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WELCOME WESTERN COLORADO!



Welcome Western Colorado owner Terri Leben works with a growing clientele of local business owners to offer free welcome packets, resources and information to new homeowners and residents in three counties.

By Caitlin Switzer

REGIONAL-Terri Leben can remember what it was like to come to Montrose as a newcomer seven years ago, and to discover and experience local businesses, eateries, attractions and events for the first time. So when she helps local entrepreneurs connect with new homeowners and residents through her own business—Welcome Western Colorado—she brings the personal touch.

“I could just call, but I like to stop by and visit,” Leben explains, as she prepares to visit a new client in Ouray. Though her office is in Montrose, Leben has found appreciative markets in surrounding communities as well. Welcome Western Colorado is a welcoming service that puts merchants in touch with new residents through promotions, gift bags and plain, old-fashioned friendliness.

“I am working with 68 businesses, and I promote them only to new residents,” she said, noting that she has lists of all new homeowners in the counties she serves. And this month, Terri will be greeting new residents in Ridgway, Ouray, Telluride and the

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MISSION: NO BARRIERS!

2ND ANNUAL EVENT HIGHLIGHTS VISION OF ACCESSIBILITY

By Caitlin Switzer

REGIONAL-A little over three years ago, Melanie Kline watched a CBS Sunday Morning feature that focused on the challenges that face America's wounded veterans as they return to Civilian life. In addition to Joe Mornini and Team River Runner, the program featured Gary Love and his son Todd, a wounded veteran, as well as wounded veteran Jared Bolhuis. The program affected her so profoundly that Kline considered making a donation to Team River Runner.

She started a non-profit organization instead. The Welcome Home Alliance for Veterans, known locally as Welcome Home Montrose, was created in 2011, with the ultimate goal of establishing Montrose as a No Barriers community where veterans can live, work, and revel in the freedom to engage in sports and activities that are not so accessible to them elsewhere. From May 12 through 17 2015, Welcome Home Montrose and the Warrior Resource



A scene from the first Mission: No Barriers in 2013. Courtesy photo.

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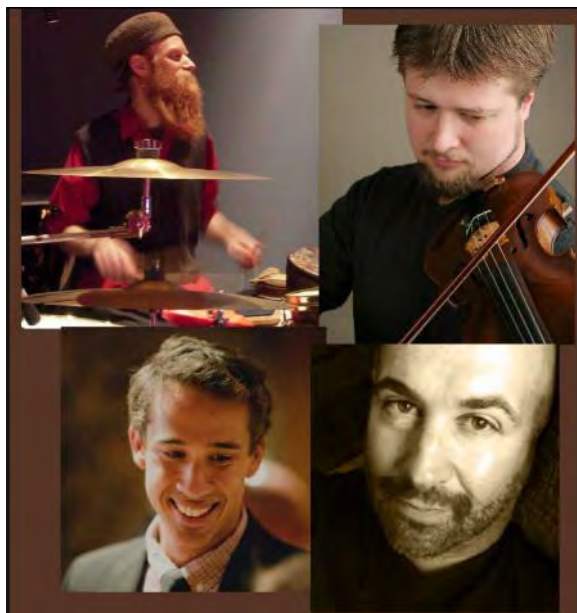
WESTERN SLOPE CONCERT SERIES

Special to the Mirror

GRAND JUNCTION-The Western Slope Concert Series will present two concerts for percussion and violin: on Saturday, May 16 at 3 PM at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 536 Ouray, Grand Junction, and on Sunday, May 17 at 3 PM at the Montrose Pavilion. Tickets are available online at www.JunctionConcerts.com, and at Roper Music in Grand Junction and the Montrose Pavilion. All seats are reserved, and start at \$9 in advance and \$12 at the door for adults.

Marcin and David will explore classical music and ethnic folk music with a rhythmic world perspective. Expect to experience some familiar classical pieces as well as some exciting pieces that will surely be new to you! Guest artists Joseph Mentoni on piano and Mitch Montealgre on string bass will complete the ensemble.

This is a performance not to be missed! Get your tickets early. Call (970) 241-4579 for more information, or buy tickets online at www.JunctionConcerts.com.



WEEHAWKEN CREATIVE ARTS SUMMER CLASSES FOR KIDS



Special to the Mirror

Paper and Bookmaking for Children ages 8-12 Miss Allison Wofford is offering two sessions of *Paper and Book Making* for children ages 8-12 throughout the summer. Children will create their own hand-made paper and turn it into a notebook, sketchbook, or stationary kit. Students can even choose to embed their home-made paper with seeds, flowers, or glitter. Day one of class will be spent learning the paper making process and the making of the actual paper. Day two of class will be spent transforming the paper into beautiful and handmade products. At the end of class, students will then get to take their creations home with them! *Paper and Bookmaking* is being offered on May 26th and 27th from 11-1pm and on June 23rd and June 24th from 11-1pm. Classes will be at Weehawken Ridgway (The Schoolhouse Building) and is \$25 for the two day session. For more information and to register please visit www.weehawkenarts.org.

Suminagashi: The Art and Science of Decorating Paper for Children ages 4-7 Miss Allison Wofford is offering two sessions of *Suminagashi* for children ages 4-7 throughout the summer. *Suminagashi* is an ancient Japanese technique of decorating paper with inks. Students will use marbling paints with water to create unique patterns that are then transferred onto paper. Day one of class will be spent learning the technique and creating the decorative paper. Day two of class will be spent transforming the paper into journal or notebook covers, envelopes, picture frames, or anything else kids can dream up. At the end of class students will then get to take their creations home!!! *Suminagashi: The Art and Science of Decorating Paper* is being offered on May 26th and 27th from 9-10 am and on June 23rd and June 24th from 9-10am. Classes will be at Weehawken Ridgway (The Schoolhouse Building) and is \$25 for the two day session. For more information and to register please visit www.weehawkenarts.org.




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OPINION/EDITORIAL-THAT NEW CITY SEWER FUND

HELP IN TIME OF NEED...OR TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION?

Mirror Staff Editorial

MONTROSE-Participating in the Delta Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) program —Operation Round Up Plus” is a way for co-op members to, “help in time of need.” Membership participation is optional and as described on the DMEA web site, —Participating members have their monthly electric bills automatically rounded up to the nearest dollar plus any additional amount they wish to designate. This money goes to the Operation Round Up fund. From that pool of money, funds are distributed each month by a group of volunteers who serve on DMEA's Charitable Trust Board.”

Interestingly the City of Montrose recently implemented a program to help defray the cost of your neighbor's sewer backup. However, rather than asking residents if they want to contribute to such a fund, the City Council imposed a \$.25 monthly fee on all residents.

The \$3 a year per residence fee is administered by the City and, at their discretion, is allocated to those in need of assistance through an application process.

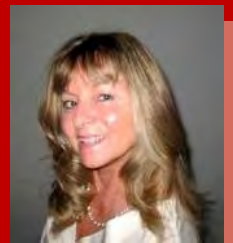
With more than 6,600 residences currently receiving sewer services, the imposed fee will generate just under \$20,000 a year for the fund.

We hope the City Council has fully vetted the need for \$20,000 a year in sewer back-up assistance. However, it is unfortunate their constituents were not given an opportunity in a community forum to voice their support, or their opposition, to such a fee (tax) before it was imposed.

Residents should know that any assistance program does not negate their ability to first file a claim against the City over sewer issues.

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MISSION: NO BARRIERS from pg 1



The first Mission: No Barriers in 2013 invited wounded warriors to take part in an extensive menu of recreational choices. Metal detecting was very popular last time, and will be on the schedule again. Courtesy photo Welcome Home Montrose.

Center will host the second annual Mission: No Barriers, welcoming a group of medically-retired veterans to Montrose for a week of recreation, relaxation and hometown hospitality." The week kicks off May 12 with a community potluck at 5:30 p.m. at the Warrior Resource Center at 11 South Park Ave. During the official opening ceremonies on May 16, Team River Runner will make the first official descent of the new whitewater park, Kline said.

"I am excited to watch them experience that portal," she said, "and I am excited to bring visibility to our wounded warriors in a new way that is accessible to the community, so that they can interact with people who have the ability to thank them face to face." Now that the community has so embraced the concept of welcoming America's returning warriors, Kline has high hopes that Montrose can become an accessible tourism destination. "When I first watched that program, it struck me when Todd Love said that he felt so free in the water," Kline said. "If our community could make the changes to become fully accessible, it would allow people with disabilities—my piece is focused on veterans, but this would also benefit families who have children with disabilities—to wake up in the morning, say I feel like going kayaking, and then be able to take themselves.

"It is about quality of life, and freedom,"

she said. "My goal would be to have that kind of freedom here in Montrose for anyone who needs it."

Accessible Tourism is increasingly highlighted worldwide, note Authors Dimitrios Buhalis, Simon Darcy and Ivor Ambrose of *Best Practices in Accessible Tourism* (Channel View Publications 2012).

"Accessible tourism is not only about providing access to people with disabilities but also it addresses the creation of universally designed environments that can support people that may have temporary disabilities, families with young children, the ever increasing ageing population as well as creating a safer environment for employees to work... accessible tourism organizations and destinations can expand their target markets as well as improve the quality of their service offering, leading to greater customer satisfaction, loyalty and expansion of business," the authors write.

Here in Montrose, the idea is a perfect fit, Kline believes. She cites a recent Harris Poll conducted in conjunction with the Open Doors Organization and the Travel Industry Association of America, which notes that the 50 million people with disabilities in the U.S. have a combined income of more than \$175 billion, and in 2002, took 32 million trips and spent more than \$13.6 billion on travel (\$4.2 billion on hotels, \$3.3 billion on airfare, \$2.7 billion on food and beverage, and \$3.4 billion on retail, transportation and other activities. "My piece is the veterans' piece, but there is so much more," Kline said. "It's so important. Independence is the key word, and that's something we have here on the Western Slope."

The fact that almost every individual featured in the CBS Sunday Morning documentary is coming to Montrose is very exciting, she said. Also very rewarding is the fact that Welcome Home Montrose was able to make a \$10,000 donation to Team River Runner, to help further the mission and defray costs of coming to Mission: No Barriers. Kline recalls that in the early days of the City's application for Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) funds to build the newly-opened Montrose Water Sports Park, had been denied. "We talked about applying again, and (former Parks Planner) Dennis Erickson re-crafted the grant to include an adaptive sports piece," she recalled. "We added a letter from Welcome Home Montrose about our mission to make Montrose a No Barriers City, and the grant was approved."

"Our mission at Welcome Home Montrose has always included outreach to any veteran who might want to move here and thrive," she said. "The River speaks to the

recreation piece big time."

Veterans were faced with a menu of recreational choices at the first Mission: No Barriers, but this time they will move through activities as a group Kline said. "The whole idea is that we are your base camp for accessible adventure," she said. "(WHM Host) Tim Kenney has doubled the size of the bunkhouse, so it sleeps 13. He is a wounded warrior himself, and he will be able to host his brothers in arms in comfort. Every day, there will be sunrise Tai Chi, a bonfire, meals and community events. This year, there are fewer choices and more focus."

In addition to getting out on the River, vets will take part in archery classes with fellow vets Heath and Jesse McCombs of Max Archery, therapeutic riding with LaurieAnn Nelson of [Montrose Therapeutic Riding Center](#), and fly fishing with Kenney's guiding service, [Toad's Guide Shop](#), and [Telluride Outside](#). Uncompahgre Valley Treasure Hunters will bring metal detectors for a ghost town outing, Kline said.

Also supporting Mission: No Barriers will be the newly-opened Montrose Kayak & Surf at 11 South Maple and, said Manager Bill Glasscock, and the new Four Corners Paddling School at 302 West Main St. "Montrose Kayak and Surf will be hosting a fund raising barbeque for Welcome Home Montrose from 4pm to 6 pm on May 14," Glasscock said, adding that 100 percent of the proceeds will be donated to the non-profit.

Should some of the visiting warriors choose to move to Montrose, the rural, agricultural lifestyle has much to offer them, Kline said.

"Veterans need jobs that allow them to serve America, because they go into the military to serve in the first place," she said. "Mission: No Barriers connects us to the veterans we would like to have move here," she continued. "We can tell them about our dream job program. And it's cool to celebrate them. In that documentary, Jared talked about feeling trapped, and how being with his brothers in arms and teaching gave him his life back. I found myself wondering why these guys needed to wait for a group to help get them out—what if they lived here, and could go independently whenever they wanted. Do I live in a community willing to make the changes that will allow them to achieve this? Accessible tourism."

"I want our community to stand for something that good." Call the Warrior Resource Center 765-2210 for information or visit www.WelcomeHomeMontrose.org for a detailed schedule of Mission: No Barriers 2015.

LIBRARY LOOKS AT FUNDING OPTIONS

LOCALS ASKED TO WEIGH IN THROUGH SURVEY



By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—The survey goes out this month, and is [available online](#) right now; those who respond will have the chance to weigh in on the future of the Montrose Library, a facility that has been recognized for excellence both in Colorado and nationwide. If survey respondents are supportive, the library may explore putting a mill levy increase before local voters in an upcoming election. If responses to the survey do not support seeking an increase, further closures and cuts to materials and services will most certainly result.

When the League of Women Voters welcomed Linda Gann and Jeff Riddle of the Montrose Library District Board of Trustees to present information to the public on May 7, it was fitting that the well-attended event took place in the Montrose Library Community Room. The comfortable and inviting space offered one more proof of the enormous value the library brings to Montrose and the surrounding area.

Left, attendees filled the Montrose Library Community Room for the League of Women Voters forum on the Montrose Library District May 7.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL-LETTERS

BELL EXPLAINS NEW CITY TAX, GAG ORDER

Ms. Switzer,
Thank you for reaching out to me with questions regarding the newly created Sewer Backup Claim Fund. The need for this type of fund came directly from our sewer customers who have asked for clean up assistance over the years when their homeowners' insurance does not cover "no fault" backups. Unfortunately, the organization that insures most of the municipalities in Colorado (CIRSA), does not offer this type of coverage for its customers and therefore when these types of incidents take place it is the local homeowner who is left with clean up costs and no assistance has been available in the past to help them.

In February, the City Council updated the City Code to implement a 25 cent monthly fee for each of our Sewer customers to establish a "no fault" fund to help customers during situations as described

above. This is not a tax, as it is assessed only to sewer customers who are part of the City's sanitary sewer system. It is a sewer utility fee. The City Council and staff discussed this code update on several occasions in open session including council work sessions and two city council meetings. Moving forward, the City will be able to help sewer customers who experience these type of no fault backups through a simply claims process that runs through our Human Resources/Risk Management department. Any customer who needs assistance may contact Tina Woodrum in our HR Department at 970-240-1415.

In response to your comments related to city employees not being allowed to talk with you...that is of course not true. Feel free to submit any questions about city operations to any city staff

member at any time in writing and we will respond in writing as soon as possible. As far as your communications with the City's elected officials, you would need to discuss that with the members of our city council. Our council cares very much for the community and its residents and I know that they are always willing to listen and to share thoughts with their constituents.

As always, we appreciate citizen inquiries and we are more than happy to share the reasoning behind any of our programs and/or policies.

William Bell

City Manager, Montrose

Editor's Note: When we attempted to reach Mayor David Romero and Mayor Pro Tem Rex Swanson, both refused to comment or return calls—even "in writing," citing Bell's instruction.

BLACKLISTED!

Mirror Staff Editorial

MONTROSE-This week it has come to our attention that Montrose city staffers are no longer allowed to speak directly to the *Mirror*, by order of City Manager Bill Bell (see Bell letter, above).

Because Mayor Romero was at work and unavailable for comment, Mayor Pro Tem Rex Swanson was contacted and asked about city department heads being silenced. Swanson said, "I don't like what you put in your paper. I'm not going to comment. You'll have to talk to Bill Bell."

There is a reason City Councilmen are elected from four different districts, plus one at-large position. They are to represent *all* constituents, even those they disagree with and those within the media.

The Mayor is selected to be the face of Council to the public and in his absence the Mayor Pro Tem takes on that responsibility. According to the City Charter, the City Council has authority over the City Manager, but they cannot interfere with the day-to-day operations of the City.

Although we question transparency when City Manager Bell restricts city employees from talking, it is his prerogative. However, it is startling for the Mayor Pro Tem to abdicate his responsibility and authority to the City Manager.

We assume Mayor Pro Tem Swanson aspires to become Mayor in the future; however, his refusal to answer questions because he doesn't like what is written in a paper is not conducive to being the public

face of Council.

An unhealthy pattern is emerging within the City Administration and City Council when they refuse to work with people, businesses and organizations that fail to jump on their bandwagon. *The Mirror* is not the first organization to be blacklisted from conversations.

Certainly councilmen can defer questions to City management to the City Manager. However, as elected officials the Council needs to be reminded that they are responsible and accountable to their constituents — not to City Manager Bill Bell.

If Mayor Pro Tem Swanson finds something in the *Mirror* that is in error we will certainly publish a correction, but his objections do not appear to be one of error.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

THE RACE IS ON FOR DMEA BOARD SEATS

Special to the Mirror

REGIONAL-The Race is on: Seven Candidates to Run for Three DMEA Board Seats

Forums to Meet the Candidates scheduled for May 12 & May 14

Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) is a non-profit electric distribution cooperative governed by a board of directors elected by its member-owners. Each year, there is an election to determine representatives from three of DMEA's nine board districts.

This year, the three seats up for election are: District #1 comprising East Central Montrose, District #2, including Olathe and the surrounding areas and District #5 including west Montrose and surrounding areas.

By the deadline of May 1, 2015, seven candidates had submitted the sufficient number of member signatures needed to qualify them for the 2015 election ballot.

In District 1, incumbent, William Patterson is running unopposed.

In District 2, the candidates are Mandy Norris-Snell, Richard Harding, Kyle Martinez and Tammy Theis.

In District 5, Marshall Collins is running unopposed.

The League of Women Voters of Montrose County is facilitating two Candidate Forums to enable the members to meet and question the candidates running in DMEA's 2015 board election. The first forum will be held Tuesday, May 12, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the DMEA Headquarters, 11925 6300 Rd. in Montrose. The second

forum will be held Thursday, May 14, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the Hotchkiss Senior Center, located at 276 E. Main St. in Hotchkiss. Light refreshments will be served at both meetings.

On May 26, 2015, ballots and a summary of each candidate's background will be mailed to DMEA members who had electric service from DMEA as of May 1, 2015. All members may vote for any candidate regardless of the district in which they reside.

Voted ballots must be returned by mail no later than June 15, 2015, or members can vote in person at DMEA's Annual Meeting at the Cedaredge Assembly of God Church, 1596 SW 9th St. in Cedaredge on the morning of Thursday, June 17, 2015, from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.



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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

SUBARU/IMBA TRAIL CARE CREW TO VISIT MONTROSE MAY 21-24, 2015

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA) recently announced that their Trail Care Crew (TCC) will visit Montrose, Colorado, May 21-24, 2015. The Trail Care Crew is sponsored by Subaru and travels across the country in a Subaru Outback offering workshops on effective trail advocacy and sustainable trail construction. Montrose is one of 4 Colorado venues that will host the crew this year and the 6th time they have visited a Colorado Plateau Mountain Bike Trail Association (COPMOBA) site since

the TCC inception in 1997.

Their visit will begin with a presentation –Better Living Through Trails” on Thursday, May 21 at 2 Rascals Brewing Company, 147 N. First St. at 4 pm. The slide presentation explores the positive relationships between communities and their trail systems. Trails are a community asset that can improve the economy, health, quality of life and livability of a community. Community governmental officials, land managers and business leaders are invited to attend this informative presentation. The presentation will be followed by a

mixer with light refreshments courtesy of COPMOBA with 2 Rascals selling their tasty beverages. Registration for this event is encouraged, and can be made by sending a RSVP to uncompahgre@copmoba.org. The Trail Care Crew will conduct their popular Trail Building School on Saturday, May 23 at the Bureau of Land Management meeting room (north building), 2465 S. Townsend from 9 am to noon for the classroom session, followed by hands-on trail work from 1-4 pm. The trail work will take place on Sunset Mesa. The school teaches sustainable trail construction and maintenance techniques. There is no charge for the school and lunch is provided. Interested individuals must register for the Trail Building School at www.imba.com/calendar/2015-05 (select May 23) and sign a waiver. Participants who want to build trail in the afternoon need to attend the school in the morning. A group ride is being organized on Sunday, May 24. The Trail Care Crew will join us for a ride at 9 am on a local trail. Individuals can sign up for the group ride at uncompahgre@copmoba.org.

COPMOBA is a 501(c)3 organization that has been working with the public land managers on the western slope of Colorado and eastern Utah since 1989 to design, build and maintain sustainable singletrack trails for mountain biking and other non-motorized users. The first large-scale signature trail completed by COPMOBA is the Kokopelli Trail, which is 135 miles long and connects Grand Junction with Moab. Other COPMOBA trails include the Tabeguache Trail that connects Montrose with Grand Junction, the Paradox Trail that connects Montrose with Moab via the West End, and many other loop trails in the region. COPMOBA has chapters in Montrose (Uncompahgre Chapter), Delta (Delta Area Mountain Bikers), Ridgway (Ridgway Area Trails), Grand Junction (Grand Valley Chapter), and in Nucla (West End Bike Association).



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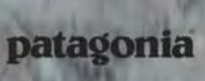
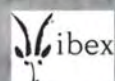



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LIBRARY LOOKS AT FUNDING OPTIONS

Locals Asked to Weigh in Through Survey From pg 5



League of Women Voters members Barb Krebs, Rosemary Murphy and Tressa Guynes listen closely to the presentation by Library Trustees.

“It’s awesome to be here in the Library,” Gann told the crowd. Montrose may not be a big city, but our library is among the state’s best, she said, and it is in financial trouble.

“The Library District has done a remarkable job of weathering the Great Recession,” Gann said, “but at some point, using reserve funds for operations will no longer be viable.”

Gann offered background on the library

and the resources it provides. The Montrose Library District was formed by voters in 1967, and presently serves 40,000 patrons in its Paradox, Naturita, Montrose and Bookmobile locations. Along with 29 public computers used more than 34,000 times a year, the library district has over the past year welcomed 2,000 people to use the quiet working spaces, 580 groups to use the meeting rooms, and answered 17,000 patron questions. Books and resources were checked out more than 315,000 times last year.

Library statistics also show that 650 kids joined the annual summer reading program last year, 1,350 story times took place, and 19,000 people took part in more than 800 programs for children. Close to 4,000 patrons attended library programs targeted at adults.

Over the years the District has earned impressive honors, from statewide recognition of the Children’s Summer Badge program and its work with first graders to being one of five libraries in the Nation to receive the National Medal in a ceremony at the White House.

“We have invested in innovation, to

provide the best possible return to you, our patrons,” Gann said.

And yet, despite the obvious community appreciation for and need of the library’s services and programs, funding has dropped to levels that have made tough choices inevitable.

Ninety percent of financing for the Montrose Library is derived from the 3.0 mill levy currently in place. However, though the District has never taken on debt and shows a Return on Investment rate of \$5.33 for every tax dollar spent, revenues have dropped drastically.

In 2011, the average homeowner paid \$45.52 in taxes to the Library District, while the median business paid \$372.83. In 2015, residential real estate valuations have declined by 19 percent, and the amount of tax generated by the average homeowner for the library saw a corresponding drop to \$37.04. Overall, revenue has dropped 21 percent over the past five years.

Because the library took care to build reserves during the good years, those funds have helped to cushion some of the economic impacts, though many deep cuts have also been made, Riddle said. Weekly open hours have been cut by 11, there are six fewer staffers, and the materials budget has been reduced by 34 percent.

“The bookmobile now visits locations every other week, instead of once a week,” he said.

Shelving is already done entirely by volunteers, Montrose Library Development Officer Amy McBride noted.

McBride and Reference Librarian Tania Hajjar were both on hand at the League Forum to answer questions.

“We have a very strong library with a loyal and devoted staff,” Hajjar said. “We enjoy a lot of support; this is a very busy facility. People use all aspects of our library, from traditional materials to computers. We have a lot of regular, grateful patrons who really appreciate that we are here.”

“We have a commitment in our collection development to have something for everybody,” she continued, “regardless of our own philosophies. We support each person’s right to read and research what they want.”

Locals are being asked to weigh in on the future of the Montrose Library via the library’s survey: <http://www.montroselibrary.org/the-library-district-wants-to-know-what-you-think>.

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Jan Sunderland of O'Toys in Ouray talks about marketing strategies with Terri Leben.

Gunnison Valley in addition to Montrose. She chats with new residents by phone or by personal appointment, and mails cards to them as well, with special offers and invitations.

—They receive a re-usable grocery bag with coupons, discounts, information and fun things to do,” Leben said. —I pick and choose what goes in each packet, and I keep the service affordable and simple for

businesses.” Typical welcome items might include a screwdriver from a local fencing company, or a free gift offer from a local boutique.

Terri also continues to explore area businesses with the curiosity of the new resident she once was, checking out local options so she can share them with newcomers. She is increasingly asked for help with things like finding workers, choosing premiums, promotional items and giveaways, and with understanding just who is moving to the area. She has become so accustomed to connecting new local residents with goods and services, she sometimes thinks of herself as —Terri’s List” of Western Colorado.

—I can pretty much find someone what they need,” she said, —Just the other day I helped somebody locate a farrier.”

Armed with statistics, catalogs, and information from local Chambers of Commerce, Leben has become a formidable resource for anyone seeking to learn about businesses, attractions and events in Western Colorado. —The highest percentage of

people moving here and buying homes are active retirees,” she said, noting that other strong sectors for new residents are governmental and agency employees, teachers and medical professionals.

Among her satisfied clients is [O'Toys of Ouray](#), owned by locals Jan and Paul Sunderland.

—We just started working with her, and she has been very cheerful and very helpful,” Paul Sunderland said.

And though Terri finds herself working hard and covering plenty of miles, she couldn’t be happier with her growing company.

—I love meeting people and promoting good businesses,” she said. —I love working with those who offer outstanding customer service. If I can help another business succeed, that’s a huge compensation. And I can’t imagine living anywhere else.” She encourages community members to visit her web site

www.welcomewesterncolorado.com for resources, and to advertise their businesses there.



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Mike runs the Meat Department at the Montrose Safeway, where they still cut meat on site the old-fashioned way. He has been with the supermarket chain since 1986. For Mike, Safeway's recent merger with the Albertson's chain means an opportunity to excel—he now has more freedom to come up with promotions and special deals for customers. "The merger has been exciting for us," he said. "I am planning some really special grilling packages for Summer, so come on in!" Thank you Mike!

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MAY IS NATIONAL ELECTRICAL SAFETY MONTH

Special to the Mirror

REGIONAL-May is National Electrical Safety Month, and Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) wants to raise awareness about the importance of electrical safety. This year, DMEA will focus on promoting safety in America's communities, homes and businesses. Houses across the nation are aging and pose common hazards, but through a variety of updates, residents can improve any home's functionality, efficiency and most importantly safety.

DMEA is offering these 10 quick tips for maintaining electrical safety:

- * "Look Up and Live!" - Use caution when lifting tall objects near overhead power lines around the house. Keep your body, arms, long-handled tools, saws, ladders, pool tools, lumber and anything that reaches above your head at least 10 feet away from overhead power lines.

- * Only qualified line safety workers should prune trees near power lines. Customers with concerns about trees growing too close to power lines should contact DMEA for assistance.

- * Keep balloons, kites and toys like remote control aircraft away

from overhead electric lines. Never attempt to retrieve any object that is caught in a power line. Leave it alone and contact DMEA to report the problem immediately.

- * Always assume any downed electric line is energized and extremely dangerous. Never go near a damaged power line that dangles in the air or has fallen to the ground. Stay away, keep others away, and contact 911 and DMEA immediately.

- * When celebrating Holidays and graduation ceremonies with helium-filled metallic balloons, make sure they are secured to a weight that is heavy enough to prevent them from floating away, or keep them indoors. To avoid the possibility of becoming entangled in power lines and causing power outages, never remove the weight and never release balloons outside.

- * To prevent the risk of electrical shock, avoid overloading electrical outlets, power strips and extension cords with too many devices and appliances.

- * Replace damaged electrical cords and equipment, or have them repaired by a qualified electrician or repaircenter to avoid the risk of electrical shock.

- * Talk to children about the dangers of tampering with electrical

outlets. Childproof outlets with plastic protectors or covers in homes with young children, toddlers or infants.

- * Use ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) protection on all electrical outlets located near water sources such as bathrooms, kitchens, fountains and swimming pools to reduce the risk of electrocution.

- * Call 811 toll-free before you dig. If you are planting a tree or digging a hole for a fence post, or digging for any reason, call 811 at least two days ahead of time to avoid digging into electric or gas lines buried beneath the ground and disrupting service in your neighborhood. 811 is a free and easy service that notifies utilities to come to your home and mark the approximate location of their underground facilities in the excavation area. About ESFI The Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI) sponsors National Electrical Safety Month each May to increase public awareness of the electrical hazards around us at home, work, school, and play. ESFI is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated exclusively to promoting electrical safety. For more information about ESFI and electrical safety, visit www.esfi.org.

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DCMH RECEIVES HIGH MARKS FOR PATIENT SAFETY

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DELTA—Delta County Memorial Hospital has done a consistent job of offering safe, quality medical care for the past 100 years in Delta County. We are continuing to work hard to improve the quality of care and patient safety at this community hospital each and every year in many ways," stated CEO Jason Cleckler.

One significant symbol of safe, quality medical care is to compare the surgical infection rates at different hospitals. At Delta County Memorial Hospital we have lowered our infection rate again this year to a record 0.19 percent. In comparison, the national surgical infection rate is estimated at 2.5 percent and the range nationally is from 3-5 percent.

Another important way that Delta County Memorial Hospital demonstrates patient safety is through the feedback received from hospital inspections performed by national inspection teams from DNV, Colorado Department of Health and Environment and other accrediting agencies. Overall comments such as: "This hospital is a model for other hospitals," and statements regarding the overall cleanliness of the

hospital provide positive feedback. Any comments from hospital inspections on ways to improve are taken seriously and often times have been implemented before the inspection team leaves the hospital.

"Various inspectors and surveyors over the years have always commented on the friendly and helpful attitude of the hospital staff. This hospital's staff has a sense of pride in their hospital and commitment to their community which contributes to their dedication in providing safe quality care," commented Ramona Frazier, RN, Quality Assurance Coordinator for DCMH.

DCMH's Laboratory and Trauma IV Program in the Emergency Department have received very positive feedback from accrediting agencies making spontaneous inspections during the past year.

According to Jeanine Finnell, RN – the hospital's Quality Director, —Delta County Memorial Hospital has implemented several nationally recognized patient safety programs over the past three or four years including Hand Hygiene, Central Line Associated Infection Prevention Program, Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infection Prevention Program, Ventilator Asso-

ciated Events Prevention Program, Falls Prevention Program, Healthcare Worker Influenza Immunization, as well as our Surgical Care Improvement Program".

In late April 2015 Delta County Memorial Hospital was honored with an "A" Hospital Safety Score by The Leapfrog Group, an independent national non-profit organization run by employers and other large purchasers of health benefits.

The A score was awarded in the latest update to the Hospital Safety Score. The A, B, C, D, or F scores assigned to U.S. hospitals is based upon preventable medical errors, injuries, accidents and infections. The Hospital Safety Score was completed under the guidance of the nation's leading experts on patient safety and is designed to give the public information they can use to make informed decisions about where they want to go for safe and quality healthcare.

—Delta County Memorial Hospital is very proud of being awarded an "A" from The Leapfrog Group. The safety score demonstrates our level of commitment and service to our patients and Delta County families," stated CEO Jason Cleckler.

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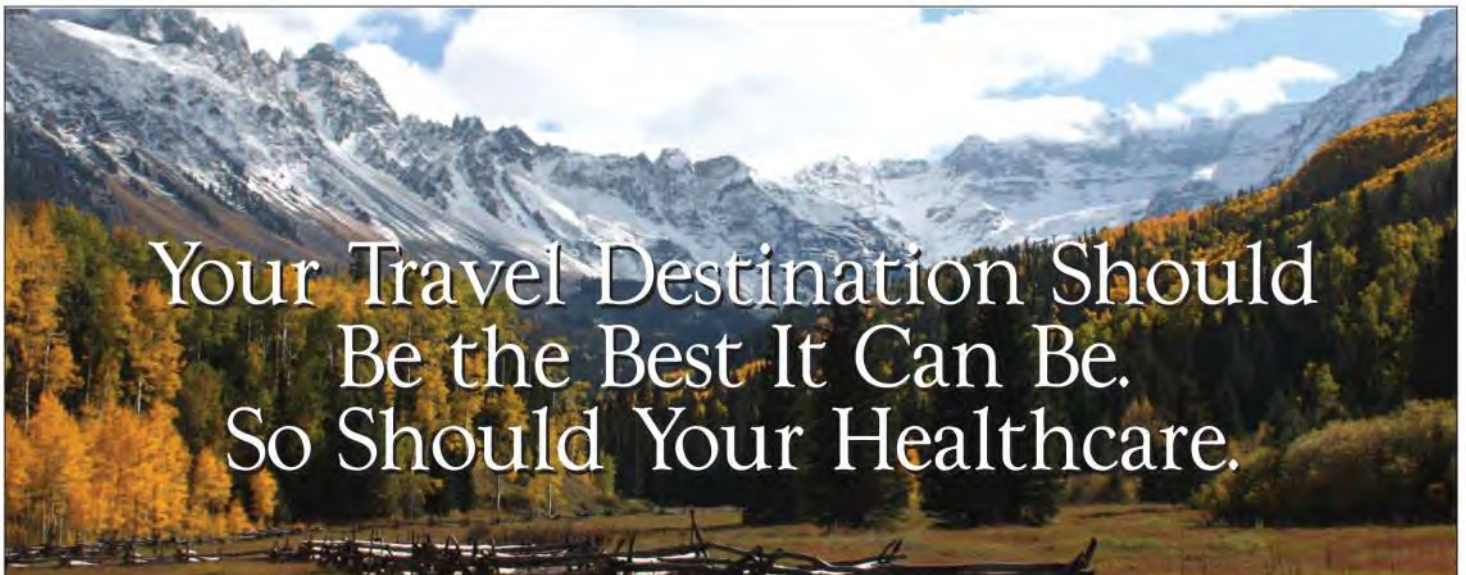
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ACADEMIC BOOSTER CLUB HONORS MONTROSE OLATHE SENIORS WITH TOP 10 GPA'S



Special to the Mirror

REGIONAL-The Academic Booster Club attended Senior Awards Night at Montrose High School and Olathe High School and proudly presented the students with the top 10 Grade Point Averages with a medal in honor of their academic excellence. The MHS students with the Top 10 GPA's are (in alphabetical order): Franklin Eccher, Daniel Granberg, Christopher Haynes, Erin Hoover, Shelby Kenney, Cameron LeBlanc, Ryan Mathias, Justin Peterson and Amber Sogge. The OHS students with the Top 10 GPA's are (in alphabetical order): Araceli Cortez, Samantha Faulk, Morgan Felix, Hannah Pace, Josie Roth, Emily Rowland, Theresa Tafoya, Sarah Vanderpool, Maritza Olide Villafana and Zane White. *Courtesy photo.*



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VISTA CHARTER SCHOOL SPRING GRADUATION WILL BE MAY 21

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MONTROSE-Vista Charter School will be holding their spring graduation ceremony on Thursday, May 21 at 7 pm at Montrose Pavilion (1800 Pavilion Drive) where 15 Vista Students will be receiving their accredited high school diplomas: Stephanie Arroyo, Diomedes Avila, Peyton Ayers, Tasha Bieber, Kody Bradshaw, Allana Gartner, Cody Hauser, Clarissa Herrera, Maria Herrera, Kacy Kissner, Brent Kuhfus Davis, Feliberto Lemus, Andrea Maes-

tas, Kylee McWilliams, Alex Mims, Taliya Robinson, Cameron Ticherich, Ernesto Trujillo, Aaron Vigil, Ryley Wallace, Kasandra Wright. The public is invited to attend. Vista Charter High School is a successful educational opportunity for students who seek an alternative means to earn a high school diploma. Since 1984, more than 890 students have graduated from the program. Vista provides a flexible class schedule that allows students to secure employment while attending

school. Course work is individualized, and credit is earned at a self-paced rate. Vista offers both computerized courses and more traditional textbook courses to students. Credit is awarded based on completion of course work. When students earn the required number of credits, they graduate immediately. Two formal graduation ceremonies are held each school year to honor the graduates and award accredited high school diplomas. For more information visit: <http://www.vistacharter.org>.

TREASURE CHEST THRIFT STORE AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The Treasure Chest Thrift Store has awarded the following applicants \$1,000 each in scholarships for the 2015-2016 school year as students in Montrose and Ouray Counties. Taylor Gibson of Olathe, Olathe High School, \$1,000; Hala Bishop of Montrose, Montrose High School, \$1,000; Nieazja Martinez of Montrose, Montrose High School, \$1,000; Alesia Senft of Ridgway, Ouray High School, \$1,000.

This is the first year The Treasure Chest Thrift Store has awarded Scholarships. The Treasure Chest awards scholarship money to ensure that

students with learning disabilities are able to achieve their college goals, despite potential setbacks such as learning issues. The Treasure Chest Scholarship is awarded to graduating high school seniors with a documented learning disability who will be enrolled in a university, two-year community college, a vocational or technical training program, or a specialized program for students with LD in the fall of 2015.

The student must attend school in Montrose or Ouray County, The ideal Treasure Chest Scholar is a student who: Articulates his or her LD and recognizes the need for self-advocacy; Is committed to post-high school academic study/

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JAMES CARRICO RECEIVES 2015 VOTEC FACULTY OF THE YEAR AWARD



James Carrico, Automotive Technologies department coordinator and instructor at Delta-Montrose Technical College (DMTC).
Courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror

DELTA – James Carrico, Automotive Technologies department coordinator and instructor at Delta-Montrose Technical College (DMTC), was recently recognized by the Colorado State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education as the 2015 Faculty Member of the Year at

DMTC. Carrico has been the program coordinator/instructor at DMTC since 2012. He initially taught both high school and college programs but growth within the department has allowed him to hire another instructor for the high school courses and he now teaches only college courses.

Carrico is a native of Colorado, and grew up on the family farm west of Olathe. “I’ve always had a passion for cars and trucks,” said Carrico. When he was young he had two cousins who owned ‘56 Chevy pickups. He was so impressed by those pickups he remembers sneaking into the garage to stare at them. His first experience working on automobiles came when he was 16. He wanted something he could drive to school so he bought a pickup and fixed it up. He enjoyed doing the work so much he decided that was what he wanted to go to school to learn to be a mechanic.

Carrico attended Northwest Kansas Technical College in Goodland, Kansas. He graduated in 2003 with an Associate of Applied Science degree and returned to Olathe, Colorado. Over the next nine years he worked as an automotive technician in Delta and also spent a couple of years as a tow truck operator. In 2012 an opening came up at DMTC and he decided to make the transition from technician to teacher.

“I really enjoy teaching,” said Carrico. — I love seeing how learning to work on au-

tomobiles can provide the motivation and skills to help someone change their life.”

Carrico is highly qualified to teach all aspects of automotive technology. He currently has ASE (National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence) certifications in Engine Repair, Automatic Transmission/Transaxle, Manual Drive Train & Axles, Suspension & Steering, Brakes, Electrical/Electronic Systems, Heating & Air Conditioning, Engine Performance, and Automotive Diesel.

In June he will be taking the test to receive ASE Master certification. In addition, Carrico has a CTE credential is MACS certified to work on air conditioning, and has attended clinics by CarQuest, GM, and Ford to remain familiar with changes in the industry.

In his free time Carrico enjoys spending time with his 11 year old daughter, Alexis, motorcycling, shooting, and music. He shoots on a league at the Delta Trap Club. He plays bass guitar for the worship team at Olathe Assembly of God, where he is a member, and for other church bands throughout the valley.

Delta-Montrose Technical College is a public career and technical college in Delta, Colorado. It offers 57 secondary and postsecondary certificates in 12 different programs.

All certificates can be earned in two semesters or less, with many of them only one semester in length.

RE-1J SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH FOCUS GROUP MEETINGS

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE—The MCSD Board of Education would like to invite the community to focus group meetings to offer input in the search for our next superintendent. A representative from the Colorado Association of School Boards will be on hand to facilitate the meetings which will be held on Wednesday, May 13th. There will be a session held in the MCSD Boardroom at noon for community members. Two parent sessions will be held at the Montrose High School Cafeteria at 4:30 pm and 6:30 pm. Applications for the interview groups will be available at the focus group meetings, on the website (www.mcscd.org) and on hand at Central Office, 930 Colorado Avenue. The deadline for return of the applications will be 5:00 pm on Friday, May 22nd.



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MAGIC CIRCLE PLAYERS TO HOLD AUDITIONS FOR *SOUVENIR*

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MONTROSE-*Souvenir* is a comedy based on the real life story of Florence Foster Jenkins, a wealthy society eccentric who suffered under the delusion that she was a great operatic soprano when, in fact, she could not sing two consecutive notes in tune. Nonetheless, she sold out Carnegie Hall in two hours in 1944. *Souvenir*, by turns hilarious and poignant, is told through the eyes of, Florence's accompanist, Cosme McMoon. He is a talented musician who at first sees Florence only as a meal ticket but their relationship becomes one of real friendship and affection.

Needed: one male between the age of 40 to 60 who can sing; ability to play piano is a plus and one female between the age of 40 and 60 who can sing very well and very badly.

Auditions will be Sunday May 17 and Monday May 18 at 6:30 pm at Magic Circle Players Community Theatre. Audition material is available at a drop box in front of the theatre or online at www.magiccircleplayers.com. For more information contact Mark Smith at [970-901-8857](tel:970-901-8857).

SHERBINO THEATER AND WEEHAWKEN PRESENT "PAINT YOUR PET" FOR MAY'S ART BAR

Special to the Mirror

RIDGWAY-May's Art Bar at The Sherbino Theater is all about our pets and the love we have for our pets! Join instructor Allison Wofford, for a step-by-step and 'how-to' class on turning a favorite photo of your pet into an original work of art. The *Paint your Pet* Art Bar is \$35 dollars which includes all supplies and either one beer or a glass of wine. Please come to this Art Bar with a favorite photograph of your pet if you would like to do a 'free hand' style painting, or bring a black and white copy (non-glossy) of a pet photo to use as a paint by number template. May's Art Bar is on Wednesday, May 27th from 6-8pm at The Sherbino Theater. For more information and to register please visit: www.weehawkencreataivearts.org.



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FORMER MAYOR ABEYTA TO CITY: LET'S BE PROACTIVE, ADD SENSITIVITY TRAINING

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—When former Montrose Mayor Jose Abeyta stood before City Council during public comment time on May 5, it was to suggest that those who work with the public in the fields of law enforcement and public service might benefit from additional sensitivity training. As national headlines continue to focus on abuses of power by police, Abeyta made the point that it would be best to be proactive, rather than to attend an unnecessary funeral as some other communities across the Nation have had to do.

Justice has always been important to Abeyta, a career law enforcement professional who served as Chief Probation Officer for the Seventh Judicial District prior to his retirement.

“Four or five people came up to me after I spoke to Council, and told me that this needed to be said,” Abeyta said. “This is not just about Hispanics; it is about being open to other cultures. I would like for them to bring in a trainer, and not just have police there, but the entire City staff. There are little things—when Hispanics greet each other they hug, when Anglos meet, they shake hands.

“We need to understand each other, and do anything we can that brings the community together,” Abeyta said. “Like I told Council, I would rather be pro-active than mourn an unneeded death.”

In the 1990's, Abeyta was part of a community partnership that succeeded in its goal of establishing a better rapport between members of the general population and local law enforcement agencies.

“It was under (former Montrose Police

Chief) Gary Meacham,” Abeyta said. “We brought in the Department of Justice, and they trained 18 to 20 mediators who became certified. We created a Montrose Community Advisory Board to look into citizen complaints, and we would follow up and get back to the person who had complained.”

The project was so successful it was eventually presented to and recognized by the Department of Justice's Healthy Communities Project in Washington, D.C., Abeyta said.

Another who worked on the Montrose Community Advisory Board was Nelson Jennett of Montrose, a former FBI and CBI investigator. “We had a mix of law enforcement and citizens; Tim Salazar was on the committee too,” Jennett recalled. “There were a lot of complaints at first. When people complained to police, they would go back to follow up and sometimes their complaint would be lost. So we made a form. They could give us their complaint, and we would give copies to them and to law enforcement. And we followed up, and told people what had been done.

“They were dumbfounded,” he said. “We worked ourselves out of a job in about a year; there were fewer and fewer complaints, and then there were no complaints, so we disbanded. I have never seen that happen before.”

The amazing success rate can be credited to the simple act of listening, he noted.

“Sometimes people can't get together,” Jennett said. “But we listened to each other, and the next thing you know things got done fast.”

One family that had been helped by the

Montrose Advisory Committee showed up with dinner for the group, he said.

The process was also a learning experience. “Of course I am sensitive to law enforcement,” Jennett said. “But some of the complaints were valid; and we got back to the victim and told them what had been done.

“The time may come when it needs to be done again,” he added. “Maybe it is time now.”

Abeyta feels like there is no time like the present for additional sensitivity training.

“Any time you have a dialog, you are on your way to reaching a solution,” Abeyta said.

Though City Manager Bill Bell has forbidden Council and City staff to speak directly to the Mirror, Police Chief Tom Chinn responded to our inquiry about additional sensitivity training via email:

“I think the type of training that Jose Abeyta was talking about was cultural awareness training. All Colorado law enforcement do several hours of this type of training in the law enforcement academies (basic training). We (Montrose Police Department) have had several trainings on this subject also over the years.

“I do believe this training may give officers a better perspective as to how to interact with different cultures.

“Training in general is always good. We (law enforcement) cannot train enough,” Chinn said.

“The police department does put our team members through this type of training and we will continue to do so moving into the future,” City Manager Bill Bell, who was copied on Chinn's email to the Mirror.

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ARTS AND CULTURE

WILD CANARIES FEATURED AT SHERB SUNDAY CINEMA

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-In collaboration with the Crested Butte Film Festival, this month's Sherb Sunday Cinema features the independent film, *Wild Canaries*.

Michael Brody of The Crested Butte Film Festival writes, "Perhaps coupling the word 'New Yorker' with 'paranoid' or 'neurotic' is slightly redundant. Living amongst seventeen million people in the former crime capital of the world can do unsettling things to a person. All this city stress, however, is used to great comedic success in the new independent film, *Wild Canaries*.

Written, directed by, produced by, and starring Lawrence Michael Levine (a challenging if not career-threatening task) *Wild*

Canaries is a romp through the neighborhoods of Brooklyn and the vagaries of his lead-character, Barri's, mind (played by Levine's real-life wife, Sophia Takal.) With an undefined job, and perhaps too much time on her hands, Barri is quite convinced that foul-play has led to the demise of the little old lady living upstairs (in what just happens to be a rent-controlled apartment - meaning that once the tenant dies, the rent goes up.)

Giving her fear and suspicion free reign sets the film in motion and soon Barri has convinced everyone that it was the victim's son, Anthony, who did the awful deed. What follows is a hilarious hunt tracking down several suspects and inner fighting among the film's married couple, Barri and

Levine's Noah that yields some of the funniest marital insults ever slung onscreen. Come prepared to laugh.

The Village Voice says *Canaries* is "...the closest a contemporary film has come to replicating the unbridled jubilation of a classic screwball comedy." It's also a love-letter to a bygone time and genre, where characters had the time and freedom to pull on the string of their frivolities and see where it led - or to whom. In the case of *Wild Canaries*, it leads to ninety-six minutes of silliness, paranoia on all accounts, and most thankfully, humor. Truly an independent film worthy of a watch."

This month's Sherb Sunday Cinema is on Sunday, May 24th. Doors and cash bar open at 7 pm. \$7 entry at the door.

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RIDGWAY-Arts, Community, and Education (A.C.E.) out of Norwood, Colorado presents: "The Underpants," a play by Carl Sternheim adapted by the one and only STEVE MARTIN. Directed by Sara Doehrman and Buff Harper, the cast of A.C.E. will take the audience on a comedic journey on evening of May 15th.

A quick synopsis of *The Underpants*: When the King of Prussia passes by, Louise, a Dusseldorf housewife, reaches up to wave and discovers to her horror that her underpants have fallen to her ankles. Soon Louise's madcap mishap is the talk of the town and a full-fledged farce ensues. From the wild and crazy imagination of comedian Steve Martin (yes, that Steve Martin!) this ribald romp is chock-full of innuendos, verbal jousting and physical comedy. Yah, das ist funny!

The Underpants production is showing for one night only on Friday, May 15th at The Sherbino Theater. Doors are at 6:30pm where tickets can be purchased for \$15. ***Please note that this play contains adult language and situations.



THE MOST FUN YOU CAN HAVE IN MONTROSE! MONTROSE SENIOR CENTER



Above, Doris and Wilma Willson play games at the Pavilion Senior Center on Wednesday May 6.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—When Wini Tappan had buttons made recently to show her pride in being a senior citizen, she had every intention of starting a trend—and as it turns out, she has done just that.

“I am a Senior Citizen and I am Proud of it,” the buttons, sported by many at the Senior Center and around town, read. Tappan has continued to lead in other ways as well, through the Golden Circle Seniors at the Montrose Pavilion Senior Center. After more than a year spent restoring the meal site’s congregate lunches and building the Hot Wheels Meals homebound meal delivery programs (after programs formerly run by Volunteers of America at the Pavilion were impacted with funding cuts during sequestration in 2013) the Golden Circle Seniors are now welcoming an increasing number of community members of all ages to the congregate meals and other activities at the Pavilion Senior Center.

Especially popular are the regular dances, held twice each month and open to all ag-

es.

“There is a new band, Route 66, that really is excellent,” Tappan said. “We see between 95 and 115 people at every dance, twice a month on second and fourth Saturdays.”

“We had teens come to the last dance,” notes Golden Circle Seniors President Madaline Lake. This month’s dances will feature Preferred Country on May 9 and Ghost River Band on May 23. Dances begin at 7:30 p.m., and end at 11 p.m.

“A mission is just \$5,” Tappan said, “and we break at 9 p.m. for the refreshments that people bring.”

Though the annual Community Connections Fair may be rescheduled from May 16 to May 23 due to a conflict with other local events, the Seniors Night Out—including a potluck dinner, Bingo, Ice Cream, games and line dancing—this month will be May 18, and the Annual Golden Circle Yard and Bake Sale is on for June 13. There is a free Jam Session/Sing Along every Monday from 4 to 6

p.m., and line dancing on Monday nights (4 to 6 p.m. on first, second, fourth and fifth Mondays, and at 6 p.m. on the third Monday of each month).

Ongoing Arts and Crafts offerings include everything from ceramics, the Black Canyon Woodcarvers, Free computer classes, and several groups that meet to work on projects of their own choosing in a group setting. Games, which cost only \$1 (tournaments are \$2.50), are also offered regularly through the Pavilion/Montrose Rec District 50+ Activity Coordinator Cindy Marino.

While many of the programs funded through the Older Americans Act have been moved to the less accessible Region 10 facility at 300 North Cascade, the Pavilion Senior Center continues to offer a Senior Resource Counselor (970-252-4889) and informative, regular programs on Medicare and Medicaid by Marilyn Huseby of [Colorado Retirement Services](#).

Seniors can access personal services like reflexology therapy, pedicures and chair massage by calling Marino at 970-252-4884, and may take advantage of fitness and wellness classes every day of the week. 50+ Adventure Day Trips also leave regularly from the Pavilion Senior Center for a nominal fee, though these tend to fill up fast.

And of course, the meals are pretty good these days too. Just ask Nelson Jennett of Montrose.

“I have been going there for the past 20 years or so,” Jennett said. “The meals are very good—no complaints! I give a lot of credit to the cook Courtney Bassett; she makes sure that seniors eat and take their meds. Her enthusiasm is just awesome! If I had a restaurant, I would try to hire her away from here.”

For local musician, writer and senior Deb Barr, the Pavilion represents a diversity of local people and interests that enrich the entire community.

“The senior years are your time to do all of the things you ever wanted to do,” Barr said. A complete schedule of each month’s events can be found in the Senior Scene newsletter, which is available at the Pavilion Senior Center (1800 Pavilion Drive, Montrose).

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

LEARN TO FISH FOR SMALL MOUTH BASS

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--Learn to fish for smallmouth bass from the experts at a free evening seminar, 6:30-8:30 p.m., May 20, at the Colorado Parks and Wildlife office in Montrose, 2300 S. Townsend Ave.

From CPW staff, anglers will learn about bass biology and behavior, and the best places to find bass in ponds and reservoirs. They'll also talk about the type of equipment, lures and bait to use and the best techniques to land bass.

Bass fishing is popular at Ridgway Reservoir where there are no bag or possession limits on this species. Bass are delicious and nutritious, and CPW encourages anglers to keep the bass they catch.

For more information or to register for the seminar, contact: Dawn Bresett at 970-252-6000, or at dawn.bresett@state.co.us.

Alpine Wealth Management to Present at Sunrise Creek *Free Seminar for the Public*

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE – Continuing on May 13 at 2 pm, Sunrise Creek (1968 Sunrise Dr.) , a senior living community, Alpine Bank and Alpine Wealth Management are hosting a free quarterly series focusing on economic and financial planning important to today's seniors and the public at large. The presentation on May 13, the last in the series, focuses on Investing. Julia Prejs, Wealth Management Officer for Alpine Bank, will discuss the principles of Investing as it relates to Investor Behavior. The community is invited and the cost is free, light refreshments provided. For information call 970-240-0600.



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WEST CENTRAL WOMEN OF INFLUENCE...

SANDY NELSON



Sandy Nelson.
Courtesy photo.

Interview by Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-Sandy Nelson moved to Montrose in 2000 and began working for Montrose County in 2001. Her career with the County includes secretarial assistant to the County Manager, administrative secre-

tary to the Board of County Commissioners (BBOC) and her current position, Montrose County Chief Deputy Clerk, which she began in 2013. "I love working at the County and I've had opportunities that I never would have gotten anywhere else."

Growing up in Connecticut, Sandy and her brother were raised to be their own people. "My dad would say, 'If your friends jumped off a bridge would you go too?' He talked us through situations and gave us options and we were allowed to live with the consequences of our decisions." Opportunities grew as Sandy developed a sense to reason out decisions and move forward.

During high school Sandy was manager of the field hockey team and she is a self-described, "behind the scenes type of a person." In college she obtained a BS in elementary education and moved to the Front Range to begin her teaching career as a substitute teacher, which unfortunately required teaching at all levels of school. "It scared me to death when they sent me to a high school and I had to interact with older, almost young adults." Her career as an elementary school teacher was short lived and she moved on to positions in office administration.

As Montrose County Chief Deputy Clerk, Sandy has more contact with the public, as well as supervising more than 20 people in the areas of Motor Vehicle, Elections, Recording, the West End Annex and the clerk to the BBOC. Sandy said, "Of course we all report to Tressa Guynes [newly ap-

pointed Montrose County Clerk and Recorder]. I'm tickled to have Tressa to work with."

As for her style of leadership Sandy said, "I like to have those who report to me, and those around me, be successful. I believe they are hired for their expertise and I want to support them by getting the rocks out of the road to help make them successful. If people who report to me are successful, then I am successful." Sandy likes open and direct communication. "It's important to resolve issues right away. We [county employees] spend too much time at work to have obstacles get in our way."

Currently Sandy has no aspirations of climbing the career ladder. "I'm happy where I am right now. I'm at a very good place and I'm good where I am."

When asked about encountering any work-related gender issues Sandy said, "Oh, of course it has cropped up. It depends on where you choose to focus. I'm more geared to getting the job done." Sandy has not let gender inequality hold her back, "It challenged me to do better and spurred me on to find a different way to do things. It comes back to management style, when you contribute to the success of those around you, you will be successful as well."

Sandy's leadership advice: "Listen, learn, and understand those around you. Be an encourager and a person of integrity. In the Clerk's office we are moving toward greater success, and customer service is our number one expectation. We've always had that same focus and dedication."



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Experiencing the (local) Church

WRITER GAIL MARVEL VISITS COMMUNITY SPIRIT CHURCH



By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE—On March 1, 2015 I visited the Community Spirit Church (UCC). This worship group is one of three congregations that shares space at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

For this second Sunday of Lent, Pastor Karen Winkel opened the services by telling the 20 people in attendance, "While we go with Jesus to Jerusalem, we are not making the journey alone."

Pastor Winkel presented herself formally dressed in a white robe and multicolored clergy stole. However, for the "Message before the Message," she accessorized her attire with strings of Mardi Gras beads; a long pink feather boa draped around her neck and thrown over a shoulder; a sparkling tiara placed on her head; and a champagne glass in her hand. "I wanted to look important, like royalty."

Walking up to a man in the audience she said, "Would you like to kiss my ring?" The quick-witted man coronated himself king and said he wasn't accustomed to kissing another's ring. Continuing with the drama the pastor said, "Occasionally I have the desire to be an important person. Like at the Academy Awards having someone ask me who [what clothes designer] I'm wearing."

Shifting to a brief Q & A the pastor asked

the audience why it's a dangerous habit to think of yourself as important. "For a couple of hours it's fun to imagine being on a red carpet." She laughed, "To indulge a little — with a boa that isn't shedding pink feathers!"

Transitioning into the sermon Pastor Winkel said, "There is nothing in the way that Jesus lived that tells us this is how we are to live." The message, titled "Followers or Fans?" was based on Mark 8:31-38, a passage where Jesus predicts his death. "What Jesus is saying can be hard to hear. There is a common thought that Jesus' agonizing death was God's will. For us, the framework that Jesus had to suffer for us is difficult."

In exploring suffering the pastor asked, "Why should Jesus have to suffer? Why should we have to suffer? How could God bring life out of death? Why would Jesus willingly choose the Via Delarosa? Why does he ask us to take a similar path?"

Jesus showed the purpose for living was to suffer and he was willing to suffer with us because he was filled with compassion for us. "God suffers our suffering; not simple suffering that we endure, but suffering that we inflict on one another. Unfortunately, we support the suffering of others by what we tolerate. It was not God who made Jesus suffer — love has a price."

In personal reflection Pastor Winkel said, "Some people find God in the church, some in nature, some in love... I find God in suffering."

A segment of the service titled "Spirit Sightings" was a time for the audience to share recent glimpses of God's presence. Shared thoughts included scheduled surgeries, personal experiences, and compassion for others.

Prayer requests were solicited and reminiscent of responsive readings, the group sang "Kyrie" after each request. "Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison. Grant to us your peace, Lord."

Sacraments were offered and Pastor Winkel prayed for the Spirit to come over the elements. "The bread and the cup become more than what they are; they become spiritual food."

Worshippers went forward, broke off a piece of bread from the loaf, and dipped the bread it into the single cup.

Concluding the service Pastor Winkel said, "With lent there is the ever increasing darkness. Look for ways we can find God in those dark spaces."

Contact Info:
Community Spirit Church (UCC)
2900 Sunnyside Road
Montrose, CO 81401
970-765-7070

Speaking to the disciples of John the Baptist, Jesus said, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see ..." (Matt 11:4 NIV).

To our readers: Though Montrose writer Gail Marvel does belong to a local church, she is interested in the other houses of worship here in town as well. With this column, Gail will share her experiences as she visits local churches and congregations to learn more about them. Gail wrote a church newsletter for years, and has published her work in a number of Christian publications including The Lookout, Christian Standard, Discipleship Journal and The Christian Communicator.

ALZHEIMER'S EDUCATION SERIES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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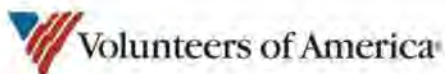
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Understanding & Responding to Dementia Related Behaviors: June 11 & 18, 4:00-5:00pm

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.

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

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ARTS AND CULTURE

RIDGWAY CONCERT SERIES LINEUP ANNOUNCED



Steep Canyon Rangers will Perform in Ridgway July 30. Courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror

RIDGWAY-Music in the Park: The eighth season of The Ridgway Concert Series begins this year on **July 2nd**. There will be 10 nationally acclaimed bands presented over the course of 5 evenings. The entire series is free to the public. The events are family-friendly and include a very fun children's activities area. Expect great mountain views, fantastic music and lots of dancing.

Several food vendors will be on hand, cooking up a diverse selection of locally prepared meals. In addition to our local

breweries pouring micro-brews, wine and margaritas are also available. The audience is welcome to bring lawn chairs, blankets, coolers and picnics.

Please note, no glass is allowed in the park. The Ridgway Concert Series is presented by the Town of Ridgway and funded entirely by community sponsors, fundraisers and donations.

The on-site alcohol and merchandise sales also help fund the series. The show begins at 6pm and

runs into the evening, with over three hours of live music.

After-Party @ The Sherbino: Each night starting at 10 pm, after the concert in the park, the opening act will play a *full show* at the Sherbino Theater, just two blocks from the main stage. The cover is \$5 and there is a full bar at the theater. This is the place to be (and be seen) after the show!

Radio Broadcast: All five Ridgway concerts will be broadcast live on KVN Community Radio (90.9, 89.1, 88.9 FM) beginning at 7 pm, and will be streaming

live on the web at www.kvnf.org. Pickin' Productions also produces two other series, *The Mountain Air Music Series* in Ouray (Thursdays in June) and *Pickin' in the Parkin* Paonia (Thursdays in August). All thirteen concerts are broadcast live on KVN. Visit www.pickinproductions.com for more information.

The RIDGWAY CONCERT SERIES - 2015 Lineup

JULY 2 - SOL DRIVEN

TRAIN www.soldrivetrain.com

Opening & Late Night Sets by Blair

Crimmins & the Hook-

ers www.blaircrimminsandthehookers.com

JULY 9 - HUMMING

HOUSE www.humminghouse.com

Opening & Late Night sets

by Intuit www.intuitband.com

JULY 16 - THE CON-

GRESS www.thecongressmusic.org

Opening & Late Night Sets by The Black-

berry Bush-

es www.theblackberrybushes.com

JULY 23 - ROXY RO-

CA www.roxyroca.com

Opening & Late Nights sets

by Mipso www.mipsomusic.com

JULY 30 - THE STEEP CANYON

RANGERS www.steepcanyon.com

Opening & Late Nights sets by Front

Country www.frontcountryband.com

HONORABLE MENTION

To former Montrose Mayor Jose Abeyta, for leadership...

To Melanie Kline, Emily Smith, the warriors who have served our country, and the countless volunteers who have made it happen, for bringing the Second Annual Mission: No Barriers to Montrose this week...

To Claire Clemens and Marissa Isgreen, young writers and Montrose High School grads heading for Europe and an international media fellowship next week...

To Treefeather Creative, for their latest creative endeavor...congratulations!

To Mr. Jerry Sieverson, for serving the City of Montrose as a public works staffer since 1974, until last week. Thank you for your hard work on behalf of our community.

MIRROR CLASSIFIEDS

DON'T MISS THE 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.

MONTROSE KAYAK & SURF TO BENEFIT WELCOME HOME MONTROSE!

On May 14th, Montrose Kayak and Surf along with 4 Corners Paddling School located at 302 West Main are proud to announce that they are joining forces with the Welcome Home Montrose, Warriors Resource Center to help provide quality river running equipment and clothing to our local and visiting Veterans at discounted pricing.

With the Mission No Barriers week of activities May 12th thru the 17th Montrose Kayak and Surf will be hosting a fund raising barbeque for our local not for profit resource center in conjunction with the grand opening of Montrose Kayak and Surf from 4pm to 6pm on the 14th. 100% of the proceeds will be donated to Welcome Home Montrose.

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GOVERNMENT BEAT-MONTROSE BOCC WORK SESSION AND MEETING

By Sandra Tyler

Government Beat Reporter

MONTROSE-Visitors from Vista Charter School were noted as being present by Commissioner David White.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Ms. Nancy Medlock reminded the Commissioners of the May 14, Law Enforcement Commemorative Service will be at 10 AM at the Centennial Plaza and that her hopes the BOCC would be represented there.

CONSENT AGENDA: No Public Comment.

It was moved by Commissioner Glen Davis, seconded by Commissioner Ron Henderson, and passed unanimously to approve both of the Consent Agenda items.

Request for approval of General Fund and Special Fund Expenditures: 04/17/15

Approval of Minutes: 04/06/15, 04/09/15 Special and 04/20/15

GENERAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONVENED AS THE MONTROSE COUNTY LOCAL LIQUOR LICENSING AUTHORITY:

PUBLIC HEARING approval for the Retail Liquor Store Application for Discount Cigarettes and Wine LLC dba A-1 Smoke Shop (Donald Gary Morris) located at 555 Spring Creek Road. Revenue to the County in the amount of \$1,037.50.

Public Comment: Ms. Sharon Mitchell spoke about the blind side of the dangerous curve on the road before the 555 building location and the problems with traffic entering the parking lot of the business from the west (left turn) and exiting the parking lot of the business (left turn) into East-bound traffic. Traffic both ways are going 35 mph and the West bound traffic is anticipating the 45 mph sign past the 555 business location. Mr. David White suggested that perhaps a flashing light could be there. Mr. Glen Davis expressed his confirmation of the blind side dangerous curve. Sheriff Rick Dunlap commented that perhaps the drive-way could be moved further West for better traffic access. There was input from Mr. Ken Winckler that now is an opportune time to have Mr. Dean Cooper work with CDOT to evaluate the area for consideration of lowering speed to 25 mph around the curve and relocating the 45 mph to further down the road than it is currently.

It was moved by Commissioner Ron Henderson, seconded by Commissioner Glen Davis, and passed unanimously to approve the application.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RECONVENED INTO REGULAR SESSION:

PUBLIC WORKS-Director Ken Winckler requested authorization for the purchase of a used 2011 Hamm HD070V Oscillation/Vibratory Compactor Roller, effective 05/04/2015; \$107,000.00 was budgeted for the equipment and the purchase price was \$98,300.00. This is a medium

size Roller and which the Public Works Department could use as it creates a much smoother road surface.

No Public Comment. It was moved by Commissioner Glen Davis, seconded by Commissioner Ron Henderson, and passed unanimously to approve.

FACILITIES-Manager Dave Laursen requested authorization for the bid award and contract of \$147,714.00 to Sjoden Wood Designs, LLC to design and construct an arena restroom/concession facility at the Montrose County Fairgrounds, effective 05/04/2015. This project is budgeted at \$200,000.00 in the 2015 Capital Projects budget. Three bids were received. The location of the arena restroom/concession facility will be located on the NW corner where the white building is and will be covered. It will be completed within 60 days. One of the 5 trees planted last year will have to be moved.

No Public Comment. It was moved by Mr. Ron Henderson, seconded by Mr. Glen Davis, and passed unanimously to approve.

FACILITIES/FAIRGROUNDS-Manager Emily Sanchez requested adoption by the Board on a revised Fee Schedule for the Montrose County Fairgrounds & Events Center, effective 05/04/2015. Fees were compared with about a dozen other similar facilities and are increasing in the area of rentals by private parties and for rental of the recently renovated and upgraded Sale Barn area.

Public Comment: Ms. Sandra L. Tyler asked where the proposed fee schedule could be found as she went to the website and searched for fee schedule. The location is in the rental area.

It was moved by Commissioner Glen Davis, seconded by Commissioner Ron Henderson, and passed unanimously to approve the revised Fee Schedule.

MONTROSE REGIONAL AIRPORT-Manager Lloyd Arnold requested authorization for DIA Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting Release and Hold Harmless Agreement to send Steve McLaughlin and Jamie Nance to training on 05/23/2015; Duane Ziegler, Greg Roby and Ron Forsberg to training on 05/29/2015, effective 05/04/2015. This represents a budgetary expense in the amount of \$2,250.00 and is a live training on a mock aircraft to retain certifications needed.

No Public Comment. Attorney Carolyn Clawson asked if the \$2250 was for one or both persons. Commissioner Ron Henderson commented that he recently watched a video of fire fighters in action and the training is important.

It was moved by Commissioner Ron Henderson, seconded by Commissioner Glen Davis, and passed unanimously to approve the expenditure for training.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES-Director Kristin Pulatie requested authorization on the Task Order Contract #FAAA 16-78533 from the State of Colorado Department

of Public Health and Environment Office of Planning and Partnerships, dated 04/15/2015. This represents a budgeted reimbursed expense in the amount of \$139,355.00.

No Public Comment. It was moved by Commissioner Glen Davis, seconded by Commissioner Ron Henderson, and passed unanimously to approve.

Commissioner Ron Henderson commented to watch for pregnancy depression.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES-Director Kristin Pulatie requested authorization for the Interagency Agreement for the Cancer, Cardiovascular Disease & Pulmonary Disease Grant Program — West Central Public Health Partnership Worksite Wellness Project, effective 07/01/2015. This Agreement represents a budgeted reimbursed expense in the amount of \$25,310.00 and is a 6 County Partnership to help the smaller counties meet public needs. Delta County will be the fiscal agent.

No Public Comment. It was moved by Commissioner Ron Henderson, seconded by Commissioner Glen Davis, and passed unanimously to approve.

Nick's Minor Subdivision (MI-15-0006) located at 62773 and 62827 Niagara Road Zoning. To divide 12 acres into 2 lots with one being 10.58 acres with an existing home and one to be 1 acre with a home under construction. Owners are Kirk and Colleen Caufield who were present.

No Public Comment. It was moved by Commissioner Ron Henderson, seconded by Commissioner Glen Davis, and passed unanimously to approve.

Meeting adjourned.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS 5/5/15

WORK SESSION

OPEN DISCUSSION

Dr. Canfield, County Coroner was present again this week as he was last week. This time he informed the commissioners that the loosely organized Colorado coroners have established a group of trained individuals that will be available to travel and assist with emergencies that a local coroner cannot handle alone. They will not be held liable for their assistance.

Sheriff Rick Dunlap was asked how much it costs to house city incarcerated person at the jail that is not charged to the City. The answer is \$96/day/individual overnight at about 10 per month at an average of 10 days each. PSST funds are not enough to subsidize the 911 Dispatch needs. More than three years ago, the city was offered to increase by 1/10 of 1 percent and turned it down. Sheriff Dunlap informed the commissioners that there will be a Peer Review Team @ the Montrose County Jail on June 3, 4, and 5 to review Policies and Procedures classifying prisoners re: impending danger and confrontation reduction.

MOTORIZED USE TRAILS, DMEA REQUEST, SHOOTING RANGE/ "Disneyland Style"

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GOVERNMENT BEAT-MONTROSE BOCC WORK SESSION AND MEETING From pg 30

Mr. Jon Waschbusch, Government Affairs Director, discussed the idea of a Montrose to Moab Trail of more than 100 miles. With positive input, he will provide further information and research the Title 5 application possibility as there would need to be maintenance by those with oversee of a potential route.

DMEA is seriously looking at laying fiber to the businesses and homes in the "last mile" of the ongoing Broadband discussion. This will not have a budget impact to the County but they will be asking for a supportive opinion for their efforts. The commissioners were all supportive of this as long as the costs are not passed to consumers using the access of internet that it will provide, especially those already currently needing LEAP funding to pay their monthly DMEA bill. Commissioner Glen Davis also does not want to see DMEA lock out competition and become a monopoly. It was mentioned that Delta County has lost a potential of up to 300 jobs at the \$100,000 annual salary amount each year by not having Broadband access. Delta County Economic Developmental Association (DCED) is concerned. Delta County is already running lines to their facilities and wonder if they should be laying more. Commissioner Ron Henderson suggested that they have DMEA at a work session for more input and poising of questions.

The shooting range of more than 6,400 acres that the Sheriff's Department staff uses needs improvements such as a driving course for practice and a 1,000-yard distance section to be able to practice shooting 50 caliber weapons. Concrete structures would have to be poured off and on site for building and setting mounds for target areas. The ricochet danger is high.

Clean-up recently provided by local clubs was much appreciated, considering the issue of a lot of lead clean-up with EPA requirements. There are requests for use by bikers, hikers, 4 wheelers, and ATV riders thus the "Disneyland Style" moniker. Sheriff Rick Dunlap mentioned that shooting ranges in California charge \$75 to shoot and sometimes users have to make an appointment!

Waschbusch added one last item: Red Wine Well is going to be plugged over a three to six day period of time by COGCC (Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission). The last time COGCC came to the area, the rig used was huge and destroyed the road. A \$30,000 bond is still posted.

Commissioner Ron Henderson gave kudos to Jon Waschbusch for his presentation at the recent Water Meeting.

FAIR BOARD BY-LAWS/BEER GARDEN

Distribution of the Fair Board By-Laws. Commissioner Henderson suggested that there be a verbal role call at each Board meetings and so recorded in the minutes. The By-Laws as signed by the commissioners will be a consent agenda item at the next meeting on the 18th.

The Beer Garden concept at the CPRA Rodeo on July 24th and 25th and the Moto Mayhem on July 31st and August 1st was approved by all but one or two Board members. Beer to be provided by Two Rascals, Colorado Boy, Horsefly.

Attorney Carolyn Clawson asked questions that were answered but which had been already addressed when she was not present as she was covering for Attorney Teresa Williams who was out of town for a few days. This Beer Garden concept could make the Fair self-sufficient in as little as five years, and puts \$10,000 to 15,000 in the Fairgrounds budget but could also make the County subject to liability as it was sanctioned by the BOCC.

(Personal Note-This will likely be heard at the Nucla BOCC meeting on Wed. May 13th meeting, which will be followed by a Town Hall meeting, if you want to make public comment and/or hear more about this Fair Board proposal as discussed and reviewed at a previous work session I reported on.)

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES UPDATE-Director Kristin Pulatue had several items for update:

Another Task order funding is coming up that is along the lines of the last one that went through approval.

Child Welfare placement is coming up for review and approval.

Marijuana Grant monies will be accessed by others in the community applying for the grant instead of HHS.

Cavity-free Training will be presented at HHS for local providers who can obtain reimbursement for providing dental care of children of their exiting clients.

Oral Health mini-grants will be used to serve the underprivileged at the Dental Clinic.

HHS will be hosting a Blood Mobile on June 2 from 2-4 PM.

The question of number of seats will be investigated.

She will be gone May 11-15 and again later in June for a Child Fatality Conference in Denver to determine trends in the various counties to prevent future fatalities.

River Valley Health Clinic is requesting a letter of support.

Mr. David White has seen a draft of the letter. He mentioned that it is unfortunate that local physicians do not receive the same reimbursement amount as does a Federally-funded Health Clinic for providing Medicaid clients with care. This led to a general discussion of how much is being funded every year to the unfortunate or underprivileged which grows each year in both numbers of individuals and amount of monies, wondering if there might not be enough money in the future *(personal note-it was disturbing for me to listen to, having been a health care provider all my adult life after starting my volunteer life as a candy stripper at age 14.)*

GUNNISON RIVER BASIN ROUNDTABLE LETTER OF SUPPORT -Presented and distributed for signatures of commissioners.

DELORES RIVER RESTORATION PARTNERSHIP MOU/2015 USFS MODIFICATION AGREEMENT/NATURE CONSERVANCY COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT RE: WORK ALONG THE DOLORES RIVER

Justin Musser, Weed Commission Manager (to see the [Weed Management Plan FINAL 3-30-11 \(3 MB\)](#)

www.montrose-county.net/documentcenter/view/1516, click here) talked about eliminating tamarisk and of saving rare fish by water diversion. There are opportunities in the future for funding projects of over \$16,000 to the County that are positive to the environment and the landscape without match money needed.



RIDGWAY TRAIL CLOSED DURING ROCK-FALL WORK IN MAY

Special to the Mirror

RIDGWAY—Cyclists and hikers who use the trail from the town of Ridgway to Ridgway State Park are reminded that during May the trail is closed from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The Colorado Department of Transportation is doing rock work on a cliff face above U.S. Highway 550 just north of the town of Ridgway. The work zone is between mileposts 106 and 107. The purpose of the work is to remove rock-fall hazards and to improve site distance around the curve.

Some of the work involves blasting, so the trail is closed for safety. Some intermittent trail closures could occur throughout the summer. The project is scheduled for completion in October.

The trail is closed from the southern-most section of the trail inside Ridgway State Park north to Ouray County Road 24. Trail users can drive into the park to access the portion of the trail within the boundaries.

Ridgway Construction photo by Sarah Berndt.

MIRROR IMAGES...ARTS AND CULTURE!



From top left, Sarah Berndt's photo of Montrose Flight for Life, Jack Switzer (11) took these photos at the Centennial Middle School Shakespeare Project performance of Romeo and Juliet May 7; and Sarah Berndt's photo "Graffiti."



GOVERNMENT BEAT-DDA SPECIAL MEETING 5-6-15

By Sandra Tylor

Government Beat Reporter

MONTROSE-A special Downtown Development Authority (DDA) meeting to discuss the concerns about parklets on Main St. by business owners on Main St. was called for and attended in April. Comments submitted at that time about more parking, single lane traffic, more safety, less speeding, and being a more pedestrian friendly downtown were to be worked on and discussed at the follow-up meeting on Tues. 5/6/15 at 3 pm.

At the follow-up meeting, City of Montrose Public Works Director John Harris brought a proposed diagram for the #300-#600 blocks [three blocks] of Main St. that are under jurisdiction of the City, showing both 30-degree parking spaces (an increase

in parking by two spaces per two block per side of street=four) and 45 degree parking spaces (increase in parking by three spaces per two block per side of street=six to seven) and the reduction to one lane going east and west on the west side of Main, (#200- #100 blocks) [three blocks], where the road is under the jurisdiction of Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT).

This is the conundrum, Harris said, as CDOT typically takes a long time to work with due to their area of coverage (entire state). City Public Works has dealt with them on one recent project for over one year and such an incredible amount of paper work that the stack was estimated at 12 inches high. To convert from the west side going east, the number of blocks to gradually reduce the lanes would require at least

three blocks on the west to merge into one lane on the 300 block side of Main and over one year of time if even allowed by CDOT.

The new parklets are smaller and better constructed than previous parklets, and would be directly in front of the establishments requesting them.

Those lost spaces are sometimes used by patrons of nearby businesses; these are the businesses not wanting the parklets unless more parking from diagonal spaces is incorporated.

One possible solution would be the installation of signs restricting some parking spaces for a 10-minute parking limit, i.e. for dropping off something and/or picking up something that would require only a short amount of time.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

PASTURE MANAGEMENT DURING DROUGHT FIELD DAY

Special to the Mirror

HOTCHKISS-Everyone is invited to join the tour of a pasture demonstration plot that includes 17 irrigated and 17 dryland grass species that have been established at the Delta County Fairgrounds, 403 S. 4th St, in Hotchkiss, CO. The field day will take place on Friday, May 15, 2015, from 9 A.M. to 12 noon. Registration starts at 8:30 AM and the cost is \$10 per person, or \$15 per couple, which includes refreshments & snacks. **Call Ginny Price at 970-249-3935 to register.**

According to John Rizza, NRCS & CSU Extension Specialist, "The main purpose of the field day is to provide Tri-River Area small acreage landowners practical information with a hands-on view of common irrigated and dryland grasses available for

their land and livestock needs, as well as discuss techniques to manage pastures under drought conditions".

The program will include hands-on demonstrations of irrigated and dryland grasses to meet the diverse needs of landowners' agricultural and natural resource management objectives. Area specialist from CSU Extension, USDA-NRCS, Delta County, and Delta County Conservation District, will present topics on: *Managing Soils Fertility; Pasture Species Selection; Managing Irrigation During Drought; Managing Weeds; Estimating Crop Yields & Managing Animal Grazing; and Review of Pasture Grass Economics*. Participants will have a chance to learn about the unique characteristics, as well as evaluate growth patterns and use of the 34 grass

species that were planted at the demonstration plot. They will also have the opportunity to hear and exchange important tips and tricks to establish and manage a successful pasture.

Because the project is conducted under field conditions, participants are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs.

The project is a cooperative effort with CSU Tri River Area Extension, USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service, Delta County, Delta County Conservation District, and The Colorado Association of Conservation Districts. For more information please contact program coordinators: John Rizza – 243-5068 ext. 128 or john.rizza@colostate.edu or F. Isaac Muñoz – 249-3935 or f.isaac.munoz@colostate.edu.

EPA RENEWS ALPINE BANK MEMBERSHIP IN GREEN POWER LEADERSHIP CLUB

Special to the Mirror

GLENWOOD SPRINGS – The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has awarded Alpine Bank membership in the 2015 Green Power Leadership Club, an elite group of Green Power Partners who are demonstrating exemplary environmental leadership. The EPA Green Power Partnership is a voluntary program that supports the organizational procurement of

green power by offering expert advice, technical support, tools and resources. Green power is electricity produced from a subset of renewable resources, such as solar, wind, geothermal, biomass, and low-impact hydro. Partner organizations must buy green power in amounts proportional to their annual electricity use. The Green Power Leadership Club honors Partners that substantially exceed EPA's minimum

purchase requirements for an organization-wide commitment. Since the second quarter of 2009, Alpine Bank has purchased 100 percent green electric power directly from utility providers (where available) and via renewable energy certificates. In addition, three bank locations produce some of their own electricity with photovoltaic modules. The bank first became an EPA Green Power Partner in June of 2009.

GOVERNMENT BEAT-CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION 5-4-15

By Sandra Tyler

MONTROSE-DISCUSSION ITEMS

Construction Warranty Options-Senior Planner Garry Baker, City Engineer Scott Murphy, and David Bries, Utility Division Superintendent provide background information. Past issues are that Construction companies have problems meeting deadlines. In some cases, contractors were fired. Bonding was considered but is not currently allowed as it can be contested. Issues not solved re limitations.

Utility Master Plan Updates-Public Works Director John Harris (<http://www.cityofmontrose.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/2180>, pages 3-4). The 2008 Master Plans adopted in 2009 have been followed closely and updated. Hew improvements need to be considered. There are wide spreads in bids with two close to the budgeted amount. Both the bids and the companies were reviewed by staff and the best value for updating the Plan is considered to be Farnsworth, who did the last Master Plan. The variance of man-hours was discussed as 2000 hours were put into the last Master Plan. The investment by the city is in the millions of dollars over the years. Mr. David Bries stated that the calibration of Hydraulic monitors is the big concern re: man-hours needed. The City Council expressed their thanks for all the input and felt that Farnsworth is the better as recommended.

Zoning Code Update-City Attorney Stephen Alcorn (<http://www.cityofmontrose.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/2180> pages 5-107)-

Ongoing review and updates to the code. Clusters of amenities within neighborhoods that can be accessed by bike or foot are desired by those locating here per Mr. Rob Joseph. Councilor Bob Nicholson commented that subdivisions have their CCR's that restrict this concept.

GENERAL CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION

WRITTEN REPORTS: Go to <http://www.cityofmontrose.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/2180> and scroll to the pages identified in parentheses.

Quarterly Police Department Report (pages 108-128)

Project 7 Report (page 129)

Youth Council Report (page 130)

All Points Transit Report (pages 131-133)- The completion of a funded project has run out of funded money as there were too many add-ons, The City spent over \$60,000 for landscaping. Many residents believe All Points Transit is city funded and object to the \$1 charges, but it is NOT. The \$1 charge is for services, expenses, etc.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Haven House situation discussed. Ideas of DOLA grant, loan at low rate are not feasible as grants will not allow the money to be used pay off debts. A loan was also not feasible because other non-profits will come forward for the same and re-payment is risky when reserve funds are not high enough to be useful for down payments or to pay back a loan. *(Personal note-Even a loan of \$270,000 at a rate of 1.6 percent over 15 years would be a monthly payment of close to \$1700. Those living at the center [approx. 14 families] would have to support that and utilities at over \$250 a month and just the idea of a loan from the city would start a precedent of unimaginable requests as we have more than 200 non-profits here).*

FUTURE TOPICS: The following is a list of items City Council may consider on dates listed. These items may change. If there is a particular item that you are interested in, review the City Council Work Session meeting agendas and packets online at the City of Montrose website, www.cityofmontrose.org.

Gunnison Basin Roundtable Update – May 18

METSA Presentation – May 18-*I encourage readers to try to attend this as you will learn a lot about the cost of public safety currently funded by 911 calls at \$.70/month per phone line. I have already learned a lot by attending one METSA Meeting-held the third Thurs. of every month @ 10 AM in the Centennial room off Uncompaghere Plaza in the building labeled No. 1.*

South Rio Grande Extension – May 18

First Quarter Budget Review – May 19

State of the City Report – May 19

Ordinance 2356 – Parking of Recreational Vehicles and Trailers – May 19

Downtown Development Authority Board

Applicant Interviews – June 1

Immigrant Heritage Month Proclamation – June 2

Youth Council Report to City Council – June 2

Fireworks Display Permit Approval – June 2

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING 5/5/15

BETTER HEARING MONTH PROCLAMATION-Mayor David Romero read the proclamation in its entirety. To read the proclamation, go to <http://www.cityofmontrose.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/2179>, and scroll to page 3. Ms. , Audiologist at the Hearing Center was present to receive the Proclamation and the photo.

NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK PROCLAMATION-Mayor David Romero read the proclamation in its entirety. To read the proclamation, go to <http://www.cityofmontrose.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/2179>, and scroll to page 4.

Mr. John Harris, Public Works Director for the City along with a staff member, and Mr. Ken Winckler, Public Works Director for the County were present for the receiving of the Proclamation and the photo.

RESOLUTION 2015-11-A resolution in support of the River Valley Health Clinic locating a satellite facility in the City of Montrose and expressing support of the application and issuance of a capital grant through the Health Resources and Service Administration to assist in the funding of a satellite facility located in the City of Montrose, Colorado. Mayor David Romero read the resolution in its entirety.

To read the Resolution, go to <http://www.cityofmontrose.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/2183> and scroll to page 2.

Ms. Debbie Harrison-Zarkis stated that the clinic is very much needed. It is not in competition with the Montrose Memorial Hospital or Physicians in the area or the town as the Clinic receives a higher reimbursement for each client seen on Medicare or Medicaid than local physicians receive, thereby providing for the needs of those who want to be seen, evaluated, and treated. The River Valley Health Clinic has received letters of support from Montrose Memorial Hospital, Delta Hospital, Montrose City Council, and others. Ms. Debbie Harrison-Zarkis and River Valley

GOVERNMENT BEAT-CITY COUNCIL MEETING 5-5-15 from pg 34



Steve Caldwell and Marge Morgenstern of the Friends of the Montrose Parks present plaques in honor of former City parks superintendent Thordy Jacobson and former City Parks Planner Dennis Erickson, whose vision for Montrose included the new Montrose Whitewater Park, for which he wrote the original GOCO grant. Photo by Sandra Tyler.

Health Clinic staff were present for the receiving of the Resolution and the photo. Public Hearing. No public comment. Hearing closed.

It was moved by Councilor Kathy Ellis, seconded by Councilor Judy Ann Files, and passed 4 to 1 (absent) to adopt Resolution 2015-11 as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Jose Abeyta spoke about the need for Cultural Sensitivity Training for Law Enforcement which would benefit all of Montrose because of what is happening nationwide. "Montrose is not immune to racism." The Administration of Montrose should be aware and supportive of the Montrose Police Department under the City Manager.

Ms. Marge Morgenstern, former member of the dissolved Parks Advisory Board and 5 other board members of the dissolved Parks Advisory Board, and as all are Friends of Montrose Parks, wanted to recognize both Mr. Dennis Erikson and Mr. Thordy Jacobson, for their invaluable assistance, help, and support in the past years of the works of the Parks Advisory Board. Wooden plaques will be given to them.

Mr. Dennis Olmstead talked about the Haven House Situation as there is a cash offer from someone for \$345,000.

Mr. Jim Anderson echoed both Jose and Dennis. He stated that it is not the respon-

sibility of Montrose to rescue Haven House. However, there are unintended consequences of those living there with children to becoming homeless again. He called on the City Council to stop-gap the sale. He suggested that the City has the money and the educational resources to assist with ways to run Haven House more economically.

Ms. Connie

Pittenger talked about the "Human" signs at Riverbottom Park being good and that there needs to be signs to keep pets on a leash and to clean up after your pet.

Dr. Abe Lee echoed the comments made regarding Haven House. He stated that he knows the city is concerned. Those living at Haven House need the physical security and shelter, and the social education to learn how to be better parents and to become self-sufficient.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-It was moved, seconded, and passed 4 to 1 (absent) to approve the 4/21/15 regular City Council meeting and the 4/21/15, special City Council meeting. To read the 4/21/15 regular City Council meeting minutes go to <http://www.cityofmontrose.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/2179> and scroll to pages 4-8. To read the 4/21/15, special City Council meeting minutes go to <http://www.cityofmontrose.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/2179> and scroll to page 9.

CHANGE OF CITY COUNCIL

MEETING DATE-It was moved, seconded and passed to change of the date of the regular City Council meeting scheduled for June 16, 2015, to Monday, June 15, 2015, at 6 p.m.

ORDINANCE 2357 - FIRST READING-City Council consideration of Ordinance 2357 on first reading, an ordinance of the City of Montrose, Colorado, authorizing the sale of real property pursuant to §

1-9-2 of the Official Code of the City of Montrose.

Action: Hold a hearing. Consider making a motion to pass Ordinance 2357 on first reading. To read the Ordinance 2357, go to minutes go to <http://www.cityofmontrose.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/2179> and scroll to page 10-11.

City Attorney Stephen Alcorn provided background information. The land was donated by the Yocum and Jackson Family to the City for a park location and was a lot along with 10 acres that the City donated for the Hospice Care Center building. When the site of the Hospice Care Center was moved from the lot (which is land locked within the 10 acres and has no access) to a site closer to the Montrose Memorial Hospital, the City Council chose to return the property of the lot plus the 10 acres back to the donors.

Public Hearing. No public comment. Hearing closed. It was moved by Mr. Bob Nicholson, seconded by Kathy Ellis, and passed 4 to 1 (absent) to approve the Ordinance on First Reading.

STAFF REPORTS-Public Information Officer Report by City Manager Bill Bell

1-The Montrose Visitor Center is now open Monday through Saturday from 9 AM-5 PM.

2-May 16th is the Riverbottom Park Dedication. There will be a welcome by Mayor David Romero, comments from the City Manager, a Red Coats Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, a Pancake Breakfast by the 4H group, and the Welcome Home Warriors, No Barriers week-long event will have the veterans who have come to Montrose going down the river.

3-A new store has opened, the Montrose Kayak and Surf store behind 302 W. Main.

4-A new program has started, an internal insurance program for those seeking relief in the form of reimbursement as a result of damage to property caused inadvertently by sewer backup. It is for residents of the City, not residents with septic tanks, and is funded by \$.25 fee on sewer/water bills.

ADJOURNMENT-It was moved by Councilor Bob Nicholson, seconded by Councilor Judy Ann Files, and passed four to one (absent) to adjourn.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

COLLABORATION KEY IN SUCCESSFUL HOSPITAL LOCKDOWN EXERCISE

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Montrose Memorial Hospital worked with various local agencies to complete a successful hospital lock down exercise April 23 and 24.

The hospital worked collaboratively with local emergency response agencies to help assess internal and local response during a lock down procedure. Participating agencies included Montrose County Emergency Management, Montrose County Sheriff's Office and Posse, Montrose Police and SWAT Units, and Montrose Fire Protection District & Emergency Medical Services.

The lock down exercise simulated a full hospital lock down scenario. A hospital lock down is initiated during emergency scenarios including a fire, active shooter or infant abduction. The focus of this exercise was the lock down procedure: no specific emergency was simulated to cause the lock down. The health and safety of patients and healthcare personnel is the hospital's top priority in the case of an emergency. The hospital regularly works with local agencies on emergency response drills in order to certify a safe environment for patients in any given situation. Other hospital emergency response drills prepare for fires, power outages, abduction/missing patients,



On April 23-24, Montrose Memorial Hospital worked collaboratively with local emergency response agencies to help assess internal and local response during a lock down procedure. Courtesy photo.

STRONG COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR YARD SALE BENEFITS CANCER PATIENTS



Francie Smiles of the Caring Friends Fund thanks Lisa Hase, who helped organize the SJCC Yard Sale Fundraiser. Courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE- The Caring Friends Fund

received an outpouring of support Saturday for their yard sale fundraiser, exceeding expectations and wowing event representatives.

The yard sale was held from 8 am-3pm last Saturday at the San Juan Cancer Center and raised more than \$2,700 for the Caring Friends Fund (CFF). The yard sale exceeded expectations, having originally set a target of \$1,000.

The event was supported by people who volunteered, donated, baked and purchased goods. "We want to thank the community for going over and above with their donations," said Lisa Hase, who organized the fundraiser.

After expressing gratitude to San Juan Cancer Center employees for their support, Lisa thanked Dale & Judy Tooken, Janet Mcrae, and Sandra Emerson for

helping the event to become a success.

On Monday, Lisa presented the event proceed check to Francie Smiles, who oversees the CFF. Francie was appreciative and wowed by the community's level of compassion for helping cancer patients.

Proceeds from the fundraiser will enable the CFF to directly help the lives of multiple cancer patients, who benefit based on their needs.

The fund helps patients by providing funding for gas cards, hotel night stays, food, experimental medicine not covered by insurance, and more.

Over \$500 of the proceeds were raised by the event's bake sale, which included everything from pies to baklava. Lisa said that next year's event will have a goal of \$4,000 to support an even greater number of cancer patients.

GETTING BACK IN THE GARDEN...AT CAMELOT GARDENS!

By: Liesl Greathouse

MONTROSE-As we head into gardening season, Camelot Gardens in Montrose has been adding new plants and products to meet the local trends for the 2015 growing season.

Camelot Gardens and Gifts has been supplying our area with all of our gardening and decor needs for over twenty years now. They offer trees, shrubs, perennials and annuals, as well as soil amendments, fertilizers, insecticides, and pesticides, with an emphasis on organic options.

“We are a full-service garden center with trained employees,” said Trina Donahue, the General Manager at Camelot Gardens. “We’re all gardeners who are excited about our plants and products, and we strive for excellent customer service.”

Customers start the trends at Camelot Gardens, so the team jumps on board. One of those new trends this year is bee-friendly gardening. “People are buying plants that are pollinators and that attract bees,” Trina explained. “They are learning how to use garden chemicals that do not affect the bees. People are now more aware of how important bees are.”

Fruits and edible gardens are a huge trend again this year. “People are mixing herbs in with their flowers and trying new vegetables and plants that are edible for them and wildlife,” Trina said. “People are also working fruits and vegetables into their

plants beds and containers.”

Another popular option that customers are choosing are heirloom (non-GMO) seeds and organic gardening. “People are very interested in heirloom vegetables,” Trina explained. “We offer heirloom seeds in a variety of green, black and purple tomatoes, fun peppers, and more. Heirloom seeds open up a whole new variety of plants.”

She added, “We also offer organic choices, including soils, fertilizers and we can help with insect control. We can really help someone grow organic from start to finish. That is a huge and important trend.”

Creating outdoor living spaces is also something that Camelot is helping people do. “People are turning their patios into other rooms,” Trina said. “People are looking for outdoor rugs, waterproof furniture and outdoor artwork to create their living spaces.” The style of those outdoor living spaces has moved away from bright, neon colors to more earth tones and natural materials, such as fiber, wood, glass and copper. “Solar lighting is also huge,” Trina



Camelot Gardens has hanging baskets, perennials, garden and décor needs. Courtesy photo.

added. “We are offering yard stakes, patio lights, and hanging lanterns. People want their yard twinkling after the sun goes down.”

Trina also has plans for her personal garden. “I love to grow heirloom tomatoes, they are my passion, and I will also be growing some interesting peppers and kale,” she said. “With all that, I will need a new, bigger space to grow them in. But I see it as the more I grow, the more I have to share with friends.” Camelot Gardens is located at 16612 S Townsend Ave. in Montrose. For more information, call 249-6109.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

COMMUNITY SPIRIT UCC CHURCH OF MONTROSE CELEBRATES SECOND ANNIVERSARY

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-On Sunday May 24th, Community Spirit Church of Montrose – A United Church of Christ affiliate – will be celebrating its second year. The church’s pastor, Rev. Karen Winkel, said, “It is particularly appropriate for our church to celebrate its birthday on Pentecost Sunday because this is also the birthday of the church universal.”

Since its inception in 2013, Community Spirit Church has been active in Montrose and surrounding communities. It has sponsored a fair trade holiday sale, coordinated and taken part in a CROP Walk to raise funds for hunger relief, has marched twice in the Colorado West Pride Parade, and shown generous support for the Shepherders Alliance, Sharing Ministries, and Haven House. The church also offers a rich array of programming beyond its Sunday morning service, all of which are open to the community. Community Spirit is a founding partner in Sunnyside Connections, a venture meeting under one roof at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 2900 Sunnyside Way in Montrose. Also involved in this cooperative effort are St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Three Valleys Worship Group (Quakers), and The Black Canyon Boys and Girls Club.

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

OPINION/EDITORIAL-LETTERS

MINGLING WITH ANGELS

Dear Editor

I realize that a bit of positive news is not nearly as exciting as wrangling about a new FBO at the airport, a proposed gravel pit, sage grouse protection or a hundred other topics generating animosity, bitterness and dispute but just for a moment, consider the work and mission of one of the most significant non-profits in an area that has over 230 others.

For anyone unfamiliar with them, HopeWest, formerly Hospice, is an area non-profit that deals exclusively with terminal illness, death and grief. According to Nancy Hoganson, Director of Community Relations – Montrose, “HopeWest is dedicated to profoundly changing the way our community experiences serious illness and death, one family at a time.” While it has a compassionate and outstanding staff and is partially funded by Medicare, it is in large part dependent upon volunteers and community financial support.

Priscilla Cozzens, Volunteer Coordinator, recently hosted a Volunteer Recognition party to recognize the outstanding services of over 300 uncompensated community volunteers. Together, they expended 22,018 hours last year, which labor of love had a value of \$496,506. Frequently described as “Angels” by the families who have received help from HopeWest staff and volunteers, those attending the celebration were all selfless and committed to helping our area residents deal with major illness, death and the grief that follows. They truly are “everyday heroes”, including the oldest volunteer in the group at age 92. For more information on HopeWest, call 970-240-7734.

John W. Nelson
Montrose

WELCOME HOME MONTROSE INVITES COMMUNITY TO POTLUCK MAY 12

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-At 10:00 on 16MAY15, Montrose will celebrate the official **Montrose Water Sports Park Dedication**. This event coincides with **Mission: No Barriers 2015, May 12th - May 17th**, when Welcome Home Montrose will host a group of medically retired Veterans for five days of recreation, relaxation and hometown hospitality. During the opening ceremonies, these Veterans and Team River Runner will honor us by riding the official “First Descent” through the waves of

the White Water Course. Joe Mornini, founder of Team River Runner, believes that “*THE ROAD TO RECOVERY IS A RIVER*.” A segment about TRR on CBS Sunday Morning inspired our community initiative, Welcome Home Montrose. Joe is bringing Wounded Warriors from across the country to Montrose for Mission: No Barriers 2015. Besides having a great time, these boaters will assess the features of our new park for anyone with physical impairments and advise us as how to plan next steps toward full accessi-

bility. You are invited anytime if you would like to volunteer, participate in the activities, and meet our guests and their hosts, the grateful citizens of Montrose.

There will be a community-wide public potluck supper May 12th at 5:30 pm at the Warrior Resource Center to begin our week of events. Call the Warrior Resource Center 970-765-2210 for information or visit

www.WelcomeHomeMontrose.org for a detailed schedule of Mission: No Barriers 2015.

DR. TIM RILEY TO ADDRESS CHIPETA ARCHEOLOGY “EATING ALONG THE EDGES OF AGRICULTURE”



Dr. Tim Riley, above, is Curator of Archaeology at the USU Eastern Prehistoric Museum in Price, UT. Riley will speak in Montrose on May 20. Courtesy photos.

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Chipeta Archaeology presents Dr. Tim Riley, Curator of Archaeology at the USU Eastern Prehistoric Museum in Price, UT.

“Eating along the edges of agriculture: A comparison of Fremont and Ancestral Puebloan coprolites from the northern Colorado Plateau,” May 20th, 7 pm at First Methodist Church on Park Ave and South First. Free to the public.



REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

SOUTHWEST COLORADO LOGGER RECOGNIZED AS LOGGER OF THE YEAR

Special to the Mirror

DEL NORTE— Del Norte logger Michael Rue has received the 2015 Colorado Outstanding Logger of the Year Award for outstanding timber harvesting efforts in southwest Colorado. The award is offered through the Colorado State Tree Farm Committee, which is an affiliate of the American Tree Farm System, and the Colorado Timber Industry Association (CTIA).

Rue operates Del Norte-based Michael Rue Logging, which for 34 years has harvested timber and provided logging services on federal, state, tribal and private forestlands in southwest Colorado. He was presented the award at a joint meeting of the Colorado-Wyoming Society of American Foresters, CTIA and Colorado Tree Farmers held in Glenwood Springs on May 8.

—Mike and his logging crew are professional, safe and excellent to work and do

business with. He fully understands the inherent risks and dangers of logging and promotes a safe operation, while complying with measures to protect the forest resources,” said Dan Wand, assistant district forester for the Colorado State Forest Service Durango District. Wand nominated Rue for the award, with support from other foresters who have supervised Rue’s logging.

Rue has three full-time employees and his logging operation typically involves heavy equipment including a feller-buncher, log skidders and loaders, a bulldozer and a logging truck. He also works with other independent truckers to haul logs to the mill.

Rue Logging net-

works within the logging and sawmill industry to provide timber from southwest Colorado to create forest products. The current spruce beetle epidemic in the San Juan/Rio Grande National Forests has more recently focused Rue’s efforts on spruce-fir forest types. He also works within mixed-conifer forests, harvesting white fir, Douglas-fir, aspen and ponderosa pine for various market outlets that may process logs, beams, boards, paneling and other wood products. The Outstanding Logger of the Year Award was first initiated by the Colorado State Tree Farm Committee in 1988 to recognize loggers or logging companies doing an outstanding job of harvesting timber in the state.

Still Life Floral Acrylic Workshop Weekend with Daniel Kanow

Special to the Mirror

In this weekend acrylic workshop, students will be painting using a beautiful floral arrangement as a subject. Students will explore color, rhythm and composition, focusing on the beauty and authenticity of the floral piece arrangement. The student can choose to interpret the floral realistically or with an abstract expression. Inspiration will come from artists such as Georgia O’Keeffe and Ying Li. All supplies are included in the \$90.00 price of the workshop and students are more than welcome to bring their own brushes or paints, but it’s not required. There will be a break mid-day during each class for lunch. This workshop will be at Weehawken Ridgway (The Schoolhouse Building) on Saturday May 30th and Sunday May 31 from 10-3pm. To pre-register and for more information please visit: www.weehawkenarts.org.



Join us for a Silent Auction & Dinner May 30, 2015 Turn of the Century 121 NW 4th St. in Montrose



Let's join together as a community and support our local athletes, Steven Deines & Eric Rhoten!

They are going to put Montrose on the map as 2 of the 3 Americans racing the PRO GOLD class in the Red Bull Romanians race! This dirtbike race is THE world's toughest Hard Enduro Rally! Located in Sibiu, Romania- their 1st day will consist of racing through downtown Sibiu over natural & man-made obstacles, and spend the next 4 days navigating their way through the Carpathian Mountains of Transylvania on some of the hardest & steepest terrain in the world.

Enjoy Happy Hour from 4:30-5:30pm (Cash Bar)

Dinner catered by Dave's at 6:00pm

Plus of course our Silent Auction, Music, Raffles, Door Prizes, & More!!

Don't miss out on this awesome fun filled event!



Tickets are only \$15.00

and can be purchased at Davis Service Center, Highland Cycles, Dunnagan Chiropractic, Salon Polished, RNR Sports Bar, and Grand Mesa Motorsports in Delta
Turner Automotive will be offering designated rides from Turn of the Century

Interested in sponsoring us?

We can help you promote your business through our website, Facebook page, bike & gear graphics, and more!
Contact Scott Hawkins 970-596-4322; Steven Deines 970-275-4907; Eric Rhoten 970-209-5047; or Kelsey Olson 970-314-8800 for more information.

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Hold the Date! Upcoming Business and Cultural Events

ONGOING-

8TH ANNUAL FREE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES-Ridgway Town Park, Ridgway, CO, Thursdays in July, 6pm 'til Dark-July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 ~ 2015 Free Music, National Acts, Family Friendly, Children's Activities

Local Beer, Food & Wine Vendors, Late Night After-Party at the Sherbino Theater

Live Broadcast on KVNf. www.ridgwayconcertseries.com.

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 JAM SESSION AND SING ALONG, Mondays from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Montrose Pavilion Senior Center.

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.

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 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 12-League of Women Voters DMEA Election Forum, DMEA Headquarters (11925 6300 Road) 6 to 7p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

May 13-Heidi's Deli Forum welcomes Speaker Don Coram. 8 to 9 a.m. Coffee is \$1.

May 13-2-3 p.m., Free Community Wealth Management Seminar at Sunrise Creek (1968 Sunrise Dr.). Presented by Julia Presz of Alpine Wealth Management.

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

May 14-League of Women Voters DMEA Election Forum, Hotchkiss Senior Center (276 East Main St. in Hotchkiss) 6 to 7p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

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>.

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.

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. Contact Rachael Rhode, Executive Secretary in Administration at DCMH at 874-2285.

MAY 16-17--The Western Slope Concert Series will present two concerts for percussion and violin: on Saturday, May 16 at 3 PM at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 536 Ouray, Grand Junction, and on Sunday, May 17 at 3 PM at the Montrose Pavilion. Tickets are available online at www.JunctionConcerts.com, and at Roper Music in Grand Junction and the Montrose Pavilion. All seats are reserved, and start at \$9 in advance and \$12 at the door for adults. Call (970) 241-4579 for more information, or buy tickets online at www.JunctionConcerts.com.

May 17-German American Club and Edgewater Brewery (905 Struthers, Grand Junction) to host Maifest, 4 to 7 p.m. A celebration of German heritage and culture, German Labor Day and the start of Spring. Music by local Bavarian Band Alpine Echo.

May 18-Seniors' Night Out at the Montrose Pavilion Senior Center, \$2 donation covers prizes, paper goods, drinks and ice cream. Enjoy Bingo, potluck, Ice Cream, Billiards, Line Dancing

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

276 E. Main Street
(light refreshments served)

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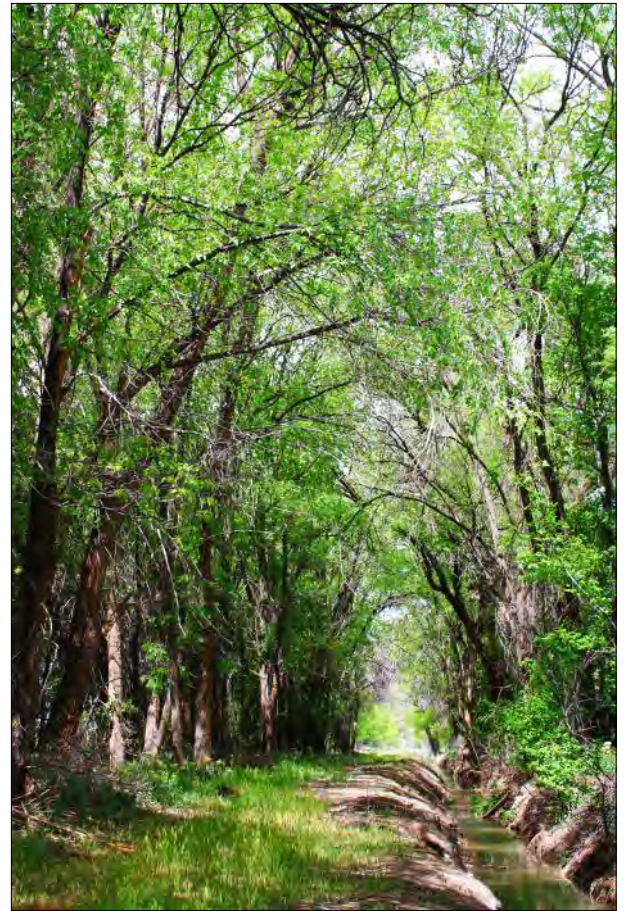
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