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## MONTROSE KAYAK & SURF OPENS IN LOMO

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Sure, they have more than 40 to 50 years of combined whitewater experience between them. That doesn't mean the staff at the new Montrose Kayak & Surf store (18 South Maple) have become jaded—far from it!

—Of course we are super-stoked!" owner Erik Dalton said. Dalton, who also owns Telluride's Jagged Edge, is joined in the new Montrose venture by life-long river pro Bill Glasscock.

—We have been in the region for 26 years," Glasscock said, —the paddling community is behind us. The shop has an absolutely great location a block from the river. And when we went before City Council, the reception was so impressive and welcoming. We had not yet decided on a name at that point, and because we felt so welcomed, we had to be inclusive too—so we are Montrose Kayak and Surf."

Expect to find top quality tubes for heading down-river, equipment rentals, and all kinds of accessories from wet suits and water shoes



Bill Glasscock, left, is the manager and staff of the exciting new Montrose Kayak & Surf shop at 18 South Maple in LoMo. The shop is a division of Jagged Edge in Telluride.

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## "WE CAN DO BETTER"

### ONE IN FOUR LOCAL KIDS STILL LIVING IN POVERTY



The economic picture may be improving, but too many Montrose kids are still going hungry on the weekends, local experts say. Mirror file photo.

By Caitlin Switzer

REGIONAL-Making sure local kids have what they need to become productive, well-adjusted adults is the focus of most families, and a number of community organizations in Montrose. So how are we doing?

For Executive Director Kaye Hotsenpiller of Hilltop Community Resources, the answer to that question is simple.

—We have a lot of kids living in poverty here in Montrose," said Hotsenpiller. —The overarching picture is that we are doing ok, but there's room for improvement—right now, there are just so many kids who don't have food on the table over the weekend."

Hilltop offers a full menu of support options, including pregnancy prevention, in support of local families. However, the more than 100 children who turned out for the most recent Kids Aid distribution (Kids Aid is a non-profit that provides food over the weekends for school kids) was disheartening—and alarming. Montrose's high rate of teen pregnancy is a concern as well, as is the higher-than-average rate

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## CENTENNIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL 2015 BRAVES CARD FUNDRAISER IS ON!



*Centennial Middle School students will be selling Braves cards until May 12.*

*By Caitlin Switzer*

MONTROSE—They may come to your door too! Centennial Middle School continues to push for more technological resources for students, and a fundraiser this month will involve the help of generous local businesses. Centennial, which has become a designated School of Innovation, will once again be offering a —Braves Card” to community members through May 12. The cards not only bring value with local offers and business discounts, the fundraiser has targeted a goal of raising \$14,000 to put new Chromebooks in the classroom as well as LCD projectors.

In a letter to parents on April 28, Centennial Principal Joe Simo pointed out that 98 percent of funds raised will remain at Cen-

tennial. —We have done this for seven years straight,” Centennial Principal Joe Simo said. —We rely on and greatly appreciate our business sponsors.”

The businesses on the card offer special discounts, but sales of the cards almost entirely benefit the school, unlike many other fundraisers, Simo noted. Among the businesses supporting Centennial Middle School include Amazing Glaze; Backstreet Bagel; Black Canyon Cleaners; Big O Tires; Chili’s; Davis Service Center; Fiesta Guadalajara; Gold’s Gym Montrose; Great Harvest Bread Company; Horsefly Brewing Company; Little Ceasars; Lion’s Main; Looney Bean; Mack’s Family Entertainment; McDonald’s of Montrose (both locations); Montrose Recreation District; Oxy Green Carpet Cleaning; Papa Murphy’s; Pizza Hut; and Rose Bowl.

For Amazing Glaze Owner Cheri McPherson, supporting a smart program like the Centennial Braves Card is a no-brainer. —I am doing this because I love having children in my business,” McPherson said. —I love helping out my community. And kids are my bread and butter!”

Students are excited to be a part of the Braves Card Fundraiser as well.

—The money will go to help seventh and eighth graders buy computers, and I will eventually be in seventh and eighth grades, so I want to help out,” Centennial Middle

School Sixth Grader Jack Switzer said.

And of course, like any school fundraiser, there are prizes for the kids who sell the most cards. As incentives for students to sell at least two Braves Cards apiece, Simo brainstormed ideas for prizes with members of the Centennial Middle School Student Council. Students who sell at least ten cards can throw a pie at Mr. Simo, those who sell at least 15 cards can eat lunch with Mr. Simo, and those who sell 20 or more will get a trip to Bananas Fun Park in Grand Junction. —We will have some grand prizes too, and raffles every day,” Simo said. —We really try to hype it up.”

Even heading off to lunch with students who have previously thrown pies at him is positive, he noted. —That’s the one the kids like most,” Simo said. —We go to a restaurant, sit down and eat. We do the appetizers, the whole thing. It really is a great time.”

Fundraising for academic needs may be a necessary evil, but in this case, the Braves Cards are a win-win for everyone. —We don’t like fundraising, but in the past we have had fundraisers in which 60 percent of the money raised goes back to the company,” he said. —It is important to get things for our students. We love this one; it helps our local businesses by advertising them, and 98 percent of the profits stay with our school.”

## COBBLE CREEK TO HOST SPRING TEA MAY 23

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE—Community members can support grieving youth in the community by joining Cobble Creek for their Spring Tea event to support HopeWest Kids’ Grief Programs. The tea party will be held Saturday, May 23 from 2 – 4 pm at the Cobble Creek Clubhouse and tickets are now available at \$15 per person.

Participants will enjoy an afternoon of

tea, scones, tea sandwiches and desserts along with animated conversation. Mothers, daughters, granddaughters, friends, and neighbors are all encouraged to attend and bring their favorite tea cup.

—We are so grateful to Cobble Creek for hosting this event and the community members that attend,” said Nancy Hogganson, Director of Community Relations at HopeWest. —Their generosity is helping

us reach out to more families to provide much needed support to kids at such a vulnerable time in their lives.”

For information about the event or for tickets, please call (970) 240-7776. Tickets are also available at the Cobble Creek Pro Shop.

For more information about the HopeWest Kids program please call (970) 252-2506 or visit HopeWestCO.org.

  
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## OPINION/EDITORIAL-LETTERS

### GRAVEL PIT WILL BENEFIT COUNTY AS A WHOLE

Dear Editor:

It was obvious from many published letters, and comments at the hearing on the Lazy K Bar gravel pit application, that the opponents' intention was to inflame the issue through misinformation, rumor, emotion, and fear, rather than seek reasonable solutions. No one took the time to determine the facts of, or even visit the proposed site.

It has been proven that there will be no view corridor damage, no loss of high value Ag land, no damage to wildlife, or downstream loss of Ag water. All of the existing pits north and south of town have existed for years among many residences. To assert that a new pit, totally removed from any objecting residences and completely out of sight, will devalue property or harm Montrose as a "retirement community" is a ridiculous stretch of the imagination.

The only valid concern voiced, is the dangerous intersection of Tulare, T Rd., and 550.

With the applicant being required to install acceleration and deceleration lanes to improve the safety of this intersection, one would think residents of Rivers Edge would be pleased to solve a lingering problem.

The greatest benefit of the pit will be an economic boost to Montrose's ailing economy. With the close of the United pit south of Government Spgs., there is no commercial source of gravel south of La Salle, yet demand remains. The new pit will bring jobs, boost the tax base, circulate much needed revenue among local businesses still struggling to survive, and provide the raw materials sorely needed in Montrose and Ouray counties in the future.

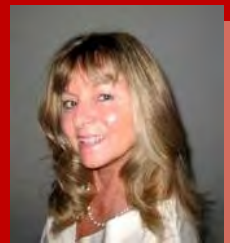
With the more than adequate safety and environmental restrictions built in, the economic benefits that will accrue to the county as a whole, far outweigh concerns of the few distant neighbors, that are not based on reality or fact.

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## LOCAL DISC GOLF COURSES APPEAL TO ALL AGES



*A player on the Montrose Disc Golf Course. Mirror file photo.*

*By Caitlin Switzer*

MONTROSE—It could be one of the best kept secrets of the Western Slope—but the Olathe Disc Golf Course is no secret to those who love the sport.

“It is a newer course, at the Corn Fest Park,” local disc golfer Brett Burch, age 22, said, “and they put in new equipment last year. There is a better variety of shots there—you can score, but if you are not playing well, the course will punish you.”

Yes, Montrose has a pretty good disc golf course too, Burch said.

“I grew up playing Olathe, but I like the Montrose Course too,” Burch said. “It’s

challenging and good to learn on. There are a variety of shots that are through and around trees, and over a pond.”

Burch has played disc golf for six years, and hopes to continue for the rest of his life.

“It’s a great sport,” he said. “I get you outdoors, and it’s good to play with friends, because it can be competitive. But you can also head out early in the morning before anybody else—it can be very peaceful. A lot of people love it just for that reason—but there are lots of reasons to play.

“Disc golf is inexpensive, very athletic, and challenging,” he said. “It’s a great community sport.”

The Montrose Disc Golf Course was created in 2000 as an Eagle Scout project, Montrose Parks Superintendent John Malloy said. And though there are no statistics kept on use, the course on Sunset Mesa is played an estimated 60 to 70 times a week, Malloy said. Maintenance of the course has been done with a combination of city and community work efforts. “Recently the Montrose, Olathe and Delta Disc Golf (MOD Golf) community worked with the (newly-created volunteer group) Parks Ambassadors program to refurbish 500 linear feet of trail within the course,” Malloy said. “This is a formal volunteer pro-

ject that was initiated in response to the disc golf community’s desire to do more volunteer work within the course.

“The MOD group did a fund raiser last year and raised \$6,500 dollars to replace 18 baskets in Olathe,” Malloy said, “Also, we built a new 9-hole park and cleaned up and updated an 18-hole park in Delta.”

Because the open space areas of Baldridge and Cerise parks are used by the public, disc golfers try to be aware of the presence of others, Malloy said, adding that vandalism of the Montrose course has been a concern.

“Metal chains have been cut off many of the baskets,” he said, adding, “The present focus is to minimize golfer impacts on the plant communities within the upland and riparian areas of Cerise park. This is being done by resurfacing trails with local mulch and encouraging disc golf users and park users in general to use these established trails vs. wandering off trail unnecessarily.” The MOD group installed three new t-boxes with the assistance of the Parks Department, he said, and has plans to install more visible signage and improve the areas around the tee boxes throughout the course. Disc Golf is a sport so appealing to youth that at least one local organization has

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# PAYARES ADDS KARAOKE ON FRIDAYS!



*Patricia Payares, above, says that karaoke on Friday nights has become increasingly popular. Karaoke starts at 6 p.m.*

*By Caitlin Switzer*

MONTROSE—Since the mid 1990's, the former general store building at 1135 East Main Street in East Montrose (EMO) has been a restaurant—just not the same one. Since Sicily's first opened there in the mid

1990's, the space has been home to more than five different eating establishments—though it appears that the current one might be a “keeper.”

Payares Grill and Cantina has become a popular spot for breakfast, with a menu that includes a strong selection of Mexican and American favorites, from Huevos Rancheros to Country Fried Steak and Eggs.

“We open at 6 a.m., and there are days that people are waiting outside the door,” Patricia Payares said, “and on Friday night we were full on both sides.”

Though Payares has been open at 1135 East Main since November, the family has had another business—the Payares Carnecería at 1017 East Main—for 15 years.

Why open a second business in the neighborhood?

“Our other store is really small,” Payares said, “and people were always asking for beer. Also, I really like this space.”

Payares is open for lunch and dinner as well, and business has been very good, she said.

“We have homemade food here—everything is fresh,” she said, noting that among the most popular items for breakfast are the lite breakfast and skillet breakfast. Lunch favorites include enchiladas and carne asada.

Payares stays open until 10 p.m. week-nights, and late on Fridays and Saturdays. So for night owls, Payares also offers something to do—Friday nights are karaoke nights, beginning at 6 p.m.

And while the restaurant offers plenty of great South-of-the-Border options, the music tends to be pure Montrose.

“Ninety-five percent of the songs are American,” Payares said, “and though we hear different kinds of music, people really like to sing Country.”

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

## COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE TO MEET IN GRAND JUNCTION MAY 5-6

*Special to the Mirror*

DENVER - The Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission will meet May 5 to 6 at Clarion Inn, 755 Horizon Drive, Grand Junction, Colo. The meeting begins at 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 5 and is scheduled to adjourn shortly after 2 p.m. Wednesday.

Commissioners will receive briefings on a variety of issues including updates from Great Outdoors Colorado, the Departments of both Natural Resources and Agriculture, Cameo Shooting Facility, Dam Safety Study, Off-Highway Vehicle law enforcement and field presence.

Updates about Colorado Parks and Wildlife strategic planning, finances and legislative issues are also scheduled along with presentations from Highline, Vega and

Sylvan Lake State Parks.

Action items include updates to Big Game regulation chapter (W-2) and 2016 OHV Trail Grant funding approvals.

A complete agenda can be found at: The Commission meets regularly and travels to communities around the state to facilitate public participation in its processes.

The next commission meeting is scheduled for June in Gunnison. Other 2015 commission meetings will be held in: July (Frisco); August (Durango); September (Craig); November (Wray); and December (Pueblo).

Anyone can listen to commission meetings through the Colorado Parks and Wildlife [website](http://cpw.state.co.us). This opportunity keeps constituents informed about the development

of regulations and how the commission works with Parks and Wildlife staff to manage the parks, wildlife and outdoor recreation programs administered by the agency. Find out more at <http://cpw.state.co.us/aboutus/Pages/Commission.aspx>. Colorado Parks and Wildlife's mission is to perpetuate the wildlife resources of the state, provide a quality state parks system, and to provide enjoyable and sustainable outdoor recreation opportunities that educate and inspire current and future generations to serve as active stewards of Colorado's natural resources. CPW contributes approximately \$6 billion in total economic impact annually throughout Colorado. To learn more, please visit [cpw.state.co.us](http://cpw.state.co.us).



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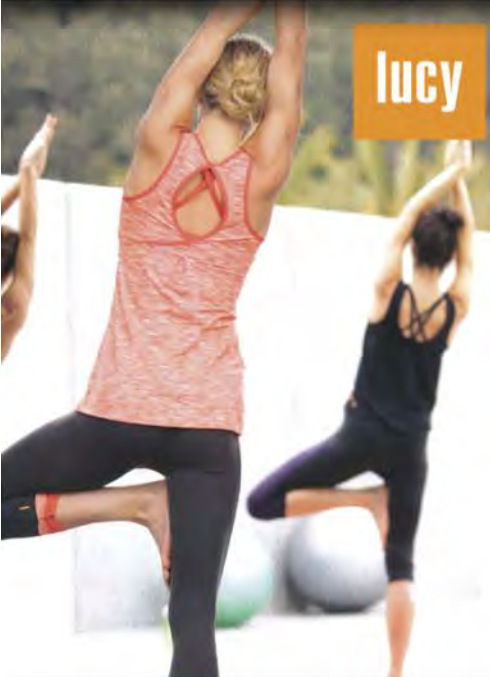
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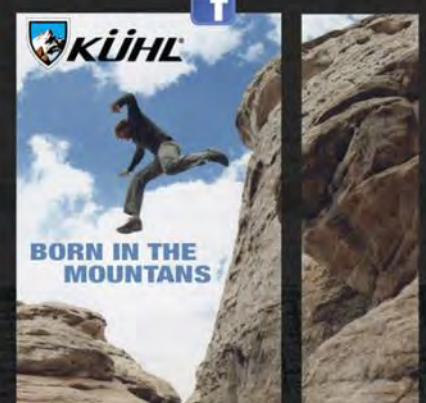



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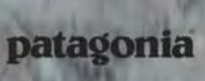
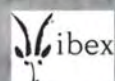



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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

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*Black Canyon Jet Center Operations Manager Katy Brink. Courtesy photo.*

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE — [Black Canyon Jet Center](#) (BCJC) is proud to announce their own newly-promoted Operations Manager Katy Brink has received top industry accolades for going —Above and Beyond” in custom-

er service according to [Aviation International News'](#) annual survey, which received more than 11,500 evaluations from aviation professionals, crew, customers and other industry insiders. Brink ranked in the top 20 people in customer service in a field of thousands of peers. In this prestigious industry survey, BCJC was also recognized as being in the top 10 percent of fixed-based operators (FBOs) in the Western Hemisphere (US, Canada, Mexico, South America, Central America and the Caribbean), and #1 FBO in the mountains of the

Rockies. [Aviation International News](#) is the leading FBO industry publication that serves and covers the worldwide turbine aircraft user market.

—Statistics show the three most important qualities in a FBO are customer service,

fuel pricing and amenities. Our entire team works very hard to provide all of this and more, to ensure a wonderful experience when they are here,” said Katy Brink, BCJC Operations Manager. —We know our customers have a choice, and we are proud they choose to fly with us!”

Brink was hired to work as a customer service representative in 2010 and was recently promoted from Director of Marketing to Operations Manager. Brink grew up in Montrose, Colorado and went to Colorado State University to study Marketing and Political Science. When not at work, Brink enjoys playing many rounds of golf, being in the mountains and spending time with her family.

—Katy is a true leader in our organization. She brings coherence and style to our brand and is an important part of our family. We are proud the industry recognizes these qualities in Katy as well,” said Ken Watson, BCJC General Manager.

Independently owned and operated by Jet Center Partners, Black Canyon Jet Center (airport code KMTJ)

has been doing business in Montrose County since 2006, and is the gateway to San Juan mountains and the Telluride/ Montrose region for general aviation and private pilots. Black Canyon Jet Center has also been instrumental in many improvements that benefit commercial business at the Montrose County Regional Airport, including an upgraded fuel farm, a newly built state of the art hangar and a devoted team to provide deicing services 24/7 at the airport, to name a few of the enhancements as a result of BCJC doing business here. BCJC and its employees are very involved in the local community. Over the years, BCJC has donated more than a quarter of a million dollars in charity to Welcome Home Montrose (veterans), Bosom Buddies (breast cancer awareness) and Montrose Community Foundation (various charitable organizations.) BCJC has also hosted many on-site special events for students, veterans and the community to attend, including commemorative Air Force viewings of historical planes.

Overall BCJC received a 9.3 out of 10 in the AIN 2015 Survey, and scored very well in specific categories: Line Service: 9.3; Customer Service: 9.5; Passenger Amenities: 9.2; Pilot Amenities: 9.3; Facility: 9.3; Top 20 —Above and Beyond” in Customer Service to Katy Brink, BCJC Operations Manager. For more information about Black Canyon Jet Center, visit:

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# MONTROSE KAYAK & SURF OPENS FROM PG 1



*The building in front of the kayak shop, at 302 West Main Street, will be occupied by Matt Wilson of Four Corners Paddling School.*

and socks to first aid kits and other equipment. Brands include Pyranha Kayaks, and the wildly popular made-in-Telluride SOL paddle boards.

—Johnny Lombino makes them,” Glasscock said. —He’s the company founder, creator and designer; these are quality

paddle boards at a price point that is very user-friendly. With top-quality construction and the pricing, they are very competitive—Erik sold ten of them in Telluride last year.”

Though Montrose Kayak and Surf is not a rafting company, the staff has the background, expertise and connections to build custom rafting packages upon request, he noted.

Glasscock, who has also worked with Ridgway’s RIGS Adventure Company, said that opening Montrose Kayak and Surf is about more than just sales. It’s about getting out on the river here in Montrose and promoting outdoor recreation to the next generation.

So far 2015 has been a great year, he said. —In the past I have been lucky to get out on the water 25 days a year,” he said. —This year, I have been out 25 times already!”

The community’s new whitewater park is a gem, and the timing could not be better, he said.

—They have really done an outstanding job with the park,” Glasscock said.

—Everything is to be commended—the way the town has the paths tied in is just beautiful.”

The building in front of the kayak shop, at 302 West Main Street, will be occupied by Matt Wilson of Four Corners Paddling School, Glasscock said.

—What I am absolutely most excited about is the new opportunity, to help one of the world’s greatest sports expand into the Montrose community and beyond,” he said. —If we’re not getting our youth on the river, who is going to grow up and buy a kayak? They are the future of the sport. We are already working with Justin Mashburn at the Montrose Recreation District to offer youth paddling classes in June, July and August.”

Montrose Kayak and Surf will host a ribbon cutting event on May 14 at 4 p.m. The shop can be reached by telephone at 970-249-8730.



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## MONTROSE FOREST PRODUCTS: 2015 COMPANY OF THE YEAR!

### Mirror Staff Report

MONTROSE-Montrose Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) announced April 30 that a Montrose business has received the prestigious 2015 EDIE Company of the Year Award from the Economic Development Council of Colorado (EDCC).

The awards are given annually, MEDC Chair Sandy Head said. "This year, I nominated Montrose Forest Products...and they won!" she said. "This is the first time a Montrose company has won-- I am beside myself with excitement."

The 2015 Company of the Year award was presented at a luncheon in Steamboat Spring on Thursday, Head said. Company owner Jim Neiman flew in from South Dakota with his wife Christy to accept the award, and Montrose Regional Forester Norman Birtcher attended from Montrose.

In the nomination, Head highlighted the many benefits that Montrose Forest Products has brought to the region:

"From 2010 – 2012 the local sawmill in Montrose was in receivership. In August of 2012 after months of due diligence, the Neiman Family purchased the Montrose Mill," the nomination states, and goes on to note that though the family's main business operations—four plants that produce ponderosa pine—are located in the Black

Hills, expanding to Montrose has broadened their product line to include lodgepole, spruce and fir. And by naming the new company Montrose Forest Products, they showed an immediate commitment to the community as well.

"Jim Neiman said he wanted to promote our community and this would ensure our name would be seen across the country as the finished lumber was shipped," the nomination continues. "The purchase retained more than 250 jobs, bringing stability to not only the employees of the mill, but to the loggers and truckers who bring the timber to the mill. In addition the many businesses who supplied goods and services to the mill had the ability to gain back lost business and revenues."

"This investment in Montrose came at a time when our economy needed a boost."

Working conditions at the mill have been improved under the new ownership, employees were given raises, and new technology has increased the operation's efficiency, the nomination states, adding, "In 2014 the Neiman family spent an additional \$9 M dollars on new buildings, heat and air for the plant and additional new equipment that allows them to process dead timber more efficiently. This will help all of Colorado in our fight against the bark beetle."



*Montrose Regional Forester Norman Birtcher, Jim and Christy Neiman, and MEDC Director Sandy Head in Steamboat for the 2015 EDIE Award luncheon. Courtesy photo.*

"The direct impact of Montrose Forest Products through their total operations equates to \$15M per year. The multiplier effect on those direct dollars equates to \$17M bringing the total annual economic impact to \$32M....Sawmills are the foremost asset we have as we seek to maintain forest health which is important to tourism, wildlife, air and water quality, and public health and safety. This affects Montrose, the State of Colorado and the US Forest."

The company has been a good corporate citizen when it comes to supporting local non-profits with lumber and donations as well, the nomination concludes.

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### RE-1J CFO KARIN SLATER RECEIVES SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION AWARD

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE -Karin Slater, Chief Financial Officer of Montrose County School District RE-1J received the 2015 Service to the Profession Award at the CASBO (Colorado Association of School Business Officials) conference in Broomfield. This award is to honor school business officials who have demonstrated a commitment to improving the level of professionalism among school business administrators by providing professional development opportunities for others and by motivating others to achieve.

In the introduction, CASBO stated –Our recipient of the Service to the Profession Award this year is a pillar in school and Government accounting with a passion for sharing her knowledge. She gives unselfishly of her time and expertise supporting new and experienced colleagues. She has been with her current school district for over 14 years but don't count this knowledge short as she has an unbelievable 35 years in the accounting field.

Her experience ranges from public accounting, retail, county government and school districts. Each of these branches

has enhanced her knowledge and passion for what she does currently. This individual developed and taught beginning, intermediate and advanced trainings for both school business officials and CGFOA (Colorado Government Finance Officers Association).

In addition to this, she has also taught at the university level for over fifteen years. She is dedicated and committed to the success of others."

Karin affirmed –I am deeply honored to receive the Service to the Profession Award from CASBO. Being recognized by your peers is very moving. I strongly believe that we should be lifetime learners. In the governmental and school business realm, our continuing education is provided by our professional organizations and taught by our



*Karin Slater, Chief Financial Officer of Montrose County School District RE-1J received the 2015 Service to the Profession Award at the CASBO (Colorado Association of School Business Officials) conference in Broomfield.*

peers. Knowledge is to be shared, passed onto others, and to be received. I am blessed to be able to share in this two way street of advancing our knowledge in our profession."



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## CMU MONTROSE CAMPUS HAS A COMMUNITY CLUB: MC VOICE!

By Rachel Boschen

CMU CAMPUS MONTROSE-We all like to think that we're special. Our personalities set us apart; we're unique. That's what we tell ourselves, but as we grow older, we realize that we are the same stuff as everyone else. We may struggle to find peace from our burdens. We want to find love. We want to belong to something greater. College student and President of Montrose Campus Voice club, Melisa Fender, states "I've never been a part of a club before, but I always wanted to be a part of something." MC Voice is creating Student Life, to give students a break from the real college life that students here in Montrose struggle with. Rarely does a traditional just-out-of-high-school student, living on campus and looking forward to the next drinking binge, walk our campus. We're the melting pot of people some like to call "non-traditional": varying ages, full-time jobs, kids, and living on our own, years possibly out of high-school. Montrose Campus Voice Club is a product of this melting pot. Students of Montrose Campus were eager for change and thus created the club to provide support and community for the students of CMU Montrose. But what is a club supposed to be? Is it that nerdy thing that overachievers do? Many people think they don't have time to participate in a club on top of "everything else".

Mike Shull, ASG Senator and idea man, and Heidi Goforth, first president and co-creator, began MC Voice in 2012 to provide that connection with other students outside of the academia of the class-

rooms", as Mike puts it. Heidi was a tutor and saw a need to provide a place where students can hang out with one another and, you know, have educated conversations and not so much have to worry about, I guess, Montrose and how Montrose is."

Mike witnessed the interesting phenomena that "when you get... bogged down with work... you become less and less efficient", which all of us Montrose Campus students experience. He realized that "when you can disconnect, you can spend less time and get more work done." So that is what MC Voice became, a way to disconnect from academics, work, and life. They hold events like BBQ's, Bake Sales, Speed Dating, Free Yoga in the Quad, Annual Chili Cook-off's and Pizza Parties. Most events are open to the public and either free or low cost to participate.

I guess what makes us special here on Montrose Campus, is that we live up to our name as Mavericks. We bust our butts to be efficient and successful despite the odds that we face and the walls we must climb. Heidi knows that "it's easy to get distracted or get in trouble, and make wrong decisions..." but we are ruthless and determined, and per the definition of Maverick, we are "independent minded and unorthodox." The officers of MC Voice are moms, employees, students and club members. Oh, did I mention that MC Voice is run entirely by female leadership? You go girls.

MC Voice is paving the way for future club members and officers to unite the community and campus while creating



CMU students and MC Voice Club officers Rachel Boschen and Melisa Fender at an MC Voice Club bake sale. Courtesy photo.

Student Life, but as Mike put it "Sometimes it's best to just say...bottom line is we just want to have fun."

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 1-4 AT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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MONTROSE-Montrose United Methodist Church will offer Vacation Bible School June 1-4, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. open to anyone, church members and community children. We are excited for a fun week learning about how God calls each of us to ACT! \$10 per child with a family max of \$25. Serving Pre-K through 5th grade. For more information, contact: Becky Clark 970-209-6977 or [children@montroseumc.org](mailto:children@montroseumc.org) or visit our website at <http://2015.cokesburyvbs.com/montroseunitedmethodistchurch>.

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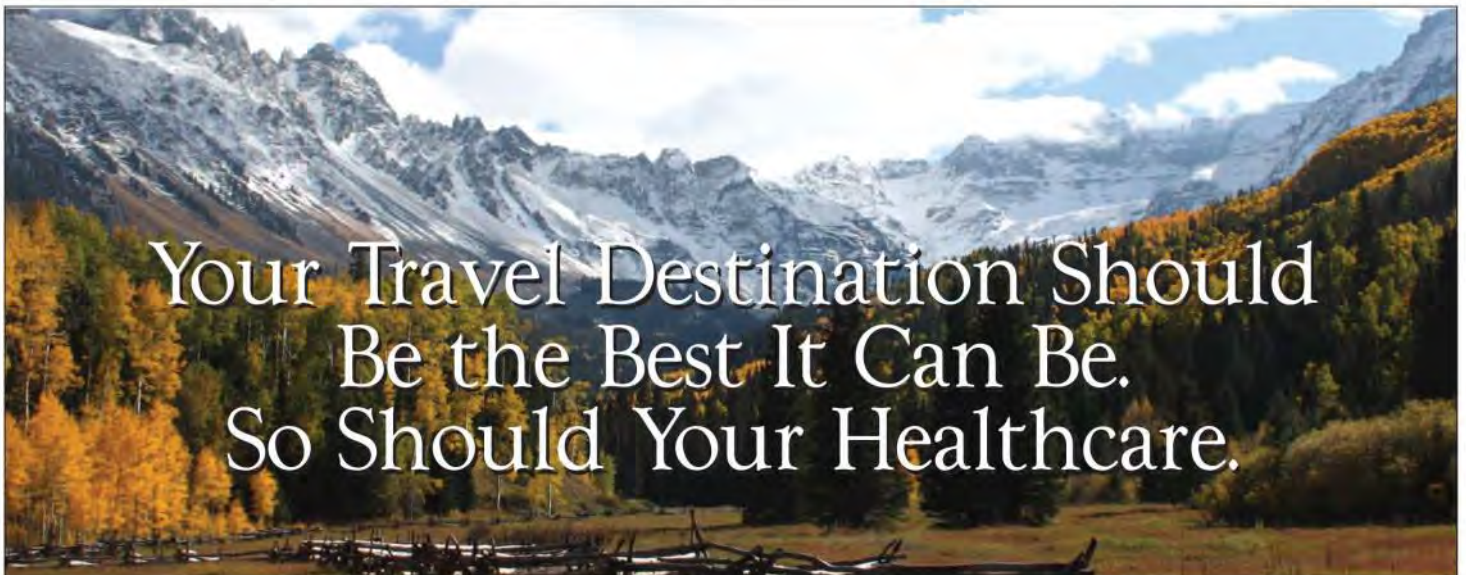
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MONTROSE-There is a Senior Resource Counselor on site at the Pavilion Senior Center, who can be reached at 970-252-4889. Also, for seniors who want to get out and get some exercise on the dance floor, the Montrose Pavilion Dance Club features Preferred Country on May 9 and Ghost River Band on May 23. Jam sessions take place every Monday from 4 to 6 p.m.; Tango workshops are May 9, 16 and 23 from 1 to 2 p.m.

## MIRROR IMAGES



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## THE 2015 REAPPRAISAL: MODERATE INCREASES IN MOST PROPERTY VALUES



**Montrose County Assessor Brad Hughes.**

By Brad Hughes  
Montrose County Assessor  
MONTROSE- Under Colorado law, county assessor's offices throughout the state conduct a complete revaluation of all properties in their county every two years. The Colorado Legislature sets the appraisal date, the market

sales data collection period, and the annual calendar for the assessment process.

The previous revaluation was completed in 2013 and was based on a June 30, 2012 level of value. These valuations were established using market sales data from Jan. 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 and were used for tax years 2013 and 2014 (payable in 2014 and 2015 respectively). As a result of the assessment calendar, property tax assessment valuations will always lag behind current market conditions. The current revaluations are based on a June 30, 2014 level of value. The new values have been established using market sales data from Jan. 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 and will be used for tax years 2015 and 2016 (payable in 2016 and 2017 respectively). Any sales transactions occurring after June 30, 2014 cannot be considered until the 2017 reappraisal.

Real property classes changed as follows: Vacant land experienced an overall decrease in value of about 2.5 percent. However, most residential land with homes remained unchanged from the prior 2012 level of value. This flat trend in vacant land assessments is attributable to an abundant supply of subdivided lots accom-

panied by a limited demand for new single-family home sites. Residential improved properties increased on average about 10 percent. This upward trend in the residential market was further supported by fewer financial institution transactions after foreclosure. During the 2013 reappraisal, 30 percent of the residential transactions involved financial institutions; this figure decreased to 10.4 percent for the 2015 reappraisal.

Commercial property values displayed a wide-range of dispersion. Overall value changes varied greatly depending on the location and type of property. Most commercial properties experienced value changes between a 12.0 percent decrease up to an 8.0 percent increase. Stabilized rental rates, moderate vacancy, and decreasing capitalization rates assisted in maintaining an overall decrease of less than 1 percent for all commercial property as a class. Agricultural land experienced the largest increase in value of all property classes. Agricultural land is valued based on the earning capacity of the land; the calculation uses a ten-year statewide average of commodity prices. For this assessment cycle, two historic "low years" of commodity prices were removed and two recent "higher" priced commodity years were added. The ultimate result was a substantial increase in the overall value of irrigated land in Montrose County. Most agricultural grazing land increased by about 10 percent while the various classes of irrigated land increased approximately 22 percent.

The following is a general review of property assessment and taxes. Three factors determine the level of taxes on a property; the market valuation, the assessment rate, and the mill levy. **(Market Value x Assessment Rate = Taxable Value x Mill levy = Taxes)** The Assessor's office is solely responsible for establishing valua-

tions, not taxes. To accomplish this, the assessor uses actual market sales transactions to build a mass appraisal valuation model that is then used to set the values on all properties within the county. The assessment rate is dictated in the Colorado Constitution for all 64 Colorado Counties. Currently, the assessment rate is 7.96 percent for residential properties, and 29 percent for most all other property types. The last component used to calculate taxes is the mill levy. Mill levies are established by the county commissioners, school districts, and the boards of the various taxing entities (fire, recreation, library, sanitation, cemetery, etc...). A summation of these various individual levies is applied to the taxable value to determine the taxes due. The County Treasurer's office collects and distributes these taxes for the various taxing jurisdictions.

Ultimately, the assessor's goal is to equalize property values and ensure that the tax burden is distributed fairly and equitably among property owners within the statutory and constitutional guidelines of the State of Colorado.

After receiving your new Notice of Valuation in early May 2015, please review the change in value. If you disagree with the revised valuation, there are detailed procedures on the back of the notice explaining how to appeal your valuation. If you would like to review your property characteristics, view sold properties, or research property within the county please go to our property records search program online at <http://eagleweb.montrosecounty.net/eagleassessor/web>. From this website, you can also directly link to the Montrose County GIS Map complete with aerial imagery. If you have any additional questions, concerns, or comments please call the Montrose County Assessor's Office at (970) 249-3753 or email [assessor@montrosecounty.net](mailto:assessor@montrosecounty.net).

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## ARTS AND CULTURE

### TALKING GOURDS POETRY MAKES FULL CIRCLE, RETURNS TO ROOTS



*Grand Junction Poet Wendy Videlock. Courtesy photo.*

*Special to the Mirror*  
**TELLU-RIDE** – Since 1989, Telluride has been a mecca for poetry on Colorado's Western Slope.

Now, the Telluride Institute (TI) is bringing a three-day poetry gathering back to town as part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Telluride Literary Arts Festival (TLAF), May 14-17, 2015.

Colorado Poet Laureate Joe Hutchison of Indian Hills leads off a stellar line-up that includes Judyth Hill of San Miguel de Alende, Aaron Abeyta of Antonito, Wendy Videlock of Grand Junction, David Rothman of Crested Butte, James B. Nicola of New York City, Jack Mueller of Log Hill Village, Valerie Szarek of Louisville, Danny Rosen of Fruita and Debbi Brody of Santa Fe. Planned are performances, open mics, workshops, walks, a book exchange,

a film poem premiere, a classical music/poetry premiere, a panel discussion on form, the awarding of the \$1000 Mark Fischer Prize, naming of the third Western Slope Poet Laureate, presentation of the Karen Chamberlain Award, a literary dance, and the event's signature Gourd Circle to finish off the three days. Weekend poetry passes are \$50 in advance, check only, made out to the "Telluride Institute" and sent to P.O. Box 1770, Telluride CO 81435. These same passes will be \$60 at the door (cash and check only), although tickets for individual events will also be available. Other TLAF events over the weekend will be priced separately.

In 1989 TI sponsored the first Talking Gourds event in Telluride's Sheridan Opera House which featured Jerome Rothenberg, Anne Waldman, Anselm Hollo, Joan Logghe, Judyth Hill and a raft of regional poets. Under the tutelage of skier, writer and deep ecologist Dolores LaChapelle, the event moved through the '90s from in town to Faraway Ranch on Wilson Mesa and eventually to the Uncompahgre Plateau. The Sparrows Poetry Festival in Salida took over in 2000 as the focus for

poetry in the mountains. For several years the Festival of Imagination flourished in Del Norte. Most recently, the Karen Chamberlain Poetry Festival brought poets from the Western Slope to Carbondale. But with that event's folding last year, Telluride has reclaimed its poetry roots and is hosting a regional Western Slope poetry gathering once again. Plus, a new Headwaters Poetry Festival began this year at the Gunnison Arts Center in April, speaking to the renaissance of poetic energy in Southwestern Colorado.

For a poetry program schedule, poet bios, workshop and panel descriptions, lodging options, visit [talkinggourds.weebly.com](http://talkinggourds.weebly.com). For more info, contact Art Goodtimes at [shroompa@gmail.com](mailto:shroompa@gmail.com) or 970.729.0220 (text is best). TLAF is a collaboration among the Telluride Institute's Talking Gourds program, the Wilkinson Library, Between the Covers Bookstore, Ah Haa School for the Arts and Arroyo's Telluride. Talking Gourds is indebted to grants from TI boardmember Audrey Marnoy and San Miguel County Poet Laureate Peter Waldor for seeding this year's poetry program.

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## ONE IN FOUR LOCAL KIDS STILL LIVING IN POVERTY From pg 1

of obesity in Montrose, she said.

“I think that the problem of children living in poverty is overshadowed by some of our larger issues, like drug use and sexual assault,” Hotsenpiller said. “I am proud of efforts like Live Well Montrose Olathe, where they are trying to work with our schools, and here at Hilltop we do a lot of advocacy for single moms, and for moms and dads who may have a child with mental health issues. We are proud to provide the support they need.

“But one out of four children is living in poverty here,” Hotsenpiller said. “It’s really sad, and I think we can do better.”

When it comes to the health and well-being of local kids, [Colorado Kids Count Data](#) offers a statistical report card. Here in Montrose County, 2015 Kids Count data reveals that progress has been made on a number of issues impacting the health and well-being of local kids, though the numbers also show room for improvement.

Within the total population of 40,754 in Montrose County, the number of children under age 18 is 9,640. Of those, 7,321 are of school age, and 2,318 are children under age five.

The percentage of local schoolchildren who qualify for free and reduced lunches has dropped from 54.0 percent in the 2014 report (based on year 2013 enrollment) to 50.8 percent in the 2015 report (based on year 2014 enrollment). On the other hand, median household income has dropped from \$45,226 in the 2014 report to \$43,946 in the 2015 report.

According to Kids Count data, the per-

centage of children born to single mothers in Montrose County dropped from 26.1 in 2012 to 24.7 percent in 2014. Teen births in Montrose County (per 1,000 female teens between the ages of 15 and 19) have dropped, from 34.5 percent in 2012 to 28.8 percent in 2013. Statewide, teen births are down from 24.3 percent in 2012 to 22.3 percent in 2013. The percentage of kids born to women with less than 12 years of education is also higher in Montrose County than it is statewide, though it has dropped here as it has statewide; in 2012, 21.9 percent of children here were born to moms with less than 12 years of school, and in 2013 that number was 19.2 percent. Statewide, just 14.5 percent of kids were born to mothers with less than 12 years of education in 2012, and in 2013, 13.5 percent were.

Here in Montrose, one local school has been dedicated to lowering the teen pregnancy rate since it was created in 1998. Passage Charter School is the state’s only charter school that serves pregnant and parenting teens. [Passage Charter School](#) also serves the next generation by providing a safe, reliable source of child care both for Passage students and the Montrose community.

“We provide quality child care for our teens and for the community,” Director Alaina Rogers said. “And we offer hands-on parenting training and classes. Studies show that kids who receive quality child care are more successful later in life—and more likely to graduate high school.”

On the other hand, a lack of quality child

care and playtime can have a profound impact on society, she said.

“I just read about the link between serial killers and play,” Rogers said. “These are adults who did not get to play—something that is very important to the developing brain. This is why we need to have recess! Let them play!”

For families and children here in Montrose, another identified need is for additional adult role models to serve as mentors.

“I think we do very well when it comes to collaboration among agencies,” said Curtis Hearst of Partners Mentoring. “I meet with a group of professionals once a week to discuss the neediest youth in our community, and we brainstorm about resources to help those kids and their families.

“The resources are available—but sometimes I think people can be intimidated, and don’t take advantage of what’s out there.”

Partners can be a resource that help strengthen families, because senior partners are there to offer an additional resource for kids and parents, Hearst said. Clients are referred to Partners by outside sources such as human services departments and the Center for Mental Health.

“And mentors are one resource that we are lacking here,” Hearst said.

Many of those who benefit from the support offered by youth mentoring programs are single moms and dads.

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### MONTROSE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL TRAINING HELPS IMPROVE HEALTH PRACTICES STATEWIDE



*The training was held April 21-22 and helped physician practices and other healthcare offices develop skills and discover tools relating to better practice management.*

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-Montrose Memorial Hospital's "Practice Management Boot Camp" seminar empowered 67 individuals from

health practices across the state to meet the challenges presented by the rapidly changing healthcare environment. —Montrose Memorial Hospital coordinated and hosted this event as a way to provide valuable information and to help connect practice managers across our region. The future viability of most practices will be directly tied to ensuring the most up to date and effective practice management tools are in place," said Steve Hannah, MHA, CEO for Montrose Memorial Hospital.

Health practice representatives arrived from a wide variety of communities including Meeker, Rifle, Fruita, Grand Junction, Delta, Crested Butte, Gunnison, Lake City, Trinidad and Aurora.

The training was held April 21-22 and helped physician practices and other healthcare offices develop skills and dis-

cover tools relating to better practice management. Supported in part by the Western Colorado Individual Practice Association, the "Boot Camp" was presented by Quorum Health Resources (QHR) which provides management services to Montrose Memorial Hospital. Ronald Cline and Samuel Eddy of QHR led the 2-day training which covered topics such as best practices, revenue cycle operations, managing workflow, reducing waste, financial data management, and more.

Changes in the healthcare environment have made health practice administration increasingly complex. For instance, practices receiving federal funding for the transition to electronic healthcare records must attest to increasingly strict criteria (called —meaningful use"). Offices operating in rural areas find that tracking data—such as the number of appointment no-shows, or how many patients a provider sees each day—is critical to maximizing health care delivery in their community. The training helped practice managers refresh existing skills and learn how to best meet the various challenges they face and improve the viability of their practices, which is vitally important to maintaining access to care for the community's served.

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## WEST CENTRAL WOMEN OF INFLUENCE...

### MARILYN LAVERTY



*Marilyn Laverty. Courtesy photo.*

*Interview by Gail Marvel*

MONTROSE-Marilyn Laverty, Director for the West Central Small Business Development Center (SBDC), is a third generation Coloradoan, but her relationship with Western Colorado didn't begin until 2008. "I thought the Western Slope was a remote area, but the older I got the more I wanted to be in that remote area."

The SBDC was born thirty-three years ago when the need for small business technical assistance in Colorado was identified. Current funding for the organization, \$95,000 a year, is administered through the

office of Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper. Marilyn said, "We try to leverage our funds and if we want those funds on the Western Slope we have to step up with matching funds." Matching funds come from a collaboration between businesses, government, and educational entities on a local, regional and state level.

Describing her youth Marilyn said, "I was a late bloomer and didn't have a lot of self-esteem. I was smart and got A's, but when I went into an honors program grades were harder to maintain." Marilyn believed she became president of her business club and youth group by default, "It seems like no one else wanted it because it was so much work and I thought I was filling the gap."

As a young adult, Marilyn became self-motivated as she tried to figure out her own potential and it wasn't until she was in her 30's that she discovered others aren't similarly motivated. "I didn't want to be confined to one job and I figured others didn't either. I like knowing what makes people tick."

Early in her career Marilyn found that as a woman she was slowed down by a lack of confidence and thinking she needed more experience and more education before she committed. She said, "Men will go in, commit to a project and then they build a team. I've watched men over-promise, but I learned from them and it gave me confidence." Marilyn no longer has a fear of not knowing everything. She laughed and said, "I know I really don't know everything — but if I can't do it, I can find

someone who can!"

In her business and career Marilyn started out as an accountant, moved into management and progressed to consulting. For 15 years she worked for a lending company that specialized in cooperative farms and she held the position of VP of Finance and Operations. With experience in all areas of finance, becoming the Director for the West Central SBDC was a perfect fit. Marilyn built a team of experts who consult one-on-one with business owners in a seven-county region; which encompasses all of Region 10 and Chaffee County. "I'm only a phone call away, but I like to meet face-to-face with clients. My goal is to build relationships and I want people to be empowered. Small businesses can't afford to hire professionals to do what I do. I coach them until they no longer need me — and it's free!"

As for her style of leadership, Marilyn thinks in terms of situational leadership, networking, and team-building. "I like to work with people who share a common vision. Leading [people] in a small town where everyone is a volunteer is different than in an organization where you are paying people to work."

Marilyn's leadership advice: "The more experience you get with the widest variety of people, the more resilient you will be. Don't be afraid to step into tough situations. Know yourself — your strengths and your shortcomings. It's so important to look at yourself in a mirror and learn self-leadership."

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## ACADEMIC BOOSTER CLUB (ABC) STUDENTS OF THE MONTH MARCH, APRIL AND MAY



Alexis Waltrip (7)  
Columbine Middle School



Alic Liddell (6)  
Olathe Middle School



Benjamin Perfors (5)  
Pomona Elementary School



Bethany McCracken (4)  
Olathe Elementary School



Brandon Mariscal (2)  
Olathe Elementary School



Cameron Garrison (10)  
Vista Charter School



Charlie Andrade-Saenz (5)  
Cottonwood Elementary



Chloe Carter (8)  
Centennial Middle School



Christopher Mock (2)  
Johnson Elementary



Danika Bush (3)  
Johnson Elementary School



Diana Diaz (8)  
Olathe Middle School



Diego Loranca (5)  
Cottonwood Elementary



Emily Arndt (6)  
Centennial Middle School



Isabel Stollsteimer (7)  
Columbine Middle School



Ivana Arellano Villegas (3)  
Northside Elementary



Jaiayna Jackson (4)  
Northside Elementary



Jasmin LaRue Boyd (5)  
Pomona Elementary School



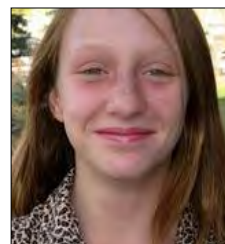
Joshua Packard (7)  
Peak Academy



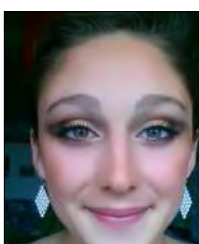
Kaitlynn Booth (8)  
Centennial Middle School



Katie Sherwood (8)  
Columbine Middle School



Kierstin Myers (5)  
Pomona Elementary School



Kitara Smolinski (10)  
Olathe High School



Kyle Whitcomb (1)  
Johnson Elementary School



Lauren Peterson (10)  
Montrose High School



Logan Boyers (4)  
Cottonwood Elementary



Lucia Nava Suarez (10)  
Olathe High School



Madisen Matoush (5)  
Oak Grove Elementary



Manuel Santiago (9)  
Olathe High School



Nicole Hines (8)  
Peak Academy



Raeanna Troncoso (5)  
Oak Grove Elementary School



Shayla Lugard (10)  
Montrose High School



Shayli Hart (11)  
Vista Charter School



Tex Hostetler (11)  
Montrose High School



Tyler Miller (10)  
Peak Academy



Victor Almanza-Ramirez (3)  
Olathe Elementary School



(at left)  
Yuliana Almanza Mendez (2)  
Oak Grove Elementary School



(at right)  
Gustavo Alejo (7)  
Olathe Middle School

Since 1983, the Academic Booster Club has collected and returned between \$7,000 and \$10,000 annually to schools and students by giving grants to teachers, students, parents, administrators and support staff to promote positive academic experiences in our community. Academic Booster Club (A+BC) has awarded more than \$225,000 in grant money since its inception! Each month, A+BC selects one student from each school in the RE-IJ district to be a Student of the Month. These students are recognized at a quarterly awards ceremony. A+BC has been doing this for over 30 years! Coming up on Monday, May 4th at 7PM, students selected to receive the A+BC award for March, April and May 2015 will be honored at a ceremony at Johnson Elementary School.



## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

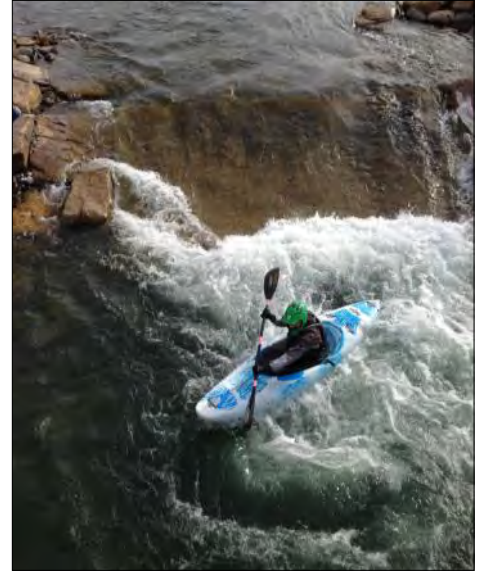
### MONTROSE WATER SPORTS PARK DEDICATION SET FOR MAY 16

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE – Local residents, water sports enthusiasts, and dignitaries will gather on the banks of the Uncompahgre River Saturday, May 16 at 10 a.m. for the official Montrose Water Sports Park Dedication Ceremony. The ceremony will include a welcome by Mayor David Romero, remarks by City Manager Bill Bell, and a ribbon cutting. The Water Sports Park, river trail, and field renovation have been partially funded under a single \$259,000 grant from Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO). The dedication is scheduled to coincide with the “Mission: No Barriers 2015” event sponsored by Welcome Home Montrose (WHM), a nationally recognized organization that connects support services and volunteerism from our civilian community to military veterans and their families. Mission: No Barriers 2015 brings approximately 20 wounded war veterans to Montrose to experience outdoor adventures, alternative therapies, community

prepared meals and other events during the week-long event.

The dedication ceremony will conclude with an official “first descent” of the park’s wave structures by local and visiting veterans including members of Team River Runner, a group dedicated to assisting active duty and veteran service members through paddle sports, and the original inspiration for WHM. Prior to the dedication, a community pancake breakfast will be held from 8 to 9:30 a.m., presented by and benefitting the Montrose 4-H Council. The breakfast will include pancakes, sausage, and juice or coffee, all for \$5. Keep in mind that the Water Sports Park is still a natural river with inherent dangers. Users are urged to exercise good judgment, play safely, and wear personal flotation devices when in the river. The City of Montrose plans to promote the park for organized events and will host the First Annual —F1 on the Unc: Montrose Water Sports Park FUNC Festival” on Saturday, Aug. 1.



Montrose veteran Jared Bolhuis made the first unofficial descent of the park earlier this year. Courtesy photo.

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## OPINION/EDITORIAL

### POLITICAL HYBRIDS BLUR PARTY LINES

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE—On the national scene the Tea Party is making strides to influence, and in some cases control, the Republican Party. Interestingly there appears to be a similar infiltration at the local level.

The vocal majority attending the GOP sponsored "Open Mic" event on March 26<sup>th</sup> were of the Tea Party persuasion. One thought brought forward during the meeting was the need for the Republican Party to hold elected officials accountable. The group contended that once a candidate is elected they stop listening to constituents and, rather than holding to Republican values, they take on the appearance of a Democrat. "We need to hold their [elected Republicans] feet to the fire!"

The issues brought up on the "Open Mic Night" event were then scheduled for discussion at the April 23<sup>rd</sup> Republican Central Committee meeting; however, that meeting was cancelled, "...due to a time conflict with the Montrose County Planning Commission meeting [gravel pit hearing] to be held on the same day."

A number of Tea Party leaning Republicans who attended the gravel pit hearing now hold offices on the Central Committee, and one would presume them to be conservative and moderate. Surprisingly they were not at the gravel pit hearing to support free market, local business and jobs, but rather to speak publicly against approval of the Uncompahgre Pit 2 Special Use Permit.

Certainly individuals have every right to come down on whichever side of an issue they want to. However, it is curious when so many of local GOP leadership join together and do a 180 from the party platform, which traditionally supports business.

Indeed, the line between Republicans and Democrats is blurring.

## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### MOVE OVER FOR MOOSE IN COLORADO!



*Moose cow and twins. CPW courtesy photo.*

*Special to the Mirror*

COLORADO SPRINGS—Colorado Parks and Wildlife wants to remind people to give wildlife plenty of room, especially when it comes to moose. The moose population is thriving in Colorado and as the number of moose rise, so does the chance for human interaction with them.

"In Black Forest we have a moose who has been around for several years," said District Wildlife Manager Sabrina Hurwitz. "She seems pretty happy here and we'd like to keep it that way."

Recently the moose charged at someone in the area who was walking a dog. No one was injured but Hurwitz said it's a good time to remind people to stay alert and be on the lookout for wildlife.

well. Moose can grow up to 1,200 pounds and can run up to 35 miles per hour.

"Even though the dog was on a leash in this instance it still was able to get close enough to spook her," said Hurwitz. Luckily, everyone came out of the situation unhurt, including the moose."

Wildlife managers caution that when humans are injured by wildlife, it can result in the euthanasia of the animal, regardless of the circumstances.

"No one wants to be responsible for the needless death of an animal that was just following its instincts," adds Hurwitz. If you encounter a moose, here are some tips to keep in mind:

-- Give them plenty of room -- enjoy viewing wildlife from a distance!

Moose are not typically aggressive but they do not fear humans and will defend their young and their territory. Dogs can provoke attacks because of their resemblance to wolves, a moose's only natural predator. People hiking in moose country are encouraged to keep their dogs on a leash. A charging moose will likely follow a dog running back to its owners and can end up injuring them as

-- If an animal reacts to your presence, you're too close.

-- Keep pets away. Never let your dog approach a moose.

-- Look for signs that the moose is agitated: raised hackles, lowered head, ears pinned back, swaying back and forth, licking its snout.

-- If you see any of those signs, leave the area as quickly as possible and avoid cornering the animal.

-- If a moose charges, run away and try to put a tree, vehicle or other large object between you and the moose.

-- If you are knocked down, get up and try to get away. Do not stay on the ground.

Moose are fascinating animals and have become a prominent species among Colorado's wide variety of wildlife. Watching them can be a rewarding and unique experience as long as they are given plenty of space and respect.

For more information and tips about moose watching, visit Colorado Parks and Wildlife's Moose Country article at <http://cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/LivingwithWildlifeMoose.aspx>

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# Experiencing the (local) Church

## WRITER GAIL MARVEL VISITS MENOKEN CHRISTIAN CHURCH



By Gail Marvel

MENOKEN—My visit to Menoken Christian Church took place on March 8, 2015. Pastor Keith McCay, who in the past had served as the church's substitute pastor, was tapped two years ago to fill the pulpit on a permanent basis. The exterior church sign however has not been updated, and the name of the previous pastor remains.

There was one vehicle in the parking lot and the front door was unlocked; however, I found no visible signs of life. After about 15 minutes of sitting in a pew I decided to explore. Aside from the small cordoned off auditorium, the building appeared to have gone back to its former purpose — the Menoken School which was built in 1916. I later learned that the Montrose Education Co-op has a temporary arrangement with the church to use the facility during the week.

I meandered back to the kitchen where the pastor and two others, Carol and Paul, apologized for their coffee time lasting longer than intended. Dwindling attendance for this congregation has left them averaging about eight, but on this day we numbered four.

The piano and organ sat silent as we sang traditional hymns a Capella. The pastor

good naturedly reminded us that Jesus said, "For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them" (Matt 18:20 NIV).

This group certainly didn't expect anyone at their service beyond their usual handful of people, but you would never have guessed it by their preparation and execution of the service.

The communion and offertory meditations were biblically sound, thoughtfully-delivered and the sermon well prepared and organized. If they had presented a service less than their best, no one would fault them, but they put forth the effort to have a full-bodied worship service regardless of the size of the audience.

The communion message, based on John 13:34-35, was delivered by Paul Hall who noted that many times the Bible tells us to love. "Many people think that love is an emotion and they make it out to be a noun. Love is an action, it's a verb. Love is the only commodity where we gain more by spending; we get back more by giving."

For the offertory meditation Paul used 2 Cor 9:6-8, a well-stated passage of Scripture about giving. "If I give to God, he gives back to me, but God gives back in the form of blessings. God knows what I

really need, as opposed to what I want. God knows what is in my best interests and that is what he gives me."

Prayer requests took up a large portion of time and Carol began by saying, "I pray Gail's review of us will improve [attendance] for our congregation!" Pastor McCay chuckled and intimated that God doesn't necessarily work that way, but they'd take all the help they could get. Other prayer concerns were for health, travel safety, personal finances and spiritual growth.

Pastor McCay based the sermon on 2 Timothy, chapters 2-4. He said, "We hear people say, 'I would go where God wants me to go except... I would do what Jesus wants me to do except... We say what we need to do, and what we want to do; and then we make excuses.'"

Illustrating his point the pastor said, "We tell a girlfriend that we'd climb the highest mountain, or swim across the sea — but we can't come over to see her tonight because it's raining outside." The sermon concluded with a challenge, "Don't accept the word except."

*Menoken Christian Church  
Hwy 50 North & Jay Jay Rd  
Montrose, CO 81410*

*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.

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### **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

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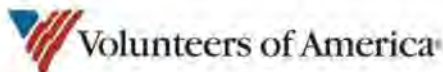
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### **Understanding & Responding to Dementia Related Behaviors: June 11 & 18, 4:00-5:00pm**

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.

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### US 550 RIDGWAY NORTH ROCK FALL MITIGATION PROJECT UPDATE

*Special to the Mirror*

**OURAY COUNTY** - The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) continues work on rock fall mitigation on US 550 north of Ridgway. The work began March 23, 2015; and the estimated construction completion will be mid-October 2015. The work zone is between milepost (MP) 106 and MP 107. Contractor Rock Solid Solutions is working on the rock slope above the roadway to remove rock fall hazards and to improve site distance around the curve; this involves drilling, blasting, installation of wire mesh and in-

stallation of rock bolts. **VEHICLE TRAVEL IMPACTS:** The project will have impacts to travel on US 550, including single-lane, alternating traffic and some full traffic stops in both directions for 20 minutes, Mon-Fri 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., during blasting. Delays may exceed 20 minutes as traffic queues are cleared. Please note – the blasting frequency is expected to decrease during the summer, and fewer full traffic stops will be necessary. **UPDATED!** During the month of May, the more frequent blasting (required for the construction of the “pioneer” road on the slope) requires a full

closure of the multi-use trail, Mon-Fri, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The blasting frequency is expected to decrease after May, and a new schedule of (lesser) trail impacts will be sent at that time. **SIGN UP FOR PROJECT UPDATES:** If you are interested in receiving project progress updates to your email, please sign up today. Go to CDOT’s web site to the Projects page at: <https://www.codot.gov/programs-projects/projects>; then click the green cell phone in the upper right corner and follow the directions. Our project name is: **US 550 Ridgway North Rocks.**

### MONTROSE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL EARNS FOUR STARS

*Special to the Mirror*

**MONTROSE**-Montrose Memorial Hospital (MMH), an integrated healthcare delivery system, is a four-star hospital according to the latest Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) report. The HCAHPS (Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems) is a national survey that asks patients about their experiences during a recent hospital stay. The results are then publicly reported at [www.hospitalcompare.hhs.gov](http://www.hospitalcompare.hhs.gov).

More than 3,500 hospitals in the United

States were ranked from 1 to 5 stars. The ranking is generated by a national survey called HCAHPS (Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems) which is administered to random adult patients following discharge from the hospital. The survey is not limited to patients who are Medicare beneficiaries. Hospitals publicly report patients’ ratings on 11 measures including communication about medicines, doctor communication, discharge information, hospital cleanliness, overall hospital rating and more. The star

rating is an average of the 11 public measures.

Steve Hannah, CEO at Montrose Memorial said; “It’s important to look at several factors when making decisions about your healthcare. Patient experience is one aspect of quality care and we are proud of our consistently high ratings.”

Other regional hospitals ranked include St Mary’s Medical Center (4 stars), Gunnison Valley Hospital (4 stars), Delta County Memorial Hospital (3 stars) and Community Hospital in Grand Junction (3 stars).

### JOEL’S WISH CHARITY RIDE TO COME THROUGH MONTROSE MAY 8

*Special to the Mirror*

**MONTROSE**-On Friday, May 8, at 7 PM, Joel’s Wish charity bike ride will be arriving in Montrose on its way across the United States. One cyclist and three support crew will be in the group.

Joel’s Wish is for the relief and assistance of 19-30 year olds with a life-limiting cancer diagnosis. It was founded in 2010 after our best friend, Joel Lawrence of Ludlow, tragically passed away from stomach cancer at the age of just nineteen. A cancer diagnosis, especially a terminal one, is difficult at any age. Just imagine how devastating it is for a young person and the immediate family, when financial and time constraints make it very hard to cope with the need to travel 60 miles each way for treatment.

Joel’s illness and death highlighted a serious lack of support available to him and his family during this extremely difficult time. It was Joel’s dying wish for funds to be raised for young cancer sufferers and the Severn Hospice in Shrewsbury, whose Hospice at Home looked after him during his final days and provided his main support. Joel’s Wish (a charity registered in 2014) helps with grants for travel and accommodation which can be found nowhere else within the UK.

Joel’s friends and family have been involved in numerous fundraising events over the past four years. Joel’s friend, Kyle Williams has already cycled to the south of France and Joel’s parents have run marathons in memory of their son to raise funds and awareness.

The next big fundraiser is Joel’s Wish USA. Kyle is preparing to cycle across America to make the trip that Joel always dreamed of. He will be supported by three other young men (driving a support vehicle and cycling part of the 4,000 mile trip with him). They will use Joel’s story to inspire other communities into a global network, ensuring everybody receives the support they rightly deserve, during their darkest days.

Please help with donations, (online at [Justgiving.com/Joels-Wish-USA](http://Justgiving.com/Joels-Wish-USA)), sponsorship, support and publicity now. Details of this extremely worthwhile cause are on the website [www.joelswish.org](http://www.joelswish.org). There you can find out everything you need to know about the cycle ride and see frequent updates through blog posts.



# GOVERNMENT BEAT REPORT

## BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS 4/28/15 WORK SESSION



**Sandra Tyler.**  
**Government Beat.**

*By Sandra Tyler*  
*Government Beat Reporter*  
MONTROSE-OPEN DISCUSSION-Request from Region 10 Director Michelle Haynes for a letter of support from BOCC regarding application for DOLA funding for

an economic development baseline survey was received. BOCC chose not to provide a letter of support. BOCC also chose not to provide their services as facilitator/fiscal agent for a ELPOMAR grant for WEEDC (West End Development Corporation) as when this was done previously, it turned out to be very encompassing and a lot of unexpected work by existing staff. Commissioner David White commented that a survey for similar information has been done and that information is available for use.

**GRANTS AND PAYMENTS**-There is an interest by Diane Reems in applying for Federal Mineral Lease monies if the grants are on-going vs. just for one year. BOCC budgets \$90,000, received \$64,000 which goes to the west end and rules for spending are needed. Commissioner Glen Davis commented that funds could be pulled from Public Works and put in General Funding. Commissioner Ron Henderson commented that the monies are usually spent on acts of "desperation" and will abstain from votes on this. Commissioner David White commented that conditions could be attached but usually they hear a list of projects and make the check to the individual projects. Ms. Cindy Bennet requested clarification on names of recipients as the WEEDC (West End Development Corporation) did not have an account. Ms. Bennet will tighten up the process.

**PARADOX BRIDGE**-An individual interested in adopting this bridge has expressed that he definitely wants to do this. Staff will proceed with getting the bridge adopted via paperwork ASAP and proceed with the project of the bypass & temporary bridge construction as discussed at the 4/21 work session as reported in Issue 115 of the *Montrose Mirror*. Estimates at this time with the bridge being adopted are

now at \$2-2.5 million vs the original estimate of \$4.5 million.

**FAIR FEE SCHEDULE AGREEMENT & POLICY MANUAL**-Distribution of revised fee charges. Discussion as some increased, and others remained the same. Private parties in the Pioneer Room and Sale Barn fees are up from \$50 to \$75 as there is a need to charge more due to clean-up not being done and for security. Sheriff Rick Dunlap stated that off-duty Sheriff's officers are available for the cost of \$35/hour/person with a minimum of two persons and a minimum of three hours. Use of rental security companies discussed due to past problems. The use of Sheriff's staff is more effective in controlling issues that arise. Use of rooms will no longer require BOCC approval, just that of Dave Larsen and staff. Rooms will be free to Veterans, 4 H, FFA. The indoor space is now combined to one area while Sale Barn and Pioneer Room are separate. No alcohol will be allowed inside the building or on Fairgrounds proper. The proposed distribution of alcohol/beer was to be discussed at the Fair Board Meeting Monday, 4/28.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**-Ms. Cindy Bennet provided handouts to BOCC members. Current status of the budget vs actual is that expenses are below the budgeted due to several staff positions being vacant. The decline in the intake in Clerk/Recorder dept. started dropping in 2013, 2014 and might have been due to incorrect recording. The suggestion for having an audit performed was confirmed by the three Commissioners. It will be done by an outside company as is being done with the airport currently. Mr. Glen Davis would like to see a 6 month report re County monies being up and/or down."

There has been a request from Public Works for a \$1.4 million from the General Fund. Mr. Ron Henderson stated, "realignment needs to be done to meet obligations before funds are diverted."

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**-Director Kristin Pulatie reminded the Commissioners of upcoming items: the MOU with Hilltop; the IOA with Delta County re Worksite Wellness and that there have been three recent interviews with three educators re this; and the letter of support for River Valley Clinic in Olathe with many signees and no budget

impact to Montrose County. 40 percent of Olathe Clinic clients live in Montrose. Currently a building in Montrose is being leased with potential to have a satellite office here. There are no plans to expand to the West End. MMH supports the Clinic with money as part of their Strategic Plan. Questions from Commissioner David White: How are they doing this? Is it the Frazzetti property? Attorney Teresa Williams wants to be sure to see the grant before there is signing done. Pulatie has statistical information at her fingertips. The issue of non-medical exemption forms by parents desiring to avoid vaccinations for their children is 4.6 percent in Colorado vs 1 percent nationally.

**COMMUNICATION CENTER** (911 Dispatch)-Sheriff Rick Dunlap stated that the Thursday 4/30 meeting would be mostly securing names of those to be representative on the Advisory Board. If fee schedule questions are asked, the BOCC is holding firm for no subsidies as they have already been down that road. County Finance agreed to be present last Thurs.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY**-Attorney Teresa Williams deferred her start time to a situation with Mark who does receive a per diem being on the River District Board and receiving reimbursement for his recent California trip for hotel and meals and the air ticket cost was sent to County. One trip he went in his own vehicle and one trip he went in a county vehicle. A similar situation had come up with John Foechterle being on the METSA Board and being the Jailor. He was asked to not use job time to function on the Board or to resign the METSA Board. Comments came forward about other staff who sit on boards and how does this fit within their job or as volunteer time. Mr. Rick Dunlap does have a policy regarding this and one on outside employment since deputies are used as security at events if they have off-duty time available. Some of those present felt it was not a black and white issue. An issue to be researched.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY**-Attorney Teresa Williams reviewed a few items. The mediation next week may or may not happen. The letter to the Fair Board member asking for their resignation was redrafted to outline infractions specific to policies and now was ready for review and the signatures of the three Commissioners.

## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### OVERALL ENERGY USE IS DOWN IN MOUNTAIN VILLAGE

*Special to the Mirror*

**MOUNTAIN VILLAGE-** The Town of Mountain Village took a no-holds-barred approach to reducing its energy use in 2014, and it paid off. This same approach continues into 2015. "Mountain Village made significant capital investments for energy efficiency projects in 2014, and staff intends to continue to monitor energy consumption throughout 2015 to get a more thorough understanding of the effects of our efforts," said the town's Environmental Services Director Deanna Drew.

In 2009 the Town of Mountain Village with the Town of Telluride and San Miguel County adopted a resolution to mirror the State of Colorado's Climate Action Plan of reducing greenhouse gas emissions 20 percent by the year 2020. Using 2010 as the baseline year for achieving this goal, Mountain Village calculates greenhouse gas emissions by converting total electricity, natural gas, and fuel consumed by government operations to carbon dioxide, a primary greenhouse gas. "Overall, we are experiencing a downward trend in electricity, natural gas and fuel consumption through most Mountain Village departments," Drew said.

**ENERGY REDUCTION HIGHLIGHTS**  
Following is a list of 2014 and 2015 energy reduction statistics, projects and programs lead by Mountain Village in order to reduce energy consumption.

In 2014 carbon dioxide emissions were reduced eight percent from 2013 levels, 13 percent from a six-year average, and 22 percent from 2010 baseline emission levels. Mountain Village community's electricity use was down five percent in 2014 based on 2010 energy use totals and down four percent based on a five-year average.

The Gondola Parking Garage LED project is showing the greatest energy savings of all facilities, with a 45 percent reduction from 2013 totals and 33 percent reduction over a five-year average.

Every inefficient light bulb in the gondola terminals will be replaced with LEDs this spring thanks in part to a San Miguel County grant that will cover nearly half of the cost of the project. Solar panels purchased through Green Gondola Project donations and installed on gondola terminals have offset approximately two percent of the gondola's total electricity use. The town intends to install more solar panels on gondola terminals in 2015.

In 2014, the town earmarked \$300,000 for energy efficiency projects on town facilities based on energy audits and recommendations provided by energy consultants. Of the \$300,000, \$200,000 was rolled over into 2015, primarily to complete the efficiency projects at Village Court Apartments (VCA), Telluride Conference Center, and Heritage Parking Garage.

VCA staff has engaged an energy con-

sultant to provide analysis to prove if conversion of the apartment complex to natural gas is economically feasible. If not, further analysis will include recommendations for efficiency measures to reduce electricity consumption in the units, such as programmable thermostats with thresholds for electricity use.

The town's maintenance staff is working with an energy consultant to analyze potential efficiencies in plaza snowmelt systems and make recommendations for improvements in 2015. The town is considering a new renewable energy project which entails installing solar panels on the town's maintenance shop. Doing so may offset 100 percent of the energy used in this facility. The town offered its community members three energy reduction incentive programs in 2014: Relight Mountain Village, community solar panel discounts, and rebates for on-site solar. These three programs are available to the community again in 2015.

The Mountain Village community is currently generating approximately 77,647 kilowatts per hour of rooftop solar energy (about 216 panels); purchased 193,058 kilowatts per hour (505 panels) of renewable energy at the community solar array in Paradox Valley; and purchased 22,316 Green Blocks (100 kilowatts per hour per block) of renewable energy from San Miguel Power Association in 2014.

## HONORABLE MENTION

*To Montrose Forest Products and the Neiman family, congratulations on the 2015 EDIE Company of the Year award, and to MEDC Director Sandy Head for nominating the first Montrose Company ever to win!*

*To John Pope and the team at the Black Canyon Hunt & Outdoor Expo...nice work!*

*To Cabelas, for supporting the Black Canyon Hunt & Outdoor Expo!*

*To RE-1J CFO Karin Slater for earning the CASBO Service to the Profession Award!*

*To Lighthouse Café, for excellent food and amazing service...*

*To Centennial Middle School Principal Joe Simo, for caring about EVERY kid's future.*



## MIRROR CLASSIFIEDS

### PEPPERTREE HOMEOWNERS ANNUAL YARD SALE MAY 8-9!

Peppertree Homeowners' will host its Annual Yard Sale, East Sunnyside Road across from the Colorado West Christian School on May 8 & 9 from 8 am—3 pm. We have quality merchandise for sale...this year is better than ever: we have antique and contemporary furniture, antique cameras, collectible Hallmark ornaments, Christmas decorations, clothing, housewares, woodworking tools, garden tools and other hand tools to highlight our sale! We await your visit to shop and to acquire good merchandise at reasonable prices!

### SPACES OPEN FOR GREAT US 50 YARD SALE!

There are still a few spaces available for the Great US 50 Yard Sale on May 16 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Montrose County Fairgrounds east parking lot! Fore-Kin Trails Genealogical Society is sponsoring the community yard sale which is for both yard sale spaces and vendors. Spaces will be 12 by 24 feet and cost \$25. Marsha Kirby and Myrna Shirey are co-chairing the event. Persons interested in participating may call the Montrose Genealogy Center, 970-240-1755 or come by the Center from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

### RENTAL AVAILABLE ON MAIN STREET IN AUSTIN!

Rent the only remaining available space in the historic town of Austin! Century old structure can be home or office. No smoking. Parking, two bedrooms, one bath, nice yard. \$450 month and deposit. Call 970-275-5791 for more information.



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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### DMEA AWARDS 20K IN SCHOLARSHIPS TO LOCAL STUDENTS



**DMEA CEO, Jasen Bronec (far left) and DMEA Board President, Olen Lund (far right) present scholarship certificates to local scholars: (Back, left to right): Emily Rowland, Theresa Tafoya, Amber Sogge, Hadassa Graham, Taylor Plymale, Lisa Martinez, Megan Lahm and (Front, left to right) Ryan Latta, Alex Smith, Clay Wollert, and Russell Harris.**

#### *Special to the Mirror*

REGIONAL-Each year, DMEA offers scholarships to local students pursuing post-high school education. A portion of those scholarships are funded through a partnership with the co-op's wholesale power providers, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association and Basin Electric Power Cooperative.

This year, DMEA awarded \$20,000 in scholarships to local high school graduates and continuing education students. DMEA

School Scholarship - Theresa Tafoya\* Cedaredge High School Scholarship - Ryan Latta\* Delta High School Scholarships - Clay Wollert, and Hadassa Graham\* Montrose High School Scholarships - Amber Sogge, Jacob Miller and Megan Lahm\* Montrose Alternative High School Scholarship - Kassydy Braddy. About DMEA's Scholarship Program: As member-owned cooperatives, Basin, Tri-State and DMEA follow seven cooperative principles, which are central to the

congratulates the following students:  
\* Tri-State Generation and Transmission Scholarships - Clayton Beutler (Montrose) and Rachael Latta (Cedaredge)\* Delta-Montrose Technical College Scholarships - Lisa Martinez (Eckert) and Russell Harris (Olathe)\* Basin Electric Scholarship - Emily Rowland (Olathe)\* Paonia High School Scholarship - Taylor Plymale\* Hotchkiss High School Scholarship - Alex Smith\* Olathe High

cooperative business model. Two of these principles: "Education, Training and Information" and "Concern for Community" are why DMEA administers the scholarship programs.

Another of those principles, "Member Economic Participation" provides the funding. Electric cooperatives are not-for-profit entities.

Any excess revenue, called margins, collected by electric cooperatives are allocated back to the membership in the form of capital credits. The credits are paid back to the membership on a schedule set by the board of directors. In some cases, members can't be reached. When that happens, the money goes into a fund called the "Unclaimed Capital Credits." These scholarships are one method that DMEA uses to make sure that these capital credits go back into our communities.

#### About DMEA:

DMEA is a rural electric distribution cooperative, located in Montrose, Colorado. The cooperative is governed by a board of directors, from nine districts covering three counties.

DMEA serves approximately 35,000 residential, commercial and industrial meters, on over 3,000 miles of cooperative owned distribution line. DMEA, Tri-State and Basin Electric are honored to be able to present these scholarships to these deserving students. We wish them the best in their studies and their futures!

## DANCE AROUND PRESENTS OZ!



**Dance Around Studio presents OZ!**  
**Free performances will be presented at local schools on Friday, May 8. Courtesy image.**

#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-Dance Around presents OZ! The showcase will start off with a Special Free production set aside for local public and private school students Friday afternoon, a real treat for Montrose Olathe School District! It will be followed by an evening production at the Pavilion open to the public Friday, May 8 at 7 pm. If you can't join us Friday, come down to the Pavilion Saturday, May 9 at 2 pm. Bring the whole family to follow the yellow brick road to OZ! More than 100 dancers ranging in age from three to 17 from the Montrose, Olathe, Delta, and Ridgway communities find their wits, courage, and love through ballet, jazz, tap, hip hop, break dance, poms, clogging, Irish, and lyrical dancing. It is sure to be an exciting journey for all! OZ is an event you don't want to miss! Get your tickets online for a suggested donation of \$12 at [www.dancearoundco.com](http://www.dancearoundco.com) or at our studio in Historic Downtown Montrose at 409 N. 1st St through May 6th. Tickets are available at the door while seats last for a \$12 suggested donation. For more information, contact Dance Around at (970) 216-4895, [info@dancearoundco.com](mailto:info@dancearoundco.com) or visit us online at [www.dancearoundco.com](http://www.dancearoundco.com).



## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### DMEA TESTIFIES IN SUPPORT OF SMALL HYDRO BILL

*Special to the Mirror*

REGIONAL—Last week, Delta-Montrose Electric Association's (DMEA) Renewable Energy Engineer, Jim Heneghan testified at the State Capitol in support of a bill that will ultimately make it easier for co-op members to install small hydroelectric generators on their properties. House Bill 15-1364 clarifies the inspection requirements for micro-hydro facilities that are interconnected to a utility's distribution lines.

—DMEA's service territory has been identified as a hot spot for small hydro generation. But the regulatory hurdles of putting those systems in place make it burdensome for our members to take advantage of their water resources," said Heneghan.

In 2013 the Colorado Department of Agriculture conducted a small hydro study to identify areas where hydropower could be developed using irrigation ditch drops. Delta County was ranked as one the highest places in the state for small hydro generation opportunities.

In addition to the study, the Colorado Department of Agriculture provides further assistance should local ag producers apply for federal funding to develop micro-hydro generation. Theoretically, farmers could now generate power from their irrigation ditch drops and help offset the energy needed to power pumps or processing equipment. The reality was much different.

—The current electric code doesn't account for hydropower equipment. This was uncharted territory for state electrical inspectors, and our members' systems weren't passing inspection," said Heneghan.

The effort to develop small distributed hydro generation was stalled, but DMEA members and its Board of Directors kept looking for a solution. In response to member interest, DMEA's board resolved to work with local legislators to draft a bill amendment clarifying the requirements for small hydroelectric facilities that produce 100 kilowatts or less.

Don Coram (R) and Diane Mitsch Bush (D) provided bi-partisan sponsorship of the bill, and it passed unanimously in the Colorado House Transportation and Energy Committee with a 13 – 0 vote on April 23, 2015. After committee approval, it passed through House on third reading as of April 30, 2015.

—Our board deserves credit for standing behind our membership. The opportunities for our members to generate local renewable power are abundant, and our board supports any effort the co-op can take to bring those projects to fruition," said DMEA General Manager Jasen Bronec.

The bill is headed to the Colorado Senate but needs be approved before the end of the 2015 legislative session on May 6. It must pass through the senate before Governor Hickenlooper can sign it. Support

behind the bill has been a true effort in cooperation. DMEA, the Colorado Rural Electric Association (CREA), the Colorado Energy Office, Colorado Department of Regulatory Affairs, the Colorado Small Hydro Association, and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) worked together to draft the bill amendment, which clarified the inspection process while maintaining strict safety standards. The Colorado Department of Agriculture and Delta Conservation District also provided vital support.

—It was a lot of hard work by DMEA, IBEW, the state electrical board, and CREA to reach a consensus on an amendment that protects public safety and allows some of these projects to go forward. Credit is also due to the bill sponsors Don Coram and Diane Mitsch Bush for bringing these stakeholders together," said CREA Director of Government Relations, Geoff Hier.

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#### Pasture Management During Drought Field Day

A hands-on look at irrigated and dryland pasture grasses to help you meet your agricultural and natural resources management objectives

**Spring Farm Tour, May 15, 2015**



#### May 15 Farm Tour

The tour will offer on-farm, hands-on demonstrations and discussions of management techniques.

\$10/person or \$15/couple.

Call Ginny Price to Register  
970-249-3935

#### WHY SHOULD I ATTEND THIS FARM TOUR?

Learn about the species we planted and our tips and tricks that are important for proper establishment, as well as some best management practices to bring home to your site.

Refreshments and snacks offered.

Registration begins at 8:30 am  
**Friday at 9 am – 12 pm MT**

Join us for a tour of our grass seeding demonstration project at the Delta County Fairgrounds in Hotchkiss. We will be getting our hands dirty looking at:

- The dryland and irrigated grass species seeded in May and August.
- The on-site irrigation system, discussing some proper irrigation techniques and methods.
- We will observe which species seem to be doing best at this time, and discuss how to evaluate your recent planting.
- Pasture establishment and management techniques including weed control methods used on site.
- Best management practices to bring home to your property.

Meet at Delta County Fairgrounds, 403 S. 4th Street, Hotchkiss, CO and follow the signs to the site. Bring your own lawn chair to sit in.

### 2015 BLACK CANYON ASCENT WILL BE MAY 16

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE—The 40th Annual Black Canyon Ascent sponsored by the San Juan Mountain Runners takes place on Saturday, May 16th.

Come join the fun as walkers and runners participate in this scenic and challenging 6-mile event.

The race starts at the junction of US Hwy 50 and CO Hwy 347 just east of Montrose, walkers @ 7:30 a.m. and runners @ 8 a.m. Go to <http://www.sjmr.club/> for a link to runningguru for more info and pre-registration.

Race day registration is also available from 6:30-7:30 at the start.





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# Love Your Valley Festival



2015

**WHEN:** Saturday May 16th 1:00-6:00  
**WHERE:** Ridgway Town Park  
**COST:** Free Event  
(Micro-brew sampling for \$20.00 per person)

- ★ Music, food and fun for everyone
- ★ Micro-Brew sampling from several regional breweries
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Moab Brewery • Revolution Brewery • Dolores River Brew Pub  
Mancos Brewing • Palisade Brewing • Colorado Boy Brewery

All proceeds raised will be used to fund the free Ridgway Concert Series in July



## CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERS RE-ZONE, SALE OF OPEN SPACE

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE- At [City Council Work Session](#) on Monday, May 4, the agenda includes a discussion of Construction Warranty Options by Senior Planner Garry Baker and City Engineer Scott Murphy; Updates to the Utility Master Plan by City Public Works Director John Harris; and a 60-minute continuation of the detailed Zoning Code Update by City Attorney Steven Alcorn. [The meeting packet includes extensive information as to the proposed rezone; also included are reports from All Points Transit, Project 7 Water Authority, City of Montrose Youth Council, and a quarterly police department report.](#) The Montrose City Council meeting set for 6 p.m. May 5 has a concise agenda; following proclamations in support of Better Hearing Month and National Public Works Week, public comment and approval of the minutes of last meeting, items include a change of the next City Council meeting date from Tuesday, June 15 to Monday, June 15. Council will consider a first reading of Ordinance 2357, an ordinance of the City of Montrose, Colorado, authorizing the sale of real property. The sale of ten acres of City-owned land in the Yocum Subdivision to Julia Jackson. The parcel is known as Assessor Number #R728562, [according to the meeting packet](#), and was originally deeded to the City for City Parks/Open space for the Yocum Subdivision. Following staff reports the meeting will adjourn.

## WESTERN COLORADO FRIENDS OF THE HIMALAYAS RAISE RELIEF FUNDS FOR NEPAL

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-With more than twenty Nepalese people living in Montrose, a well-established local charity is responding to the recent tragic Nepalese earthquake. With news still filtering through about the devastation in Kathmandu and the rural villages, Western Colorado Friends of the Himalayas leapt into action and have already raised more than \$4,000 from individuals, the medical community, Montrose Rotary Club and Montrose Altrusa Club. The Western Colorado Friends of the Himalayas (WCFH) was founded April 16, 2002, by Bill and Nora Duckworth and has been in operation as a non-profit for 13 years. Through the members of its board, the organization has direct connections to the region dating back over 40 years.

At an emergency board meeting on April 29 the board voted unanimously to send \$5,000 to Nepal now, as a first response, with more funds to be dispensed after detailed information comes in about the tangible needs in rural areas. Right now the primary needs are clean water, building of temporary shelters and public health assis-

tance.

More than 5,000 people are known to be killed and thousands more are likely to have been adversely affected outside of Kathmandu. As many as 1.8 million people could be displaced. In response, WCFH has decided to address some individual situations, mainly in the Solo Khumbu region near Mount Everest where board members have direct communication links and can monitor progress on the ground.

On May 14, the Western Colorado Friends of the Himalayas are planning to put on an informational presentation at the Montrose Methodist Church at 7 pm, which will provide a pictorial overview of Nepal and show pictures of affected areas. This will be a free event. In the meantime donations are being accepted at Guru's Restaurant, 448 Main Street, or checks can be sent to WCFH, PO Box 2022, Montrose 81402. WCFH is a 501(c)3 registered organization.

For many years WCFH has assisted many Nepalese, Tibetan and Sherpa families with monetary support, visa documenta-

tion, medical expenses and educational enrollment. Most recently the organization provided much needed assistance to Sherpa families affected by the death of family members in the Mount Everest avalanche. Medical kits and CPR manikins were funded to help train additional mountain rescue medics. In addition to providing assistance to dozens of individual and their families, WCFH has provided financial aid directly to villages in the Solo Khumbu area and helped out with projects in a number of rural schools.

Their board has a mix of people from the US and Great Britain as well as Sherpas from the Everest region. Most of them know Nepal very well. WCFH president Val Burnell and her husband Terry have been to Nepal many times and have personally conveyed school materials and to local schools and villages in the Everest region. Kelvin Kent has lived in Nepal and been there 17 times. Nima Sherpa and her husband Ang Danu, who are RNs here in Montrose were brought up and still have families in the Khumbu area, just down from Everest Base Camp.

## LOCAL DISC GOLF COURSES APPEAL TO ALL AGES from pg 4

used it for outreach. For Montrose Historical Museum Director Sally Johnson, disc golf is an excellent tool only for fundraising, but for connecting with young people.

Last year, 20 players joined in the Museum's annual disc golf tournament, but Johnson is hoping for much higher turnout at this year's tournament, which is scheduled for Sept. 19. "Disc golf is becoming so popular," Johnson said. "I know that a lot of younger kids are learning to play. And I want to bring young people into the

museum!" Montrose Recreation District Executive Director Ken Sherbenou noted that while Disc Golf has not achieved quite the level of popularity achieved by another growing sport, it is definitely a game on the rise. "Pickleball is the sport increasing in popularity above all others," Sherbenou said, "but disc golf is another that provides many of the same benefits. Disc golf is a great game: it gets you outdoors, it provides exercise walking the course and it is a great social activity! It is

very inexpensive, and may be enjoyed by all ages and abilities. We are fortunate to have a wonderful, nearby course on Sunset Mesa, which is free and open to the public year round." Disc golf appeals mainly to young people, he said, but has the potential to be enjoyed equally by retirees. "Disc golf has the potential for increasing in popularity among more seasoned individuals," Sherbenou said, and noted that the City of Montrose manages and maintains the course on Sunset Mesa.

## 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**-Phantom opens May 8, 7:30 p.m. 420 S. 12th St. Information and Reservations 249-7838, Find us on the web at [www.magiccircleplayers.com](http://www.magiccircleplayers.com).

**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!

**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-

**May 4**-Re-1J Academic Booster Club students of the month for March, April and May to be honored at Johnson Elementary School, 7 p.m.

**May 5-6**-The Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission will meet at Clarion Inn, 755 Horizon Drive, Grand Junction, Colo. The meeting begins at 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 5 and is scheduled to adjourn shortly after 2 p.m. Wednesday. To learn more, please visit [cpw.state.co.us](http://cpw.state.co.us).

**May 5**-Talking Gourds Poetry Club presents two very accomplished poets at 6 p.m. at Arroyo's Telluride: Aaron Anstett of Colorado Springs and James B. Nicola of New York City.

**May 6**-Heidi's Brooklyn Deli Forum, 8 to 9 a.m. Coffee is \$1. Speaker is Debbie Harrison —Zarkis of River Valley Health Center.

**May 6**-ReBoot has scheduled a computer drop-off day at Budget Blinds, 901 S. Townsend Ave., in Montrose from Noon to 5 pm.

**May 6**-At 7 pm, in the Pioneer Room of Friendship Hall, Montrose County Fairgrounds, 1001 N. 2nd. *Montrose County Historical Society Presents*: "Tracing the Harry Hayden Civil War Diary," related by Phil Ellsworth, Cedaredge Pioneer Museum volunteer. The public is invited and admission is free. For information call 323-6466.

**May 6**-Poet James Nicola is the featured guest of Montrose Regional Library's Open Mic reading series, beginning at 6 p.m.

**May 7**-Mountain Village Design Review Board Meeting, 10 a.m. at Mt. Village Town Hall.

**May 7**-Public Lands Partnership meeting, Pioneer Room at Montrose County Fairgrounds, Noon to 1:30 p.m.

**May 8-June 8**-More Art! Student Artwork on display at the Creamery Arts Center in Hotchkiss. Please support the young artists in our community by attending the opening reception on Friday, May 8th from 6-8pm. The Creamery Arts Center is located at 165 W. Bridge Street in Hotchkiss. They can also be reached at [www.creameryartscenter.org](http://www.creameryartscenter.org) 970-872-4848, or follow them on Facebook.

**May 8-9**-Weehawken Fork Fest! The 2015 Ouray Fork Fest will feature local producers, delicious and fine-dining cuisine from local restaurants, wine pairings and tastings, cooking classes and workshops, and a champagne brunch on the morning of May 9- Restaurant Crawl May 8 from 5-9 pm / \$25 per person (downtown); Champagne Brunch May 9th 9-11 am / \$20 per person (Ouray Community Center); Chef Demonstrations May 9th 10 am -5 pm / free (Ouray Community Center); Wine and Cheese Paring Seminar, followed by an open wine tasting 5-7 pm / \$30 per person (Ouray Community Center); Weekend Pass: \$65 per person- available online, [click here](http://www.weehawkenarts.org) or by phone at 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.

**May 8-10**-Civil War Sesquicentennial Event-Confluence Park and other locations. Call 970-433-1650.

**May 8**-Opening night for Phantom, 7:30 p.m. at Magic Circle Theatre. 420 S. 12th St., Information and Reservations 249-7838, Find us on the web at [www.magiccircleplayers.com](http://www.magiccircleplayers.com).

**May 9**-Phantom, performance at 7:30 p.m. at Magic Circle Theatre. 420 S. 12th St., Information and Reservations 249-7838, Find us on the web at [www.magiccircleplayers.com](http://www.magiccircleplayers.com).

**May 9** — "Garden Affair" — Plants for sale (perennials, annual flowers and vegetables); Garden decorations and ornaments for sale; Plein-air artists in the gardens with paintings for sale; and a Silent Auction. Location: Montrose Botanic Gardens, 1800 Pavilion Drive, Montrose, 9 AM - 1 PM. Additional information at [www.montrosegardens.org](http://www.montrosegardens.org) or 249-1115. "See you in the Gardens."

**May 9**-12th Annual Montrose Wine and Food Festival, Bridges of Montrose.

**May 12**-Montrose County Food Safety Class, Friendship Hall Kitchen 2 to 4:30 p.m. Montrose County Fairgrounds. RSVP to 970.252.5067 or 970.252.5043.

**May 12-17**-Welcome Home Montrose-Mission: No Barriers week.

**May 14**-Ribbon cutting for Montrose Kayak and Surf, 4 p.m. 18 South Maple, behind 302 West Main.

**May 14** -Legal and Financial Planning for Alzheimer's Disease. 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.\* 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 - 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>>

**May 15-17**-Telluride Literary Arts Festival, call 729-0220 for tickets and information.

**May 15-16**-San Miguel County Spring Cleanup. [www.sanmiguelcounty.org](http://www.sanmiguelcounty.org).

**May 15**-Spring Farm Tour, 9 a.m. to Noon. CSU Tri-River Area Extension. Hands-on demos and discussions on pasture management during drought. \$10 person, \$15 couple. Call Ginny Price to register 970-249-3935.

**May 16**- 40th Annual Black Canyon Ascent sponsored by the San Juan Mountain Runners. Come join the fun as walkers and runners participate in this scenic and challenging 6-mile event. The race starts at the junction of US Hwy 50 and CO Hwy 347 just east of Montrose, walkers @ 7:30 a.m. and runners @ 8 a.m. Go to <http://www.sjmr.club/> for a link to runningguru for more info and pre-registration. Race day registration is also available from 6:30-7:30 at the start.

**May 16**-Grand Opening Ceremony, Montrose Water Sports Park.

**May 16**-Great US HWY 50 Yard Sale, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Montrose County Fairgrounds.

**May 16**-Delta County Memorial Hospital Nurses 5K Fun Run/Walk. Cost is \$25 for late registration beginning on April 24th. Children are free. Registration forms may be picked up at the Visitor's Desk in the DCMH lobby or by downloading a form at [deltahospital.org](http://deltahospital.org). Contact Rachael Rhode, Executive Secretary in Administration at DCMH at 874-2285.



# Meet the Candidates for DMEA's Board

The following events are facilitated by:



✓ Tuesday, May 12, 2015 (6 - 7pm)

**DMEA Headquarters**

11925 6300 Road, Montrose  
(light refreshments served)


✓ Thursday, May 14, 2015 (6 - 7pm)

**Hotchkiss Senior Center**

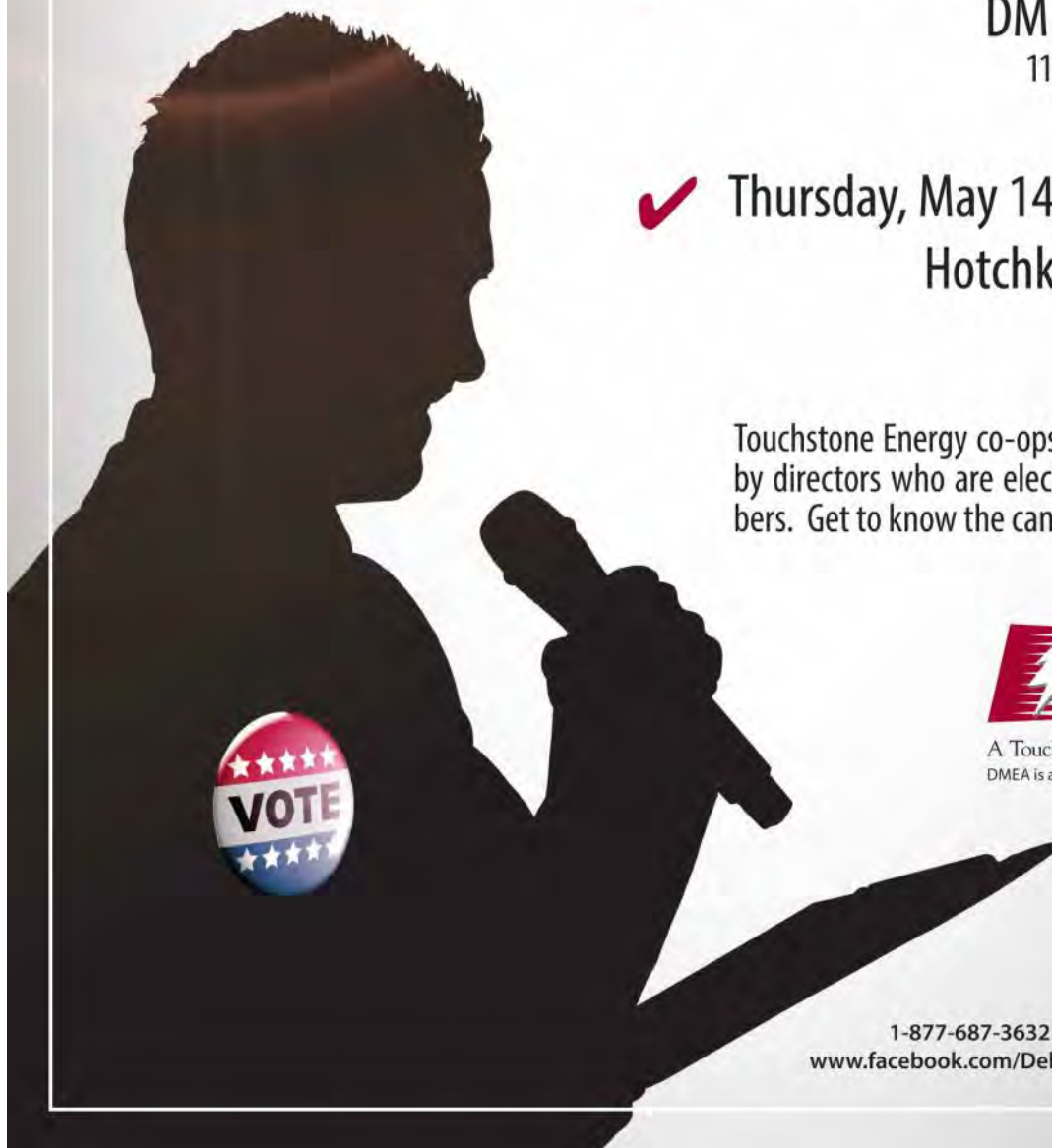
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