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KEEP THE DREAM ALIVE!

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Want a way to step up, and support the returning veterans in your community? On June 13, the Second Annual No Barriers Run/Walk 5K offers just that—a fun event that will help support the Welcome Home Montrose Dream Job Program.

The family-friendly Walk/Run traverses the perfect course, notes organizer Correna Montoya.

—This is the best 5K course of all,” Montoya said.

—It’s a short, easy walk; there are no hills, so if you want to stroll you can stroll, and it is a beautiful run from the Bridges and out along Pavilion Drive.”

The event also serves a great cause—helping returning veterans build new lives back home.

—The 2015 Mission: No Barriers week was made possible by last year’s 5K,” Montoya said, noting that last year’s 5K event raised more than \$11,000 for Welcome Home Montrose, which according to the web site is a grassroots community initiative inspired by the determination and courage of Corporal Todd Love, his father Gary Love, and USMC Sergeant (Retired) Jared Bolhuis.”



5K participant Nancy Ball captured this image of brothers in arms meeting during the first Annual Welcome Home Montrose 5K Walk/Run in 2014. Courtesy photo.

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CITY EXPLORES MORE CHANGES!



The City of Montrose is exploring the possibility of making the 400 block of Main Street one-lane each way with diagonal parking by mid-July, Asst. City Manager Rob Joseph said.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Given the Montrose City Council’s recent implementation of a new City Sewer backup —and” to be financed through a \$.25 cent surcharge on all water bills, sweeping zoning change discussions in recent work sessions, the May 1 [City policy](#) that makes landlords within City limits responsible for tenants’ City utility bills, and the heavy-handed —restructuring” of Public Works that has cost some of the City’s most dedicated staffers their livelihoods, it probably comes as no surprise to many residents that changes are also being considered to Downtown traffic patterns in coming months.

The concept came out of a [Sonoran Institute](#) program that City officials attended in Glenwood Springs several years ago, said Assistant Montrose City Manager Rob Joseph, who is fielding press inquiries while City Manager Bill Bell is on vacation.

—There has been talk for many years of making Main Street more compelling to pedestrians while also accommodating motorists,” Joseph said. —After we attended the Sonoran Institute program, part of what we came away with

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KEEP THEM SAFE ON THE ROAD!



Special to the Mirror
MONTROSE-As parents, we are charged every day with making the right decisions for our children and for their futures. Make sure your kids HAVE a future, by keeping them buckled into a safe, correctly installed and fitted car seat every time they are in the car. This week, Robyn Funk of [Western Regional EMS Council](#) and [Western Regional Occupational Safety Coalition](#) has announced an event designed to help you keep your little ones safe when you're on the road: On Wednesday, June 3, a Car Seat Fit Station is scheduled from 2-4 p.m. at the Olathe Fire Station. Please bring your car seat, your child, and your

vehicle during those hours to ensure it is properly installed. Car seats will not be available at this event; however, certified technicians will be.

This is a great time to make sure your child is safe, and in the proper car seat! Don't become a statistic—keep them safe! According to [Safekids](#): Motor vehicle crashes are the number one cause of death among children ages 1 to 19; Children ages 2 to 5 who use safety belts prematurely are four times more likely to suffer a serious head injury in a crash than those in child safety seats or booster seats; and more than 50 percent of all car seats are installed incorrectly.

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was a clear indication that if we want a robust, vibrant Downtown we need several things. Many towns have decreased the street area and increased sidewalks on Main Street with positive results."

Parklets, the small, portable, public seating units favored by some local business owners and not by others, are also part of the picture, he said. Each parklet requires two parking spaces, according to [DDA board minutes](#).

While the tentative plan is to make Main Street one-lane from Park to Cascade going West and one-lane from Cascade to Park going East with diagonal parking spaces, any changes are dependent on feedback obtained from the City's on-call signal timing company, Joseph said.

"We are concerned about summer traffic flow, and we don't want our visitors to have a bad experience," he said. "Main and Townsend are particularly busy. So we decided to check with the signal company first."

The City has set a deadline for feedback from that company of two weeks, he added.

"If they come back and tell us there are safety issues and that this would cause

backups, we would go back to the drawing table," he said.

If the project is feasible, the City will work with its own engineer and will explore alternate routes. The goal would be to make the change by mid-July. There will be two town hall meetings beforehand to allow public input, Joseph said.

City Manager Bill Bell, who is currently on a two week vacation, promised in a recent memo to approve all applications for parklets that come through the Montrose Downtown Development Authority (DDA), despite comments by Main Street merchants that these might be better located on side streets due to safety and parking concerns.

Also impacting local business pocket-books—and affordable housing in the City—is the new rule that property owners are now responsible for their tenants' city utility bills. Ordinance 2353, passed by City Council on first reading on Feb. 3, establishes that the owner of any property served by City Water and Sanitary Sewer Collection shall be liable for all fees, charges and penalties and for compliance with City regulations despite any rental agreements.

As of May 1, 2015, the Ordinance reads, "any new service changes shall be made under the property owner/landlord's name."

For the Great Homes company, which oversees three trailer parks with around 250 trailers in City limits, the rule is "a pain in the butt," but the company has had a "landlord" agreement set up for years in which unpaid City utility bills are mailed to the company, Manager Clinton Hill said. Local property owner Ron Jenkins was more blunt in a letter that appeared in the *Montrose Daily Press* May 29. "There is no longer a monetary incentive for renters to be frugal while watering," Jenkins wrote. "...in the future, I will be forced to increase rent to cover unforeseen costs and inconvenience." Jenkins concluded by stating that he would no longer invest in Montrose rental properties. Also irritated by the new rule are local property management companies.

"Not good," was the comment by Shelly of Area Best Management. "It will require us to bill the tenant, and the owners take another hit."

"It just makes everything more difficult."


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MONTROSE VISITOR REPORT-SUSAN VANSICKLEN OF MADISON, WISCONSIN



Canyon was beautiful but not sunny, Susan said.

—It was 36 degrees at our campground,” she said.

However, the lodge they stayed in at Telluride was beautiful—and dog-friendly!” she said.

The next leg of the journey takes the couple to Gunnison, —We’re looking for antler racks for someone,” and then on to the Great Sand Dunes National Park and back home.

—Ad we’re still married!” Susan said happily.

Because despite the chilly temperatures, spirits are high. The red chairs in front of Sport Clips proved to be the perfect, if brief, respite.

—My husband really needs a haircut after three weeks,” VanSicklen said. —I could use a pedicure, but that’s not on the itinerary!”

Colorado visitor Susan VanSicklen catches rays outside Sport Clips last week.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—We met Susan VanSicklen of Madison, Wisconsin in front of the Sport Clips store at OxBow Plaza. She and her husband of 36 years—June 2 is the big Anniversary—have been traveling with their two little dogs in the camper for the

past three weeks to celebrate.

—I did not bring appropriate clothing,” notes VanSicklen. —I brought two pairs of shorts and have not worn either one! I have sleeveless tops! I bought some long johns here in Montrose.”

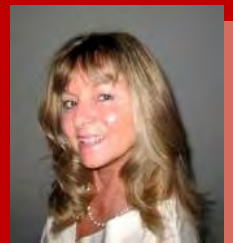
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FIRST FRIDAY STROLL IN MONTROSE - JUNE 5, 5:30 to 8 pm



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From left, *Daisies* by Fran LeBlanc and *Black Canyon* by Kathy Carter at *Around the Corner*; *Woodworking Exhibit* at A+Y. Courtesy images.

couple.

Around the Corner Art

Gallery is featuring a themed show called "Reflections". What will local artists think of for reflections - landscapes, still lifes, reflections in a window? Join us to see what they have created. Meet the artists at our reception from 5:30 to 8 pm. Enjoy the live music by Karen Mercer. Also share wine, hors d'oeuvres and camaraderie. This will be the last Stroll our gallery will be participating in, but the Stroll will continue for others in Downtown. Also, take advantage of our yellow dot closeout sale.

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Amazing Glaze's May 1st Friday Workshop is **HOOKED ON DAD'S**, on June 5th, 6:30 - 8:30 pm. We will be making a fly fishing piece with a hook design. Our workshops are always fun and can be done with ease regardless of

your skill level. Pre-registration is suggested as class space is limited to 30. Call or stop by to sign up. 209 Main Street, 252-7225.

Tiffany, etc. will be open late for the First Friday Stroll. Tim Frates of Laser Engraving will be showing his photography this month. Please join Tiffany, etc., A+Y Design Gallery, Tim Frates and Amazing Glaze by strolling downtown, window shopping and wishing Bob and Pat Happy Trails and a busy retirement. Join us for refreshments, get a Tiffany Customer Appreciation Card and see our Spring merchandise arriving daily!

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CITY OF DELTA ANNOUNCES CITY MANAGER FINALISTS

Special to the Mirror

DELTA-The Delta City Council is pleased to announce three final candidates for the City Manager vacancy. These finalists were selected from a group of 43 applicants for the position. They will be invited to Delta for a community "open house" reception, to which all City staff and community members are invited. The community reception will be held at the Bill Heddes Recreation Center in Delta, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm, on Thursday, June 11, 2015. Community members will have the opportunity to meet personally with each candidate, and listen to a brief introduction by each candidate. The candidates will be assessed through interview panels on Fri-

day, June 12, 2015. The interview panels will include City Council and City Staff members. The finalists will also receive a city tour hosted by the City. The finalists are:

Jeffrey Hecksel – Mr. Hecksel is currently the City Manager of Glenwood Springs, Colorado, a position he has held since 2004. He has served in municipal government for the past 31 years. He earned a Bachelor Degree in Local Government Administration as well as Master Degree in Public Administration.

Christopher Lowe – Mr. Lowe is currently the City Administrator for the City of Baldwin City, Kansas, since 2011. He has served in municipal government for the

past 8 years. Prior to his municipal government experience, Mr. Lowe practiced law as an attorney in a variety of capacities. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Juris Doctor and Master of Arts in Administrative Management and Public Administration.

Todd Hollenbeck – Mr. Hollenbeck is currently the Director of the Mesa County Regional Transportation Planning Office, Grand Junction, Colorado, a position he has held since 2007 except for a four month stint in which he was the Director of White Mountain Operating Health, Safety and Environment in Pinedale, Wyoming. He earned a Bachelor and a Master Degree in Business Administration.

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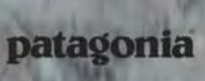
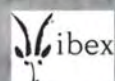



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“YOUR CODE OFFICER WAS LESS THAN DISCREET” CITY RESIDENTS SPEAK OUT ON PROPOSED RV RULES

Mirror Staff Report

MONTROSE—At the most recent regular meeting of the Montrose City Council on May 19, public comment included a request from former Parks Advisory Council member Steve Caldwell that the City follow through on plans for the Hill Street Park, a planned Xeriscape showcase area. [Minutes of that meeting](#) note that —Caldwell questioned whether funds are still available for the development of Hill Street Park and if City staff will expedite completion of the project. Finance Director Shani Wittenberg confirmed that \$28,000 was allocated for Hill Street Park. City Manager Bill Bell indicated that he will ask Public Works Director John Harris to look into scheduling the project.”

Actions taken by Council at the May 19 meeting included adoption of Resolution 2015-12 setting July 7, 2015, as the hearing date for the H&S Addition Annexation; awarding of the bid for updates to the

City’s Utility Master Plan to Denver’s Farnsworth Group for the total amount of \$219,734.00, which includes \$19,976.00 (10 percent) for contingencies; considered, held a public hearing on, and tabled Ordinance 2356 on first reading—an Ordinance of the City of Montrose, Colorado, pertaining to the parking of recreational vehicles and trailers in the public right of way. Among the public comments heard on the issue was one from City resident Chris Whitaker, who brought a photo of a neighbor’s RV parked illegally.

Whitaker asked that every police officer in Montrose be empowered to enforce code, rather than just the current City Code Officer, who she claimed was less than discreet with her complaint, causing her neighbor to confront and yell at her over the matter. RV Owner Thomas Chase noted that residents may need more than 48 hours to unload an RV after traveling. A permit process for visiting relatives was



Mingle with the Manager events will be held in June in the Proximity Space, City Manager Bill Bell said May 19.

suggested by Whitaker.

Council also considered and adopted Ordinance 2357 on second 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.

Staff reports included a Quarterly Budget Review by Shani Wittenberg; and a Public Information Officer Report by City Manager Bill Bell.

Councilors took several minutes to complain about the public feedback they have received over the ongoing Public Works Department Restructuring that has cost many dedicated, longtime staffers their jobs—“The tail is not wagging the dog,” said a visibly irritated Councilor Kathy Ellis. —“We are in charge.” City Manager Bill Bell then spoke proudly about the debut of the City-funded Proximity Space being opened by the Abrams Company on Main Street, for which no public bid was process was held.

Minutes of that meeting note, —Mr. Bell also reviewed the cooperative effort to form the Proximity Space co-working facility on West Main Street which will open mid-June. The City will have a designated space in the facility and will host —“Breakfast with the City Manager” meetings to encourage dialogue with citizens on current issues. The space will also be available for City Councilors to hold office hours... Council and staff acknowledged Planning Services Manager Kerwin Jensen for his years of service to the City and wished him well in his new position with the city of Richland, Washington.”

The meeting was then adjourned.

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Multiple mountain bike, road bike and hiking opportunities will be available geared towards any abilities in a friendly group setting. Courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror

URAVAN-Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the PARADOX TRAIL Friday, June 26th through Sunday, June 28th.

Organized by: West End Bicycle Alliance, Colorado Plateau Mountain Bike Trail Association, (COPMOBA) and Montrose West Recreation.

Getting there: The Uravan Ballpark Campground is 35 miles south of Gateway and 17 miles north of Naturita on Hwy 141. 2 hours drive from Montrose or Moab and 1 1/2 hours from Telluride or Grand Junction. The Uravan Ballpark is a primitive, shaded campground with sanitation facilities but no potable water next to the San Miguel River. It has easy access off the highway with plenty of room for RVs and tents. The newly renovated Rimrock Hotel is 17 miles away in Naturita. Call 865-2525 for reservations. Activities Include: Multiple mountain bike, road bike and hiking opportunities will be available geared towards any abilities in a friendly group setting. The Uravan area is centrally located to many great West End trails including the Y-11, Red Canyon, Atkinson Creek, Blue Mesa and of course, the Paradox Trail.

This is a “Bring Your Own” campout and we plan on having “communal” potluck style dinners Friday and Saturday nights. Plan accordingly. Registration is FREE however we will ask for a small donation to the Rimrockers Historical Society which own the campground. For more information or to help out contact Paul at: westend@copmoba.org or call 970 428-2276

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BLACK CANYON CLASSIC CAR CLUB TO BENEFIT GOLDEN CIRCLE SENIORS

By Deb Barr

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The Black Canyon Classics car club will host its annual —Colorful Colorado Car, Truck & Rod Show” in the grassy fields behind Cottonwood Elementary on Saturday, June 6th. The crowd-pleasing event brings a bevy of classic vehicles of all types and vintages for the community’s viewing pleasure. It’s fun, it’s free, and this year marks the 20th anniversary of what has become, for Montrose, a summer staple. No matter what your personal taste, there’s bound to be wheels that suit your fancy.

Each year Black Canyon Classics awards a scholarship to a deserving local student, and proceeds from the car show and silent auction go to a worthy local nonprofit. The selected recipient for 2015 is Golden Circle Seniors, Inc., an organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for Montrose’s growing population of senior citizens. Any senior citizen who attends the Montrose Senior Center meal site or participates in Senior Center activities is welcome to become a part of the Golden Circle. There are no dues.

The Golden Circle Seniors will be on hand at the car show to share information

about the many activities and resources available to Montrose seniors and will be giving out free tickets for lunch at the Pavilion Senior Center, to encourage folks who have never visited the Senior Center to give it a try. The Black Canyon Classics Car, Truck and Rod Show is a great way to spend some leisurely time with friends and family of all ages.

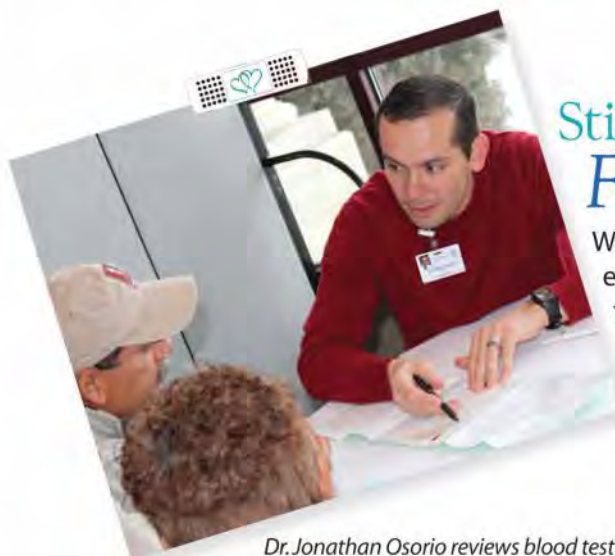
Food vendors are available, and a covered seating area is provided to give visitors a break from the midday sun. For more info on the car show, contact (970) 240-1881 or (970) 249-5428. For more info on lunch at the Pavilion, call (970) 252-7797.



FULL SLATE OF SUMMER FUN AT THE MONTROSE SENIOR CENTER!

Mirror Staff Report

MONTROSE-At left, Montrose author Wini Tappan, 89, signs a copy of her new book, —A Pilot’s View of World War II,” for local resident Clay Campbell. Photo by Marilyn Huseby. According to Huseby, who teaches a class on health insurance and Medicaid through Colorado Retirement Services at the Senior Center at 12:30 p.m. on June 8, other exciting upcoming events will include the Annual Black Canyon Car Show benefit (see above article), as well as the Golden Circle Seniors yard sale on June 13 from 9 a.m. to 5p.m. at the Pavilion. Another don’t miss—when Margaret Lanam cuts her hair off on behalf of the St. Baldrick’s Foundation on June 19 at the Center!



Dr. Jonathan Osorio reviews blood test results at the MMH Health Fair

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Photos of Ori Naftaly Band (TOP LEFT) and North Rim of the Black Canyon by Brad Switzer; photo of crowd at Montrose Summer Music Series by Jack Switzer.



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WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY – ALPINE BANK E-WASTE RECYCLE EVENT

Special to the Mirror

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Sherman Street next to the tennis courts. Because of the complex recycling process, expect to pay a small recycling fee per item. Alpine Bank will cover up to \$10 of the recycling cost for each person or business.

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ORI NAFTALY BAND HEADLINES FIRST ANNUAL MONTROSE SUMMER MUSIC SERIES



MONTROSE-Dave Bowman's Montrose Summer Music Series kicked off at the Black Canyon Golf Course May 29 with the excellent Ori Naftaly Band, above, and the Blue Gators. Photo by Brad Switzer.

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KEEP THE DREAM ALIVE! From pg 1

The goal of the non-profit, founded in 2012 by Melanie Kline, is to make Montrose Colorado a truly accessible, "no barriers" city and invite America's troops to live in this community where they can have the opportunity to thrive. The Welcome Home Alliance for Veterans is entirely volunteer-powered and donation-funded, and seeks to create a model for other communities across the United States to follow in welcoming warriors home. It was this emphasis on serving returning veterans and accessibility that helped Montrose attain All America City status in 2013.

—Last year we raised enough to pay airfare and expenses to bring the guys and Team River Runner here," Montoya said. —We hope to exceed that amount this year, and focus on the Dream Job Program."

Montoya said that she was inspired to help support Welcome Home Montrose when she heard Kline speak several years ago.

—Everybody who is on our committee felt the same way—we have got to do something to help this group," Montoya said. —Most of us have participated in races, which is why we decided to hold a Run."

Sponsors have been very generous, she noted. New for this year is a benefit golf tournament at Bridges of Montrose.

—Mike Trickey took part in our run last year, and this year he is hosting a golf tournament fundraiser," Montoya said.

—We will be doing all kinds of things too, like presenting the colors, singing the National Anthem, and the Montrose High School Jazz Band will be playing.

—We even have some Biker/Veterans who will be serving as crossing guards," she said.

—The golf tournament and the 5K run/walk on June 13th represent the way our community comes together on behalf of our veterans and the mission of Welcome Home Montrose," WHM Founder Melanie Kline said. —The 5K committee and sponsors raised a major portion of funds which enabled us to bring injured veterans to Mission: No Barriers last week.

—We depend on the success of these events for our stability. Thank you to everyone who is working hard on our behalf."

So on June 13, remember to walk, run, or tee off in support of Welcome Home Montrose and the Dream Job Program, a living feasibility study, creating job train-



Retired USMC Sergeant Jared Bolhuis was an inspiration for Welcome Home Montrose and created the Dream Job Program. Courtesy photo.

ing through mentorships in a safe no-fail environment for medically-retired service members while they guide our efforts to create a No Barriers community for their specific needs," according to the WelcomeHomeMontrose.com web site.

The Dream Job Program was conceived by [Jared Bolhuis](http://JaredBolhuis.com), USMC Sergeant Retired, one of the two Marines whose story inspired the WHM initiative.

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A LIFETIME OF SERVICE: JOSE ABEYTA

Interview by Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-Jose Abeyta was raised in Delta, served two years in the military and received a college degree in sociology, with an emphasis on psychology. During high school Jose participated in sports, but he avoided activities such as student council. —You have to go back to the day. People of Hispanic heritage were not accepted into a lot of things ... and I didn't think I was electable, so I never tried."

On a career path in criminal justice, Jose moved to Montrose in 1978 where he worked for the 7th Judicial District. Under the direction of the courts he started the Community Corrections Board and after 17 years with the District he retired as the Chief Probation Officer.

Jose has served on the boards of Mexican American Development Association (MADA) and the Center for Mental Health as well as being elected to serve on Montrose City Council (2006-2010). While he no longer has political aspirations, Jose said, —Not that I wouldn't like to, but my health won't allow me to run for another elected office." Jose continues to build good relationships with elected officials on all levels of government — local, state and federal. —I like to stay connected and I call

them to talk about issues."

Jose also makes an effort to stay up with what's going on in the community. —I wouldn't say that I'm a watchdog, but I am a concerned citizen. I guess I'd like to think I'm a person who doesn't overreact, but when I hear about an issue I research it and get the facts." Having the facts holds Jose in good stead, —As long as I speak factually I can't embarrass myself and there is nothing to be afraid of. Someone may not like me or my opinion, but I revert back to the facts because the issue is still the same."

When Jose served on City Council he had community support, —I think I had a good reputation and people listened to me. I've had people disagree with me, but never attack me [verbally in public]." Since Jose no longer has an official title he feels there are times when his message is discounted because of the messenger. He laughed and said, —Is that an example of shooting the messenger?" Jose does take advantage of the call-to-the-public with issues he wants to bring before elected officials. His latest suggestion is for the Montrose City Council to implement cultural sensitivity training for city employees. —This is not a Hispanic issue, but covers gender, age and

new transplants moving into the area."

Even though groups have asked Jose to be a spokesperson, on most issues he speaks as an individual. —People come to me to complain because they want someone else to do some-

thing about a situation. People need to take ownership on issues. I can't fight someone else's battle for them. I'll help them get the tools they need to speak up, but I can't do it for them. You just need to have your facts and be prepared!"

Jose often blames the community for what's going on.

—We elect officials and then we forget we [too] have responsibilities. We're strong to criticize the government, but what is the government if it isn't US!"



*Jose Abeyta of Montrose.
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“WHAT IS THERE TO DO THIS SUMMER?” Keeping Boredom at Bay and the Kids Busy!



Don't let boredom set in! Keep the kids busy and having fun this summer in a local program summer camp. Mirror file photo by Jack Switzer.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—So the busses have stopped running and the bells have stopped ringing for the summer, and the kids are home... whether you are a working parent or a stay-at-home, the question is the same; what is there for kids to do this summer?

For families having trouble making ends meet, Montrose County School District RE-1J will be offering summer meals to all children Monday through Friday, free of charge. Sites include the Olathe Black Canyon Boys & Girls Club at 300 Hap Court in Olathe (Noon to 12:30 p.m. June 8-July 31); at the Montrose Recreation Center in Montrose at 25 Colorado Avenue (Noon to 12:30 p.m. June 1-July 31); at the Montrose Black Canyon Boys & Girls Club at 2900 Sunnyside Road (Noon to 12:30 p.m. June 8-July 31); and at the Rocky Mountain Service Migrant Head Start Facility at 290 Hap Court in Olathe (Noon to 12:30 p.m. June 1-July 31).

Activities also abound; the Montrose Recreation District continues to offer its Summer Adventure Program for kids ages six to ten Monday through Thursdays at Centennial Middle School. The program offers two four-week sessions; Session one runs June 1-25, Session two runs July 6-30. The focus here is on outdoor recreation, sports, a field trip, team sports, new games, performing arts, nature projects, learning experiences, craft projects and lifetime hobby and wellness activities, according to the Rec District web site, and each week includes a variety of arts and crafts, indoor and outdoor play, and classroom learning activities.



Local kids will have plenty to do during the 2015 Montrose County Fair & Rodeo, July 24-Aug. 2. Mirror file photo.

—The Montrose Rec. District is again offering something for every age and nearly every interest this summer,” Executive Director Ken Sherbenou said. —Our summer guide was mailed at the beginning of May and registration for a broad array of programs is happening how. There is no excuse for being bored this summer; Montrose is full of fun, exciting things to do, and it'll only get better with the Community Recreation Center coming online next year!”

While youth baseball is the biggest program offered this summer, those teams have already formed, he noted, but said there are still opportunities for some age groups for girls, for youth t-ball for kids 3-4 years old, and for a softball clinic.

—We are also offering high school softball, the FREE Rockies skill challenge on June 19th, skateboarding clinics in August, Sports for Shorties, the Youth Challenger British Soccer Camp, youth tennis lessons, adaptive baseball and the youth outdoors program,” Sherdenou said. —Youth outdoors offers everything from kayaking, part of which will happen on the new Water Sports Park, to fishing, hiking and hunter education. More information may be found in the MRD Summer Guide, which is online at www.montroserec.com.”

New MRD Recreation and Marketing Leader Craig Ellingson said, “We offer a wide variety of different activities and sports that children of all ages and abilities can participate in. I can't think of a better way to spend the summer months than getting out and participating with MRD and all we have to offer.”

At Black Canyon Gymnastics, (118 Apollo Road) the popular private summer camp program serves kids ages 5 to 12, owner KJ Box said.

—We are licensed for ages five through 12,” she said, —and our program runs from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. We offer flexible

scheduling, so parents don't have to commit to the whole summer.”

Activities include field trips to Banana's Fun Park in Grand Junction, the Grand Junction Math and Science Center, open gym, karate, and regular excursions to Riverbottom Park and the Montrose Rec District Pool. The program started May 26, and continues through Aug. 7, Box said. And while the days are filling up fast, parents can call Black Canyon Gymnastics at 970.249.7264 or visit the web site at <http://www.blackcanyongymnastics.com/> to reserve spots.

Kaye Hotsenpiller is a local mom who also works with youth as Executive Director of Hilltop Community resources. When it comes to programs for local kids, the Montrose Recreation District is a truly great resource, she said.

—We use the rec district so much,” she said, —for tennis, golf, swimming...at Hilltop we pay for passes for a lot of the kids we serve. I also know that Montrose High School has some great sports camps and clubs; things like basketball and golf camps are nice things for kids to do.”

The Black Canyon Boys and Girls Club (BCBGC) has groups in Olathe and Montrose, and offers a safe environment for kids who might otherwise be home alone, Hotsenpiller said.

In Olathe, BCBGC is moving into the former Childquest space at 300 HAP Court.

Black Canyon Boys and Girls Club can be reached at 970-249-5168. The summer program begins June 8, with two four-week sessions with hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. And though the Montrose site currently has a waiting list, there are spaces available in Olathe.

—Just call us at 970-249-5168, or stop by the new location in Olathe between 9 a.m. and noon any day this week,” Said Executive Director Martin Barrett. —This is a fantastic program at a fantastic price, and it gives parents a safe place for their children to be while they are at work.”

And of course, there are opportunities for kids to immerse themselves in the arts as well. In August, Montrose Arts Council brings the Missoula Children's Theater to Montrose, and in June, Magic Circle Players host their annual Children's Drama Camp.

—My daughter will be in drama camp at the Magic Circle,” Hotsenpiller said. —We are so excited!”

GRAVEL PIT APPLICATION MOVES FORWARD

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE—More than 100 people were in attendance for the Montrose Planning Commission meeting at Friendship Hall May 28. The meeting began with a motion to revise the agenda in order to do a simple subdivision extension request prior to taking up the hearing on the application from Lazy K Bar and Cattle Co. LLP. The gravel pit agenda item, Uncompahgre Pit 2 Special Use (SU-15-0001), was continued from the April 23, 2015 meeting.

Of those signed up to comment, some were no-shows and a few yielded their time to other speakers. Eleven people were called to the podium; seven opposed the application and four were in support. There were no limitations on time for speaking and comments varied from brief to painstakingly detailed. Many of those against the application united themselves by dressing in red clothing and wearing placards that read, "Respect Zoning." Speaking in favor of the application Jay Thoe reminded the planning commission that the county used gravel from the Sunset Mesa (Hogback) gravel pit, which is in plain view and not hidden out of town. Thoe said, "It's hypocritical for the county to hold a private citizen to a higher standard..." Thoe also noted that the upscale communities of Cobble Creek, The Bridges

and Otter Pond were all built within one mile of the Hogback gravel pit.

Barbara Bernhardt, who opposes the application, began her comments by identifying what she believes is the primary gist of the hearing, "Is the proposal compatible?" She then reverted back to the April 23rd meeting and mentioned a closing sentiment from a woman in the audience who asked if there would be any "eollusion by the commissioners [between hearings]." Bernhardt suggested the commissioners may have had, "...ex parte communication."

Bernhardt's presentation included photographs, brochures, and a prevailing wind map. In concluding her remarks Bernhardt said, "The applicant is trying to fool you with a new application. There is not one compatible thing about this special use proposal."

Once the public hearing was closed the planning commission was at liberty to discuss their insights and thought processes with one another. Chair Dennis Murphy began the discussion by using a PowerPoint presentation to give a geology lesson. Immediately the room rippled with comments of, "I'm not sure he [Murphy] should be saying this ... The planning people are trying to sway the board ... They've already made up their minds." A number of those present exited the meet-

ing.

Following Murphy's informative presentation each member of the planning commission spoke about the difficulty in the decision and weighing the facts that were influencing their individual decision.

The planning commission called upon Montrose Planning and Development Director Steve White to answer questions. During his time at the mic, White gave the audience an interesting perspective on those involved in the hearing process. "This [application] is not a zoning change, it is what is in the code today. If you want to change it you have to go to the County commissioners and have the code changed." White noted it has been a year between the first and second gravel pit applications, "In the last year not one, *not one* person came back and asked for a code change. You [residents] can't come forward every year and say I don't like it."

White clarified that the county master plan (simply a guide) and the zoning code are already in play. White assured the audience that the planning commissioners understand the code, "They wrote the code." The Montrose Planning Commission voted unanimously to approve the gravel pit application. The application now proceeds to the Montrose County Commissioners for a hearing which will be held on July 6, 2015.



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Special to the Mirror

REGIONAL-The ballots for the 2015 Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) Board of Directors Election have been mailed and should arrive in member mailboxes this week. As a member-owned cooperative, DMEA is governed by a democratically elected, nine-member board. This year, the District 1, District 2, and District 5 seats are up for election.

In District 1, incumbent Bill Patterson is running unopposed. In District 5, incumbent Marshall Collins is also running unopposed. There is a contested race for District 2. The current representative, Brent Hines, is term limited and four candidates are vying to fill his seat. The candidates are Kyle Martinez, Mandy Norris-Snell, Tammy Theis, and Richard Harding.

DMEA members may vote for their representative by completing and returning

their mail-in ballots by June 15, 2015.

Members who choose not to vote by mail can vote in person at the DMEA Annual Meeting of Members on Wednesday June 17, Cedaredge Assembly of God Church, 1596 SW. 9th St. The results of the 2015 election will be announced at the meeting.

Member registration and polls will open at 8 a.m. and close promptly at 9 a.m. with the start of the business meeting. All DMEA members are encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting in order to meet their director representatives, ask questions, and learn about the co-op's activities over the past year. This year, the theme of the meeting is "Empowering Innovations," and DMEA is focusing on the role technology plays for the co-op and its members. Guest speaker Peter May-Ostendorp of Xergy Consulting, LLC will give a presentation focusing on smart homes and what they

mean for the future.

Educational booths will be on display during member registration for attendees to visit and learn about DMEA programs and services. Complimentary coffee, specialty coffee drinks, and pastries will be provided. All members in attendance will also have the opportunity to win a door prize. For more information about the annual meeting visit www.dmea.com or call 1-877-687-3632. DMEA is a rural electric distribution cooperative, located in Montrose, Colorado. DMEA was originally founded in 1938, as Delta-Montrose Rural Power Lines Association. The cooperative is governed by a board of directors, from nine districts covering three counties. DMEA serves approximately 32,000 residential, commercial and industrial meters, on more than 3,000 miles of cooperative owned distribution lines.

SHARING MINISTRIES FOOD BANK RECEIVES GRANT FOR NEW FACILITY

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE- – Sharing Ministries Food Bank announced that it has received a \$280,000 Daniels Fund Grant for General Operating Expenses and the Capital Campaign for Sharing Ministries new 9,000 sq. ft. facility.

Sharing Ministries Food Bank is a 501c3 non-denominational, non-profit Food Bank that has been serving Montrose and the surrounding counties since 1996. "The grant will enable Sharing Ministries Food Bank to move forward with our goal of building a new warehouse. With the ever increasing need for food assistance in our area, Sharing Ministries Food Bank must move forward on this project to allow us the much needed space to continue to grow with the demand. Thanks to Daniels Fund we are just that much closer," said Oneda Doyal, Executive Director.

Bill Daniels, a pioneer in cable television known for his kindness and generosity to those in need, established the Daniels Fund to provide grants and scholarships in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming. For more information, please visit www.danielsfund.org. For more information about Sharing Ministries Food Bank, call (970) 240-8385 or visit our website at www.sharingministries.com.

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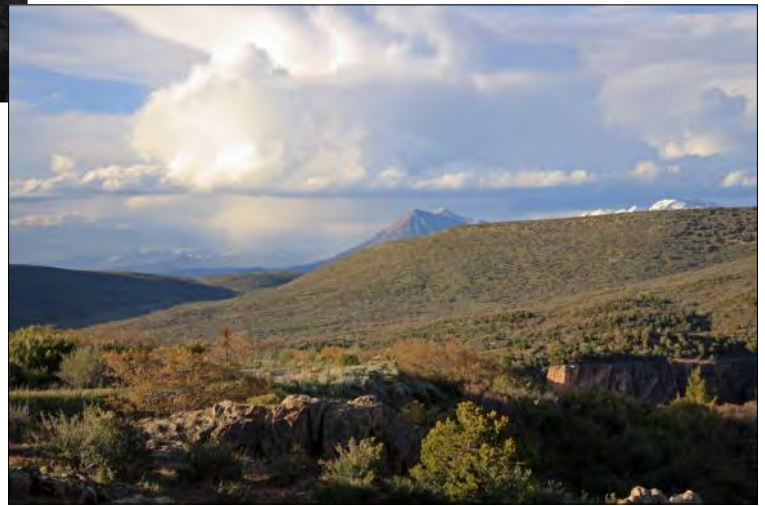
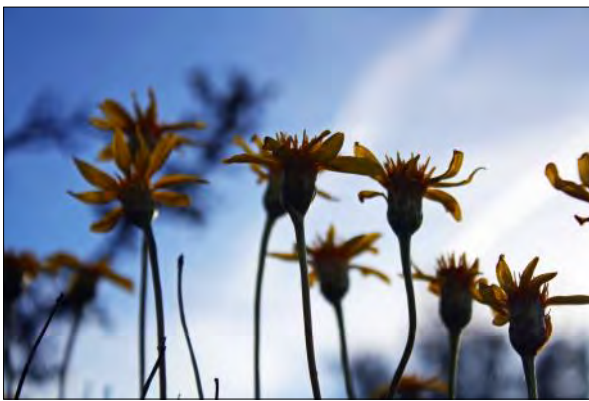
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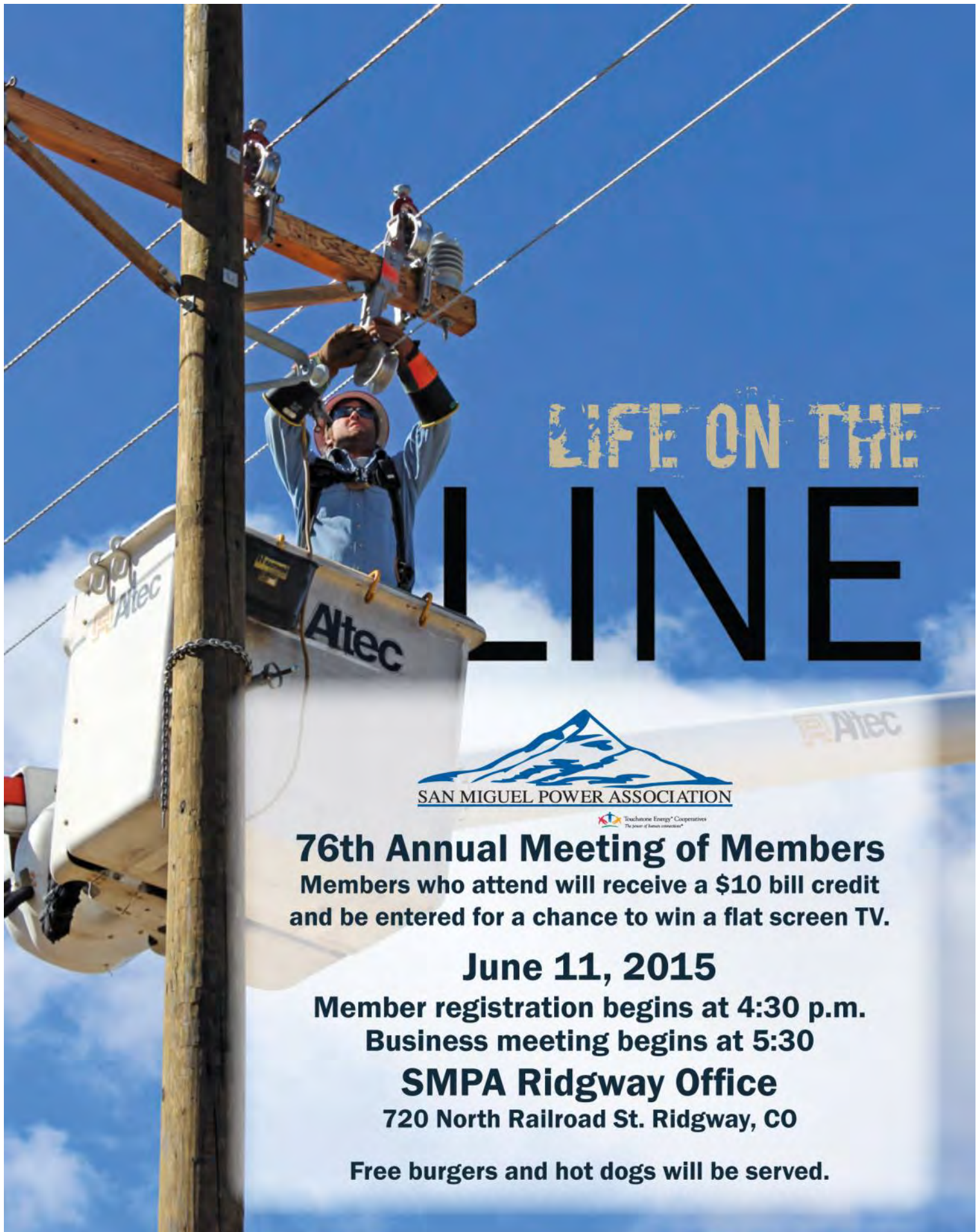
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Experiencing the (local) Church

WRITER GAIL MARVEL VISITS MONTROSE CHURCH OF CHRIST



By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE—My visit to Montrose Church of Christ (non-instrumental) took place on Nov. 16, 2014. Their laid back personality was evidenced when one man joked with another man just coming in the door, “You want to sing, preach or be at the [sound booth] table?”

The family-friendly bulletin contained activities for children, a modern day parable and announcements for upcoming activities. However, there was no order of service, or introduction of presenters other than, “Today’s speaker is Sam. Upcoming speakers are: George on 23rd and Ron Pottberg on the 30th.”

The service began with a few brief announcements, including a scheduled potluck dinner and upcoming, “Guitar Pickin’ and Sing-Along.” Following the announcement there was a call to worship in song. The acoustically designed auditorium amplified the voices of the 40 people in attendance, who sang hymns a cappella in four part harmony. Selections included, “Heaven Holds All of Me,” —Mjesty,” —I am Mine No More,” and —Lamb of God.”

Trying to make a smooth transition between three hymns the announcer put us through finger gymnastics by asking that we put a book mark in one area, a finger in another, and then flip to a third selection.

My book mark was one page off, but I peeped over my neighbor’s shoulder and I caught up with the group by the time they got to the chorus.

This congregation serves Communion by passing from trays throughout the congregation. A prayer was said before serving the bread wafer, which represents the body of Christ. Then after the bread was served to participants, a second prayer was offered before serving the juice, which represents the blood of Christ. Interestingly, the interval between receiving each of the emblems offered an opportunity to reflect on the symbolism for each element.

The speaker, Sam, peppered the audience with no less than 30 different Scripture references as he laid a foundation for his sermon on Thanksgiving. The fast-paced delivery left little time to look-up the reference; however, those familiar with the references recognized the theme taking shape.

Sam began his walk through the thanksgiving landscape by noting that 50 years separated the eyewitness accounts of heaven given by the Apostle Paul (2 Cor 12) and the Apostle John (2 Rev 11). From the book of Revelation we learn of the 24 elders in heaven, —A they did was give thanks to God; that’s all we know about them.”

Places of thanksgiving included Jerusalem, Solomon’s temple, and the wall built by Nehemiah. Two specific books of the Bible known for thanksgiving are the books Judges and Psalms. —Giving thanks to God is not a small thing, yet a daily part of ordinary living.”

Using a personal example Sam related the importance of those in the service industry thanking their customers. —It’s noticeable when they don’t say thank-you, and it’s appreciated when they do say thank-you. Life is to be lived thankfully.”

Sam used Daniel, David and Jesus as examples of giving thanks even in bad times. Daniel’s captivity, David’s dysfunctional family, and Jesus’ sacrifice. —Their thanksgiving was for the glorification of God. Our thanks are intertwined in our relationship with God.”

In keeping with the theme of the sermon, Sam reminded the audience that anytime is thanksgiving-season. At the end of the service some of the ladies introduced themselves and I had to laugh when they brought the message of the sermon full circle and thanked me for visiting.

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

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

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

FORMER CIA ANALYST TO SPEAK ON PAKISTAN



Former CIA intelligence analyst Dr. Philip E. Jones will provide insights into Pakistan June 19. Courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror

Known for its Islamic extremism and deep-seated poverty, Pakistan is also an American ally and a nuclear power. Just how stable is this nation wedged between India and Afghanistan and Iran?

In a presentation entitled "Pakistan: Heading for State Failure?" Dr. Philip E. Jones will provide insights into this South Asian country at 7 p.m. Friday, June 19 at the CMU Ballroom. World Affairs Council of Western Colora-

do is hosting the presentation, which is free for WACWC members. While there is a \$10 admittance fee for nonmembers, students will be admitted free.

Jones is a former CIA intelligence analyst and an international security expert with extensive field experience in political and security risk studies and management for corporate clients.

He was born and raised in India and Pakistan of missionary parents. He graduated from Woodstock School, located at 7,000 feet in the Himalayas in Uttarakhand State, before coming to the United States for college.

Jones received his Ph.D. in International Affairs from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University in 1979, after three years of field research in Pakistan and a stint teaching at Forman Christian College, Lahore.

He joined the CIA's Directorate of Intelligence in 1979 and later worked with several multinational corporations in the energy sector, as well as on hydro- and thermal-

power projects in South Asia. These included service as the social scientist for the Ghazi-Barotha Hydropower Project in Pakistan.

In 2000, he joined the faculty at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, Arizona, where he developed the highly successful Global Security and Intelligence Studies (GSIS) Program. Currently he is dean of the new College of Security and Intelligence at Embry-Riddle, which has a BS in Cyber Intelligence and Security and a MS in Security and Intelligence, in addition to the GSIS degree.

WACWC is a non-partisan, not-for-profit organization aspiring to provide a more globally-informed citizenry prepared to succeed in this changing global economy. WACWC can accomplish this through providing forums, speakers and educational outreach on topics concerning foreign events, U.S. foreign policies, and different cultures and religions.

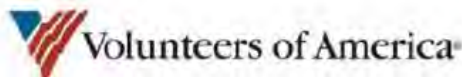
More information about WACWC is at www.wacwc.org.

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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



REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

REVOLUTIONARY GREEN CO₂ SYSTEM FOR BEVERAGE GRADE GAS COMES TO WESTERN SLOPE



Special to the Mirror

GRAND JUNCTION—Montrose-based Hartman Brothers, Inc. (est. 1904), a premier provider of gases and associated equipment on the Western Slope, announced that its Allair division is now providing a cost-saving and environmentally friendly option for businesses that depend on reliable carbonation and high-purity nitrogen

and blended gas systems. Restaurants, breweries, convenience stores, wine preservation and dispensing venues and other businesses that use CO₂ will save time and money using the **Green CO₂ System**.

The innovative **Green CO₂ System** provides significant cost reductions, convenience, and quality to businesses whose

bottom line depends on beverage grade gases. **Green CO₂ Systems** are designed to deliver consistent supply and safe handling of CO₂. **Green CO₂** offers businesses a wide range of benefits over existing systems and comes with a high level of customer service and the advantage of Allair's local delivery.

Employees no longer have to rush to change out bulky cylinders in the middle of their busy work day, and incidences of flat drinks and dissatisfied customers are drastically reduced. Allair's **Green CO₂ System** also eliminates the venting of Carbon Dioxide into the atmosphere, which is common to the customary method operated by other systems. Safer and more cost effective, **Green CO₂** can help businesses realize a 20% to 30% savings when all CO₂ cost components are compared, such as delivery, hazmat, environmental and fuel surcharges that are often billed separately by traditional CO₂ suppliers.

The **Green CO₂** filling process is facilitated from the exterior of the establishment with no distraction to employees or interruption of customer service. Labor costs are dramatically reduced because of the system's simplicity and ease of use. Local businesses that have already begun to take advantage of the environmental, human and cost benefits of Allair's **Green CO₂ System** include Mi Mexico, Spin City, The Local, and Genghis Grill, among others.

Find out more at <http://allairco.com/> or call them at 970-240-8535.

LIBRARY TO HOST SUPERHERO SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Morningstar Therapy Dogs are back at the Montrose Regional Library for the Superhero Summer Reading Program in June and July! Children just learning to read are invited to make a 15-minute appointment to read to a wonderful listener: a specially trained dog! These literacy canines will be in the Marguerite H. Gill Children's Room every Tuesday through June and July from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Call 249-9656, Opt. 2, to sign up. Studies have shown that participating children make gains in reading and communication skills while building confidence and self-esteem.

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Public Works Reorg "In the Works"

Public Works is the largest department at the City of Montrose, employing 37% of the City's year-round, full time workforce. Operations in this department are complex, ranging from maintaining 29 developed parks, a public golf course, the Sunset Mesa sports complex, and 30 miles of concrete trails to designing, constructing and maintaining nearly 150 miles of water lines, sewer lines, and streets. Providing reliable City services requires careful attention to innumerable details.

Several years ago community members asked the City to take a "business-like" approach to streamlining its operations and service delivery. In keeping with this request, the City Council has made wise and efficient use of the community's resources a guiding principle in its financial and policy-making decisions. This same approach is taken in caring for day-to-day operations

in each department, although it is an ongoing process that must be approached incrementally. For example, in late March Public Works embarked on a two to five year process to significantly reorganize the department. (See the accompanying organizational charts.)



The reorganization is intended to accomplish four key objectives. First, the new structure improves the supervisory span of control by reducing the number of employees any single team leader manages, resulting in lower supervisory workload, better distribution of labor resources, and improved employee development and accountability.

Second, the changes increase cross-training, thereby affording employees opportunities to learn new skills and enjoy greater flexibility in vacation scheduling while ensuring better operational stability and service delivery for the public. Creating a larger pool of qualified personnel resources results in a leaner and more efficient workforce that can be deployed in a variety of tasks according to seasonal and project-related workloads.

Third, the reorganization makes better use of the valuable institutional knowledge and experience of long-term employees by implementing a department structure that is more favorable to information sharing and succession planning.

Finally, the restructure results in significant cost savings by transitioning from a strictly year-round, full time parks staff to seasonals that can work during periods of peak demand. This change has been implemented primarily through natural attrition to minimize disruption to existing employees.

It is important to retain a productive and qualified workforce by offering competitive wages and benefits. All City positions, including those in Public Works, are included in a regular wage and compensation survey that helps City management to evaluate and adjust compensation. The survey provides pay and benefits information for comparable positions in similarly sized organizations around the region. In addition to periodic wage and benefits adjustments, the City has implemented a "Pay for Performance" system that motivates productivity and high-quality work by rewarding employees according to their individual performance.

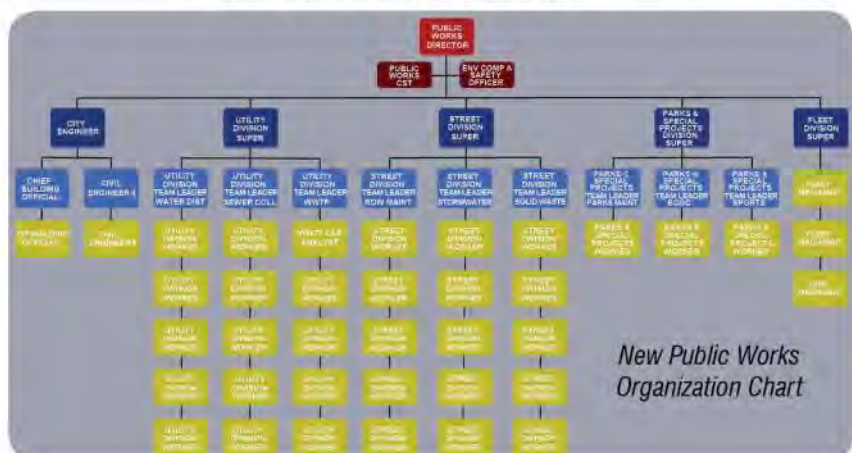
Public Works employees are, in many ways, the "face" of the City, providing tangible evidence of public resources at work, and representing the efforts of those working behind the scenes to support them. Our sincere thanks to them for their dedicated efforts!



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Visit CityofMontrose.org to receive current City news and information. While there, check out Notify Me (CityofMontrose.org/NotifyMe) to receive email and text message notifications about monthly sales and use tax and building permit reports, bid postings, upcoming City Council or Planning Commission meetings, and news releases.

Aren't able to attend City Council meetings in person? No problem. The Video Center (CityofMontrose.org/Video) allows on-demand access to video recordings of recent City Council meetings. Meetings can also be viewed 'live' via Web-streaming broadcast from the Video Center.



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AUTHOR, AUTHOR!

WINIFRED TAPPAN RELEASES BOOK ON WWII PILOT

There is no record in the history of a nation that ever gained anything valuable by being unable to defend itself.

—H.L. Mencken.

The following is from the Forward written for "A Pilot's View of World War II," by Kathryn R. Burke, Publisher MONTROSE—Coming just two decades after the last great global conflict, the Second World War was the most widespread and deadliest war in history, involving more than 30 countries and resulting in more than 50 million military and civilian deaths (with some estimates as high as 85 million dead). Sparked by Adolf Hitler's

invasion of Poland in 1939, the war would drag on for six deadly years until the final Allied defeat of both Nazi Germany and Japan in 1945.⁽¹⁾

That said, World War II was something of an anomaly. For one thing, we had much better worldwide communication. We were instantly informed of what was going on in other countries, and we trusted and respected those who reported it. Our leadership made good use of that mass media; thus the Second World War was also a triumph of patriotic propaganda. Here in the United States (and in the countries of our Allies), our leaders used

radio, newspapers, and movie theater news' clips to encourage us to accept that it was a man's duty to sign up, ship out, and fight for the right to be free. Men like Robert Boecking volunteered in order to choose their branch of service. (Most of those who didn't volunteer wound up drafted into the Army.) At home we were asked to buy War Bonds, ration food and gasoline, roll bandages, plant Victory Gardens, tell our children to gather scrap for the "War Effort," and send our women to the factories to take the place of their men and produce planes, tanks, ships, and whatever other material was needed to "Win the War!"

As a result, Americans of all races, religious beliefs, and cultural backgrounds joined together in a huge patriotic effort—never seen before, and unlikely to be experienced again—to "support our troops" on the battlefield and "join the fight from every home in America." And unlike many wars before or since, the American soldiers who fought were revered.

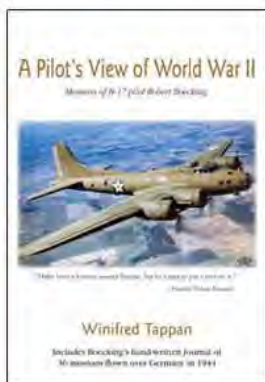
"Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few," said British Prime Minister Winston Churchill in August of 1940, as praise to those already in service and encouragement to those who would continue the fight until the war had ended.

All told, on all fronts, it was a tremendous effort. It took just four years from the time we declared war on Japan December 8, 1941 (following the attack at Pearl Harbor) until December 31, 1946 when President Harry S. Truman declared: —Although a state of war still exists, it is at this time possible to declare, and I find it to be in the public interest to declare, that hostilities have terminated. Now, therefore, I, Harry S. Truman, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the cessation of hostilities of World War II, effective twelve o'clock noon, December 31, 1946."⁽²⁾

BOOK SIGNING & MEET THE AUTHOR



Friday, June 5, 1-4 pm at the Holiday Inn Express in Montrose



'A Pilot's View of WWII' by Winifred Tappan is a riveting recital of combat and camaraderie as told by Robert Boecking, a World War II bomber pilot.

Boecking (Now a Montrose resident) flew the B-17 Flying Fortress in the 379th heavy Bomb Group, 8th Air Force stationed at Kimbolton Air Field, England during World War II.

Tappan's outstanding book tells Boecking's story through interviews and the actual pages of his Mission Journal



Winifred Tappan & Bob Boecking

detailing all 36 missions completed. In addition to his Journal, the book is illustrated with 33 historical photographs and a comprehensive Mission Map of his crews's targets. Tappan's 'Author's Notes' provide reference and background material. Also included is an interview with a woman (then a young-girl) who was on the ground while Boecking's bomber flew overhead.

More about this book: <http://b17pilot-wwii-mission-journal.com>.

More information, contact Publisher Kathryn Burke, 970-729-1188

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ARTS AND CULTURE

ART CLASSES ROCK THE CREAMERY THIS SUMMER!



Cedaredge Sculptor and arts instructor Daphna Russell will be featured at the creamery this month.

Special to the Mirror

HOTCHKISS—Among the many facets of the Creamery Arts Center, some of which include: a first-class gallery featuring over fifty local artists, a Senior Outreach Program and a selection of books by local authors; the Creamery also functions as a learning center offering a variety of classes for students of all ages. In an effort to recognize their teachers and honor the accomplishments of their students, the gallery will be featuring the work of several of the Creamery's skilled instructors and their students during the month of June. There will be a gallery opening on the evening of

Friday, June 12th from 6-8pm. The exhibit will be on display until July 6th. The instructors and their students' work which will be featured in this show include: Pen-nie Alexander – silk scarf dyeing, Daphna Russell – sculpture, Dani Tupper – watercolor, Penny Ackerman – basket weaving, David Strong – adult and kids pottery classes, Elizabeth Berkhoff – knitting, Don Benjamin – cartooning for kids, and Suki Strong – art classes for kids.

The Creamery Arts Center provides space where experienced instructors teach classes in a variety of mediums: cheese making, watercolor painting, knitting, pottery, basket weaving, silk scarf dyeing, sculpture, mushroom growing, cartooning, Facebook, photo shop, alcohol ink painting, and gourd painting are just a few of the classes that have been offered recently. In addition they offer a variety of art classes for kids year round. It is the goal of the Creamery to offer classes to all ages at affordable prices. The culinary arts workshops have been a huge success and you will be seeing more of them in the future. Do you have a special cooking or craft skill you would like to share? If so, contact the Creamery for more information by emailing: information@creameryartscenter.org **Art Classes Rock!** is sure to be a fun

show and the opening reception on Friday, June 12 from 6-8 will provide an opportunity to meet some of the Creamery instructors, admire the work of their students and ask any questions you may have. Calendars and flyers will be available for all of their upcoming art classes. Refreshments will be served and wine and beer will be available. The Creamery Arts Center is located at 165 W. Bridge Street in Hotchkiss. They can be reached at 970-872-4848, creameryartscenter.org, or follow them on Facebook.

Kids Donate Silent Auction Items to Benefit Summer Art Camp Classes at the Creamery Arts Center The jewels in the educational crown at the Creamery Arts Center are the After School Art and Summer Art Camp Programs, which offer affordable, drop-in art and clay classes to kids year round. Instructors David & Suki Strong provide challenging and stimulating projects for their K-8 students. The Creamery also features a special Youth Gallery where their students can display the work they have created during class. As part of **Art Classes Rock!** - the teacher and student show in June, the young students' work will also be displayed in the Peach Gallery, with an added feature of a special "silent auction" area which will display a variety of student work that the kids chose

to donate in order to raise money for the student art programs. In addition, the Creamery Yard Sale that was held Mother's Day weekend helped support these programs by raising funds for art supplies and providing scholarships to the youth of our community who would otherwise be unable to attend Summer Art Camp. Come show your support for our young artists by attending the opening reception on June 12 from 6-8pm. Summer Art Camp Classes start June 10 and run through July 30. On Wednesdays kids ages 6 and up can play in clay with instructor David Strong and on Thursdays Suki Strong will be offering classes on drawing, painting, pastels, watercolors and more. On Tuesday afternoons there will be a variety of specialty classes for kids, including: cartooning, cheese making, fused glass, and tie-dyed shirts. Schedules are available at the Hotchkiss Public Library, the Creamery, or online at:

www.creameryartscenter.org For more information call 970-872-4848 or follow the Creamery on Facebook.



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ARTS AND CULTURE

***Corrected*-PAONIA CELEBRATES EIGHTH ANNUAL PICKIN' IN THE PARK!**

Special to the Mirror

PAONIA TOWN PARK- The eighth season of Paonia's Pickin' in the Park concert series begins Aug. 6th and continues Thursday evenings through Aug. 27th. The four show series is free to the public and features top notch music from around the country and around the world!

The events are family friendly and include a children's activities area on-site, next to the playground, with a view of the stage. The North Fork Creative Coalition will be curating the kids' area, and they have some very exciting things lined up for the little ones. The audience is welcome to bring lawn chairs, blankets, coolers and picnics, but please note that there is no glass or outside alcohol allowed in the park.

Food & Drinks: KVNF will be serving refreshing beverages, including award winning, locally brewed draft beer by Revolution Brewing, local wine from the West

Elks Wineries and cold, crisp hard cider from Delicious Orchards. Several local food vendors will be on hand serving locally prepared burritos, homemade pasta, BBQ and much more.

KVNF Radio Broadcast: All concerts will be broadcast live on KVNF Community Radio (90.9, 89.1 FM) and will be streaming live on the net at www.kvnf.org.

Sponsors: Pickin' in the Park is presented by Pickin' Productions and co-presented by The Kampe Foundation. Community sponsors, local businesses, individual supporters and food and beverage vendor fees pay for the entire series. Visit www.pickinproductions.com for more info and a complete list of our supporters. **PICKIN' IN THE PARK 2015 LINEUP:** Aug- 6 –**TODO MUNDO** World Music with a Latin Groove.

www.todomundomusic.com. Opening Set and Late Show by Handmade Moments World Traveling Folk

Duowww.handmademoments.net.

Aug. 13 –**NATHANIEL RATELIFF & THE NIGHT SWEATS**. Denver's Hippest 8 Piece R&B Band,

www.nathanielrateliff.com/nathaniel-rateliff-night-sweats. Opening Set and Late Show by Jelly Bread California's Funky Quartet

www.jellybread.net.

Aug. 20 – **DAVINA & THE VAGABONDS** Hot Jazz & Blues from the Midwest

www.davinaandthevagabonds.com. Opening Set and Late Show by Dustbowl Revival Americana! Voted best Live Band in LA www.dustbowlrevival.com.

Aug. 27 – **FRANK SOLIVAN & DIRTY KITCHEN**

World Class Bluegrass.

www.dirtykitchenband.com. Opening Set and Late Show by The Railsplitters. Award winning Colorado Bluegrass. www.therailsplitters.com.

HONORABLE MENTION

To Author Wini Tappan (yes, she is 89), for her new release, "A Pilot's View of World War II," and for signing books at Holiday Inn Express from 1 to 4 p.m. on June 5...

To Yvonne Meek, for the opening of the Lark and Sparrow, LLC in the Masonic Building. The investment in Downtown Montrose is substantial. The venue is stunning. The music is world class...

To the Montrose Summer Music Series and to Volunteers of America's Concerts on the Green for bringing wonderful free entertainment to our community throughout the summer months...

To Travis Triesch, for mowing lawns for veterans on Memorial Day...

To Grandma Linda at the Downtown Montrose City Market, because our May 29 Facebook post celebrating Linda's work at the market for the past 13 years has generated close to 10,000 views and the most positive comments on superb customer service than we have ever seen...

To CU Boulder Journalism Professor Dean Colby, for overcoming the most amazing odds, and for caring about the future of the profession. Also, we want to see if you are reading. Love to you, the wife and kids!!!

GOVERNMENT BEAT

MONTROSE CITY COUNCIL PREVIEW: WORK SESSION OF JUNE 1 AND REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 2

Mirror Staff Report

MONTROSE-CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION-At [its regular work session](#) Monday, June 1, the Montrose City Council will hear a request for funding from Larry Frederickson of the Haven House shelter Board as well as a request from City Public Works Director John Harris for the purchase of replacement CCTV inspection equipment for use in maintaining the sanitary sewer collection system. The purchase would be made from Neverest Equipment Company, and the total purchase price is \$73,288.38.

Council also continues its exploration of sweeping, substantive zoning changes throughout the core City and elimination of the current Medical/Residential Zoning District, despite a public outcry by City residents over a similar effort in recent years by the present Council. **The Med-Res District would be replaced by an "Office-Residential" zoning district** under the proposed changes, with uses-by-right expanded to include Small Child Care Centers; Places of Public Assembly (rather than churches); Hospitals; Floral Shops and Parking Facilities. **The changes would also create a "Public District" in which uses by right would include public**

recreation facilities, government buildings, and facilities, events or conference centers, schools libraries, and other public lands and buildings. Uses are of a public, non-profit, or charitable nature and provide a local service to the people of the community on a regular basis;" **and would make public transportation, parks and playgrounds and parking facilities uses by right rather than conditional uses in the City's Central Business District.**

Renewable energy facilities are not only defined herein as an "accessory use to a residence," but are included along with parking facilities as uses-by-right within the B-2 HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, B2A REGIONAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT and B3 GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT. Renewable Energy and Parking Facilities are also added as Conditional Uses within the B4 NEIGHBORHOOD SHOPPING DISTRICT. Grocery stores, on the other hand, are eliminated as a Use-By-Right within the B4 Zoning District. Because there are many changes proposed that would SUBSTANTIALLY impact the way our community looks and the lives of those within it, readers are encouraged to make themselves familiar with the full slate of Zoning

updates. Read about the proposed changes to Zoning by [clicking here](#).

REGULAR MEETING-When the Montrose City Council convenes for its [next regular meeting](#) on June 2, Council will issue a Proclamation in Honor of Immigrant Heritage Month. Following the Consent Agenda items Council will hear a report from the Montrose Youth Council and will consider making a motion to approve the group's suggested revisions to the Youth Council Manual. Following approval of the Minutes from its regular meeting of May 19, Council will consider making a motion to approve a Fireworks Display Permit for the City of Montrose Fireworks on July 4, 2015. (In past years the Montrose Rotary Club has hosted the community fireworks display on Sunset Mesa.) Council will also consider making a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-13, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Montrose appointing Police Chief Tom Chinn as the City's representative to the Montrose Emergency Telephone Service Authority (METSA). Following a Public Information Officer report by Assistant City Manager Rob Joseph, (City Manager Bill Bell is on vacation) Council will adjourn.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

RIDGWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PLAYGROUND GROUNDBREAKING JUNE 1, 5:30 P.M.

Special to the Mirror

RIDGWAY-The Ridgway Elementary School Playground Committee will host a groundbreaking celebration at 5:30 p.m., Monday, June 1 to commemorate the start of construction on new playground features and thank donors, sponsors and in-kind contributors to the project. Media representatives, elected officials and community members are invited to participate in the celebration at the playground behind the school.

The committee made up of school staff, students' parents and local business people came up with the plans and designs for the playground update. Thanks to the generosi-

ty of many individuals and businesses as well as a Great Outdoors Colorado Grant, the school's new playground equipment will include a zipline, climbing wall, embankment slide, and a fully accessible pathway to all the play elements for children with adaptive needs. Students and the Friends of Ridgway Schools parents group raised about \$14,000 towards the project with a May 8 Fun Run. However, up to \$10,000 is still needed to fulfill the committee and student wish list for the completion of the interactive preschool fence panels, fairy garden stage and outdoor musical instruments at the playground.

This is the current list of design and con-

struction team members, primarily from the Ridgway area, who are contributing their talents and skills at discounted rates and in some cases complete in-kind assistance: Matt Hepp, P.E. Structural Engineering, Alpine Edge Engineering; Danika Gilbert, LLC, Owner Representative; Pate Sauer, P.L.S., Orion Surveying Wendy Fenner, P.E., Civil Engineering, Z-GEO; Ned Bosworth and John Peters & Associates, Landscape Design Ralph Lowery, Lowery Excavating Joe Harnsberger, General Contractor, Mountain Grown Designworks, LLC Rock Solid, Boulder Donations from the CDOT HWY 550 Project Colorado Parks and Wildlife grant Colorado Kid's 1st grant Colorado Garden Foundation grant

Please join us for the June 1 celebration, share this information through publications and social media, and help the playground construction get off to a great start this summer. (The completion of construction is planned for August before school starts.) For more information, contact Wendy Fenner at 702-491-0977 wendyzfenner@gmail.com or Danika Gilbert at 303-503-9070 or danika.gilbert@gmail.com.



Downtown DeltaFest!

Thursday June 11, August 13, & September 10th 2015

Downtown Main street
5:30-Dusk

Vendors, Food, Games, Music & Fun!!!

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301 Main Street Delta, CO 81416

Or on our website: www.deltacolorado.org in the events tab



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DELTA VET VISITS DCMH ON HOLIDAY TO SHARE SPIRIT



Special to the Mirror

DELTA-Mike Menke, Navy veteran offers a flag to Julie Hall, Emergency Department Clerk, who's husband is also a Navy veteran on Memorial Day. Courtesy photo.

GOVERNMENT BEAT

MONTROSE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS UPDATE

By Sandra Tyler

Government Beat Reporter

DISCUSSION OF MESA COUNTY MEETING WITH MESA LAND TRUST

County Manager Ken Norris announced that we should all be aware of what voluntary land trusts have done to the properties within the trust. It was stated that e-mails have come from ranchers running cattle, having issues with land trusts that involve rights of ways (ROW) and use/installation of utilities. The use of the lands within trusts become more restrictive than before the establishment of the trusts that land owners desire for conservation of that land and tax benefits. Conservation easements might make it difficult to create a road or install utilities or water lines in the future.

PUBLIC WORKS MONTHLY UPDATE-Director Ken Winckler distributed the 11-page report with discussion.

For the first five months of 2015, \$2588 has been spent in asphalt paving; \$231,617 in base and sub-base preparation; \$230,759 in blading/pulling shoulders; \$11,093 in bridge repair & maintenance; \$2296 in bridge replacement; \$104,903 in brushing/tree trimming & removal/ROW cleanup; \$18,878 in cattle guards & gates; \$69,287 in crack sealing; \$302,125 in culverts; \$61, 12 in ditches/drainage/spoil; \$316,204 in dust control/soil stabilization; \$155 in emergency response; \$39,669 in facility/yard maintenance; \$226,860 in gravel resurfacing; \$9,503 in guardrail; \$100,073 in inspections/complaint investigation; \$2264 in miscellaneous-non-R&B related; \$12,270 in miscellaneous-R&B related, \$10,844 in mowing/weed control; \$224,938 in office/paperwork/meetings/training (\$217,007 in labor); \$1014 in paint striping; \$40,456 in patching (potholes inc.); \$35,847 in pit work; \$37,889 in shop related (repairs, fleet work, greasing); \$92,041 in signage; \$114,177 in snow plowing & sanding; \$4696 in technical support; for a grand total of \$2,388,465 of which \$1,157,197 was in labor.

More crack sealing is in the very near future to extend the life of the roads; culverts are being repaired and replaced and their current water jet machine is more powerful and thereby saves man-hours in this work; the crushing schedule (gravel) is almost complete with just Neal pit to be done and that should provide enough crushed gravel for the rest of this year and the first half of 2016. Use of calcium chloride has not started as yet and all the programs have been approved by the state, unfortunately not until after the bids were awarded and about 50% could have been saved. Work to be done at the Fairgrounds parking lot and the road North. Puddle work amounting to \$40,000 to be done. There was very little snow plowing needed. Ranger Road is needing repairs and cautionary signs to slow traffic are needed. Other projects are about 1/3-1/2 completed with bridge

work at 10% completed. Other possible projects to be discussed as time and money allows. He even presented the County Road & Bridge Maintenance projects list at just below 40% completed with the start dates and finish dates included.

County Manager Ken Norris stated that Mr. Lloyd Arnold has brought up information about the potential for purchasing snow blowing equipment at a substantially reduced price as it has a 14 ft. blade that comes separate with it. Mr. Ken Winckler is in the mix re this and feels it will be an asset to the County equipment. He will keep the commissioners informed.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Accountant Cindy Bennet presented a 13-page report with graphs (another goodie for me). The graph of trends showed almost identical lines up and down for the first three months of the years 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015. Comparison of total 2015 expenditures for the first three months were between 17-42 percent of budget. Chart for Expenditure Trends for first three months was almost identical for the years 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015. Actual expenditures by type (personnel, supplies, services & charges, intergovernmental, assist pmts, debt pmts, capital, internal expenses) compared to budget ranged from 12 percent to 37 percent. Overall, the county has received 28 percent of its budgeted revenue and spent 22 percent of its authorized expenditures. **Those areas over 25 percent had no suggested actions; the one area over was for outside legal services.**

For Y-T-D Sales and Use Tax \$1,388,069 has been collected for Road and Bridge Sales Tax; \$118,511 for Road and Bridge Use Tax; and \$1,043,145 for Public Safety Sales Tax with projections to each be about 107-108 percent of budget.

Building Permit Revenues by Month for the first 3 months of 2008-2015 show that 2008 was a good year, followed by a substantial decrease in 2009 and slow recovery in the following years of 2010-2014 and a drop in 2015 of almost \$8,000-again just for the first 3 months of 2015. The % collected in following the budgeted amounts very closely which means that staff are not over estimating their budgets but being conservative in projections for increases/decreases.

Clerk & Recorder Fees History showed being under-budget for collections in 2008 of -9 percent, which slowed to -2 to -4 percent from 2009-2011, and enjoyed an increase in 2012 of 117 percent of budget to a -5.4 percent of budget in 2014. So far, 2015 is running at 1/3 of budget for the first four months, right on budget. The last page of Specific Ownership Taxes (a property or ad valorem tax that is levied in addition to sales [or use] taxes on a motor vehicle that is paid annually when the vehicle is registered within the county) is at 38.6percent of bud-

et for 1/3 of the year, again right on budget or a bit over.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Director Kristin Pulatie stated that many contracts are up for renewal (17 programs will be heard for public comment Monday, June 1, 2015 at the regularly held BOCC meeting). The "Healthy Community Outreach" program links Medicare with community programs available. More "out of home" contracts to be reviewed. No further information about the State HHS Executive Director vacancy.

Pulatie stated that the leading cause of teenage death in Colorado is suicide. Existing depression in the brain overshadows personal ability to plan for a future. It is appropriate to use leaders who are willing to talk about their own depression and bout of suicide attempt(s) in open counseling sessions but usually these persons are hard to find or do not reveal themselves.

COUNTY ATTORNEY UPDATE-Attorney Teresa Williams presented information to the Commissioners. Attorney Jodie Behrmann (mentioned in BOCC report, Montrose Mirror Issue 119) will receive some assistance in her position to relieve the heavy workload. There is a need to review all county properties re: amount of insurance coverage being adequate as it appears that some will need to be increased.

CDL's (Commercial Drivers License) are being reviewed for up-to-date compliance. It was suggested that all drivers licenses be reviewed for the same and to establish if any have any drivers have received infractions that would affect insurance coverage by the County or their privilege to drive a pool vehicle.

The safety manual at the airport needs to be re-instated to assure a prevention mode is in operation. Beaver Hills Subdivision road and signs issues remain relatively inactive on their side. The removing of signs to be evaluated by an attorney for Beaver Hills. Public Works could send a letter stating the opening of Paradox Road with referral to RS2477 in 30 days and then do this. All three commissioners in approval of this.

Mediation with MMH moved from June 1 to Aug. 6-7 due to a new attorney @ MMH being in the mix.

BOCC MEETING 5/27/15, OLATHE

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Rob Smith spoke about what is/has happened in Olathe. Olathe received the T.A.P. grant which will assist in Safe Transportation of students to schools. Olathe will extend the 4 ft. walkway from the Community Park to currently 3rd St. on to the Elementary School which has about 60 students per grade. The town will also resurface some of 3rd and install a fence at Lions Park at the junction of 348 and Highway 50B on the west side. Commissioner Glen Davis commented about having a fence at the Middle and High schools to provide safety of students

OPINION/EDITORIAL-LETTERS

THANK YOU TO THE COMMUNITY FOR RETIREMENT PARTY, FRIENDSHIP, SUPPORT

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank all my friends and family who attended the retirement celebration that was held for myself and John Gorrone, Fernie Rendon and Deb Hyatt. Your Friendship and well wishes mean so much. The last 36 years at the City have had their ups and downs. With your Support, Friendship and Trust we got the jobs done and moved on to the next challenge. One person cannot make it in work or life without the support of others.

Sincere Thanks

Jerry Sieverson

Montrose

CONCERTS ON THE GREEN ON LAST FRIDAYS THRU AUGUST



Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Singer/songwriter, Beth Williams from Cedaredge opened the second season of Music on the Green, a free outdoor music concert series hosted by Senior CommUnity Care on the lawn behind the PACE day center and The Homestead assisted living. Mike Schindel, concert attendee, joined Beth in singing John Denver's classic Country Roads. The concerts are held the last Friday of May, June, July and August and proceeds from concession food goes towards the Living Legacy project.

**Fund Raising Benefit
FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**
1601 N. Townsend (across from airport)
June 6, 2015 Noon - 5pm
Call 970.596.4631 For VIP Dinner \$20 Reservations Before
May 20th; BREWFEST - \$20; Both \$35

Logos include: Pet Supplies, Alpine Bank, usbank, Budget Blinds, Superior Alarm & Fire Protection, DYNAMIC, highland cycles, Glass Doctor, Bicycle Outfitters, Great Outdoors, All Air, Golden Goddess, Park Avenue Parties, and others.

THANKS FOR READING THE MONTROSE MIRROR!
CALL 970-275-5791 FOR AD RATES AND INFORMATION.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

SMPA RETURNING \$1,721,479 IN MEMBER DIVIDENDS

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-For the third consecutive year San Miguel Power Association, Inc., (SMPA) will be paying out member dividends also known as capital credits. We will be paying back a total of \$1,721,479 this year to our members from the years 1986, 1987, and part of 1988 and 1999. This consists of \$1,000,000 of SMPA budgeted funds for a regular dividend payment, \$500,000 of a special dividend payment from unclaimed member dividends from previous years, and \$221,479 is a pass through directly from our power supplier Tri-State for their dividend payment to SMPA. Checks will be mailed to the addresses on file at the co-op next month. Dividends less than \$10 will be placed in a hold account for the member and paid in the future when the balance reaches a total greater than \$10.

SMPA is a member-owned rural electric cooperative, which means that those who receive electric service from the co-op own

a portion of the business. This entitles them to a portion of the co-op's margins or profits.

—Member Dividends or Capital credits are essential to the cooperative business model. They represent our members' ownership in the co-op and set us apart from for-profit, investor owned businesses," said SMPA General Manager Kevin Ritter.

Annually, San Miguel Power allocates excess profits, called margins, to its members based upon how much they were billed that year. The money a member pays to the co-op is considered his or her capital investment. The larger that investment is, the larger the allocation, and eventually, the larger the dividend when it is paid out.

SMPA allocates member dividends each year, but only pays, or retires, those dividends back to members on a delayed rotation when the co-op's financial position allows them to do so. SMPA returned member dividends for the first time in the spring of 2013 after a 13-year delay. In

that delay period the credits functioned as operating capital and were used to make improvements and expansions to the co-op's distribution grid. They also served to improve the co-op equity position and financial ratios. Each year, SMPA's board evaluates the co-op's ability to return member dividends to the membership.

San Miguel Power Association, Inc. is a member-owned, locally-controlled rural electric cooperative with offices in Nucla and Ridgway, Colo. It is the mission of San Miguel Power Association to demonstrate corporate responsibility and community service while providing our members safe, reliable, cost effective and environmentally responsible electrical service. SMPA serves approximately 9,600 members and 14,000 meters and supports local communities with \$326,000 annually in property taxes and \$400,000 in energy efficiency and renewable energy rebates. San Miguel Power is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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crossing the streets and improve the directions of student traffic.

There is no update to the Main Street project. The town does intend to pave up to the railroad tracks as close as is allowed. No other public comment. No changes, additions, deletions to the agenda which had nothing for presentation on paper. The meeting was adjourned and the TOWN HALL was opened.

TOWN HALL 5/27/15, OLATHE

PUBLIC COMMENT-No public comment from those present.

Commissioner Glen Davis stated that he is going to Moab to try to connect the Utah side of the trail.

Manager Ken Norris stated that the 2016 budget process has begun. Facilities Dept. does need some long-range planning regarding the life or renovation of the current

buildings in use. There are projects in the works for the Fairgrounds.

Commissioner Ron Henderson announced that there was a public hearing on the proposed gravel pit at 6 PM thursday evening; that on Monday there will be a day-long meeting regarding the Colorado River Basin; and that public participation and comment is always needed as it is helpful to hear from the county residents.



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YOU'RE INVITED

Delta-Montrose Electric Association
ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, June 17

8:00 am - Registration & Voting ←

9:00 am - Business Meeting

Cedaredge Assembly of God Church, 1596 SW 9th St

*Come early and visit booths
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- ✓ Win prizes
- ✓ Learn about your co-op's past activities & future plans
- ✓ Enjoy free coffee & pastries
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WELCOME HOME MONTROSE FUNDRAISER AT BRIDGES TO INCLUDE GOLF TOURNAMENT IN ADDITION TO 5K FOR 2015!



Kathryn Carson and a crowd of 5K participants at last year's Welcome Home Fundraiser at the Bridges. This year's event includes a golf tournament as well. Courtesy photo by Nancy Ball.

Mirror Staff Report

MONTROSE-From 1968 to 1972 when long hair and love beads were the fashion,

Mike Trickey was wearing a uniform and working on the F4 Phantom as a metal smith for the Marine Corps. Because of his service, the mission of Welcome Home Montrose and the Warrior Resource Center are near and dear to his heart.

Trickey also plays golf. So when he saw an opportunity to host a golf tournament at Montrose Bridges on behalf of the Warrior Resource Center, he saw it as a win-win for the whole community.

—A veteran, I want to give back, and make sure that the Warrior Center and Welcome Home Montrose are able to sustain their programs and keep going," he said. —It is incredible to see how far this organization has gone in the past few years."

The Welcome Home Montrose golf tournament fundraiser at Bridges will be the same day as the **Second Annual Welcome**

Home Montrose 5K-Walk/Run, June 13.

—The Bridges has bent over backward to help us," Trickey said. —The support has been so positive everywhere—we have had some very generous donations from sponsors to help get this going."

The Bridges of Montrose is proud to be hosting both events this year, Bridges General Manager Eric Feely said.

—We are really excited and proud to be able to host these two events on June 13," Feely said. —It's going to be a big day—we'll be putting flags out, and doing things all afternoon. Last year there was just the Run, but this year it will be an all-day event."

The Tournament is intended as an annual event, he said. —Every year I want it to be bigger and better," he said. Register for the Welcome Home Montrose Golf Tournament at www.montrosebridges.com.

TAKE THE MONTROSE GARDEN TOUR!



Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The Montrose Garden Tour is a self-guided tour of five Private Gardens plus the Montrose Botanic Gardens. The tour will be held Saturday, June 13 from 9am to 2pm.

The gardens in the Montrose Garden Tour each have a unique flair within their picturesque landscapes and are themed: 'A room with a view,' 'A farm to ponder,' 'Old & new woven together,' and 'Gardeneighbors.' Tours will also be offered of the Montrose Botanic Gardens.

To add to the ambiance of walking through the home gardens, musicians will be playing and artists will be painting 'plein air' in the gardens. Experienced gardeners will also be present to share their expertise and gardening wisdom.

Tickets are \$15 regular and \$10 for anyone who is or becomes a member of the Montrose Botanic Gardens. Tickets can be purchased before the day of the tour at the



Pavilion front desk and at Around the Corner Art Gallery. The Day of the tour, tickets and maps will be sold at the Montrose Botanic Gardens, next to the Pavilion, where the Garden Tour will begin.

The Garden Tour is to benefit the Montrose Botanical Society (MBS). Through the volunteer efforts of the botanical society, the Montrose Botanic Gardens continue to grow. We're excited that work has begun on our newest addition, the Valley Garden, with the building of the stone walls within it. The Gardens are living



demonstration landscapes where you can explore and learn what to grow in our challenging western slope gardens. Start at Montrose Botanic Gardens, behind the Pavilion, 1800 Pavilion Dr. Montrose, Colorado. The Gardens are free and open anytime, just open the deer gate to walk through. Donations are welcome. MBS also hosts public garden events and educational demonstrations that the community is welcome to attend. Learn more at www.montrosegardens.org or call: 970-249-3577.

Hold the Date! Upcoming Business and Cultural Events

ONGOING-

"SHERB NERDS" TRIVIA NIGHTS AT RIDGWAY'S SHERBINO THEATER are monthly on Tuesdays from 7-9pm, (doors at 7pm and trivia starting at 7:30pm) beginning June 9th. Admission is \$5 per person and \$3 for students, and the cash bar is open!!!! Half the proceeds from admissions go toward the cash grand prize to the winning team of the night, and all other proceeds will benefit the Sherbino Theater. "Sherb Nerds" Trivia Nights dates are: Tuesday, June 9, Tuesday July 21st, Tuesday Aug. 18th, and Sept. 8th!!

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.

PICKIN' IN THE PARK-Paonia's 8th Annual Free Summer Concert Series

Paonia Town Park, Paonia, CO Thursdays in August, 6pm 'til Dark

August 6, 13, 20, 27 ~ 2015.

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.

MONTROSE FARMERS MARKET— Every Saturday from 8:30 a.m. -1pm, 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 Moreaux at 970-765-6948 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-

June 1-Ridgway School Playground Groundbreaking at 5:30 p.m. For more information, contact Wendy Fenner at 702-491-0977 wendyzfenner@gmail.com or Danika Gilbert at 303-503-9070 or danika.gilbert@gmail.com.

June 2-Ridgway Moonwalk 6 to 9 p.m. Figure drawing exhibition featuring regional artists.

June 3-Heidi's Deli Forum, 8 to 9 a.m. at Oxbow Plaza. Coffee is a \$1, the Speaker will be State Senator Ellen Roberts (SD6)

June 3-24-Free family swim lessons at the Montrose Aquatic Center. Focus on the basics. Registration may happen at the Aquatic Center or online for up to three lessons. Each child will need to have an adult participating with them in the water.

June 3--7 pm, Friendship Hall, Montrose County Fairgrounds, 1001 N. 2nd. *Montrose County Historical Society Presents*: "Recent Archaeological Investigations at H. S. Barlow Homestead," by Mike Prouty. The public is invited to attend this free program and learn about this Uncompahgre Plateau study. For information call 323-6466.

June 3- Montrose Library "Book Reveal;" Marguerite H. Gill Children's Room. Drop by any time between 1 and 3 p.m. to get a peek at the many brand new children's books that are ready to be checked out! Start your Summer Reading Program with fresh, new books and learn about recent staff favorites. Enjoy free snacks while browsing some of the latest and best titles. Find more information at www.montroselibrary.org/SRP or www.facebook.com/montrosekids.

June 3-A Car Seat Fit Station is scheduled Wednesday, June 3, from 2-4 p.m. at the Olathe Fire Station. Please bring your car seat, your child, and your vehicle during those hours to ensure it is properly installed. Car seats will not be available at this event; however, certified technicians will be. This is a great time to make sure your child is safe, and in the proper car seat.

June 5-Gears and Beers Fest, Paonia. \$75 package ticket. Wilson Packing Shed.

June 5-First Friday Stroll, Montrose Downtown! 5:30 to 8 p.m.

June 6-Tri-Fi to play at Lark and Sparrow, 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25. <https://thelarknsparrow.com/>. 970-208-2456 for reservations and information.

June 6-E-Waste Recycle Event in Ridgway, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Town Parking Lot. Sponsored by Town of Ridgway and Alpine Bank.

June 6-Volunteers of America Homestead at Montrose Fundraiser Golf Tournament, Black Canyon Golf Course, 8:30 a.m. shotgun start. For info call 249-4653.

June 6-Fourth Annual Ladies Invitational Rosebud Golf Tournament, Bridges of Montrose. Proceeds benefit Montrose Community Foundation.

June 6-Black Canyon Classics Car Show, Columbine Middle School. Benefit for Golden Circle Seniors.

June 6-Noon to 5 p.m., Montrose Malt Assault VIP Dinner and Brewfest, fundraiser for Habitat, 1601 North Townsend Ave. \$20 admission. Call 970-596-4631.

June 8-"Good Answers in a New World," 12:30 p.m. at the Montrose Senior Center with Marilyn Huseby and Colorado Retirement Services. Bring questions and subjects of interest. For more information call 970-252-4889 or 252-1040.

June 8-July 28-Weehawken Dance summer classes at Uncompahgre Yoga Studio, Montrose. Call 970-318-0150 or visit www.weehawkenarts.org to register.

June 9-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.

June 11-14-Crawford Pioneer Days. Crawford Town Hall and Town Park. www.crawfordcountry.org.

June 11-Downtown Delta Fest, 5:30 to Dusk, Main Street in Delta.

June 11-Understanding and Responding to Dementia-Related Behavior. 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 - 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>>

June 11-Annual Meeting San Miguel Power Association. Registration starts at 4:30 p.m., Business meeting at 5:30 p.m., 720 North Railroad Street in Ridgway.

June 12-13-Golden Circle Seniors Annual Yard sale at the Montrose Pavilion, 1 to 5 p.m. Friday and from 7 a.m. Saturday.

June 12-Montrose Chamber Golf Scramble at Bridges of Montrose. Nine hole scramble followed by Horse Race Shootout. Registration begins 11 a.m. Shotgun start 1 p.m. Call 970.249-500 for info.

June 13-Welcome Home Montrose "No Barriers 5k Run/Walk." Deadline for registration is May 22. For more information please contact Correna Montoya at 970-249-9131.

June 13-Golden Circle Seniors Yard Sale, Montrose Pavilion Senior Center, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ARTS AND CULTURE

LAFF INN COMEDY AT CANYON CREEK JUNE 6!



Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-From Kendra Morrow at Canyon Creek B&B... -On June 6 at 8 p.m. we welcome Headliner Barry Neal, with Debbie Praver. I am beyond ecstatic to host these two Comedians. I have seen them both before and they are hilarious! Canyon Creek Bed & Breakfast has been hosting Laff Inn Comedy for four years now and we love to bring something different each month! We are hoping for good weather because we will be under the stars. Hope to see you then." Tickets are \$15; the show is 21+; Cash Bar will be available.

This month's comedians include Barry Neal, left, and Debbie Praver, right.

SHERBINO THEATER PRESENTS "SHERB NERDS" TRIVIA SERIES— TO KICK OFF ON JUNE 9!

Special to the Mirror

RIDGWAY-The Sherbino Theater is excited to announce its' first ever trivia series called, -Sherb Nerds." —Sherb Nerds" will feature several rounds of trivia questions with varying topics such as history, film/TV, science, music, and geography. Teams may have up to 6 people, with a variety of prizes up for grabs throughout the night. A cash prize will be awarded to the first place team of the night. -Sherb Nerds" trivia nights will be monthly on Tuesdays from 7-9pm, (doors at 7pm and trivia starting at 7:30pm) and will kick off on June 9th. Admission is \$5 per person and \$3 for students, and the cash bar is open!!!! Half the proceeds from admissions go toward the cash grand prize to the winning team of the night, and all other proceeds will benefit the Sherbino Theater. Mark your calendars for the following —Sherb Nerds" Trivia Nights dates: Tuesday, June 9, Tuesday July 21, Tuesday Aug. 18, and Sept. 8!!

THE BRIDGES PRESENT

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WELCOME HOME MONTROSE AT THE BRIDGES

SCHEDULE

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GOLF REGISTRATION OPENS

7:30 AM
FREE GOLF CLINIC WITH PRO JUSTIN FOX AND PAT FOPPE

8:00 AM
REGISTRATION BOOTH FOR 5K EVENT WILL OPEN

8:45 AM
OPENING CEREMONY FEATURING MONTROSE HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ BAND & CHORAL SINGERS ROTC COLOR GUARD

9:00 AM
VETERAN MOTORCYCLE GROUPS WILL LEAD THE START OF THE NO BARRIERS 5K RUN/WALK

9:05 AM
SHOTGUN START FOR GOLFERS

9:45 AM
CATERED SNACKS FOR 5K PARTICIPANTS PROVIDED BY REMINGTON'S

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WHERE: THE BRIDGES OF MONTROSE
2500 Bridges Drive, Montrose CO 81401

FEE: \$25.00 IN ADVANCE & \$30.00 AT THE EVENT

Online registration now at: WelcomeHomeMontrose.org

Contact the Montrose Mirror:
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Mirror Photographer Sarah Berndt shot this photo of a Koi swimming in the pool at Ouray's Hot Springs Park.



An iconic Montrose mascot, the Cactus Carwash Man! Mirror staff photo.



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