plaza Saturday and Sunday

- Outdoor Expo/Vendor Street Fair on the Event Plaza Saturday and Sunday (Free and open to the Public)

- Late night live music at Horsefly Brewing Company and RnR Sports Bar Friday and Saturday (Free and open to the public)

- Complimentary safe ride shuttle service

sponsored by The Black Canyon Jet Center

- Giveaways from festival sponsors
- Grand prize: Being fully "outfitted" by the Great Outdoors Company. Prize includes clothing from GOC covering two winners from head to toe. Discounted lodging and packages are available at the Hampton Inn in Montrose. Three-day general admission passes are \$50 and VIP passes are \$125.

If festival passes do not sell out, daily tickets will be sold for \$25 at the box office the day off the event. Festival details and tickets can be found at

[www.buildinglives.org/sjiff](http://www.buildinglives.org/sjiff). Included in the GA festival pass: All films, family/kid program, block party, Paradox Sports presentation and film, Luke Mehall reading and book signing, yoga, PiYo, mountain and road biking and outdoor expo/street fair. Included in the VIP Pass: Everything listed for the GA pass, plus pre-kick off cocktail party Friday night in The Fox Theater, reserved seating and private bar in The Fox, VIP Night Club event at the Great Outdoors Company Friday night after the kick off event and a complimentary round at the Bloody Mary bar and brunch on Saturday. Festival program that can be purchased a la carte without a festival pass and open to the public: Block Party (\$10 each, Family/Kid program (\$5 ea), Bloody Mary bar (\$10 ea), Adventure Filmmaking Workshop (\$75/day), and Watercolor Painting Workshop (\$25/session).

## ARTS AND CULTURE!

### WEEHAWKEN PRESENTS "THE GOLDEN TICKET" AT THE PAVILION

#### *Special to the Mirror*

REGIONAL-Weehawken Creative Arts will be presenting their Winter/Spring Dance Theater production of "The Golden Ticket" (an adaptation of the story of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl) on Friday, April 24th and Saturday, April 25th at the Montrose Pavilion.

"The Golden Ticket" will be presented to the community and its visitors to showcase the talents and growth of the Weehawken Dance program, led by Artistic Director Natasha Pyeatte and instructed by Pyeatte, Caroline Richardson, Kendra Manley and LeeAnn Rackleff. As is typical with Weehawken Dance, the performance is certainly dance-oriented, but offers the audience member a full-on live theater experience as well.

—The spring show is peppy and rockin'. The soundtrack is amazing and the visuals

are bright and wild. We have incredible costumes, sets and props and a great storyline to boot. It's a sure-fire way to get the blood pumping and have a great night out" said Weehawken's Executive Director, Ashley King. She continued: —Audiences are sure to enjoy the familiar storyline, combined with the raw talent of over 100 local youth from Ridgway, Ouray and Montrose. Weehawken's performances are considerably more than just a dance recital: they are a full-blown production, worthy of a night or afternoon out on the town -- for all ages."

Weehawken's "The Golden Ticket" will run on Friday the 24th at 7 pm and on Saturday the 25th at 1 pm at the Montrose Pavilion. Tickets will go on sale to the public on March 23rd and will be available at Mouses' Chocolates in Ouray; at Cimarón Coffee and Books in Ridgway; and at

Tiffany Etc and the Montrose Pavilion in Montrose. Reserved section seats (seats in rows 1-6) will also be available by phone only at 970-318-0150.

Come support Weehawken's incredible assembly of talented young dancers and take in a show that you won't soon forget!

For more information, call Weehawken Creative Arts: 970-318-0150, visit [www.weehawkenarts.org](http://www.weehawkenarts.org) or email at [questions@weehawkenarts.org](mailto:questions@weehawkenarts.org).

Weehawken Creative Arts is a non-profit arts organization that offers classes and arts opportunities year-round to adults and children alike. The mission of Weehawken Creative Arts is to provide high-quality arts education and programs in personal growth to adults and children. Programs are based in Ridgway and Ouray and are also offered in Silverton and Montrose.

## HONORABLE MENTION

*To Cascade Bicycles, because we hear they are opening a shop in Ridgway...*

*To Ross Dress for Less, set to open in Montrose in July according to regional company officials...*

*To Rand McNally and everyone who has taken part in [National Park Madness](#)...click to vote in today's championship round...Go Black Canyon of the Gunnison!!*

*To small business owners everywhere...the ones who really live the American dream of building your own company from the ground up...without a paycheck...*

*To the Mirror team...for excellent work and moral support as we report on the news in our community...*

*To municipal officials who work 40+ hours a week, and who spend their time not on endless rounds of highly-visible parties and events, schmoozing and meals out at public expense, but in doing actual productive work for which their education and backgrounds qualify them and for which they are compensated...*

*To my community, for the phone calls, letters, and online messages of support for the work we are doing. We are so grateful; you are the reason we're here.*



## OPINION/EDITORIAL From page 25

### JOSEPH RESPONDS TO TRAC RESIGNATIONS From pg 25

Ms. Switzer, I don't know why you are so angry with me, or with what the OBT is doing. In the short time that we have been tasked with the responsibility to promote our community, we have delivered a state-of-the-art visitor center that is being modeled by several other Colorado destination marketing organizations. Our information systems team was recognized in 2014 as the "Best IT Team in Colorado" because of their assistance with the visitor center's interactive monitors. We have partnered with the airport and the Pavilion and implemented monitors at those locations and are in the process of installing monitors at the Black Canyon and BLM visitor centers as well as some restaurants and hotels. Moreover, our activities helped to increase retail, restaurant, and hotel sales - in some cases by high double digit numbers. In fact, 2014 was the best year ever for our restaurants and the second best for our hotels going all the way back to 2004.

I really wish that you would tell me what I have done to incur your wrath and what I can do to bridge the gap so we can focus on what is good for our community. There are so many wonderful things that are going on. Having said that, we are not perfect and willing to take constructive criticism in areas where we can improve.

Ms. Switzer, I have no animosity towards you and welcome the chance to meet and talk. Where there are areas that we can improve, I am happy to learn and do what's best for our community.

Respectfully yours,  
Rob

### REGION 10 SBRC DIRECTOR VINCE FANDEL WEIGHS IN, SLAMS MIRROR USING OFFICIAL REGION 10 EMAIL

*Editor's Note: The Mirror was copied—no doubt accidentally—on the following correspondence—from an official Region 10 SBRC email address—on Saturday, April 4. It was sent to the entire TRAC Committee by Vince Fandel of the Small Business Resource Center:*

Morning Rob,

Very sorry to see that you are having to deal with such a continual drain of your time and energy for someone's personal agenda with misuse of facts and lack of context. i (sic) do not want to see a battle of he-said, she-said but am wondering if a letter from the TRAC team stating their support and acknowledgement for the accomplishments that have been made this point might be a consideration?

Vince

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## A FRESH LOOK AT ALPINE FLORAL—NEW CLASS SERIES INCLUDES “WINE AND DESIGN”



*Above, Stephanie Keller, pictured, purchased Alpine Floral with her husband Thomas in 2014. Photos by Clay Greathouse.*



*By Liesl Greathouse*

For 40 years Alpine Floral has been a part of the Montrose community. Today, new owners Stephanie and Thomas Keller work to freshen up the space and bring new life to their floral business.

Alpine Floral is a full-service florist specializing in arrangements that range from 'I Love You' bouquets to weddings, memorials and more. "Our mission is to custom create our arrangements based on our customers' likes and desires at any budget!" said Stephanie Keller. "We are trained in several different styles of floral design which allows us to get to know our customers and create what they will like—not just what we like or are comfortable designing."

The Kellers purchased the business in April of 2014. Stephanie grew up in the Montrose area and they both loved the community and wanted to contribute to it. "We wanted to own a business in the community we love," Stephanie explained. "Thomas and I also wanted to own our own business, and really loved the idea of working in a field that was creative, as well as brought joy to people. This industry is so great because you bring happiness and get to be a part of the 'big' moments in life, from a newborn baby to someone's wedding day, to bringing comfort and peace during a time of loss."

To provide fun opportunities for customers of all ages, Alpine Floral will be hosting two new class series that will bring even more excitement to the shop in unique ways. One is their wine and design class. "It is a hands-on floral design class where I lead you through how to do a sea-

sonal arrangement," Stephanie said. "All of the materials are included as well as one beverage. That can be a glass of wine (if you're over 21) or a non-alcoholic beverage of choice. We are also definitely open to booking this class for private parties as well. This could be a birthday party, bachelorette party, ladies night, couples date night, baby/bridal showers, and more."

Class number two is a fairy (or miniature) garden class. It is open to all ages, so it is great for some family fun. "We guide you through how to build and maintain a small garden with four inch plants and you create a scene of your choice with different figurines and characters," Stephanie explained. "We have everything from fairies to gnomes, frogs, dinosaurs, bugs, etc. So it's great for boys, girls, men and women! We also would love to offer this as a children's birthday party as well, in which we would provide the materials and set up; we are also planning to include a cupcake decorating station for birthday parties as well."

To find out the schedule for the classes, visit their Facebook page or call Alpine Floral for details.

An additional service Alpine Floral is planning to provide in 2015 is party rental equipment through Prestige Event Rentals. This would include tables, chairs, linens, dance floors, tents, and everything needed for an outdoor/indoor party or event.

The Kellers are also working to change people's perception of the flower industry. "I would say that a misconception with our business industry is that we are expensive and that going to the grocery stores is cheaper and more convenient," Stephanie said. "While yes, we can't always directly

compete with corporate pricing, we will always respect our customer's budget and make a beautiful and full looking arrangement. In addition, we have high quality flowers that will last 2-3 weeks while the grocery store flowers may save you a few dollars but will only last one week!"

Another important benefit to using Alpine Floral is supporting local growers. "We use Colorado grown flowers," Stephanie said. "We have several Montrose growers, as well as many across Colorado."

It is also just as convenient to purchase flowers through Alpine Floral, as all it takes is a simple phone call. They also run specials occasionally where their delivery fee is donated to local charities.

Stephanie enjoys the various aspects of the floral business. "I love to bring joy to people and the fact that we get to be creative with beautiful flowers," she said. "We get to help people celebrate the biggest moments of their lives and I love that!"

The Kellers are still committed to bringing the same quality of product and design that the community is used to with Alpine Floral.

"Our goal is to provide excellent customer service with a friendly staff, and be budget-friendly," Stephanie said. "We have great new and exciting ideas that create activity and community. We love what we do and we love being here in Montrose. We are so thankful for our wonderful customers and would love to encourage those that are not customers to give us a try!"

Alpine Floral is located at 1414 Hawk Pkwy., Unit G in Montrose. For more information, call 249-3545, visit [alpinefloral.com](http://alpinefloral.com) or check them out on Facebook.



## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### SMPA SEEKS MEMBERS WITH UNCLAIMED DIVIDENDS, ALSO KNOWN AS CAPITAL

#### *Special to the Mirror*

RIDGWAY-San Miguel Power Association, Inc. is seeking current and former members who have not yet claimed their member dividends which are also known as capital credits. The co-op has approximately \$280,000 in unclaimed dividends for members receiving electric service during the years of 1986, 1987, and 1999.

“Capital credits are our member dividends and represent our members’ ownership of the co-op. Every year SMPA allocates any excess margins to our members based on how much money they put back into the cooperative, in other words based on the amount they are billed annually. The more dollars a member pays in, the more capital they invest in SMPA and therefore the larger the dividend they receive,” explains SMPA General Manager Kevin Ritter.

All dividends in excess of \$10 were mailed last summer. Current and former

members are encouraged to visit [www.smpa.com](http://www.smpa.com) and view the list of unclaimed member dividends. Members who are listed must call their local office at (970) 626-5549 or (970) 864-7311 and speak with a customer service or billing representative and be prepared to provide proper identification and a current mailing address. Dividends that remain unclaimed or un-cashed as of April 4, 2014 will be forfeited by the member and extinguished and barred forever.

SMPA allocates member dividends each year, but only pays them back to members on a delayed rotation when the co-op’s financial position allows them to do so. In that delay period dividends function as operating capital for the co-op. The ability to retire member dividends depends on the cooperative’s financial status.

In the past, SMPA’s board has chosen to reinvest excess margins in the cooperative in order to improve and expand the electric

system and build equity. Each year, SMPA’s board evaluates the co-op’s ability to return dividends to the membership.

“Capital credit monies or member dividends belong to our members,” stressed Ritter. “Making sure that both past and current members receive what’s due to them is just how we do business.”

San Miguel Power Association, Inc. is a member-owned, locally-controlled rural electric cooperative with offices in Nucla and Ridgway, Colo.

It is the mission of San Miguel Power Association to demonstrate corporate responsibility and community service while providing our members safe, reliable, cost effective and environmentally responsible electrical service. SMPA serves approximately 9,600 members and 14,000 meters and supports local communities with \$200,000 annually in property taxes and \$400,000 in energy efficiency and renewable energy rebates.

### ALPINE TRUST & ASSET MANAGEMENT IS NOW ALPINE BANK WEALTH MANAGEMENT

#### *Special to the Mirror*

GLENWOOD SPRINGS—Alpine Bank’s wealth management function, Alpine Trust & Asset Management, has been renamed Alpine Bank Wealth Management. This new name reflects the bank’s broader commitment to help clients realize their financial and personal goals. “Our focus on helping clients and their families through

all the cycles of their lives has not changed since inception, although our company and services have evolved,” said Andrew Karow, regional president. The new name conveys not only the comprehensive range of wealth management and trust services offered by the bank, but reinforces the accessibility of wealth management professionals at Alpine Bank whose core values

include a genuine commitment to clients and communities.

The goal of making the name change is to strengthen alignment with the Alpine Bank brand and ensure that ideals are consistent throughout the company. Alpine Bank Wealth Management is the same trusted company with the same dedication to clients.

## CRIMESTOPPERS ALERT!

#### *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 Wednesday, April 1, 2015, during the early morning hours, an unknown person(s) burglarized the A1 Smoke Shop at 555 Spring Creek Road in Montrose County. Anyone with information about the suspect(s) can call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 249-8500. Information that leads to an arrest may earn the caller up to \$1,000 in cash.





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## ***Food Safety Classes***

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

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### **2015 Schedule**

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

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

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

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

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

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

***NO July class***

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

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

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

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

***NO December class***

### **Steps to Follow**

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

### **Class Location and Time**

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

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







## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE BY SENATOR ELLEN ROBERTS

### TACKLING OVERSIGHT OF COLORADO'S HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE

I acquired a new assignment this year, which is to chair the legislative oversight committee for Colorado's new health insurance exchange, known as Connect for Health Colorado.

While I'd been on the committee for a few years since its inception, I asked last fall to be taken off the committee as I felt it wasn't doing its job as an oversight committee and, personally, I wasn't breaking through the logjams.

After years of asking lots of questions about how Colorado was developing the state-run exchange and seeking unvarnished accounts of how implementation was progressing, I had too many unanswered questions, literally, to stay on the

committee, in good conscience.

It turns out that my deep concerns about the exchange's establishment and progress were unfortunately well-founded and not partisan posturing as some had dismissed them to be. A few months after I went off the committee, a "scathing" limited performance audit of the exchange was published by the state auditor, in late 2014.

The legislative audit committee has now requested a more complete audit of the exchange. A bill passed both chambers this session to make that happen; now, it waits to be signed by the governor. The more comprehensive audit will take many months to complete, but we can't wait to improve upon the exchange's operational issues. The audit, by its nature, will address past performance issues. Too many Coloradans continue to struggle today with obtaining mandated insurance coverage through the exchange.

Because the Republicans won the majority in the Colorado Senate, President Cadman was responsible for naming the chair of the oversight committee to take the lead this year. Recently, he asked me to return to the oversight committee and to run the committee as I see necessary to provide meaningful legislative oversight of the exchange.

The first order of

business for me was to begin regular and frequent meetings of the committee. We'll meet biweekly until the end of the legislative session in May. Last week, I introduced a bill, cosponsored by all of the legislators, from both sides of the aisle, on the oversight committee, that'll enable us to hold more hearings during the interim so we can dig deeper into the exchange's operations and problems.

The exchange has its own board and its duties are laid out by the law creating the exchange in 2011. The federal Affordable Care Act also adds many layers of complexity and mandates that affect the exchange. The legislative committee is required to follow these laws. We'll also be sorting out what is still under our control of what is characterized as a state-run exchange.

The insurance exchange has worked for many, but not for enough people who are compelled to use it. To achieve wider public confidence, including my own, there'll need to be greatly increased transparency and accountability in the exchange's operations.

To begin on those goals, I've had the legislative IT team set up a feedback mechanism on the state's legislative website. You can find that at [www.leg.state.co.us](http://www.leg.state.co.us) and follow the link to year-round committees. From there, you can submit feedback on Connect for Health Colorado.

All types of feedback are encouraged, including from consumers, healthcare providers, brokers, accountants, and insurance carriers.

You can listen to our hearings online and I'll provide periodic updates on the committee's progress.

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**Photo of daffodils at the Montrose Botanic Gardens, at left, by Sarah Berndt.**



## CITY AGENDA INCLUDES OBT LEASE WITH STATE FOR UTE MUSEUM AT ELKS



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### Mirror Staff Report

MONTROSE—Two new employees will be introduced at the **Regular work session** of the Montrose City Council on Monday, April 6. Phillip Bussey joins the City’s Public Works Department as public works fleet mechanic, and Phyllis “Jeannie” Phillips joins the City’s Public Works Department as Customer Service Representative.

Discussion items will include a presentation by City Attorney Stephen Alcorn on a Parking Ordinance for Recreational Vehicles and Trailers Parked in Public Right of Way. Also up for discussion is a presentation by Assistant City Manager and Office of Business & Tourism Director Rob Joseph on the agreement between the City and the State of Colorado to allow the Ute Indian Museum to use the Elks Civic Building as a temporary location—The **packet** notes that, “Since the Ute Indian Museum is a major tourism attraction and the museum staff and volunteer provide visitor information about Montrose and the region, the Office of Business and Tourism suggested the City of Montrose Visitor Center may be a good temporary location for the Ute Indian Museum, during the construction.”

The **lease agreement** is contained in the

packet, and notes that the museum will occupy 675 rentable square feet for \$25 for the time period from 9/15/15 to 6/30/16, with janitorial and utility services provided by the City.

The final discussion item will be a presentation by City Manager Bill Bell and Director of Innovation and Citizen Engagement Virgil Turner on a Resolution of Support for LiveWell Healthy Eating Active Living Cities & Towns Campaign.

The work session packet also contains information from the following boards and committees: All Points Transit; Black Canyon Golf Course Advisory Committee; the 2014 Municipal Court Report; the most recent meeting of the Project Seven Water Authority, and notes on the Tourism and Retail Enhancement Committee <http://www.cityofmontrose.org/574/Tourism-Retail-Advisory-Committee>.

The **Municipal Court report** notes that The Montrose Police Department and Community Development Code Enforcement Departments filed a total of 1,725 cases in 2014.

The notes of the **TRAC committee** reveal that the committee’s meetings have been moved to the third Tuesday of every month to accommodate the schedule of Assistant

City Manager and Office of Business & Tourism Director Rob Joseph, as well as concerns of committee member Greg Fishering over a lack of responsiveness to committee input by the OBT and recent comments made by Joseph (Fishering’s letter of resignation from TRAC is printed on page 2 of this issue of the Mirror.)

At the Montrose City Council meeting on April 7, the evening begins with selection of a new Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem for 2015.

The City Council will hear proclamations in favor of Arbor Day and Earth Week, and the regular Call for Public Comment. Consent Agenda items include: Consideration of a Stipulation and Agreement between the City of Montrose, Colorado, City Council acting as the Local Licensing Authority and J&LL Services LLC, d.b.a. Beer Barn II for the purpose of a settlement for a compliance check violation on December 18, 2014; Consideration of a Stipulation and Agreement between the City of Montrose, Colorado, City Council acting as the Local Licensing Authority and Blair Sales Company, Inc., d.b.a. Blairs Truck Stop for the purpose of a settlement for a compliance check violation on December 18, 2014; Consideration of a Stipulation and Agreement between the City of Montrose, Colorado, City Council acting as the Local Licensing Authority and Trieu LLC, d.b.a. Drive-In Liquors for the purpose of a settlement for a compliance check violation on December 18, 2014; and Approval of the minutes of the regular City Council meeting on March 17.

Council will hear the first reading of Ordinance 2355, an ordinance of the City of Montrose, Colorado, adding a new Section 2, to Title IX, Chapter 10 of the Official Code of the City of Montrose, establishing a permit for commercial rafting at the Montrose Water Sports Park; and a request by Public Works Director John Harris seeking Council approval of the purchase of one (1) Elgin Pelican street sweeper from Faris Machinery at a total purchase price of \$179,365; one (1) Crafcro crack sealer from Denver Industrial Sales & Service Co. at a total purchase price of \$45,513.22.

Council will be asked to approve a contract with Ridgway Valley Enterprises for the South Townsend Sidewalk Project in the amount of \$494,419, and a contract with JVA Consulting Engineers for the Lift Station Elimination Design Project in the amount of \$87,670.

Staff reports will follow.



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## Hold the Date! Upcoming Business and Cultural Events

### ONGOING-

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

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

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

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

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

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

**MONTROSE HISTORICAL MUSEUM**-"Montrose County Historical Society Presents" is held at 7 pm on the first Wednesday of each month in the Pioneer Room of Friendship Hall, 1001 N. 2nd St. The public is invited to free programs based on topics of regional history. For more information please call 249-2085.

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

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

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

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

### MONTHLY-

**April 6**-Gunnison Basin Roundtable meeting, 7 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Express in Montrose.

**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](http://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 8-May 4**- Creamery Arts Center in Hotchkiss presents works by Artist/Craftsman Thomas Winne. There will be an opening reception held Friday, April 10 from 6 to 8 pm. The Creamery Arts Center is located at 165 W. Bridge St. in Hotchkiss, CO. They are open 11 to 5 Mon - Sat. For more information they can be reached at 970-872-4848. You may also follow them on Facebook or visit [creameryartscenter.org](http://creameryartscenter.org).

**April 9**-Montrose-Delta League of Women Voters meets in the Montrose Library Community Room at Noon.

**April 9**-In the middle stage of Alzheimer's disease, those who were care partners now become hands-on caregivers. Join us for this class and hear caregivers and professionals discuss helpful strategies to provide safe, effective and comfortable care in the middle stage of Alzheimer's. 4:00 - 5:00 pm Colorado Mesa University Classroom 106, 234 S. Cascade Ave. RSVP to Erin at 970-275-1220 or [eberge@voa.org](mailto:eberge@voa.org) <<mailto:eberge@voa.org>>.

**April 9**-Kickoff meeting for Strategic Transit Implementation Plan, Region 10, 300 North Cascade, 2 to 4 p.m.

**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](http://www.region10.net) or call 970-249-2436 or toll free 1-855-800-6050. Register also with Delta County Senior Resources 712-2295.

**April 9**-Montrose Regional Dispatch Working Group Meeting, Friendship Hall, Montrose County Fairgrounds, 3 p.m.

**April 9**-Uncompahgre Volunteer legal Aid presents a free educational event with Attorney James Plumhoff, End of Life Legal Issues. 10 a.m. at San Juan Apartments, 1650 Church St., Montrose. For information call Patty at 970-249-7202 or Jolene at 970-252-3431.

**April 9**-Improving the Health of our Landscapes: Combating Noxious Weeds & Restoring Native Plant Communities, 7 to 8 p.m. at the Montrose Regional Library District, 320 South Second St. Montrose. [info@upartnership.org](mailto:info@upartnership.org).

**April 10**-Uncompahgre Volunteer Legal Aid -Learn about Long Term Care Planning from Attorney Lincoln Anderson, 10:30 to Noon at the Naturita Community Library and from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the Norwood Community Center (1670 Naturita St.). RSVP to Deon Tempfer at 970-327-4004.

**April 10-11**-Black Canyon Barbershop Quartet presents their 40th Annual Show, special guest quartet Country Roads. Tickets \$13 in advance, \$15 at the door. 7 p.m. at Delta Performing Arts Center April 10; 7 p.m. at the Montrose Pavilion April 11. Tickets for Afterglow (April 11) are \$10.

**April 10-12**-San Juan Independent Film Festival, Downtown Montrose.

**April 10**-Casa presents The Ray of Hope benefit, at the Montrose Pavilion from 5:30 pm until 9pm. Donny Morales and Glenn Patterson will perform. Guest speaker will be former CASA kid, Lauren Elizabeth Mueller. Enjoy the 3rd Annual "Dessert Dash" featuring desserts created just for this event by local restaurants and bakeries. For tickets: phone: (970) 249-0337 or email: [elauby@casa7jd.org](mailto:elauby@casa7jd.org) Cost: \$50 each or a reserved Table of 10 people for \$ 450.

**April 11**-Austin Piazzolla Quintet Concert — Tango music - 7:30 p.m., Wright Opera House, 472 Main Street, Ouray. Tickets \$15, available online at [www.ocpag.org](http://www.ocpag.org) or call 970-626-2970.

**April 11**-Bookcliff Barbershop Harmony Chorus presents "Grand Valley's Got Talent!" *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).

**April 13**-DMEA Member Forum-re: FERC filing. Deer Creek Village Golf Course, 500 SE Jay Ave., 7 p.m.

**April 14**--Montrose County Food Safety Class, Friendship Hall Kitchen 2 to 4:30 p.m. Montrose County Fairgrounds. RSVP to 970.252.5067 or 970.252.5043.

**April 14**-DMEA Member Forum-re: FERC filing. Paonia Public Library, 7 p.m. 2 Third St.

**April 15**-CSU Tri River Area Extension presents Food Safety Training for Cottage Food Producers, 9 a.m. to Noon, Montrose County Fairgrounds, 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.

**April 15**-DMEA Member Forum-re: FERC filing. DMEA Headquarters, 7 p.m. 11925 6300 Rd.

**April 15**-Second Annual Region 10 Caregivers Summit and Retreat, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Montrose United Methodist Church. \$10.



# Caregiver

## Summit & Retreat

### Key Note Speakers:

Sue Hansen &  
Laura Wayman "The Dementia Whisperer"

### Session Topics Include:

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

### Care Recipient Retreat:

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

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

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

### Date and Time:

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Registration Deadline on April 8, 2015

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

Welcome Address 9:30

Keynote Speaker at 12:30

### Information & Registration:

Region 10 Community Living Services

Call: 970-249-2436

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

### Location:

Montrose United Methodist Church

19 S. Park Ave, Montrose

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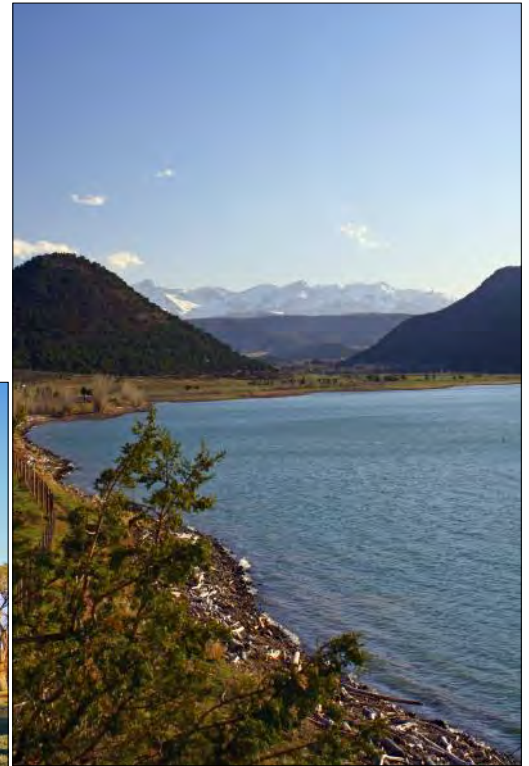
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