



Like us on Facebook

Visit us online at  
[montrosemirror.com](http://montrosemirror.com)

Please Support  
our Advertisers:



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



[www.voahealthservices.or](http://www.voahealthservices.or)

[www.region10.net](http://www.region10.net)



[www.montrosecchamber.com](http://www.montrosecchamber.com)



[www.alpinebank.com](http://www.alpinebank.com)



[www.montrosehospital.com](http://www.montrosehospital.com)



[www.smpa.com](http://www.smpa.com)



<http://www.farmersagent.com/>



[www.dmea.com](http://www.dmea.com)



[www.scottspainting.com](http://www.scottspainting.com)



[www.deltamontrosecountyrealestate](http://www.deltamontrosecountyrealestate)



Top of the Trail Child Placement Svcs

# THE MONTROSE MIRROR

Fresh News for Busy People-Weekly on Mondays

Issue No. 114 April 20 2015

## ARTS COUNCIL BRINGS MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATRE TO MONTROSE THIS SUMMER!

By Liesl Greathouse

MONTROSE-For kids in Montrose who want to have some Summer theatrical fun while learning important life skills, the Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT) will offer that and more for the local community.

The program is a big event, providing local kids the opportunity to have fun in a big-scale production. —Two professional MCT Tour Actor/Directors audition and cast 50-60 local school-age children in a full-length original musical production,” said Linda Balas, president of the Board of the Montrose Arts Council. —It provides an opportunity for all Montrose children to audition, learn and explore a passion within themselves!”

The entire process of the program is simple, described on their website as, —A little red truck pulls into our town with everything it takes to mount a full-scale musical production...except the cast. That's where the children of our community come in. On Monday, they're cast as characters. By Saturday, they've gained character—the

Continued pg. 9



To view a promotional video from the Missoula Children's Theatre, [follow this link](#). The program arrives in Montrose this summer. Courtesy image.

## KEEPING COSTS DOWN TO HELP LOCAL BUSINESSES SUCCEED!



Priscilla Repton, above, helps businesses achieve financial success by eliminating wasteful expenditures. Repton, also a business owner, helps others keep more of the money they earn.

By Caitlin Switzer

REGIONAL-She pilots planes and jumps from them, and she worked as a ski instructor in Summit County for six years. So when it comes to running a business, Priscilla Repton pays close attention to the details.

When flying a plane, skydiving or extreme skiing, —You have to do it right,” Repton said. —If you don't, you could run into trouble—there's a no-fall, no-spill zone.”

Business ownership can be a no-fall, no-spill zone as well—so for entrepreneurs who don't have time to track every little expense, Repton offers a safety net.

As an optimization specialist with [Schooley Mitchell](#), she provides a risk-free telecommunications and merchant services audit---and doesn't charge for the service unless she actually saves the company money. Schooley Mitchell is the largest independent telecommunications and merchant services consulting firm in North America, according to the company's web site.

—This helps businesses reduce expenses,” Repton

Continued on Page 6

in this  
issue

Author, Author!  
Steven Baker (33)

Landowners, Applicants  
speak on Gravel Pit (16)

Bull Mt. —swap  
proposed! (18)

Gail interviews  
Tammy West!

Montrose Non-compliant  
with Tree City USA Program!

## CITY MAY LEASE ELKS BLDG TO UTE MUSEUM, DELETE MED-RES ZONE

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Three new employees will be introduced at the City of Montrose Work Session in City Council Chambers April 20.

Part-Time Pro Shop Attendant Kevin Johnson, Municipal Court Assistant/Service Coordinator Emily Boyko, and Facilities Maintenance Technician Brayden Reeder are the new additions to City staff. Discussion items include an update on the Montrose Regional Library District and a Zoning Code update by City Attorney Stephen Alcorn, followed by a general City Council discussion.

Alcorn's Zoning update revisits an issue that has come before Council in recent months, and which generated a public outcry from residents within the zone at that time—the possibility of revising the current medical-residential zone to allow child care use by right.

Proposed changes now include eliminating the Medical Residential Zone entirely, adding —medically related” to the Office-Residential District, and allowing small child care centers as a —~~se~~ by right.” [Click here to read the packet.](#)

### City Council Meeting: Leasing portion of Elks Civic Building to Ute Indian Museum

On the Consent Agenda when the Montrose City Council convenes on April 21 is a Lease Agreement between the City of Montrose and the Department of Higher Education, the State Historical Society of Colorado, History Colorado and Ute Indian Museum for use of a portion of the Elks Civic Building at 107 S. Cascade Avenue.

The evening's Consent Agenda also includes City Council consideration of Resolution 2015-10, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Montrose, Colorado, joining LiveWell Colorado's Healthy Eat-

ing, Active Living Cities and Towns campaign and setting forth the City's commitment to obesity prevention.

Council will also consider transfer of a Retail Liquor Store liquor license at 10 Bristlecone Drive from Pour House LLC, d.b.a. Pour House Wine & Spirits, to N&C Enterprises, Inc., d.b.a. Pour House Wine & Spirits, for consumption off premises; Ordinance 2355 on second reading, 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; consideration of a Grant Agreement between the State of Colorado Department of Local Affairs and the City of Montrose in the amount of \$178,797.00 for the Montrose Facilities Improvements Project; and will hear a proclamation in honor of National Police Week.

## ARTS AND CULTURE

### COLORADO CREATIVE INDUSTRIES HONORS LISSETTE RIVIERE

Special to the Mirror

DENVER -Colorado Creative Industries (CCI) announced April 16 that three nominees were selected to receive the 2015 Governor's Creative Leadership Award. The winners are Jessica Cooney of Greeley, Don Richmond of Alamosa, and **Lisette Riviere** of Montrose. A total of 39 individuals and organizations were nominated for the 2015 awards.

The Governor's Creative Leadership Awards honor Coloradans who have demonstrated a significant commitment to the state's creative landscape through civic leadership and volunteerism including advocacy, vision, collaboration or innovation. This year's awards are presented in two categories: arts and community action, and arts and social change. Winners will receive an original work of art created by Fort Collins artist Bill Zaun.

"This award seeks out those that are

providing selfless service within the creative sector in Colorado, and inspires others by honoring their process and celebrating achievements," said Margaret Hunt, director of CCI.

#### About the award winners:

**Lisette Riviere**, Montrose - Nominated by Julianne Johnson at Delta Montrose Youth Services in the arts and community action category for her work with Delta Montrose Youth Services as an Arts Partner case manager. Lisette is committed to change starting with children and using the arts and mentoring as her vehicle.

**Jessica Cooney**, Greeley - Nominated by Becky Safarik with the City of Greeley in the arts and social change category for her work as director of El Teatro, a multilingual, multicultural theatre program that helps new and growing refugee and immigrant populations assimilate in Northern Colorado.

**Don Richmond**, Alamosa - Nominated by Kay Watkins in the arts and community action category for his 50 year commitment to the music sector in Colorado.

With music as the vehicle, Don has supported local music and a slew of social issues including homelessness, cancer relief and domestic violence. The winners will be honored at an awards luncheon on April 24, 2015 at the Fort Collins Lincoln Center in conjunction with the 4th Annual Creative Industries Summit. For more information visit <http://www.coloradocreativeindustries.org/summit>.



  
coloradopress  
ASSOCIATION  
2015 Associate Member

No reprints without permission.

Publisher: Caitlin Switzer, Blast Circulation: 7,350

Featured Freelance Writers: Liesl Greathouse, Gail Marvel, Sandra Tyler

Featured Photographer: Sarah Berndt

Post Office Box 3244, Montrose, CO 81402

970-275-5791

[www.montrosemirror.com](http://www.montrosemirror.com)

[editor@montrosemirror.com](mailto:editor@montrosemirror.com)

THE  
MONTROSE MIRROR  
MONTROSE



## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### ACADEMY MORTGAGE CELEBRATES GRAND RE-OPENING

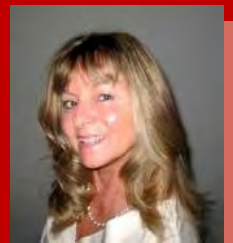


*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-Academy Mortgage commemorated the grand re-opening of its Montrose Branch office with an official ribbon-cutting ceremony on Tuesday, April 14. The Montrose Branch, located at 909 S. Townsend Avenue, Suite A, recently changed ownership from Republic Mortgage Home Loans to Academy Mortgage. The Branch is still under the leadership of Jake Mott and Eric Mott, who have been serving the home buying and refinancing needs of individuals and families in the area since 2007. For more information, contact (970) 249-1615.

## Karen Maxner - Realtor

**"Maximum Service in Real Estate"**



- Residential
- Commercial
- Farm & Ranch



**We would love to sell  
YOUR HOME!**  
Please ask about our  
"Tiered Commission  
Rates" and our "We Give  
Back @ Closing" programs.

Located at  
737 South Townsend Avenue  
Montrose CO 81401  
970.252.0090 Office  
970.596-1286 Cell  
800.314.8344 Fax



[Info@RealEstate-Montrose.com](mailto:Info@RealEstate-Montrose.com)  
<http://www.realestate-montrose.com/>

*"Buying Real Estate may be a major event in your life. Know what you are buying and understand what you are signing. We educate our clients!"*



## SPRING CLEANING TIPS...OR DID YOU TAKE STUFF TO THE ANNUAL CLEAN-UP ALREADY?



**Sandra Tyler.**  
Courtesy photo.

By Sandra Tyler  
MONTROSE-It is that time of the year that we consider to do some spring cleaning, and since I am also an organizer who has helped more than 100 persons,

including pack rats and hoarders, I will concentrate on getting you organized simply, easily, and gently with free nutrition tips along the way.

Most of you will say, "I don't know where to start." It is overwhelming. "I can't get rid of that, my mother gave it to me." I can't get rid of that as I might need it sometime." The latter is the most common and is what gets us into the reason we need to spring clean.

So, some tips:

1-Start small-try one closet or one set of dressers or one small closet or one side of the kitchen a day at a time.

2-Take everything out and decide if it is still in good shape, still fits, still being used, is it out-of-date (yuck), don't re-

member why you bought it to begin with, have not used it or read it, etc. in over 1 year or more. If it is any of these, put in a stack or a box and recycle it to MANY, and I do mean, MANY secondhand stores for clothes or sports equipment or books (*the hospital gift store sells books at 10 cents each and probably will take yours off your hands or shelves, or donate to Anciano Towers, or Centennial Towers, or other Senior Living Centers*). THIS IS WHERE THE TOUGH DECISIONS COME IN!  
3-Put it back away in an organized fashion. If it is the closet: hang the pants together, the shorts together, the shirts together, the skirts together, the coats together, the suit jackets with the pants, and if you want to go further: the same colors together within these categories, and the same sleeve lengths together within the colors.

The latter is for those with way too many clothes that they want to keep.

4-Shoes---are they in need of repair (*take them to De'Medici*) or do you have so many, you do not need them all? Give them up for adoption.

5-In the pantry: put the like items together: soups, sauces, noodles, rice, etc. I find it easier to alphabetize the soups and the spices, but the soups can be grouped together as cream-based or broth based. Some of my clients have wanted to group the spices to sweet or Italian or, depending on the way they cook, many together. Remember, this has to work for you.

6-If organizing your files: label the folders to insurance-health; insurance-home/vehicle; etc.; important papers to Will, ID's, health records. The latter will be extremely helpful in your latter years to do on yourself for all your surgeries and important illnesses (measles, mumps, arthroscopy, lumpectomies, torn ligaments) and especially if you move and change doctors or hospitals. Name it what you want and what will help you to remember where the info is, not what someone else tells you to name it.

7-Hire an organizer.

When you work with one, you will get more than twice the amount done as you get on a roll and have someone else to take the stuff away.

**WEEHAWKEN DANCE PRESENTS:**

**THE GOLDEN TICKET**

**AT THE MONTROSE PAVILION**

**DANCE THEATRE**

**FRIDAY, April 24th @ 7 pm**  
**SATURDAY, April 25th @ 1 pm**

**GENERAL ADMISSION TICKETS:**  
\$16 Adult, \$8 Child under 10, \$12 Seniors

**Tickets AT:**  
The Montrose Pavilion, Tiffany Etc, Mose's, Cimarron Coffee & Weehawken  
**RESERVED SEATS by phone only: call 970.318.0150**



*Ladies Shoes: Ricker, Alegria, Klogs, Onex, Patagonia*

# *D'Medici*

## Footwear & Clothing

*to enhance a feature, define a personality and establish a look!*

summer  
**STYLE**



*Men & Women's Clothing*

*Claudia Nichols Cashmere, Simon Chang, Santiki, Judy P. Activewear,  
Bills Khakis, Tori Richard, Kuhl, Barbour*

*in* **HISTORIC DOWNTOWN MONTROSE**

shop  
**LOCAL**

*Men's Shoes: Echo, Cole Haan, Allen Edmonds, Patagonia*



## KEEPING COSTS DOWN TO HELP LOCAL BUSINESSES SUCCEED From pg 1

—I look at things like long distance services, internet data usage—even trucking companies, and I find ways to help reduce costs.”

The service is especially valuable in industries like construction, where numerous employees communicate via cell phone, but can benefit just about any company, she said.

—I check every statement, and look at the things you have to have to do business,” she said. —The percentage you pay for credit card processing can make a huge difference—even one percent of a \$1,000,000 is a lot of money.

—On average, I save my clients between 25 and 30 percent on telecom.”

Repton shared an example from her own

experience with the wingsuit rental company she owns with her husband.

—We ship with UPS,” she said. —I once paid for an overnight, early morning delivery that didn’t make it for several days—but I had paid a premium for overnight service, and I got them to reimburse me. I never used to look at the statements, but once I did sit down and audit what was charged, there was something wrong every time.” Repton stresses that she is not out to sell anything, but to help companies get the most benefit from the relationships they have with current suppliers. If a client does choose to hire her, Repton monitors accounts regularly. She has noticed that after working with her, companies tend to be more vigilant about reading statements

carefully.

—I love meeting with business owners, and learning about what they do,” she said. —If I can’t save you money, it’s nice to meet you!”

It’s just as important for bigger companies to pay attention as it is for smaller ones, Repton added.

—Even if you have plenty of money, why spend it where you don’t have to?” she said. —Pay yourself or your employees more instead.

—I am happy to meet with anyone, regardless of the size of your business,” she said.

—I’m here to save you money.” Priscilla Repton can be reached at 970-444-2231 or via email at [Priscilla.repton@schooleyemitchell.com](mailto:Priscilla.repton@schooleyemitchell.com).

### 2015 STUPID BAND SPRING EARTH DANCE

April 25, Doors open at 7:30 p.m.

Turn of the Century Saloon

Admission is \$10 and two non-perishable food items for a local food bank!

## WANTED: Loving, Caring Foster Parents

I want you!  
I need YOU!



Top of the Trail is seeking loving, permanent homes where a child can grow up in a healthy, supportive family environment.

Contact us today at:  
**970-249-4131**



- Foster parents may be a working parent or relative, married or single, home-owner or renter, have children, or never have been a parent.

- A foster parent must be 21 years or older, and be able to provide a safe, loving home.

- Foster parents receive formal training and support from professional staff and other foster parents.

- The typical monthly stipend is \$799 per month per child, but can be higher depending upon the specific needs of the child and training of the foster parents.



# Family MOVIE NIGHT

**Help Our Community Stop Child Abuse, Call 1-844-CO-4-KIDS**



**April 24th**

**at The Montrose County Fairgrounds  
1001 N. 2nd • Montrose, CO**



**\* Free Dinner at 6pm • Free Movie at 7pm \***

- **Featuring the Family Favorite Film EPIC**
- **Free Meal Provided** (Hot Dogs, Chips, Beverage, & Dessert)
- **Free Movie Popcorn by PACE**
- **Community Resources will be on-hand to answer questions and provide educational materials**



## **April is Child Abuse Prevention Month**

**Don't forget about our STUFFED ANIMAL DRIVE benefiting children in foster care in Montrose and surrounding counties (also in need of underwear & socks of all sizes)**

### **DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:**

**Montrose County Health & Human Services (1845 S. Townsend), CASA (300 N. Cascade), Cherry Creek Radio (106 Rose Lane) or Dolphin House (735 S. 1st St.)**

*Help Our Community Stop Child Abuse Now, Call 1-844-CO-4-KIDS*





## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### CLEARTALK CLOSES RETAIL STORES



#### Mirror Staff Report

REGIONAL—According to a recorded phone line message, Cleartalk Wireless has closed its retail stores in Western Colorado as of April 13. The company's alleged Wireless service will continue and customers will receive new service plans for around \$10 more per month starting May 14, the message notes. Those with questions are encouraged to call 866-554-8365.

Cleartalk has had a presence in the region since the late 1990's, and opened its retail store in Montrose at 155 Oxbow Drive in December of 2012. Founded in Texas, Clear Talk has customers in Arizona, California, Colorado and New Mexico.

*At left, Cleartalk opened its Montrose store in 2012. Mirror file photo.*

### BRIGHT BEGINNINGS & MASLOW ACADEMY TO HOST ANNUAL SPRING FLING MAY 2

#### Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE—Bright Beginnings Preschool and Childcare Center with its sister school Maslow Academy of Applied Learning will be hosting the annual Spring Fling from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, May 2, at the campus, 120 North Hillcrest. This celebration of spring will be a fun-filled event for families with young chil-

dren in the Montrose community. Activities will include a bounce house, fire truck tours, police car tours, helicopter viewing, face painting, kids crafts, hair chalk, a cupcake walk, bubbles, and a variety of carnival-type games for all ages. The local police department will be providing hands on instruction regarding bike safety, so children are encouraged to bring their bicy-

cles. Admission wrist bands will be available for sale on the day of the event. The cost of admission is: under 2 years= free, 2-4 years old = \$5 for unlimited wristband, 5 years and older = \$10 for unlimited wristband, Large families= \$40 maximum for unlimited wristbands (immediate family only please)

Lunch will be available for \$5, and will include a freshly grilled hamburger or chicken, fruit and a drink. Other treats will also be available for purchase. A silent auction will begin in the lobby of the school on Monday, April 27th, and will culminate at 2:30 p.m. on May 2nd, during the event. —Once again we are planning on bundling some of the individual silent auction items into packages so the item winner will get more bang for their buck. Silent auction items currently include a helicopter ride over the Black Canyon from Care Flight, numerous items from local artisans such as hand crafted jewelry, locally made foods and beautiful photography. There are items to pamper yourself or someone you know with gym packages, massages, and manicures. The list continues and there is something for everyone," said Tracy Reule, Parent Action Council President. —This event would not be possible without the continued generosity and support from our local businesses and individuals."

Funds raised at this event will primarily be used for continued significant outdoor enrichment for the campus. For more information about the Spring Fling event or Bright Beginnings Preschool and Childcare Center & Maslow Academy of Applied Learning, please visit [www.brightbeginningsmontrose.com](http://www.brightbeginningsmontrose.com), [www.maslowacademy.com](http://www.maslowacademy.com) or call 970-252-3399.

### Filling Basic Needs for Our Area's Most Vulnerable Older Adults

**FOOD. SHELTER.  
SAFETY. SUPPORT.  
CONNECTIONS. CARE.**

**1-844-VOA-4YOU**  
Toll Free Confidential Help Line



[www.facebook.com/VOAWesternSlope](http://www.facebook.com/VOAWesternSlope)

[www.voahealthservices.org](http://www.voahealthservices.org)



## MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATRE COMING TO MONTROSE From pg 1

kind that really counts.”

The purpose of Missoula Children's Theatre is simple: it is for the development of life skills in children through participation in the performing arts. The need for the program comes from our fast-paced, competitive society. —Youngsters are introduced at an early age to the critical realities of our achievement and success-oriented society,” Balas explained.

—From academics to athletics to social interaction, children are pressured to get the best grades, to score the most points, to have the most friends. At the same time, segments of our society tend to view the arts as a luxury, a frill, an extra-curricular activity running a distant second to the popular status of sports. Add to these conditions the natural curiosity of the child, the tendency toward self-exploration, the adolescent impatience to put away the things of the child and emulate adult role models — for better or for worse. Pressure. MCT approaches children with a full awareness of these conditions and strives to use participation in the performing arts as a vehicle to develop the life skills (social skills, communication skills, self-discipline, a strong work ethic, an understanding of the team concept and self-

esteem) necessary to answer the challenges of our time.”

So what brought the program to Montrose this year? —We received a sizable donation this year and decided to offer this program to the children of Montrose County for free,” Balas explained. —MCT has an amazing reputation and we felt the time was right.”

Balas loves that the program is available to the whole country. —Although MCT's programs tour to major metropolitan centers, MCT remains dedicated to providing financially accessible arts experiences to all communities, regardless of size or economic status,” she said.

—Many of the communities served by MCT are isolated, culturally deprived and/or economically depressed. Live theatre participation, qualified drama teachers and educationally sound music programs within the curriculum are often non-existent or low on the priority scale.

Constructive opportunities in the performing arts are rare, and the chance to spark a new interest often goes unkindled. MCT's programs can and do provide the kindling to ignite the flame of interest.”

For any kids who are interested, audition forms for the program will be available at



*Children perform as mushrooms in this photo from the Missoula Theatre Facebook page. Courtesy photo.*

A+Y Gallery on Main Street in Montrose in July. Flyers will be distributed to all county school children prior to the end of this school year and children accepted will have this opportunity for free.

The Magic Circle Theatre will be the host for auditions, rehearsals and final community performances.

Going into this program, Balas has one goal at the forefront of her mind: —That it will ignite one child's artistic passion.”

For more information, contact Balas at 249-1350 or [balasfish@gmail.com](mailto:balasfish@gmail.com)



**LINDA CHARLICK,  
REALTOR**

## Professional & Down Home

### RE/MAX TODAY

1109 Main Street • Delta, CO 81416

970-874-1004 • 970-209-3668

[Linda@LindaCharlick.com](mailto:Linda@LindaCharlick.com)

*1% of my commission goes to the Local Food Pantry  
Serving Delta and Montrose Counties*

EACH OFFICE INDEPENDENTLY OWNED AND OPERATED



[www.LindaCharlick.com](http://www.LindaCharlick.com)





## CUSTOMER SERVICE RECOGNITION...GROCERY WORKERS!



*Mirror Staff Report*  
MONTROSE-David is the Meat Department Manager at the City Market in Downtown Montrose. On April 22, he will celebrate 28 years on the job. While I was taking his picture, he asked if he could help me find anything. Thank you David!!

**CLICK FOR CSU'S  
GARDEN CALENDAR  
FOR APRIL!**

**CLICK HERE FOR FROST  
FREE DATES!**



## Are You Getting Your Discounts?

*Ask us about how we can save you money  
with the many discounts we offer!*

- Good Student • Good Driver • Home & Auto Bundled • New Home • New Roof
- Montrose Memorial Hospital Staff • Registered Nurses • VOA Staff
- Montrose County School District Staff • And More!

*Come See Us!*  
**1551 Ogden Road  
Montrose, CO 81401**

*Give Us A Call!*  
**970-249-9231**

*Or Visit Us At:*  
**[www.farmersagent.com/hdavidson](http://www.farmersagent.com/hdavidson)**



**HOWARD DAVIDSON AGENCY**

**GET A QUOTE**



**Howard Davidson**  
*Insurance Agent*



## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### REGION 10, S.H.I.P. OFFER "MEDICARE AND YOU" CLASSES

#### *Special to the Mirror*

REGIONAL-Feeling lost in the maze of Medicare? Region 10 and the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) are teaming up to offer informative seminars on how to navigate the Medicare system. This first series of classes is designed for Medicare "novices" and those who are new to the program. As open enrollment looms closer in mid-October, SHIP counselors will be available for one-on-one counseling sessions with Medicare recipients, who will be able to discuss their specific needs with knowledgeable volunteers.

The first scheduled class in Montrose is slated for Saturday, April 25th, from 10 am to Noon at the Montrose Memorial Hospital. There will be a Q&A session at the end of the seminar, so participants are encouraged to bring their questions about Medicare with them. The seminar is free and no registration is necessary. The classes will be led by state certified counselors who have extensive history in the health industry. Judy Dietrich, one of the SHIP counselors, discusses the value of information when working with Medicare: "Last year, with so many changes to the prescription drug plans, we helped many

people save hundreds – sometimes thousands – of dollars. We even helped a few people save as much as \$5,000!"

More events have been tentatively scheduled throughout the six-county Region 10 service area of Delta, Montrose, Ouray, San Miguel, Gunnison, and Hinsdale Counties. In addition, a "ribbon cutting" ceremony to celebrate the SHIP and Region 10 partnership will be scheduled for a later date. Event information will be posted at [www.region10.net/calendar](http://www.region10.net/calendar) once the details have been finalized. For more information, please contact the SHIP office at 249-2436 x209.

### CRIMESTOPPERS ALERT-APRIL 20, 2015

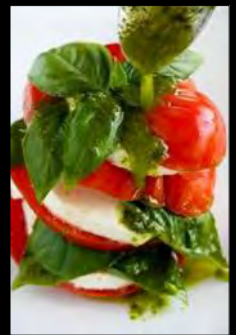
#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers is seeking the help of citizens to locate and apprehend perpetrator(s) in the following crime. Beginning late last year, one or more perpetrators have been using a BB gun from a motor vehicle to break and destroy windows throughout the Montrose area. To date, these vandals have caused more than \$10,000 in damages. The target selection appears to be random but the shooting is done from a vehicle. 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.

## CITY FARM!

**AN INDOOR FARMERS MARKET OPEN SIX DAYS A WEEK!  
GET YOUR FARMERS MARKET FIX ALL WEEK LONG!  
EXCEPTIONAL FRESH AND HEALTHY LETTUCE!  
BASIL, HERBS AND GREENS!  
GROWN HYDROPONICALLY ON SITE SO FRESHNESS IS GUARANTEED!  
SERIOUSLY FREE RANGE EGGS....LOCAL ART AND CRAFTS!  
CONSIGNMENTS WELCOME!**

**33 N. CASCADE AVE.  
MONTROSE CO. 81401  
970.497.4724**





## BAKER TO RELEASE BOOK ON JUAN RIVERA THIS FALL

### 25 YEARS IN THE MAKING, WORK WILL BE IMPORTANT TO HISTORY OF COLORADO AND NEW MEXICO



*Montrose Archeologist and ethno-historian Steven G. Baker of Centuries Research, Inc. plans to release his groundbreaking work on Juan Rivera's journey later this year. Baker is shown in his office, though today he is —partially-retired.*

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—He has been sifting through the sands of time in Western Colorado for more than 35 years, studying not only the history of Montrose and the surrounding region, but the area's ethno-history as well. For Archeologist Steve Baker of Centuries Research, Inc., the best is yet to come, however—Baker's long awaited next book, "Juan Rivera's Colorado-1765: The First Spaniards Among the Ute and Paiute Indians on the Trails To Teguayo," will be published by David P. Smith of Western Reflections Publishing later this year.

—We are shooting for this fall," Baker said. —The book will be 600 to 700 pages, hardbound—with 250 watercolor illustrations a comprehensive, illustrated trail history."

Once again, Baker has worked with local illustrator Gail Carroll Sargent, whose vivid watercolor depictions bring a sense of immediacy to stories from long ago—in this case, the tale of early day explorer Juan Maria Rivera. The book has been 25 years in the making, Baker noted, and he worked closely with a translator to understand the archaic Spanish of the original journal.

—I have partnered with [New Mexico State Historian Rick Hendricks](#)," Baker said.

—This is the first book ever on Juan Rivera, whose journal was never found until 1969. His journals are the first descriptions of outsiders among the Indians in this territory."

The book contains a cast of characters that rivals any in fiction, said Baker, who has specialized in the history of the Ute Indian people throughout his career.

—I discovered new twists," he said. —Everyone knows of the Dominguez-Escalante Expedition; but Father Vélez de Escalante had actually given up on finding a route to California the year before."

Instead, Baker said, the famed expedition of 1776 was intended to discover the source of a legend prevalent in New Mexico, that strange men with long, untrimmed beards lived in the land of "Tejuwyo."

—They found these men, and the artists drew pictures," Baker said, adding that French explorers had documented similar men on the North Platte in 1689 and a physical anthropologist had found a similar population in California in 1951.

—The authorities were concerned," he said. —Rivera was sent north to find out more, but he only got to Gunnison. The Dominguez-Escalante Expedition took guides and his journal and followed the same path; the church had been enlisted by

the authorities and charged with gathering intelligence on the frontier of New Spain. They also needed an overland route from Santa Fe, but another route was found; they cast lots to decide whether to go on to California."

The book will be available on Amazon.com once it is released, he said.

Hendricks, who translated the Rivera journals, said the release of Baker's book will correct many misconceptions about Rivera and the reasons for his exploration.

—Rivera made interesting observations about the people he encountered," Hendricks said. —This is an unspoiled look at the very earliest encounters between Utes, Paiutes and Europeans."

Native Americans were not especially interested in welcoming the Spanish newcomers to their established trade systems, he noted.

—The Utes and Paiutes had their own trade organizations," Hendricks said, adding,

—You can take the journey with Rivera because of Steve's research and the pictures; you can go to those places and get a feel for what it was like when the only way to travel was by horseback—or on foot. Now people would probably go there with four-wheel drive.

—As you encountered people who were not all that interested in having you in their country."

Hendricks, who traveled to many of the sites in the journal with Baker to aid in the translation process, said that the book corrects a number of myths about where Rivera went and what he saw, and will shed light on the explorer's family origins as well.

Juan Rivera's journals were very important to the Dominguez-Escalante Expedition, Hendricks said.

—We suspect that the Governor of New Mexico was particularly interested in silver deposits, and that Rivera was instructed to share just enough information—but not too much," he said. —The journals contain incredibly detailed descriptions in some regards, of the flora and fauna. They encountered swamps and marshy areas where now we don't find those features. They describe finding watering holes in unexpected places; you can see how the landscape has changed."

The book will be important for the history of both Colorado and New Mexico, Hendricks said. —Rivera's family had very deep roots in Northern New Mexico, which was a surprise," Hendricks said. —This book

*Continued next page*

## **BAKER TO RELEASE BOOK ON JUAN RIVERA THIS FALL *continued*** **25 YEARS IN THE MAKING, WORK WILL BE IMPORTANT TO HISTORY OF COLORADO AND NEW MEXICO**

will provide a comprehensive look at the expedition itself, and the Native American people. Steve has also done an exhaustive trail study, in itself an important piece of scholarship.

—This will be a fascinating read.”

Baker, a professional archeologist since 1964, is now ~~partially~~ retired.” He has served as President and Principal investigator for his own business, Centuries Research, Inc. of Montrose for many years, has directed many of the region’s important archeological excavations, and is currently involved with efforts to pinpoint the original site of Fort Roubideau West of Delta. Though he spent his early professional life in South Carolina, Baker and his family moved to Western Colorado in the 1970’s.

—My mom taught school, and we came to Colorado in the summers,” Baker said, —So I was already familiar with Ouray. I had a wife, two kids and no money; I decided it would be better to be poor in Colorado

than in the Deep South—this is a great place to live.”

In addition to for-profit excavations, Baker spent 30 years with the Uncompahgre Valley Ute Project, an effort to research and shed more light on the lives of the region’s early peoples.

In a paper entitled, —A Thirty-Year Perspective on the Uncompahgre Valley Ute Project, Western Colorado,” Baker wrote: —Although I moved to Colorado primarily to concentrate on the American Victorian cultural context, a major portion of my career over the past 30+ years has been focused on the historical archeology and ethno-history of Colorado’s Ute speaking Native Americans.

—These peoples are commonly referred to simply as —the Utes” and they alone of the Native American peoples currently residing in Colorado have inhabited the region since prehistoric times.”

Today, Baker lives on a small farm in Montrose with his wife of 30 years, Nancy



*New Mexico State Historian Rick Hendricks worked with Baker to translate the archaic Spanish of Rivera’s original journals. Courtesy photo.*

Ellen. His professional bio notes that the couple’s two sons and four daughters are now —Edged.”

To learn more about Baker’s work and his upcoming book, contact him at 970-249-2283, or via email at [sbaker@montrose.net](mailto:sbaker@montrose.net).



# DELTA AREA

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

*Call or visit today to see how we can help your business!*

301 Main Street, Delta. [www.DeltaColorado.org](http://www.DeltaColorado.org).  
 970-874-8616. [chamber@deltacolorado.org](mailto:chamber@deltacolorado.org).

Find us on Facebook at “Delta Area Chamber of Commerce.”





## MIRROR IMAGES...OUT AND ABOUT!



*The weather was wet and chilly for the Centennial Middle Braves 5K on Saturday, April 18, but turnout was great anyway. Pictured left to right are students Brayden Collins, Miguel Yanez, and Kory Bradley after the run.*



*Above, MHS student Rilee Voorhis' acrylic Symbol Painting is one of many works on display at the Seventh Annual Montrose County School District Art Show. The show runs through Friday, April 24, and can be viewed from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday at the Enterprise Center, in the Region 10 Building, located at 300 N. Cascade Avenue in Montrose.*



*At right, Esther and Destiny Beltran are the team making those awesome, affordable burritos at Menudo's, Townsend Ave. and N. First Street!*



**"the first to help you up are the ones who know how it feels to fall down."**

**WE ARE HERE TO HELP!**

**970.252.3200**

**24 hour (local)  
emergency services**

**252.6220**





# ARE YOU READY TO SERVE?

Interested in taking a more active role in your electric cooperative? Looking for a meaningful way to serve your community? San Miguel Power's Board of Directors might be for you.

San Miguel Power is now accepting nominations for the District Two Board Representative position. Interested candidates must reside in District Two. Nomination petitions forms are available at our offices or by contacting Toni Bertorello, SMPA Executive Secretary, at (970) 626-5549 x210 or [toni@smpa.com](mailto:toni@smpa.com).

District Two includes the Town of Telluride from Townsend Avenue, east of South Tomboy & North Townsend Streets, north to Tomboy Road and east to approximately .5 mile from Royer Lane.

You must be a member of District Two in order to seek election. Don't know if you belong in this district? Check the top of your bill or call us!

Petitions are due April 27, 2015.



San Miguel Energy Cooperative  
The power of human cooperation

(970) 626-5549 | (970) 864-7311 | [www.smpa.com](http://www.smpa.com) | [www.facebook.com/SanMiguelPower](http://www.facebook.com/SanMiguelPower)  
San Miguel Power is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



# UNCOMPAHGRE PIT—THE NEIGHBORS SPEAK



*Above, the view from a Solitude Road residence overlooking the proposed site of the Uncompahgre Pit (on the ridge starting center of photo to the left edge). At right, views from Woodgate Road at Kinnikin. Courtesy photos by Barbara Bernhardt.*

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—When Barbara Bernhardt built her dream home south of Montrose in 1997, she designed the project herself and worked with an engineer to ensure the stability of the foundation despite the presence of Mancos shale in the soils. Today, Bernhardt's rural home near Solar Road is peaceful and beautiful, with unspoiled wilderness views in every direction. Much of the land immediately surrounding her home has been placed in conservation easements to protect it for future generations.

However, Bernhardt, one of a group of concerned local landowners, worries that a gravel pit proposed at the nearby intersection of Hwy 550 and T Road by Lazy K Bar Land and Cattle, LLLP will destroy the tranquility she and other local homeowners have worked so hard to preserve. A previous application by the same landowners was denied in 2013; the owners have now adjusted the application and reapplied. A public hearing on the pit will take place before the Montrose County Planning Commission on April 23, 2015 at 6 pm in the Pioneer Room at Friendship Hall. According to the applicant's Jan. 9 request for a special use permit to operate the Uncompahgre Pit, there are 11.3 million tons of gravel on the property, which is located on land owned by the applicant (Lazy K Bar Land and Cattle/ the Jutten family) approximately nine miles south of the City of Montrose, and is accessible one mile west of Hwy 550 from the T Road. Water for dust control will be supplied by the landowner's water rights from the Montrose West Canal, the application

notes, though initially, water may be trucked up the mesa for dust control using the water truck on site. As the operation progresses, a pipe will be installed along the access road to the mesa to pump the water directly to the plant location." The application also states that, based on discussions with Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), the applicants understand that CDOT will approve access from T Road onto Highway 550. The land, presently used for grazing, will eventually be reclaimed, and the pit will have a positive economic impact on Montrose County, the applicants state.

Bernhardt disagrees. Like a number of other neighbors, she believes that the proposed pit is incompatible with the agricultural zone and with the health and well-being of neighboring landowners. "There are view shed issues with this pit that cannot be eliminated," Bernhardt said, and commented that air pollution from windblown dust was recognized as a public health issue in the [2011 West Central Public Health Partnership Regional Health Assessment](#).

"We have plenty of windblown dust around here already," she said. "Ad drivers on Hwy 550 will be able to see the haul road." Bernhardt said that she did an informal traffic count at another, existing, gravel pit on Racine Road, to get an idea of what may lie ahead. "In one hour, there were 34 truck round trips; one was a water truck, one a pick-up, and the rest were gravel trucks. If it is approved, this new pit will be serviced by 24-ton gravel trucks," she said. "In addition to the noise—which is not mitigatable—residents do indeed have huge concerns over air quality in the region."

notes, though initially, water may be trucked up the mesa for dust control

Other concerns include impacts to wildlife, she said. With mule deer in decline—according to the [2014 Colorado Parks and Wildlife's Colorado West Slope Mule Deer Strategy](#), Colorado's statewide deer population estimate declined from roughly 600,000 deer in 2006 to approximately 390,000 in 2013—Bernhardt fears that herds will further impacted by the Uncompahgre Pit.

"Hunting is a real economic driver in our community," she said. "As we prepared to endanger that? And what about the property owners here, who have owned our land longer than the applicants have owned the gravel pit parcel, and who will watch our property values fall? What does that say about Montrose as a retirement community?"

"This is also habitat for the Gunnison Sage Grouse," she said. "Ad though they insist that the pit will be monitored, we are super concerned over enforcement of air quality and other issues. Mancos shale also contains selenium, which is toxic to humans." A Gunnison Sage Grouse Impact Analysis and Mitigation plan prepared by Steve Boyle of Bio-Logic in December of 2014 states that though he considered avoidance measures such as mining at other sites and reducing the size of the area to be mined, "the project is not viable for the operator under those scenarios." The plan lists on-site and off-site mitigation and restoration strategies. Landowners, however, believe that no amount of mitigation will restore what they stand to lose; the Uncompahgre Pit will diminish the unspoiled, rural lifestyle that drew them to Montrose in the first place. "This pit is just a bad idea," Bernhardt said. "It does not fit with the area."

"It would ruin our quality of life."

# UNCOMPAHGRE PIT—THE LANDOWNERS SPEAK



*The flag on the horizon sits atop a 30-foot flagpole, which represents the maximum height of any structure put in place for Phase One of the Uncompahgre pit. During Phases 2 through 11 of the operations structures will be located in the excavated pit to a depth of 25-30 feet, making them negligible on a landscape view. Photo by Gail Marvel.*

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-In Oct. 2013 an application for a gravel pit located on T Road off Highway 550, although approved by the State of Colorado, was denied by Montrose County Commissioners. The Lazy K Bar Land and Cattle Company LLLP, owned by Jay and Pam (Sanburg) Jutten families, made adjustments to the application and reapplied. The application now goes to a public hearing before the Montrose County Planning Commission on April 23, 2015 at 6 pm in the Pioneer Room at Friendship Hall. Because this is a hearing, which will be followed by another hearing before the Montrose County Commissioners, the applicants are prohibited from lobbying either the Planning Commission Board or the County Commissioners.

The Jutten and Sanburg family roots are deeply embedded in the Uncompahgre Valley, with grandchildren for both sides of the family becoming sixth generation residents. The Juttens have always felt themselves to be good neighbors and good stewards of their land. However, when they proposed building a gravel pit on their property, they found themselves pitted against a subdivision that is more than a mile and a half away from the proposed site. Jay Jutten said, "We really don't understand. No one from the subdivision, or those signing a petition against us, have ever even looked at the site. They are welcome to come anytime, but they are against something they've never bothered to look at."

The proposed gravel pit site, situated on a

plateau above the valley is completely out of view of the subdivision, the highway and nearby homes, owners say. This sagebrush covered site is waterless and unusable for farming, or ranching. The owners have available water rights and estimate the amount of water needed for the operation (worst case scenario) will be less than the yearly water consumption of eight households.

The application allows the pit to be excavated in 11 phases of 20 acres each, to a depth of 25-30 feet. After the completion of each phase the land will be reclaimed. Berms will not be needed as the natural edge of the hillside will remain intact and untouched, leaving the landscape visually unchanged. The proposed haul road, which will come down the side of the hill through a draw, will be less visible than the current access road to the property.

As well as gravel mining, the application includes concrete and asphalt batch plants. These plants are portable rather than permanent, which allows for them to be transported to various job sites.

The question of increased truck traffic has come up and life-long local business owner Dee Stryker said, "The question is, 'Do you use gravel?'" If you do, it will have to come from somewhere, and it will always come by truck." Dee also spoke about the issue of safety and the fact that all of the current long-lived gravel pits are located on the north side of town. "If you live south of town and need gravel, those trucks are coming through the City of Montrose. That is a safety issue."

A gravel pit south of town has an eco-

nomie impact on the city and the county in more ways than simply collecting sales and property tax. Zane Luttrell, Manager for Rocky Mountain Aggregate & Construction LLC, put an estimated financial savings of \$2 a ton for gravel that doesn't have to be routed through the City of Montrose. "Over the life of the pit that's conservatively about a \$20,000,000 in savings to the community."

Although approval of the proposed gravel pit is not a job-creator, it would keep current jobs secure. If the application is denied it is conceivable that 10 jobs, averaging \$40,000 a year, could be lost; as well as 70 indirect jobs. It should also be noted that unlike many current gravel pits which are owned by corporations in other states and outside of the country, this gravel pit will be locally owned. Pam Jutten said, "Local dollars will stay local."

In a history lesson, Dee Stryker mentioned a gravel pit located off west LaSalle. "The neighbors complained, the Commissioners approved the application, and it wasn't long before a subdivision went in right across the road from the gravel pit. There is proof that the gravel pit did not diminish home values."

Property tax values for the Jutten property will neither increase nor decrease since there is no zoning change, applicants believe.

The issues of highway safety and turn lanes off of Highway 550 are in the hands of CDOT. "CDOT determines the design and what is required and we pay the bill. There is no taxpayer money involved," Jay Jutten said. The Juttens are not the type to be contentious about rural development and they didn't interject themselves into the conversation when increased traffic, safety issues and light pollution came about as the result of building the subdivision. "We trust that the developers will do what is right for the land and the environment," Pam Jutten said.

Although many people moving into the area would like to paint retirees as a sustaining financial force in Montrose, in reality the economic lifeblood of the community continues to be agriculture and mining. Ironically, even the new Montrose County logo would agree as it depicts mountains, a river, an ear of corn and a miner's pickaxe. Dee Stryker questions whether a few homeowners, and people as far away as Philadelphia who signed online petitions, are having an undue influence over state and county criteria. "If the applicant meets the established criteria, how can the application be denied?"



# SHOWDOWN AT BULL MOUNTAIN...

**OIL AND GAS DRILLING, AGRITOURISM AT ODDS IN NORTH FORK—LAND SWAP PROPOSED**



*Thompson Divide Coalition photo by Greg Watts for Sopris Sun. Courtesy image.*

## Mirror Staff Report

DELTA COUNTY—A proposed development known as the Bull Mountain Unit is highlighting conflicts between traditional extraction industries and those who hope to see the North Fork Valley continue to develop as a hub for niche-market agriculture and agritourism. Though located in Gunnison County, the Unit would impact Delta County's North Fork Region. Public Comment on the Master Development Plan submitted by SG Interests closed April 16. According to the [Bureau of Land Management web site](#), The Bull Mountain Unit includes approximately 19,645 acres of federal and private subsurface mineral estate located about 30 miles northeast of the Town of Paonia and bisected by State Highway 133. The proposal would allow drilling for as many as 146 natural gas wells and four water disposal wells and development of associated pads, access roads, gas and water pipelines, screw compressors, and overhead electric lines.

The BLM has prepared a [draft Environmental Impact Statement for The Bull Mountain Unit](#), which is located within the Colorado River basin, approximately 30 miles northeast of the Town of Paonia, and bisected by State Highway 133. The elevation is approximately 7,400 feet and consists of rolling topography in a mountainous region, according to the EIS. —Agriculture and agricultural tourism may be impacted by changes to water quality," The Draft EIS states.

Prior to the closure of the public com-

ment period, [Delta County Independent](#) Editor Pat Sunderland spoke with officials from the Delta Chamber of Commerce, who support developing the Bull Mountain Unit. Chamber President Josh Applegate told Sunderland that the project would replace lost coal mining jobs and infuse the local economy. Groups supporting the project include the Western Slope Oil and Gas Association, Club 20, Piceance Energy Action Council (PEAC), Grand Junction Chamber of Commerce, and Grand Junction Economic Partnership, Sunderland noted.

North Fork based non-profit Citizens for a Healthy Community (CHC) also issued a statement on the project on the day the public comment period closed, April 16, noting that conservationists had submitted extensive and detailed comments to the BLM regarding development of the Bull Mountain Unit. The group requested that the BLM take conservation issues into consideration of the proposed large-scale drilling project in the watershed of the North Fork of the Gunnison River.

According to the CHC news release, the groups requested a full analysis of social costs of carbon, including methane and carbon emissions, and urged protective measures such as phased-in development, ongoing air and water monitoring, and greater distance between drilling and water supplies. The comments were submitted by the Western Environmental Law Center on behalf of community groups in the North Fork Valley and conservation-

ists across Colorado, including Citizens for a Healthy Community, High Country Conservation Advocates, Western Colorado Congress, Wilderness Workshop, the Sierra Club Rocky Mountain Chapter, Great Old Broads for Wilderness, the Crystal River Caucus, EcoFlight, WildEarth Guardians, Rocky Mountain Wild, and the Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative.

—Local farmers, and the land on which they live and raise food, need to be protected from the negative effects of drilling," said Steve Ela, fifth-generation Delta County farmer and owner of Ela Family Farms near Hotchkiss. —Local farmers won't benefit from the drilling. Gas development upriver is a tough sell for our community, and pushes the long-term economic development of our area in the wrong direction."

—The North Fork Valley has been named Colorado's farm to table capital and a certified creative district. We can't risk that reputation with more boom-and-bust industry that brings a whole lot of negative side effects," said Amber Kleinman, Paonia town trustee, in the CHC news release. —We need long-term, smart economic development that will put our economic future in the hands of the community instead of the oil and gas companies."

—The North Fork Valley community has again pulled together to request common-sense provisions that would minimize risks to important resources like clean air and water. We need to be sure that the BLM's oil and gas program doesn't throw other resource values under the bus," said Jim Ramey, executive director of Citizens for a Healthy Community. However, Delta County officials have taken a pragmatic stance toward the development, which has been in the planning stages for more than a decade, as stated in the comments by County Administrator Robbie LeValley: —The Board of County Commissioners believes that an orderly development provided by the Bull Mountain Unit Master Development Plan and Environmental Impact Statement, though needing some refinement, is preferable to a year by year potentially piece meal development that will occur without one," LeValley said. —The individual well-by-well, facility-by-facility, and pipeline-by-pipeline approvals now occurring will continue with minimal consideration for cumulative impacts to influence the manner or rate of development. —Anaster plan would

*Continued on next page*

## SHOWDOWN AT BULL MOUNTAIN...continued

### OIL AND GAS DRILLING, AGRITOURISM AT ODDS IN NORTH FORK—LAND SWAP PROPOSED

provide guidelines for development with predictable direction and monitoring requirements.

—The Board of County Commissioners feels that a coordinated development within the Master Development Plan for this 12-year-old project, rather than a continued individual well-by-well approach, is better for resource extraction, nearby agriculture, ranching, surface owners, existing or emerging industries, and to minimize environmental impacts,” LeValley said.

Meanwhile, on April 20, the extraction entity behind the Bull Mountain Unit EIS, SG Interests, is expected to approach the Delta County Board of Commissioners to seek support for a gas lease exchange that would exchange 30,000 acres of suspended leases in the Thompson Divide region for unleased BLM minerals in Delta, Gun-

nison, Mesa, and Rio Blanco counties, [Delta County Independent](#) Reporter Kathy Browning wrote on April 15.

The non-profit [Thompson Divide Coalition](#) is calling on citizens and officials to support closing the Thompson Divide area to further leasing, and is urging the BLM to cancel existing oil and gas leases in the Thompson Divide area, which covers 221,500 acres of Federal land in Pitkin County (88,100 acres), Gunnison County (51,700 acres), Garfield County (43,500 acres), Mesa County (30,500 acres) and Delta County (7,700 acres).

—Our rural economies in and around the Roaring Fork Valley rely, in part, upon existing uses in the Thompson Divide area. Collectively, hunting, fishing, ranching, and recreation in the Thompson Divide area support nearly 300 jobs and \$30

million in annual economic output for our local communities,” the Thompson Divide Coalition web site states.

Few would argue that Delta County has been hit hard with job losses in recent years, thanks to the losses of the Meadow Gold Dairy facility and numerous coal mine jobs.

Delta County Economic Development (DCED) will host an open house in Orchard City from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Orchard City Town Hall on April 22, to share ideas for increasing jobs within the community and discuss a broadband implementation project spearheaded by Region 10.

—We encourage residents and businesses throughout Delta County to join the conversation on how we build a resilient economy,” stated Trish Thibodo, DCED Director.

## OPINION/EDITORIAL-LETTERS

### RETIRING TO MONTROSE COUNTY?

Dear Editor:

Here is something you should know. In fact, if you are a resident anywhere in Montrose county, you need to know this. Watch out for the loophole known as the Special Use Permit! Heavy industry, like gravel pits, concrete and asphalt batch plants, have been permitted in agriculturally zoned areas through this loop-hole.

I live in a quiet draw south of town where the road dead-ends. The mountain views are spectacular. There are pastoral scenes with cattle and horses grazing on the valley floor. On the hillside above me and across the valley, I see pinion and juniper trees with lots of sagebrush. The wildlife is abundant here. In fact, this area is critical habitat for deer, elk and the Gunnison Sage Grouse, which Montrose County has pledged to protect.

Does this sound like the perfect place to put a gravel pit, concrete and asphalt plant? Of course not! But for the second time in two years, my neighbors and I are fighting an application for just such a development. And here is the thing you should know, **this could happen to you!** Buying land in an agriculturally zoned area is not an assurance in this county that a Special Use permit would not be granted to heavy industry. You could have a pit for a neighbor!

This is the loophole Montrose county needs to close! Special Use permits were never intended to allow heavy industry into incompatible areas like this! However, Montrose County has a history of granting Special Use permits for industrial development in agriculturally zoned areas, allowing developers to by-pass the zoning regulations. Let the Commissioners know you want them to enforce the zoning code. **Let's keep industry in industrially zoned districts. It is time to stop Special Use abuse!**

Glenda Fletchall  
Montrose



**7,350** readers (and counting) can't be wrong!  
**The Mirror:**  
bringing you fresh, local content every **Monday!**



**LOCAL ASSISTANCE SITES:**  
**Volunteers of America Offices at:**  
**1519 East Main Street, Montrose**  
**970-252-0660**  
**165 West Bridge Street, Hotchkiss**  
**970-872-2233**







***Did you...***

- ...get married or have a child?*
- ...lose your employer-provided or Medicaid coverage?*
- ...recently move to Colorado?*
- ...turn 26 making you ineligible to be on your parents' plan?*

These and other **life-changing events** mean you may be able to get health insurance now, before open enrollment begins, so you can stay covered! Remember to report your life change event to Connect for Health Colorado and **select a new plan within 60 days**.

Financial assistance and public assistance programs may be available depending on your **family size** and **income**.

			
Family of 1 making <b>less than \$46,500</b>	Family of 2 making <b>less than \$63,000</b>	Family of 3 making <b>less than \$79,000</b>	Family of 4 making <b>less than \$95,000</b>

Call to speak with a Customer Service Representative. Or find free, in-person help from a certified Broker or Health Coverage Guide online.

**855-PLANS-4-YOU** (855-752-6749)

 [ConnectforHealthCO.com](http://ConnectforHealthCO.com)



## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### SENIOR COMMUNITY CARE PACE CELEBRATES 5, 10, 15 YEAR ANNIVERSARIES



*Special to the Mirror*  
REGIONAL-Senior Community Care PACE celebrated employees with five, 10 and 15 year anniversaries in 2015. We are truly blessed and thankful for such dedicated team members.

*Pictured Back Row/Left to Right: Janet Lehman, Becky Wallace, Willie Gordon, Gavin Frantz, Liza Lucero, Craig Ammermann. Middle Row/Left to Right: Leah Garcia, Cindy Shipley, Diedre MacKenzie, CJ Simmers, Sommer Dean, Mark Miller. Front Row/Left to Right: Della Gargus, Cassandra Poss*

*Staff not pictured: 15 Year: Della Gargus. 10 Year: Lynne Bristol; Janet Lehman; Mark Miller; Lois Slyder.*

*Five Year: Traci Abshire; Sommer Dean; Gavin Frantz; David Frazier; Chelina Garcia; Leah Garcia; Misty Garcia; Lynette Gilbert; Linda Glidden; Willie Gordon; Nazlie King; Liza Lucero; Diedre MacKenzie; Cassandra Poss; Crystal Quinlan; Monica Rawson; Cindy Shipley; Melissa Shock; Rebecca Wallace.*

Home Health of Western Colorado  
Montrose, CO

The Homestead at Montrose  
Montrose, CO

Senior Community Care (PACE)  
Montrose, CO • Eckert, CO

Valley Manor Care Center  
Montrose, CO

Senior Community Meals  
Eckert, CO

Horizons Health Care and  
Retirement Community  
Eckert, CO



Volunteers  
of America®

## Thinking About Your Health Care Options?

Let us help you find the right solutions;  
call today: 1-844-VOA-4YOU



[www.voahealthservices.org](http://www.voahealthservices.org)  
[www.facebook.com/VOAWesternSlope](https://www.facebook.com/VOAWesternSlope)



## CITY VIOLATES TREE CITY USA STATUS BY DISSOLVING TREE BOARD

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—Despite enthusiasm over its Annual Earth Week and Arbor Day festivities, the City of Montrose is actually in violation of its 26-year designation as a Tree City USA, according to information circulated by the City itself.

A [news release issued last week](#) by City Staff notes that, “Arbor Day celebrations are also part of Montrose’s 26th year as a Tree City USA.” To qualify for the designation, the City is required to have an active tree board, a tree care ordinance, an Arbor Day proclamation, and a tree program with a budget of at least \$2 per city resident, dedicated to tree care.”

However, with the dissolution of the [Parks Advisory Board](#) earlier this year, the City of Montrose—which earned awards for its tree program as recently as 2009 according to the news release—no longer has a designated Tree Board in place, noted former Parks Advisory Board Chair Marge Morgenstern.

“We were the Tree Board,” Morgenstern said. “I still have the handbook that was prepared by Council and given to us in 2003, when J. David Reed was Mayor. There were certain things that had to be

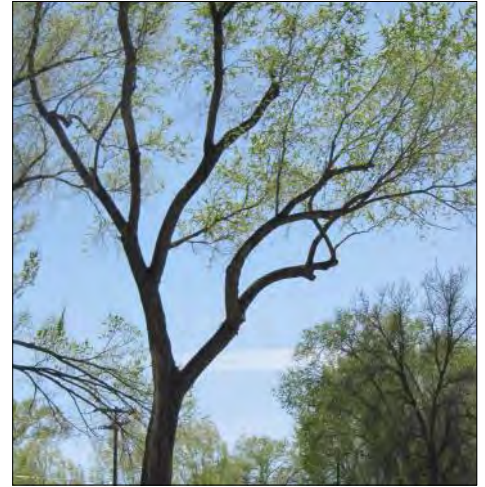
done to be a Tree City USA, and (former City Parks Superintendent) Thordy Jacobson always took care of those.”

The Parks Advisory Board Guidebook, shared with the Mirror by Morgenstern, notes on page 4 that, “the board shall also act as the City Tree Board.”

The [National Arbor Day Foundation](#), which administers the Tree City USA Program, notes that, “A tree board is a group of citizen volunteers charged by ordinance with developing, guiding or administering a community tree management program. Broad-based community involvement is encouraged because boards function best when not composed entirely of tree professionals.”

“Fresh ideas are added by citizens with an interest in trees that is entirely avocational. Limited, staggered terms of service will prevent stagnation or burnout while assuring continuity.”

According to the [City of Montrose web site](#), the 16-year-old Montrose Parks Advisory Board served as the City’s Tree Board, “providing guidance for planting, maintaining, and removing trees in parks and other public places.” However, the Parks Advisory Board was dissolved by



*Without an active Tree Board, the City is not in compliance with the requirements of the Tree City USA program.*

City Manager Bill Bell on Feb. 5, when questions arose over a spate of resignations of longtime Public Works Department Employees. Arbor Day will be April 24, 2015. Calls to City Manager Bell and Mayor Romero for comment were not returned by press time.



### ACRYLIC WORKSHOP OFFERED IN RIDGWAY ON MONDAYS

*Special to the Mirror*

RIDGWAY—Starting April 20, join Weehakwen Creative Arts and instructor Daniel Kanow for a mini acrylic workshop that will introduce and teaching techniques of abstract painting. Find your voice through loose authentic painting to create images based on abstract interpretations of landscapes and images. This class will be held each Monday from 6 to 9 p.m. at Weehawken Ridgway, The Old School House, starting on the 20<sup>th</sup> of April and ending on May 4<sup>th</sup>. The workshop is for ages 16 and up and is \$80. All supplies are included. For more information or to register please visit [www.weehawkenarts.org](http://www.weehawkenarts.org) or call 970.318.0150.

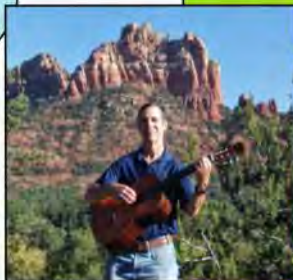
### THREE MUSICAL EVENTS

TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED  
IN ADVANCE AT  
MONTROSE MUSIC  
7 S. Townsend Ave.



For more information: [www.montrosearts.org](http://www.montrosearts.org) or call 275-8996

CONCERT & WORKSHOP  
COMBO ONLY  
\$20.00



### VARIETY MUSIC SHOWCASE OF LOCAL TALENT

APRIL 24th • FRIDAY • 7PM • UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
South 1st and Park Streets • Montrose • FREE

### PERFORMANCE by JOHN METRAS Celebrated Guitar and Harp Virtuoso

*"fingertip music that makes you tap your toes"*

MAY 8th • FRIDAY • 7PM • UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
South 1st and Park Streets • Montrose • TICKETS: \$15.00

### WORKSHOP FOR ALL INSTRUMENTS (BYO optional)

MAY 9th • SATURDAY • 10:00AM – 11:30AM

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
South 1st and Park Streets • Montrose • TICKETS: \$10.00





Department of Health & Human Services  
Environmental Health  
1845 South Townsend Avenue  
Montrose, Colorado 81401  
970 252 5000



## ***Food Safety Classes***

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

Our 2 ½ hour class provides basic food safety knowledge in order to prevent food borne illness. You and your staff will learn how to keep your food and customers safe.

### **2015 Schedule**

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

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

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

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

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

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

***NO July class***

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

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

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

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

***NO December class***

### **Steps to Follow**

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

### **Class Location and Time**

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

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





## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### RE-1J STUDENTS SWEEP SKILLSUSA COMPETITION



*Special to the Mirror*

**MONTROSE**-Pictured left to right are Daniel Culver, Mitch Freismuth, Tim Schieldt, Evan Fletcher, Tristan Bingaman, Heather Stevenson. These students traveled to the state SkillsUSA competitions in Colorado Springs last Wed – Fri. Events and places: Daniel = Technical Drafting & Technical Related Math; Mitch = 1st in Cabinetmaking & 2nd in Technical Related Math; Tim = 3rd in Technical Drafting & Job Interview; Evan = 2nd in Cabinetmaking & Technical-related Math; Tristan = Architectural Drafting; Heather = 1st in Customer Service & Architectural Drafting; We brought home 5 awards from our six students who traveled.



Montrose and Ouray:  
315 South 7th Street  
Montrose, CO 81401  
Phone: (970) 249-1116

Delta:  
511 East 10th Street  
Delta, CO 81416  
Phone: (970) 874-4661

[www.partners-west.org](http://www.partners-west.org)

## 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Auction

**Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015 • 7:00 am - 7:00 pm**

Listen Live on:



Phone: 249-5800, 249-1037, 249-9400, 249-4546

[http://www.partners-west.org/Auction\\_Items\\_3.html](http://www.partners-west.org/Auction_Items_3.html)



**2015 BIG BOARD SPONSORS:**

**2015 AUCTION ITEMS:**

## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### COLUMBINE 7TH GRADER HEATHER PROSSER TAKES FIRST PLACE IN VFW REGIONAL ESSAY COMPETITION



*Special to the Mirror*

**MONTROSE**-Please congratulate Heather Prosser on representing Columbine Middle School with her success in the VFW Patriot's Pen writing contest! She won first place out of 88 essays in the local contest which includes Montrose, Grand Junction, Cedaredge, and Ridgway! She also took 3rd place in the regional competition which includes California, Colorado, Nevada, and Washington state! This is an even sweeter victory than the local because she had to go up against middle school and high school writers. Way to go Heather!



## WORKSHOP ON LAND MANAGEMENT DURING DROUGHT CONDITIONS

*Special to the Mirror*

**GRAND JUNCTION**- Colorado State University (CSU) Extension, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Tamarisk Coalition, Mesa County, City of Grand Junction, Mesa Land Trust, and other valuable partners invite you to attend a hands-on dryland revegetation workshop that will help participants understand how to treat and manage properties during drought conditions. The workshop will be held on Saturday, May 2 from 9:30 am until 1:30 pm along No Thoroughfare Wash, an area where tamarisk and Russian olive were recently cleared from private property and from lands managed by local municipalities. Experts from partner organizations

will be on hand to help participants best understand how to prepare for the dry summer months ahead. Topics of discussion to include: dryland revegetation techniques to increase success rates, maintenance practices for trees and woodland areas, xeric plant selection and care, revegetation approaches to reduce noxious weed pressure on desirable species, habitat improvements to deter or attract wildlife, and specific treatment recommendations for dealing with weed concerns.

Participants are encouraged to bring along unknown plant samples for identification and specific management recommendations. The cost for the workshop is \$10 for students, \$15 for individuals, and \$25 per

couple; the cost includes lunch, provided by Fisher's Market. Both beginners and experienced landowners will find value in this workshop.

Please register at <http://tamariskcoalition.wildapricot.org/event-1908653> by April 27th to reserve your spot.

Any questions can be directed to CSU Ext. and John Rizza at 970-242-4511 x 128 or [jrizza@colostate.edu](mailto:jrizza@colostate.edu) or Tamarisk Coalition and Shannon Hatch at 970-256-7400 or [shatch@tamariskcoalition.org](mailto:shatch@tamariskcoalition.org). Maps and additional information are located at our website <http://www.tamariskcoalition.org/caring-your-land-during-drought-workshop>.



**Breakfast doesn't have to have calories any more.**  
**Stick with The Mirror.**  
**100 percent good for your health.**





## WEST CENTRAL WOMEN OF INFLUENCE...

# TAMMY WEST



*Tammy West.  
Courtesy photo.*

*Interview by  
Gail Marvel*  
MONTROSE  
-Fitness in-  
structor Tam-  
my West  
moved to  
Montrose in  
1981 where  
she, along  
with her hus-  
band, were  
first manag-  
ers and later  
owners of the  
Montrose  
Athletic Club  
(MAC). Many  
will remember  
that in 2008  
the MAC,

located at the intersection of Rio Grand Ave and Apollo Road, burned down. Tammy found herself jobless, -I was afraid to seek out employment with other fitness centers because of the competition and the young instructors." Tammy need not have worried as she was warmly welcomed into other centers. Tammy does not consider herself a natural leader, but a team player. In some situations, such as softball, she has been forced into leadership roles. -The team

built me up and encouraged me to be a leader. I had muscle toughness, but not mental toughness. It was through others that I gained confidence."

A fitness instructor for 33 years, Tammy currently teaches classes at Gold's Gym, In Motion Therapy and the Montrose campus of Colorado Mesa University. -I teach nine classes a week, which is about 25 hours. I can add paperwork and planning to my schedule, but physically I can't teach more classes."

The fitness industry has come a long way and continues to evolve. -A our bodies change the exercises we do must also change." In the beginning of her career Tammy believed there was already an exercise for everything, but she learned she had to listen to her class. -A first I couldn't believe people were trying to tell me what to do when I was the one standing in front of the class teaching them what to do! I learned it couldn't be my way, it had to be their way."


In today's fitness arena there is a mixture of people - older, younger, physically limited and handicapped. -I have to show people options; show them another way. I learned to do pushups on the floor, but you can actually do pushups against a wall." Tammy refers to all of her exercise classes as teams. -I love to participate and walk the walk. I don't tell people to do 10 pushups if I can't do them myself." Alt-

hough Tammy has not experienced any gender issues in her career field, she has observed that women often have a certain comfort level, and relate better to, female instructors. -However, I do encourage people to cross train with different instructors, both male and female."

Interestingly, Tammy is in a profession that offers her employment for as long as she wants to work. -Because of the baby boomers I'll be needed until I can't instruct any more. Seniors like being led by a senior."

She laughed, -Well, I'm a young senior. Everyone seems younger to me!" In some ways the senior population is more challenging to work with because some people have balance issues and are unable to stand. -I have to find ways that they can do a workout in a seated position." Tammy is a certified instructor for Silver Sneakers, a program designed specifically for senior fitness where her oldest student was a young 92 years old. -We used bands, weights and chairs. Chairs are the best teaching tool for stretching, stability and balance work." Tammy's leadership advice, -Do't try to cover up your weaknesses, find people on your team who have strength in that area. Learn to take constructive criticism; if you don't change, you don't grow. Learn to listen to your teammates, they often have the best advice."





**Sticking Together**

**MONTROSE**  
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

www.MontroseHospital.com

Montrose Memorial Hospital has been privileged to deliver healthcare services to our friends and family for over 65 years. We are thankful to the community for its support, and look forward to working together with you as we expand our services.

Sticking Together  
- it's what Friends and Family do!

800 South Third Street, Montrose, CO 81401  
970-249-2211

## Our Double Eagle Sponsors:



**John Abel**  
(970) 249 - 4924



**TRAVEL CENTER**  
1440 South Townsend  
(970) 249-7343



(970) -242-7575

## Sponsorship Levels Available:

**Par:** \$100.00

(Name on display board & rule sheet at event)

**Birdie:** \$150.00

(Same as Par plus a Hole Sponsor Sign)

**Eagle:** \$250.00

(Same as Birdie plus Media Advertising)

**Double Eagle:** \$500.00

Same as Eagle plus Your Company Banner at Event)

**Or donate a prize or auction item**

**Volunteers of America is a 501 (c) 3 charity**  
**All proceeds from this event go towards a**  
**special project to benefit our residents.**

### For additional entry forms:

The Black Canyon Golf Course – 249-4653

Or

The Homestead at Montrose – 252-9359

**Send entry form along with check payable to**

**The Homestead at Montrose;**

**1819 Pavilion Drive; Montrose, Co. 81401**

**Sign up below to play:**

**PLAYERS NAMES**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_



## THE HOMESTEAD AT MONTROSE

&

## OUR MAJOR SPONSOR

**Announce Our Fundraiser Golf Tournament**



(970) 615-7210

**Dr. Buck Buchanan / Dr. Matthew Peterson**  
**1871 E. Main St.; Montrose**

**Saturday, June 6, 2015**

**At The Black Canyon Golf Course**



*Montrose, Colorado*

**8:30 a.m. Shotgun Start**

**2-Person teams**

18 Hole – Scramble Format

HANDICAPPED & FLIGHTED

**Green Fee includes:**

**golf, cart, range balls, lunch & prizes.**

**ONLY \$55 per Player**

**NO extra charges at check-in**

**PHONE NUMBER**

**HANDICAP**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### GREAT STRATEGIC PLANNING—WORKSHOP FOR NONPROFITS

#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-Nonprofit board and staff members from the Western Slope are invited to a workshop on “Great Strategic Planning.” Teams are encouraged.

The same workshop will be offered in Gunnison, Delta and Ridgway on April 27 and 28.

The guest presenter of “Great Strategic Planning” is Kelleen Zubick of Denver, Executive Director of Share Our Strength Colorado. She also was a founder of Mis-

sionSpark, a consulting group that worked with nonprofits statewide on strategic planning issues to maximize mission impact.

The Delta workshop will be held on Tuesday, April 28, at Westminster Hall, 145 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, from 8:30-11:30 a.m. The fee is \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. The link for online registration is <http://craamerica.org/rural-philanthropy-days/regional-websites/western-slope/capacity-building-in-the-western-slope/>, or attendees can register by calling the Com-

munity Foundation of the Gunnison Valley, 970-641-8837.

The Best Practices series draws from the manual “Principles & Practices” from the Colorado Nonprofit Association.

The series continues the impact of Rural Philanthropy Days, and is guided by a regional team of nonprofit board and staff members in concert with the Community Resource Center of Denver.

For more information, contact Maryo Ewell, [maryo@cfgv.org](mailto:maryo@cfgv.org), 970-641-3570.

### WEEHAWKEN PRESENTS SECOND ANNUAL FORK FEST MAY 8-9

#### *Special to the Mirror*

RIDGWAY-Weehawken Creative Arts is excited to announce the 2nd Annual Ouray ForkFest on May 8-9, 2015!

A collective group consisting of local non-profit Weehawken Creative Arts, local restaurants, and community volunteers have come together to resurrect the old

Ouray Culinary Festival, but with a fresh local twist. This year’s family friendly event on May 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> is a way to discover and get a glimpse of what Ouray County has to offer in culinary choices and options.

The 2015 Ouray Fork Fest features local producers, delicious and fine-dining cuisine from local restaurants, wine pairings

and tastings, cooking classes and workshops, and a champagne brunch. Buy passes online [click here](#) or call 970-318-0150 until Thursday 4pm, or at the door on Friday at Cavallo’s.

For more information and to buy tickets please visit Weehawken’s website at [www.weehawkenarts.org](http://www.weehawkenarts.org) or call 970.318.0150.

FROM NAPA VALLEY TO NEW YORK CITY  
**WE STAND OUT FROM THE REST WITH**  
**QUALITY & PRECISION**  
 AWARD-WINNING CUSTOMER SERVICE  
 VOTED BEST OF THE VALLEY 11 YEARS RUNNING  
**SCOTT'S PRINTING & DESIGN**  
 IS A SMALL PROFESSIONAL  
**PRINTING & DESIGN**  
 FIRM BASED IN MONTROSE, COLORADO  
 WITH THE TALENT & TECHNOLOGY  
 TO HELP YOU PUT IT IN PRINT.

**SINCE 1978**

[tel] 970.249.2611 :: [fax] 970.249.7068

Look for the time and temperature sign at 315 South 12<sup>th</sup> Street – or visit us online at [www.scottsprinting.com](http://www.scottsprinting.com)

## ARTS AND CULTURE!

### PIANIST/COMPOSER ROBIN SPIELBERG TO PERFORM IN RIDGWAY, MONTROSE

#### *Special to the Mirror*

RIDGWAY – Immerse yourself in an evening of piano music at an intimate concert with lyrical, interpretive pianist, composer and music therapist Robin Spielberg on Thursday, April 30 at the Ouray County 4-H Event Center.

Named to the prestigious Steinway Artist Roster, Spielberg is one of America's most popular contemporary female pianists/composers.

“From the moment she walks on stage, until the last note gently caresses the room, Spielberg casts a spell on her audience that is palpable, visceral, and spiritual,” writes Bruce Bressack of HippoPress New Hampshire. “Better said – after you see her perform, you’ll just feel a whole lot better about the world.”

Spielberg’s New Age music – and the stories

behind her entertaining and soothing compositions – are a celebration of life and love meant to bring healing. Her concerts always intertwine musical performance with stories that inspire, enlighten and make us laugh.

Spielberg has been winning the hearts of listeners around the world with her compelling melodies and sensitive piano techniques ever since debuting her first recording of original solos for piano, *Heal of the Hand*. Her music has been featured throughout the world in film and television, and on more than 40 CDs that together have sold more than a million copies.

The upcoming concert in Ridgway is presented by the Ouray County Performing Arts Guild, and will include songs from Spielberg’s newest CD, *Another Time, Another Place*, as well as

stories from her life with music. Showtime is 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$15 and are available online at [www.ocpag.org](http://www.ocpag.org), at the door, or by calling 970/626-2970. While in the area, Spielberg – a Celebrity Artist Spokesperson for the American Music Therapy Association – will also give an afternoon program at Spring Creek Chalet in Montrose following a luncheon with the residents and guests from Neighbor to Neighbor in Ouray. The Ouray County Performing Arts Guild is a not-for-profit organization bringing quality events in music, dance, theater and other genres to the Ouray County region. Its purpose is to sponsor presentations and performers of the highest caliber in the performing arts for the enjoyment of our region’s residents and visitors.

### COLORADO BYWAY COMMISSION SEEKS APPROVAL FOR TRACKS ACROSS BORDERS SCENIC BYWAY

#### *Special to the Mirror*

DENVER – Colorado’s Byways Commission is asking the state Transportation Commission to approve and designate a new Scenic and Historic Byway through southwestern Colorado and northern New Mexico.

The proposed Tracks Across Borders Byway would follow the route of the historic narrow gauge portion of the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad (D&RG) between Durango, CO. and Chama, NM. Many segments include travel on the original railroad grade, near many railroad remnants and through numerous ghost towns. In addition to travel through two states, it also would offer stories related to the Native American and Hispanic cultures and stunning scenery. A primary feature of the proposed Byway is one of Colorado’s greatest stories – the creation and development of the D&RG, the state’s first, and ultimately the nation’s largest, narrow gauge railroad system. This Byway also would link two of Colorado’s most important and existing historic narrow gauge railroads - the Durango & Silverton Railroad and the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad - both remaining parts of the San Juan Extension built in the early 1880’s. The proposed route would travel the following roadways – south and east from Durango: U.S. 160 south and east to State Highway 172; State Highway 172 to Ignacio; State Highway 151 to north of Arboles; Archuleta County roads 500 and 551 east and south into New Mexico Rio Arriba County road in New Mexico east to Dulce; U.S. 64 east to Chama, NM. Colorado’s Transportation Commission is expected to review and vote on designating the new Byway at its regular monthly meeting in April. New Mexico’s Transportation Commission is expected to review and approve their portion of the Byway on May 21.

The last time Colorado added a Byway to its program was in 2005.

Montrose High School Jazz Bands Presents

# THE GREAT GATSBY GALA

A Roarin' Good Time For a Swell Cause!

12th Annual Swing Dance

\$15 ADMISSION ★ SATURDAY, APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup>  
Dinner: 5:30PM—7:30PM | Dancing: 7PM—9:30PM  
Friendship Hall

Dinner by <b>Rib City</b>	FREE SWING DANCE Instruction	SILENT AUCTION	Costumes Admired but not required!
------------------------------	------------------------------------	-------------------	---------------------------------------

To purchase tickets or for questions call 970-252-6499



# Experiencing the (local) Church

## WRITER GAIL MARVEL VISITS LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH



*By Gail Marvel*

MONTROSE—My visit to Living Word Lutheran Church took place on Jan. 18, 2015. Although the building itself is relatively new, on Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> this congregation celebrated their 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

The bulletin for this liturgical church (WELS Evangelical Lutheran Synod) was a whopping 22 pages in length. The legal sized bi-fold booklet contained responsive readings, prayers, hymns, Scripture, the Nicene Creed, the Lord's Prayer, historical background on selected readings, the upcoming week's schedule — and impressively, the required citations for publishing and reprinting copyrighted material.

As you proceed from the large foyer to the sanctuary the atmosphere transitions from that of visiting, to that of worship. A smiling Jim Burger welcomed me saying, "I'll bet you're here to interview us!" As a matter of courtesy Jim told me the church practices closed communion and the Sacraments (wafer and juice) are served only to members.

There was no music leader per se and hymns, with piano accompaniment, made up the majority of the song selections. Offering plates were passed by ushers, but all other aspects of the service were per-

formed by Pastor Matthew Frey. Formal in structure, Pastor Frey clearly announced to worshippers, who numbered about 60, the various segments of service and the corresponding page numbers. At the appropriate time ushers dismiss people in an orderly manner to partake of communion, as well as at the conclusion of the service.

The sermon, the third installment in the series, —How do you fit into God's Plan? was titled, —How He Speaks to You." The text, taken from John 1:43-51, was read twice, once before the sermon and again during the message. Aside from Jesus, the central figure in this passage of Scripture is Nathanael, a skeptical man who wondered aloud if anything good could come from Nazareth. It wasn't until Jesus called Nathanael by name and revealed he had recently been under a fig tree, that Nathanael believed Jesus to be the Son of God.

Pastor Frey illustrated his thoughts by reminding us what it's like to take a car to the shop for a diagnostic check. —You pay for a checkup before the problem is identified, and you can't fix the problem before you know what the problem is. A diagnostic check often brings out things [other hidden problems] that we don't want to see."

In essence Jesus performed a diagnostic checkup on Nathanael. Jesus saw him under the fig tree, knew that he had made fun of Jesus' home town, knew all his thoughts, and knew his attitude. —Jesus called Nathanael out, and the diagnosis was done publically." Personalizing the story, the pastor said, —We don't want others to evaluate us. We deny, excuse it, and then accuse them. If the Lord did a diagnostic check on you, what would he bring to light?" A diagnostic checkup takes place when we stand before the Word of God. —It points out my failings and pin points the flaws for which I am responsible. It's not fun at all to go through."

Continuing with the car theme Pastor Frey talked of buying a used car —as is" and noted that in such a purchase the buyer takes full responsibility for dents, scratches and malfunctions. —Jesus paid full price for you — he paid with his life. You can't repay him; you can't love him enough for what he has done. Jesus wanted you despite your shortcomings."

*Contact information:*  
Living Word Lutheran Church  
2820 Payton Drive  
Montrose, CO 81401  
970-249-4405

*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.*

## **ALZHEIMER'S EDUCATION SERIES**

### **Living with Alzheimer's for Middle Stage Caregivers: April 9, 4:00-5:00pm**

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. Montrose**

**RSVP to Erin at 970-275-1220 or eberge@voa.org**

### **Living with Alzheimer's for Late Stage Caregivers: April 23, 4:00-5:00pm**

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

**4:00 – 5:00 pm Colorado Mesa University, Classroom 106, 234 S. Cascade Ave. Montrose**

**RSVP to Erin at 970-275-1220 or eberge@voa.org**

### **Legal and Financial Planning for Alzheimer's Disease: May 14 & 21, 4:00-5:00pm**

In this class, you will have a chance to learn about important legal and financial issues to consider, how to put plans in place, and how to access legal and financial resources near you. Topics include: Making legal plans that fit your need - Legal documents you'll need and what they mean for you - How to find legal and financial assistance - Practical strategies for making a long-term plan of care - Tax deductions and credits - Government programs that can help pay for care

**4:00 – 5:00 pm Colorado Mesa University, Classroom 106, 234 S. Cascade Ave. Montrose**

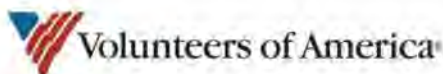
**RSVP to Erin at 970-275-1220 or eberge@voa.org**

### **Understanding & Responding to Dementia Related Behaviors: June 11 & 18, 4:00-5:00pm**

Behavior is a powerful form of communication and is one of the primary ways for people with dementia to communicate their needs and feelings as the ability to use language is lost. However, some behaviors can present real challenges for caregivers to manage. Join us to learn to decode behavioral messages, identify common behavior triggers, and learn strategies to help intervene with some of the most common behavioral challenges of Alzheimer's disease.

**4:00 – 5:00 pm Colorado Mesa University, Classroom 106, 234 S. Cascade Ave. Montrose**

**RSVP to Erin at 970-275-1220 or eberge@voa.org**





## ARTS AND CULTURE!

### RAG RUG CLASSES SCHEDULED IN MONTROSE



#### *Special to the Mirror*

REGIONAL-A “enhance” encounter with an 80-year-old rug maker in Idaho in 1980 started Montrose resident Bobbie Irwin on a worldwide quest to revive a disappearing folk craft. Since then, she has interviewed rug makers, documented their rugs, and studied rare rugs in museums including The Smithsonian and the Royal British Columbia Museum. Her two books on twined rag rugs are the only books ever published about this craft, and she is recognized throughout the country as an authority on the technique. She has taught classes throughout the U.S. and in Canada,

and as time allows, she occasionally schedules rug classes in western Colorado. Her classes as well as her books are dedicated to her mentor, who taught her the technique.

Twined rag rugs are unusually beautiful, often with intricate patterning rarely found in rag rugs. The twining technique is man’s earliest method for assembling flexible materials and dates back to at least 26,000 years B.C. It is still used frequently in basketry. Twined rag rugs are a more recent development, starting about 1850 and having multiple origins in northern Europe, the Pacific Northwest, and other locations. Most American twined rugs reflect European origins and were made on simple frames. Rug makers near Capitol Reef National Park in Utah have demonstrated this craft at the park for many years, one of the locations where Irwin has offered workshops. While living in Utah in the 1990s, Irwin lectured throughout the state about twined rugs as a member of the Utah Humanities Council Speakers’ Bureau.

Rug twining requires no experience and

only minimal, inexpensive equipment...a simple frame and common household supplies, plus scrap fabrics. Children as young as five can learn the method, and it is offered as therapy in certain nursing homes to people in their 90s. The rugs are more durable than many of the other rag-rug techniques such as weaving and braiding.

The public is invited to help revive this old tradition while learning how to make rag rugs.

A beginner’s class on twining rag rugs on a frame is scheduled for Saturday, May 2, at the Delta-Montrose Electric Association in Montrose. The class fee of \$45 includes a small frame to keep, on which you will make a hot-pad sampler to learn different pattern techniques and how to plan and finish a full-sized rug at home.

A second class, on twining circular rugs and baskets, is scheduled for Saturday, May 23, at the same location, for a fee of \$35. Both classes are open to beginners, although a little twining experience is helpful for the circular class. Preregistration is required; contact Bobbie Irwin, (970) 249-2981, [irwin@rmi.net](mailto:irwin@rmi.net).

## HONORABLE MENTION

*To Marie Johnson...congratulations and best wishes. You will do this new job as well as anybody ever has!!!*

*To Coffee Trader, for 16 years in business. And for bringing us great customer service every day for all those years...*

*To Randy and Pat Sunderland of the Delta County Independent, for managing to do what so many others have not, and publish an excellent small town weekly newspaper that remains relevant—in print AND online...[www.deltacountyindependent.com](http://www.deltacountyindependent.com)...*

*To Emily Sanchez and the team at the Montrose County Fairgrounds—it’s exciting to see this venue, right in the heart of town, used more and more for community events...*

*To Robyn Funk of WRETAC, for writing so many grants that have helped our community in so many ways for so many years...nice work!*

*...and to Jody and John Holland and family. Love and prayers.*

## MIRROR CLASSIFIEDS

### 4H INTERN SOUGHT FOR SUMMER 2015

4-H Summer Intern Position Announcement: The Montrose CSU Extension office is excited to announce that we are once again looking to employ a summer intern. We are seeking an intern between the ages of 16-22 years old to work from May 2015 to August 2015. The Intern CANNOT be a currently enrolled 4-H Member. The 4-H intern will be required to work with the County 4-H Extension Agent(s) and staff to promote and develop the 4-H events and activities that take place throughout the summer in both Montrose and Ouray Counties. Job duties will include marketing, material organization, event coordination, and administrative work. The intern is expected to complete approximately 20-30 hours per week over a 10-15 week period during the summer and will be compensated \$10 per hour.

Applicants will be required to fill out an online application. The direct link to the job description and application is: <http://co-montroseportal2.civicplus.com/Jobs.aspx?UniqueId=76&From=All&CommunityJobs=False&JobID=MONTROSE-COUNTY-4H-Intern-466>

Contact Brandon Creamer with questions at 970-249-3935. Position closes May 4th, 2015.

### 2015 STUPID BAND SPRING EARTH DANCE

April 25, Doors open at 7:30 p.m.

Turn of the Century Saloon

Admission is \$10 and two non-perishable food items for a local food bank!

### AFFORDABLE RENTAL-DELTA COUNTY

Small attached, historic Main Street Unit in Austin, suited for residential or small business. Two bedrooms, one bath, yard and parking. No pets, smoking. \$450 month plus deposit. Call 970.275.5791 for information or to view. Available May 1, 2015.

## WHEN YOU WANT TO HIRE THE BEST.



**PROFESSIONALLY TRAINED  
LICENSED AND INSURED**



## CALL US. 970-240-1872



# GOVERNMENT BEAT REPORT

## MONTROSE BOCC WORK SESSION 04-15-15



*The Montrose Board of County Commissioners' Work Session, April 15, 2015. Photo by Sandra Tyler.*

By Sandra Tyler

Government Beat Reporter

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS 4/15/2015

The first order of business at the work session was to review the agenda for 4/20/15 meeting. Another Airport item to be added. Resolutions need to be numbered.

### EMERGENCY MANAGER UPDATE

Mr. Don Angell discussed that drills and exercises are coming up, including drills and services with the MMH including two lock-downs this week (Thursday PM, Friday AM) to test securing the premises by the police. An airport drill is coming up. The state helicopter is coming in 6/1/15.

Western RETAC (Regional Emergency Medical and Trauma Advisory Councils) Executive Board Meeting is Tuesday. Colorado has 11 Regional Emergency Medical and Trauma Advisory Councils (RETACs) authorized by statute to provide a coordinated approach to emergency med-

ical and trauma care. Each RETAC has a coordinator, who provides support and services to the board and member counties. Comments were made that an audit might be of use as there were 2 spreadsheets with different numbers.

Mr. Angell brought up the Bedrock bridge status as there was a public meeting in Bedrock 4/16/15. Bedrock has chosen to make the bridge one of historical significance, which means that historical regulations have added layers to the issue. The foot of the bridge will need to be repaired significantly.

### MONTROSE EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SERVICE AUTHORITY (METSA) DISCUSSION

It was mentioned that METSA needs to meet state law in operations. It appears that METSA does not have a general ledger, is not providing information to the BOCC as requested via CORA, does not post their meeting notices, does not have a

financial plan, does not provide treasurer's reports, and it appears that they are not doing their job on behalf of the public. METSA must be accountable. Ms. Teresa Williams will meet with Mr. Don Angell to draft a letter requesting an audit for the past three years. Names were suggested for signing of the letter. A recent Fact Sheet prepared by staff for the BOCC regarding 911 needs to be released to the public. Apparently it shows that the County has been paying more than half of the city's portion of the 911 bill and that more than 90 percent of the 911 calls are within Montrose County. Personal comment: the heat is on for reconciliation of the 911 issues. Spreadsheet provided by the Dispatch Center adds up to 79.72 percent of the calls within Montrose County, 5.91 percent for Ouray, 2.27 percent for Ridgeway, 11.78 percent for Telluride and Mountain Village, and 0.31 percent for National Parks.

MOU RENEWAL FOR BROWN CENTER  
Ms. Kristin Pulatie, Interim HHS Public Health Director, presented the need to renew the MOU with other counties in the amount of \$2,800 to fund one bed per day for treatment at Hilltop whether used or not. She suggested the the MOU renewal should be more thoroughly reviewed at the next renewal time when the position of HHS Public Health Executive Director has been filled. Note: There will be an Executive Session after the BOCC public meeting Monday, 4/20/15, to interview two well-qualified applicants for the open Public Health Executive Director position.

### MOU RENEWAL FOR BROWN CENTER

Ms. Teresa Williams, county attorney since Oct. 2013, reminded the Commissioners that the gravel pit issue will be heard April 23 at the Planning Commission and to not talk to anyone as it will create a conflict of interest due to bias.

**THANKS FOR READING THE MONTROSE MIRROR—NOW WEEKLY ON MONDAYS!  
FRESH NEWS FOR BUSY PEOPLE!**

**CONTACT US AT EDITOR@MONTROSEMIRROR.COM OR 970-275-5791!**

## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY HOSTS EARTH WEEK FESTIVAL TO RAISE FUNDS FOR MHS SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-The Montrose chapter of the National Honor Society, in partnership with the City of Montrose, is organizing an Earth Week Festival for children and families. The festival will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on April 25 in Riverbottom Park. There will be a kids' carnival, celebrity chef demos, live music, hot-dog grill out, petting zoo, live auction, raffle, and so much more. All proceeds from the Earth Week Festival will be donated directly to the MHS science department and will be used to purchase \$12,000 worth of lab equipment that the department needs.

More than 150 students take college-level science classes at MHS every day. The MHS science department recently acquired 32 iPads to keep up with the ever-increasing role of technology in the classroom. In order to effectively use this technology, though, they need more software and accessories. There is also only one class set of microscopes to be shared among all science classes, and new slides for them would make certain assignments more effective. The MHS science department needs \$35,000 for this equipment; they received \$23,000 through generous grants and contributions, and the National

Honor Society aims to raise the remaining \$12,000 through the MHS Earth Week Festival. "The National Honor Society is grateful to be working with the City of Montrose to organize this event. They have provided an incredible platform for this event to be built off of, and we are excited to have been included in their Earth Week celebration," said Event Organizer and MHS Senior Amber Sogge. "Earth Week is from April 20-25 and includes a number of incredible community events."

For more information on Earth Week activities, please visit [cityofmontrose.org/EarthWeek](http://cityofmontrose.org/EarthWeek).

**COMMUNITY TAP NIGHT AT HORSEFLY BREWING COMPANY ON APRIL 21 TO BENEFIT THE MONTROSE SUMMER MUSIC SERIES! BEGINNING AT 6 P.M. \$1 FROM EVERY BEER SOLD GOES TO BENEFIT THE FREE MUSIC FESTIVAL.**



## Colorado Retirement Services

Experience & Service Since 1987

### Marilynn Huseby

- Long Term Care Counseling
- Colorado Partnership Plans
- Medicare Supplements
- Home Care & Claims Support
- Personalized Prescription Coverage

A no-cost Medicare counseling can help you understand your plan and prescription options, make informed choices, and know your rights.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday by appointment.

**888-707-1040**

**970-252-1040**

**greatfull123@hotmail.com**



## Hold the Date! Upcoming Business and Cultural Events

### ONGOING-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### MONTHLY-

**April 21**-Noon to 1 p.m., **Medicaid Waivers and Veteran Benefits** - Sponsored by Region 10 and Montrose County Adult and Veterans Services, presenters; Stephanie Holsinger Adults Services Director and Sheldon Smith Veterans Services Officer. Cost: Free Location: Region 10, 300 N. Cascade Ave. Registration required: Register online at [www.region10.net](http://www.region10.net) or call 249-2436.

**April 22**-Retirement party for Re-1J's Don Mace, Montrose High School Cafeteria 4 to 6 p.m. Come and Celebrate!

**April 22**-Delta County residents and business are invited to an Economic Development Open House to share your opinion on ideas for growing jobs in our community, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on April 22 at the Orchard City Town Hall. New concepts for job creation will be presented for community comments. Food will be provided by Davetos.

**April 22**-Livewell Montrose Olathe Open House, 12:45 to 4 p.m. 238 South Second Street, Montrose. At work recognition 12:45 p.m.; Mountain Bike Trails Presentation 1:30 and 2 p.m.; seed swap for community and school gardens, 2 to 4 p.m.

**April 23**-In the late stage of Alzheimer's disease, caregiving typically involves new ways of connecting and interacting with the person with the disease. Join us for this class to hear from caregivers and professionals about resources, monitoring care and providing meaningful connection for individuals with late-stage Alzheimer's and their families. 4 - 5 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](mailto:mailto:eberge@voa.org)>.

**April 23**-Re-1J Schools present Resources for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Central Office Building Board Room, 930 Colorado Avenue. 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

**April 23**--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. 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.

**April 23**-Montrose County Planning Commission public hearing on proposed gravel pit, 6 p.m. Montrose County Fairgrounds-Pioneer Room.

**April 23**-Colorado Retirement Services presentation, Home Equity Conversion Mortgage Loans. 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. Montrose Library Community Room.

**April 24**-Family Movie Night, Montrose County Fairgrounds-free dinner at 6 p.m. Movie "Epic" at 7 p.m.

**April 24-25**-Weehawken Creative Arts presents dance theater production of "The Golden Ticket" at the Montrose Pavilion Performances are at 7 p.m. Friday and 1 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets will go on sale to the public on March 23rd and will be available at Mouse's Chocolates in Ouray; at Cimarron 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.

**April 24**-Community Groundbreaking Ceremony for new Montrose Recreation Center, 5:30 to 7 p.m. CRC site behind Walmart at Woodgate and Ogden roads. 5K run/walk, beginning at 5:30 pm, will symbolize the progress made by the community regarding our recreation infrastructure. Free food, free family activities, a bonfire and the official groundbreaking ceremony.

**April 25**-Registration for Magic Circle Theatre-Theatre for Children Drama Camp, 9:30 a.m. at the Theatre, 420 South 12th St.

**April 25** — "**Crevice Garden Construction**"— Beginning at 1:00 PM with Mike Kintgen, Senior Horticulturist from Denver Botanical Gardens and Kenton Seth, Landscape designer from Paintbrush Gardens, Grand Junction. A brief presentation in the East entrance to the Montrose Pavilion Event Center, 1800 Pavilion Dr., followed by the actual construction of a Crevice Garden in the Botanical Gardens directly south of the Pavilion. \$5 Montrose Botanical Society members; \$10 non-members. [www.montrosegardens.org](http://www.montrosegardens.org) or 249-1115.

**April 25**-Montrose High School Jazz Bands present, 12th Annual Swing Dance, A Great Gatsby Gala, 7 to 9:30 p.m. at Friendship Hall.

**April 25**-2015 Stupid Band Earth Dance, Turn of the Century, doors open at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$10 and 2 non-perishable food items!

**April 26**-Ridgway's Sherbino Theater presents Sherb Sunday Cinema: "Tracks" With the continuing partnership between The Sherbino Theater and The Crested Butte Film Festival, April's featured film in the Sherb Sunday Cinema series is based on the true life event and journey of an Australian women who treks across the Australian outback with four camels and her faithful canine companion. The movie "Tracks," follows this adventurous, emotional, and inspirational journey and is a film that should not be missed. Doors and cash bar open at 7 pm. \$7 entry at the door.

**April 28**—"Great Strategic Planning" in Delta with Kelleen Zubick, Executive Director of Share Our Strength Colorado, at Westminster Hall, 145 E. 4th Street, from 8:30-11:30 a.m. The fee is \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. The link for online registration is <http://circamerica.org/rural-philanthropy-days/regional-websites/western-slope/capacity-building-in-the-western-slope/>, or attendees can register by calling the Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley, 970-641-8837.

**April 30**-Colorado Retirement Services presentation, Know the Programs That Can Help Protect Your Family Through Long Recoveries, Illnesses, or Long Term Care. 11:30 to 1:30 p.m., Montrose Library Community Room.

**April 30**-Join Brendan Allison at Ridgway's Sherbino Theater from 7 to 9 p.m. as he describes how brain-computer interfaces (BCIs) allow communication without movement. People have been able to spell, browse the internet, play games, and perform many other tasks just by thinking, and BCIs (brain-computer interfaces) are the only form of communication possible for many severely disabled persons. Doors and cash bar open at 7 pm. \$10 suggested donation at the door.

**Help Our Community Stop Child Abuse, Call 1-844-CO-4-KIDS**



# Stuffed Animal Drive

**Benefiting children in foster care in Montrose and surrounding counties.**



**We will gladly accept new and gently used stuffed animals. Also in need of children's underwear and socks of all sizes.**



## **DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:**

**Montrose County Health & Human Services (1845 S. Townsend), Cherry Creek Radio (106 Rose Ln.) CASA (300 N. Cascade), or Dolphin House (735 S. 1st St.)**

## **April is Child Abuse Prevention Month**

**Help Our Community Stop Child Abuse Now, Call 1-844-CO-4-KIDS**

**Don't forget about our FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT raising awareness & education for stopping child abuse.**

**April 24th, 6pm at the Montrose County Fairgrounds**

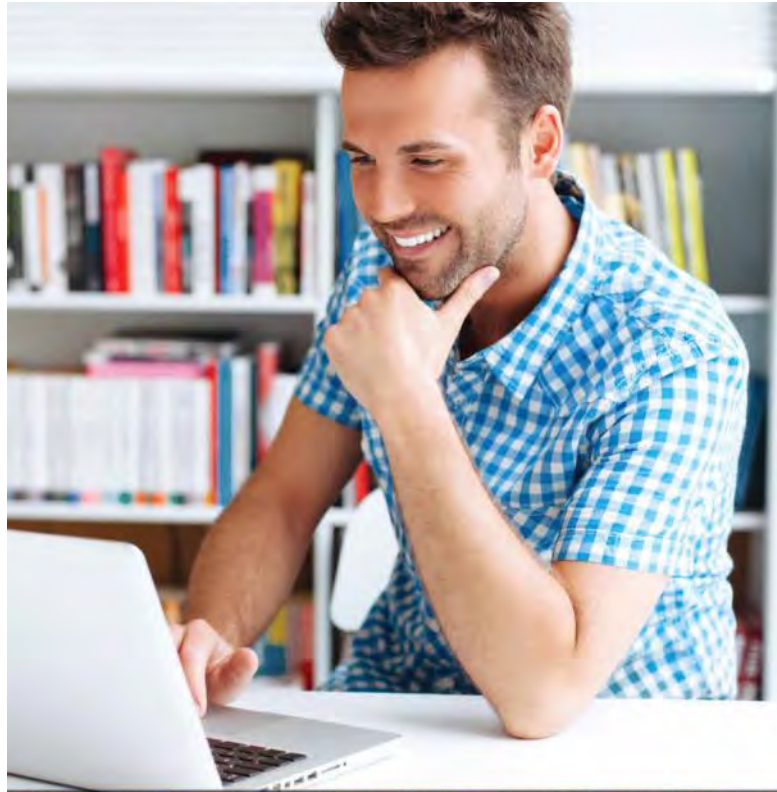




Contact the Montrose Mirror:  
Post Office Box 3244  
Montrose, CO 81402  
970-275-5791

[Editor@montrosemirror.com](mailto:Editor@montrosemirror.com)  
[www.montrosemirror.com](http://www.montrosemirror.com)

*Clockwise from top right: Photo of tulips in the snow by Brad Switzer, snowscape by Bill and Gail Marvel; and Dave Warren of Horsefly Brewing Company, whose handlebar mustache is expected to achieve dominance in the Montrose County Fair and Rodeo mustache contest this summer. —It started as a joke,” Warren says. —The ladies were terrified.”*



## Go GREEN with eStatements.

Good for the environment.  
Good for you.

Alpine Bank customers can get their monthly statements online. Not only are the statements easy to read, viewing them online saves paper. Simply log on to [alpinebank.com](http://alpinebank.com) or drop by Alpine Bank and we'll help you get set up. Safe, secure, easy and free. eStatements. Online. Anytime.



**Alpine Bank**

[alpinebank.com](http://alpinebank.com)

Member  
FDIC



1400 E. Main Street  
970.249.0400

2770 Alpine Drive  
970.240.0900