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COME ON, & TAKE A FREE RIDE!

RIDE THE ROCKIES, BIKE TO WORK DAY PART OF COLORADO BIKE MONTH!

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Despite having six bicycles, Phuong Nguyen probably won't be biking to work June 24. Hive a block away! I walk to work," Nguyen said. -But we will offer discounts on drinks for anyone who bikes on June 24."

Most people know that riding a bike can be a great form of exercise—and on June 24, many commuters who don't live within walking distance of work will step out of their cars and cycle to the office. For longtime Montrose attorney Brad Switzer, however, riding to the office each day throughout the year-weather permitting--can be a way to get a head start on the workday. +log between 1,500 and 2,000 miles on my bike every year," Switzer said. -If the roads are dry, I ride. It is fun, good exercise, and environmentally correct. It allows me to reflect on things. But mostly, I do it because I like to." June is also Colorado Bike Month, and Ride the Rockies comes through the Region June 15. Montrose will host a party for riders, who finish in Hotchkiss, in Centennial Plaza that day.

Colorado Department of Transportation acknowledges the importance of bicycling as a means of transportation. -Colorado is a premiere bicycling state," notes a CDOT news release. — To celebrate bicycling for transportation, fun and health, Colorado has designated each June as Bike Month. At the same time,



Bicycles stacked in front of the Horsefly Brewing Company during Main in Motion June 4. June 24 is Bike to Work Day, and the June is Colorado Bike Month.

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LARK AND SPARROW SINGS OUT!



Tri-Fi jazz trio played at the Lark and Sparrow Saturday night. Photo by Caitlin Switzer.

By Liesl Greathouse

MONTROSE-The Lark & Sparrow on Main Street is a new, unique music venue for the Montrose community. Located in the historic Masonic Temple, the nightclub offers an intimate feel with interesting and eclectic music.

For people who may not know much about the venue, proprietor Yvonne Meek said, -It is a venue much like the Montrose Pavilion but much more personal, like Turn of the Century Saloon. This is my unique vision of the place I've longed to perform in."

Opening night for the Lark & Sparrow May 23 was a success, with lots of positive feedback. The upstairs space, which seats approximately 180 people, was packed with more than 170. —We were still getting phone calls up until two hours before the event from people who wanted to attend," Meek added.

The goal is to appeal to

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DON'T BE SCAMMED! HANG UP IF 'MICROSOFT' CALLS



Computer Pro Dennis Freed, above, warns locals not to let phone scammers hijack their computers. Just hang up if they call, he said.

By Caitlin Switzer
REGIONAL-If somebody calls out of the

blue claiming to be from Microsoft and asks for passwords to your computer, better hang up or you may find yourself in the red.

That's the advice of local computer pro Dennis Freed of Computer Tune-Up, who has seen a particularly ugly scam target a number of local computer users in recent months.

Probably 99 percent of these calls are coming from India," he said. —They call, and say they are from Microsoft."

Those who do not hang up immediately are asked to supply sensitive data like computer passwords, he said.

-One person actually gave their bank account number and routing number," Freed said.

In addition to theft from personal accounts, the callers try to extort money by locking a computer up with new passwords so that it cannot be accessed, and charging to release

it.

-I-call it _ransomware, "Freed said. —They hold your computer for ransom. People are falling for this! And if you don't answer the first time they call, they will call back again and again."

Though one client whose computer required an \$800 fix could not be helped, in many cases the problem can be remedied, Freed said. However, the true solution is to avoid being taken in in the first place.

-Nobody is ever going to call you about a problem on your computer, ever," Freed said.

-Hf they do, it's a scam. I have fixed quite a few of these, and people need to know this is happening."

If you or a friend have been hit by the scam, Freed said he can usually fix the problem.

Call him at 970.596.4510 or email <u>support@emilitarymanuals.com</u>.

MONTROSE MAN SHARES HOLIDAY, HONORS LOCAL VETERAN

Bv Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Travis Triesch and his father own a home improvement company, but it was not only business that motivated Travis as he headed out on Memorial Day with his lawn mower.

— was going around mowing lawns, and I thought how cool it would be if I ran across a veteran; I would mow his lawn for free."

Former Montrose Mayor Jose Abeyta, a Vietnam Veteran, was sitting at home on the holiday with his wife Loretta when they heard a knock on the door.

—I think he must have seen the sticker that I have on my car," Abeyta said. —He said, _I believe a veteran lives here.

—I'want to cut your lawn for free."
Triesch, who is originally from Texas, has lived in Montrose for 15 years. He was very appreciative of the chance to meet Abeyta.

He is an incredible guy," Triesch said.
He was drafted during Vietnam, came home and accomplished so much, and became Mayor. He has some pretty incredible stories. It's just so cool to come across someone like Jose, and to be able to do something for someone who has done so much."

Jose Abeyta said that he was deeply touched by the generous gesture, and by the interest.

H was a great, great interaction," he said.

Travis came in, and we talked for three hours. He wanted to know about my service, and I pulled out my pictures from Vietnam, and pictures of the plane I worked on. I think he was just going around, and cutting lawns in appreciation for service.

+appreciate it so much," he said. Ht's the biggest thing Montrose as done for me as a Veteran."



Travis Triesch, at right with former Mayor Jose Abeyta, spent his Memorial Day Holiday mowing veteran's lawns for free. Courtesy Photo by Loretta Abeyta.



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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

SENIOR COMMUNITY MEALS AWARDED \$500 "MARCH FOR MEALS" GRANT BY MEALS ON WHEELS AMERICA

Special to the Mirror

REGIONAL- Senior CommUnity Meals is proud to announce it has received a \$500 grant from Meals on Wheels America (MOWA) for its participation in the 13th annual March for Meals campaign. During the month of March, member programs were encouraged to boost awareness and community involvement in the member's service area. —Receiing this grant means our program can continue to promote the dietary and friendly safety checks of older

adults in our communities who are isolated in their homes," Al Shonk, program director said.

We will use these funds to further promote the program to homebound seniors and to recruit volunteer drivers."

This year, Meals on Wheels America was able to award 258 Member programs and two State Associations with nearly \$400,000 in grants – a 33 PERCENT increase in funds granted for March for Meals from 2014. Meals on Wheels

America was able to do so through the continued generosity of Subaru, a National Sponsor of the 2015 campaign.

Senior CommUnity Meals is principally funded by the Region 10 Area Agency on Aging.

For more information on Senior CommUnity Meals, a program of Volunteers of America, visit

www.seniorcommunitymeals.org or call our toll-free help line at 1-844-VOA-4YOU.

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LARK AND SPARROW SINGS OUT! From pg 1



Yvonne Meek watches Tri-Fi perform June 6.

people of all ages and for audiences to appreciate other styles of music by being exposed to them. —Often we only listen to the music that we grew up listening to," Meek said.

+grew up listening to every style of music and so I want to expose our commu-

nity to the different styles of music, including classical, cultural, and ethnic. We pick styles that are really interesting and we hope to broaden people's horizons. That is what I want to see in the community."

The name Lark & Sparrow came about from a brainstorming session that led to some thoughts about the nature of birds.

Birds are cool and they can't help themselves but sing," Meek explained.

-Meadow larks have beautiful singing and they all sing the same song. They also sing in big hay fields, so our large room is

people of all ages and for audiences to appreciate other styles of music by being like the big open space that larks like to sing in. Sparrows are cute, tiny birds that like to stay close to their home. The room that we call the Sparrow's Library is like a cozy nesting space."

The Lark & Sparrow is also working to bring new life to its old building. —The building is a gem and we wanted to bring it back to life," Meek explained.

—We also want to encourage people to visit the rest of Downtown Montrose. I love Downtown and I tell people if they want to get dinner before a show to park their car and go Downtown.

— want to show people what Montrose has to offer."

A couple upcoming events this month include Jeremy Siskind Piano Concert on June 12, Evelyn Roper on June 13, and Les Choy's Gypsy Jazz Social Club on June 27.

One of the challenges for the Lark & Sparrow is their tickets. Instead of doing free concerts, it will charge for tickets, which will vary in price depending on various factors regarding the artists.

-I'm interested to find out how the community responds to paying for concerts," Meek said.

Meek wants to be able to provide great music that people are willing to pay for, in order to support the artists. —I want the community to be happy to pay for a good artist," she said. —I know that we are in a tight economy, and people can only spend so much. But artists deserve to be paid because they sacrifice a lot to do what they love. The average musician does not really make a living at what they do, and it's my heart to show respect for the art of music. I hope that people will appreciate them and [be willing] to pay for tickets."

Meek also hopes to bring in artists before they reach the height of playing at the Telluride Jazz Festival, as at that level they are too expensive to bring here.

—Aa musician, I know good music and want to only bring the best to our community," Meek said.

—We will bring in artists that people may not know the names of, but who are excellent artists. I do my best to bring the best here, and I know that these artists will be bigger names in the future."

The Lark & Sparrow is located at 511 East Main Street in Montrose.

For more information, call 970-615-7277 or visit <u>thelarknsparrow.com</u>



REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

5K RUN/WALK, GOLF BENEFIT AT BRIDGES JUNE 13



A scene from last year's 5K Run/Walk for Welcome Home Montrose. Courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE – Welcome Home Montrose (WHM) has combined two popular fundraising events, in hopes of getting the entire family out to support the area's veterans and the organization's mission to provide a —a barriers" community.

The 2nd annual No Barriers 5k Run/Walk and the Welcome Home Montrose Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, June 13th at The Bridges of Montrose. These events combined are expected to raise \$20,000.

The 2nd annual No Barriers 5k Run/ Walk will directly benefit Welcome Home Montrose's Dream Job program, which is an opportunity for newly medically discharged combat veterans to live and work in this wonderful community, while they adjust to civilian life, manage their abilities since injury, and train in a job of their choice with a mentor in that field.

Welcome Home Montrose's Dream Job Program provides four veterans and their families housing for 6-months while he/she is embraced by the community, learns what the reality of their —dream job" is like day to day, and receives life skills support from a peer mentor through the WHM Warrior Resource Center.

Register for the No Barriers 5k Run/Walk at www.welcomehomemontrose.org or at the Warrior Resource Center located at 11 South Park Avenue in Montrose, Colorado.

Fee is \$25 in advance; \$30 at the event (tshirts are limited and will be provided to early registrants.)

We are hoping to raise enough money for a down payment to purchase a multifamily home we found here in Montrose. It was used as a small assisted living



Organizers plan to raise more than \$20,000 for area veterans at this years' combined events.

Courtesy photo.

facility so the doorways and bathrooms are already wheelchair accessible.

There will be room for veterans with families.

This property will take a lot of remodeling but when it is completed, it will be a perfect start for our guests.

—We hope to invite four injured veterans to Montrose this fall." said Melanie Kline founder of Welcome Home Montrose.

The Dream Job program was piloted in 2012 with four wounded and medically discharged veterans who lived and apprenticed in this community.

More information can be found on <u>welcomehomemontrose.org</u>.

The Welcome Home Montrose Golf Tournament, presented by Farmers Insurance Howard Davidson Agency and The Bridges, will directly support the Warrior Resource Center, which serves veterans in many capacities.

With no government funding, the Warrior Resource Center is a comfortable place for veterans to seek services that range from help filling out benefit forms, suicide intervention and a sense of community.

The WRC is also responsible for helping to fill the gaps in services and needs.

It is the first community-based center of its kind in the United States.

Hundreds of veterans who served WWII to current battles are members of the Warrior Resource Center.

To register for the golf tournament, please contact The Bridges of Montrose at www.montrosebridges.com or 970-252-1119, register by June 11th to secure your

spot. Welcome Home Montrose —Day at the Bridges" fundraising event schedule: 7 am – Golf registration opens

7:30 am – Free golf clinic with The Bridges Golf Pros 8 am – No Barriers 5k Run/ Walk registration opens 8:45 am - Opening ceremonies featuring Montrose High School Jazz band and Choral Singers; Montrose High

Singers; Montrose High School ROTC Color Guard

9 am – Military veteran motorcycle group leads runners to starting line

9:05 am – Shotgun start for golfers Post-event snacks and festivities

Welcome Home Montrose is a nationally recognized organization that connects support services and volunteerism from our civilian community to military veterans and their families, hoping to ensure they will successfully share the American Dream they fought to preserve.

With the suicide, divorce, and unemployment rates so high in our military population, Welcome Home Montrose and the Montrose community have committed to set the standard for other communities to follow, setting examples for how to serve those who served our country.

Welcome Home Montrose and the event committees would like to thank the community business sponsors for providing funds and in-kind donations: The Bridges, Montrose Ford, Land Title, 20 Sleeps West Real Estate, Montrose Daily Press, The Mirror, Corks, Cornerstone Home Lending, Snap Fitness, Western Slope Orthopaedics, Black Canyon Jet Center, NuVista Federal Credit Union, Alpine Optical, Flower Motors, Kylee Smith & Mike Trickey, Sports Authority,

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MIRROR IMAGES...LOCAL COLOR!



Above, "Field of Yellow" by Sarah Berndt.



Above, "Car Show" by Sarah Berndt.





Above, "Wet Iris," by Brad Switzer.

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COME ON, & TAKE A FREE RIDE! From pg 1







Cruisin' on a cruiser was one of the more popular ways to experience Montrose's first Main in Motion event of 2015 on June 4.

Colorado joins a nationwide effort to encourage cycling novices and enthusiasts to experience the fun and freedom of safely riding a bike to work, school, errands and recreation." Bike to Work Day, which has seen participation rise steadily since 1995 according to CDOT, highlights of a month of events celebrating bikes statewide.

Here in Montrose, there a number of events planned on the coming weeks by Montrose Area Bicycle Alliance (MABA), including the popular Bike-in Movies, set for this season in the comfortable and welcoming back yard space at Canyon Creek B&B. According to the MABA web site,

the movies are free, with Popcorn and nonalcoholic beverages available for a small suggested donation. A cash bar will also be available. Participants are encouraged to ride a bike or walk to the screenings.

-Canyon Creek B&B is so excited to team up with MABA again this year," Canyon Creek owner Kendra Morrow said. -What a fun family fun night watching movies under the stars and biking to the bnb!"

On June 11, the Bike-In movie is Jumanji, starring Robin Williams, starting at 8:30 p.m. On July 9, the movie will be Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom at 8:30

p.m., and on Aug. 13 the movie will be Hook, starting at 8 p.m.

On Bike to Work Day June 24, the Bike to Work breakfast will be held at Great Harvest Bread Company (347 East Main) from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and the Bike From Work Happy Hour takes place from 4 to 7 p.m. at Horsefly Brewing Co. (846 East Main). And on July 3 from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. local cyclists are invited to participate in a five to ten-mile full moon cruiser ride, leaving from the Horsefly, from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. —We have great bike racks here," Horsefly Day Manager Nicki said, -and we are ALWAYS a great destination.



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Mirror Staff Report
MONTROSE SAFEWAY-Grocery worker recognition of the week...Adelle has worked at Safeway for the last 14 years. She really likes her job. "Probably because of the variety of things I get to do every day," she said. Thank you Adelle!!

UPCOMING AT THE LARK AND SPARROW

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Catch Pianist Jeremy Siskind at the Lark and Sparrow Venue Friday, June 12, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Suggested donations are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students.

On Saturday, June 13, Singer/ Songwriter Evelyn Roper will play in the main concert hall. <u>Tickets are \$12</u>. And on Saturday, June 27, Les

Choy's Gypsy Jazz Social Club will perform, and tickets are \$15!

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MIRROR IMAGES...LARK AND SPARROW NIGHTCLUB



Montrose's newest music venue brought Tri-Fi (Mathew Fries, Phil Palombi, Keith Hall) to town Saturday, June 6. Pictured (clockwise left to right) are Jim Schwarz of Montrose, Columbine Middle School Band Director John White, who brought his parents to the show, and Lark and Sparrow owner Yvonne Meek; the room; Tri-Fi!





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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE BY SENATOR ELLEN ROBERTS

MOVING FORWARD ON MULTIPLE ISSUES & GREAT TO BE HOME!

It's been a month since the end of the legislative session and it's been great to be home more. Driving over Red Mountain pass last week to attend two town-hall meetings in Montrose, I stopped frequently to take pictures of the emerald green alpine meadows and the still snowcapped mountains. We may not be out of our historic drought yet, but the moisture we've been getting lately is a welcomed gift.

The governor has finished signing my bills that were before him. I'm pleased to report that I had 14 bills signed this year on a variety of topics important to my district like reducing the tax burden on agricultural land destroyed by natural causes, supporting volunteer fire departments, and promoting water conservation in local land use planning.

Other bills of mine that passed into law included preserving the state's wildfire risk reduction grant program used heavily in forested parts of my district and establishing funding for a wildfire prediction and decision support system to aid first responders statewide as they step into harm's way to protect Colorado's residents.

The bipartisan package of bills that I sponsored moves forward several reforms in law enforcement to strengthen the trust

between communities and those who serve to protect them. Working closely with law enforcement agencies that needed no prodding to engage in these important topics, I initiated negotiations with Denver area legislators to make sure that these laws with statewide impact would appropriately fit the whole state. Together, we found ways to promote meaningful change to begin to address community concerns while protecting those charged with public safety.

In the area of land conservation, a bill of mine made improvements to the conservation easement tax credit program by reducing landowner costs and time delays. Another bill now provides local governments with technical assistance when seeking a stronger negotiating position on neighboring federal land management issues.

My favorite bill this session established state support for conservation corps that employ post-9/11 veterans to use their skills in fighting wildfires while providing the veterans with new career training and experiences as they transition to civilian life.

Being in the Senate majority this year gave me the chance to serve in several leadership roles which was a new challenge I enjoyed and gave the Western Slope a long absent voice at that level in the legislature. As chairwoman of the Senate Judiciary committee, I found the extra work rewarding and well worth it. The strong nonpartisan legislative staff at the Capitol and our capable caucus support team helped me work our way through the committee's heavy bill calendar before the session's end.

Being the first woman President pro tempore of the Senate from my district and the first from the district in many decades is exciting and a privilege. It was an honor to be elected to that position unanimously by the entire senate chamber and this leadership role gives me a chance to learn new skills in managing debate and voting on the senate floor.

My interim committee schedule has already begun by chairing the health exchange oversight committee and my duties as chairwoman of the water committee will expand as we begin meeting in July. I'm also looking forward to constituent meetings around the district – as always, it's great to be home. Enjoy summer! Interim Contact Information: PO Box 3373 Durango CO 81302,

Capitol phone: (303) 866-4884



Phyllis Wiesner, San Juan Cancer Center Clinic Coordinator and her husband Dr. Paul Wiesner participate in the Walk/Run

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

MRD SECURES GUARANTEED MAX PRICE FOR COMMUNITY REC CENTER

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The Montrose Rec. District (MRD) has secured the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for the Community Recreation Center (CRC) Project. This means that the Construction Manager, Haydon Building Corp, promises to deliver the CRC and renovate the current Aquatic Center into the Field House, at or below the GMP. The GMP is within the budget that MRD has secured, which is comprised of financing, fundraising and grants.

In other words, this development assures that the CRC promised to voters as well as Grantors and individuals who gave money to enhance the CRC will be constructed on or below budget. MRD is tremendously grateful for the funding support from the community, foundations and individuals. It is therefore critical MRD deliver the CRC that was promised on or under budget

The project is being built using the Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) delivery method. This involves the active participation of the project's CMAR, Haydon

Building Corp, during the design to ensure the project stays on budget.

Any cost to build the design promised to the community and other funders over the GMP will be the responsibility of the CMAR, not the community. The CMAR is currently actively mobilizing the many subcontractors who will actually be building the CRC.

"This is a key milestone in this great project to build community and quality of life in Montrose," said Executive Director Ken Sherbenou. "Since we will be on budget or below, we can focus on the best quality product delivered to Montrose by September 2016."

With the GMP in place, and groundbreaking complete, the CRC construction will begin in earnest. The next piece of the construction puzzle will commence on Monday June 8th with driving 335 piles.

This will be a very noisy process that will last for several weeks, but the noise will be contained to Monday through Friday from 8am to 4pm.

We ask for your patience as construction

proceeds. Please pardon our dust; once it settles, our community will have a hub that will serve Montrose for decades to come! Here is the timeline for construction: June 2015: Construct building foundation systems and drive 335 piles

September 2015: Erect exterior concrete tilt panel walls & begin steel roof structure

October 2015: Start roofing and exterior windows

January 2016: Begin competition pool excavations

February 2016: Begin leisure pool excavation

May 2016: Locker room finishes
July 2016: Fill pools and install gym wood

August 2016: Complete racquetball courts September 2016: Complete CRC construc-

January 2017: Complete Field House Construction (Renovation of current Aquatic Center)

For the latest news on the project, visit <u>www.montroserec.com</u>.



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GOVERNMENT BEAT-BOCC MEETING 6-1-15

By Sandra Tyler Government Beat Reporter MONTROSE-PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Roger Brown requested information on why the background information for today's agenda items were not available on the website. Apparently there was glitch as administrator Kathy Kasco stated that the information was there Friday.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Note: The Health and Human Services Contracts are in-line with the State's fiscal year to begin 07/01/2015 and are State mandated programs.

Request for approval of General Fund and Special Fund Expenditures: 03/27/15, 04/10/15, 04/24/15, 05/15/15 and 05/22/15.

2. Approval of Minutes: 05/18/15, 05/20/15 and 05/27/15 Olathe.

MONTROSE COUNTY AIRPORT, possible authorization for the Chairman's signature on the Hopkins Field Airport Ground Lease with Williams Construction Contractors, effective 6/1/15, as reviewed by Counsel. This agreement represents budgeted annual revenue in the amount of \$330.35.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Roger Brown requested the square footage [660] and the price of rent/sq. ft.[\$.05/sq. ft].

4. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

a.Authorization on the Amendment for Task Order #2 Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment PSD-WIC Contract #15FHLA78463. The State promises to increase the amount of funds to be paid to Montrose County WIC by \$8,200.00 for the contract year ending 09/30/2015, as reviewed by Counsel during a work session; this represents a budgeted reimbursed expense of \$8,200.00.

b.Authorization on the Agreement with Colorado Health Care Policy & Finance for the Healthy Communities Outreach and Case Management Contract

#2016000000000000018 for year 2016, as reviewed by Counsel during a work session.

c.Authorization on the annual Agreement to Purchase Outof-Home Placement Services with Mount St. Vincent's Home, effective 07/01/2015 through 06/30/2016, as reviewed by Counsel during a work session; this represents a budgeted reimbursed expense not to exceed available funding.

d.Authorization on the Annual Agreement to Purchase Out-of-Home Placement Services with A New World CPA, effective 07/01/2015 through 06/30/2016, as reviewed by Counsel during a work session; this represents a budgeted reimbursed expense not to exceed available funding. e.Authorization on the annual Agreement to Purchase Out-of-Home Placement Services with Gateway Residential Program for Girls, effective 07/01/2015 through 06/30/2016, as reviewed by Counsel during a work session; this represents a budgeted reimbursed expense not to exceed available funding.

f.Authorization on the annual Agreement to Purchase Outof-Home Placement Services with the Gateway Residential Program — Delta, effective 07/01/2015 through 06/30/2016, as reviewed by Counsel during a work session; this represents a budgeted reimbursed expense not to exceed available funding.

g.Authorization for the annual Agreement to Purchase Out-of-Home Placement Services with Kids Crossing, effective 07/01/2015 through 06/30/2016, as reviewed by Counsel during a work session; this represents a budgeted reimbursed expense not to exceed available funding. h.Authorization on the annual Agreement to Purchase Out-of-Home Placement Services with Robert A. Brown Center for Youth, effective 07/01/2015 through 06/30/2016, as reviewed by Counsel during a work session; this represents a budgeted reimbursed expense not to exceed

available funding.

i.Authorization on the annual Agreement to Purchase Outof-Home Placement Services with Jefferson Hills, effective 07/01/2015 through 06/30/2016, as reviewed by Counsel during a work session; this represents a budgeted reimbursed expense not to exceed available funding. i.Authorization for an annual Purchase of Services Agreement with Donna Littlefield. This Agreement is a provision of Intensive Family Therapy for the Family Preservation/ Core Services Program clients, effective 06/01/2015 through 05/31/2016, as reviewed by Counsel during a work session; this represents a budgeted reimbursed expense in the amount of \$70.00

k.Authorization on an annual Purchase of Services Agreement with Hilltop Community Resources for Structured Analysis Family Evaluation (SAFE) Home Studies, effective 06/01/2015 through 05/31/2016, as reviewed by Counsel during a work session; this represents a budgeted reimbursed expense in the amount of \$800.00 per authorized study, \$400.00 for updates and \$200.00 for annual addendum to study.

I.Authorization on an annual Purchase of Services Agreement with Marni Lyons, LCSW. This Agreement is a provision of Intensive Family Therapy for the Family Preservation/Core Services Program clients, effective 06/01/2015 through 05/31/2016, as reviewed by Counsel during a work session; this represents a budgeted reimbursed expense in the amount of \$70.00 per hour.

m.Authorization on the Nurse-Family Partnership Implementation Agreement between Health and Human Services and Nurse-Family Partnership. The Agreement defines the mechanisms and means by which Montrose County shall implement the Program, as reviewed by Counsel during a work session; this represents neither an expense nor revenue.

n.Authorization on the Colorado Department of Health & Environment Purchase Order Statement of Work for Prevention, Preparedness, Response and Recovering from Ebola Virus Disease, effective 04/01/2015 through 09/30/2016, as reviewed by Counsel during a work session; this represents a budgeted reimbursed expense of \$14,959.00.

o.Authorization on the annual Agreement to Purchase Out-of-Home Placement Services with Griffith Centers for Children, effective 07/01/2015 through 06/30/2016, as reviewed by Counsel during a work session; this repre-

sents a budgeted reimbursed expense not to exceed available funding.

p. Authorization on the annual Agreement to Purchase Out-of-Home Placement Services with Top of the Trail, effective 07/01/2015 through 06/30/2016, as reviewed by Counsel during a work session; this represents a budgeted reimbursed expense not to exceed available funding. q.Authorization on the Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of Montrose and the County of Gunnison for the Nurse Home Visitor Program funded through the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, as reviewed by Counsel during a work session; this represents a budgeted reimbursed expense in the amount of \$70,410.00.

It was moved by Commissioner Glen Davis, seconded by Commissioner Ron Henderson, and approved unanimously to authorize all the CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS [as listed below and above].

D. GENERAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Mr. Don Angell, was present to request adoption of RESO-LUTION No. 20-2015 by the Board on the 06/01/2015 Emergency Operations Plan (EOP), as reviewed by Counsel. The Plan will allow Montrose County (MC) to provide or respond to requests for service when various types of emergencies or disasters take place anywhere in the County or to the City, Towns or Special Districts that are in Montrose County. Montrose County will now have a current plan to build from to better serve our citizens. Angell stated that the plan, in a binder, shown, has been reviewed by staff and council. He stated that it is a living

document and that any changes will be added to the existing plan. He and Communications staffer Katie Yergenson are working on the final hyperlinks to have it downloaded on the webite.

It was moved by Commissioner Ron Henderson, seconded by Commissioner Glen Davis, and passed unanimously.

MONTROSE REGIONAL AIRPORT

Manager Lloyd Arnold was present for the presentation of RESOLUTION No. 21-2015 for the Chairman's signature on the Grant Offer for Airport Improvement Program Project No. 3-08-0043-044-2015 for rehabilitation of Taxiway F and associated apron at the Montrose Regional Airport, in the amount of \$125,871.00, with a County contribution of \$4,493.00 [5%], as reviewed by Counsel during a work session. The project has been approved by the FFA. It was moved by Commissioner Glen Davis, seconded by Commissioner Ron Henderson, and approved unanimous-

Arnold was present for the request for the authorization on the Fourth (4) Amendment to the September 16, 2013 contract with Jacobs Engineering Group Inc. for the project Reconstruct Taxiway F and Reconstruct Southeast Hangar Apron, Project #AIP 3-08-0043-044, not to exceed \$134,857.00; as reviewed by Counsel during a work session. The extension of time will allow for a state grant application to support payment of the remaining difference between \$134,857.00 and \$125,871.00 plus \$4,493.00, an additional \$4483.00.

"PLAYING A LOT OF GOLF" AT COBBLE CREEK



Cobble Creek Golf Course. "We are playing a lot of golf here—now that Mother Nature is cooperating a little," said Pro Troy Youngren.

By Caitlin Switzer
MONTROSE-With exciting concerts
planned for the summer season at Black
Canyon Golf Course and Bridges of Montrose, it can be easy to forget about the
—quiet" course—Cobble Creek.
It's not there aren't any tunes happening
here—it's just that Cobble Creek is trying
to put its membership first, Golf pro Troy

We are playing a lot of golf here—now that Mother Nature is cooperating little—and hosting a lot of parties afterward," Youngren said.

-We're having a good summer. And we have music on the patio once or twice a month, but we are very member driven, and trying to cater to our club."

The current chef is James Walton, and the afternoon golf specials are open to everyone.

←ome on out and play golf," Youngren said. —From 1 to 4 p.m., it's \$47, but after 4 p.m. a round is just \$37—with a cart!"

For tee times at Cobble Creek, call 970-240-9542.



REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

MONTROSE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL WINS NATIONAL AWARD FOR THIRD TIME IN FOUR YEARS

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE- For the third time in four years, Montrose Memorial Hospital was awarded Avatar Solution's HCAHPS -Best Performer – Clean Composite for medium sized hospitals.

Avatar Solutions, an industry leader in healthcare quality improvement services, recently announced its 2014 awardwinning hospital partners. Avatar collects data anonymously from MMH patients via questionnaire that includes the statement: The area around my room and bathroom were -always" clean." In 2014, 87% of patients from Montrose Memorial Hospital responded yes! Both Colorado and the National average are at 74% for this item.

Steve Hannah, MHA, CEO of Montrose Memorial Hospital said —We are very proud of our environmental services team and of the entire staff at Montrose Memorial Hospital. Their dedication and commitment to detail have created an environment that has been recognized by our patients as exemplary."

We truly enjoy recognizing our patient HCAHPS survey for 12 consecutive experience and workforce engagement award recipients each year," said Lynn Ehrmantraut, Senior Vice President of Performance Improvement at Avatar Solutions.

-The awards highlight the organizations' commitment to fulfilling their respective missions, in providing a great place to re-

ceive care, a great place to work, and a great place to practice medicine. Each of the award-winning organizations deserves this special recognition for all of their accomplishments and innovations over the past year."

About the Award

All hospitals that administered the months in 2014 were eligible for top performer. The bed size breakouts (Critical Access/Specialty Hospital, Medium Hospital, & Large Hospital) were determined based on statistical analysis of Avatar's normative data. HCAHPS scores are available

at www.HospitalCompare.hhs.gov.

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MONTROSE BOCC 6-1-15

It was moved by Commissioner Ron Henderson, seconded by Commissioner Glen Davis, and passed unanimously.

Arnold was present for the request for the authorization of Amendment No. 2, Contract CDAG No. 12-MTJ-01 with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), dated March 5, 2012 for participation in the Federally-funded Runway 17/35 Overlay and for the purchase of an airfield generator; as reviewed by Counsel during a work session. The amendment extends the term date by 365 days to June 30, 2016, effective upon the signature by the State Controller or designee.

It was moved by Commissioner Glen Davis, seconded by Commissioner Ron Henderson, and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.





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Tuesday, August 11th Tuesday, September 8th Tuesday, October 13th Tuesday, November 10th **NO December class**

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

Class Location and Time

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

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





POINT-DMEA OVERSIGHT INDICATES FAULTY PROCESS

By Gail Marvel, former Chair of the DMEA Credentials Committee, served as a DMEA election judge for over 20 years. REGIONAL--Just over a week ago, Delta Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) issued a news release concerning the organization's oversight and failure to list both member's names of the joint account on the 2015 ballot.

Members were assured that in the case of a joint account either signature, not just the one appearing on the ballot, would be recognized as valid and would be counted.

Unfortunately, omission of the secondary name on the joint account is not the only problem with the 2015 DMEA ballot.

For the 2015 election DMEA chose to work with a third-party (off-site) contractor, Survey & Ballot Systems, Inc., rather than a local Credentials Committee.

The company offers an automated system which makes scanning account numbers and the actual counting of ballots much more efficient.

However, because of the redesigned signature envelope, verification of the signatures themselves will be virtually impossible.

On the redesigned signature envelope the voter signs their name under the glue flap,

therefore in order to verify the signature, the flap needs to be removed and the signature manually inspected. Simply opening the envelope and removing the ballot does not qualify as verifying the signature.

To some people verification of a voter's signature in a CO-OP election may seem trivial.

However, an election for a utility company is no different than a general election. Voters and candidates alike expect and demand that the results of the election be accurate and that only the ballots of those eligible to vote are counted.

The signature on a ballot can be invalidated for a variety of reasons. First the signature must match the printed name on the ballot. Example: John Doe (member) signed by Mrs. John Doe (not a member) is invalid. Non-members are prohibited from voting.

In a circumstance where John Doe has passed away, Mrs. Doe is not permitted to cross out her husband's name, write —Deceased," and then vote the ballot. Again the ballot is invalid. Often a ballot will be signed by someone with a Power of Attorney (POA) for the member.

POA's are not allowed in voting, nor can a family member sign a ballot for a mem-

ber who is in some way incapacitated.

In 2006 a local property manager submitted multiple ballots received at her office and voted on behalf of her clients. Although there were about 10 ballots submitted, there was the potential for this one individual to vote 88 times. In 2007, the same property manager submitted four ballots. All were invalid.

During the 2003 DMEA election a recount was called for because the margin between candidates in the District Eight race was less than one-half of one percent. Seventeen votes separated the two candidates.

While signature errors are not intentional, they can affect the outcome of an election.

In the last two DMEA elections (2013-2014), a total of 231 ballots were deemed invalid. Of that number 106 were rejected because of signatures — POA, deceased, non-member, unmatched printed name and signature.

While we applaud DMEA's efforts toward efficiency in counting ballots, the fact remains that they have overlooked the process of verifying signatures--a task which at this time cannot be accomplished through automation and a faulty signature envelope design.



COUNTERPOINT-THIRD PARTY ELECTION "PROCESS IS BETTER"

By Caitlin Switzer

REGIONAL--When Delta Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) opted to use a third-party to run this year's board election, the intent was to remove employees and members from the process and in so doing, any possible appearance of impropriety as well. So when questions arose just over a week ago over the fact that members holding joint DMEA accounts received a ballot in the name of the primary member only, the co-op quickly issued a membership must be active 45 days prior news release outlining the situation and reassuring joint members that their votes will still count (see sidebar).

-Our elections process is outlined, and we follow it," DMEA Member Services Director Virginia Harman said. -In the past we trusted out credentials committee to do the job; this year we went with a third party (election company) because it gives validity and removes our members and employees from being held accountable for mistakes." Survey & Ballot Systems, Inc., based in Eden Prairie, Minnesota, has a solid track record, she said.

-Survey & Ballot Systems, Inc. works with hundreds of co-ops across the country," Harman said. -They have an A+ rating with the Better Business Bureau, and they have run thousands of elections over the past 25 years. Their security is top notch; they have mechanical processes, they bring the envelopes, and they open them on site.

We are very excited to be using them!" The Credentials Committee always did an impeccable job, but -this is a better process," Harman said.

-I-don't want our members to worry," she said. -Signatures will be verified by checking that the name and signor are the same. And if a husband and wife are joint members, either member can sign the ballot and their signature will be verified." Survey & Ballot Systems, Inc. has a list of joint members, with both names on file, she said. They have been sent a complete list of all of our members, and they will physically look at each signature." So far, the change seems to be one that

members favor, Harman said.

-Survey & Ballot Systems designed the new ballots, and we have had a lot of comments," she said. People say it is easier to read, and they like it. Our mailing distribution has remained the same; our members receive ballots.

-Ballots are based on memberships, not on meters," Harman said, noting that a to the election for the member to receive a ballot. And because Survey & Ballot Systems has the capability to run online elections, the company can help DMEA with that process if and when it is allowed in Colorado.

We think that if we could allow online voting, we would reach more members," Harman said. —Our member survey shows that our members prefer online voting; in our recent survey, 71 percent of responses were online. A large percentage of our members pay their bills online.

—It's our culture today."

SIDEBAR-UPDATE REGARDING **DMEA JOINT MEMBERSHIP BALLOTS REST ASSURED, YOUR VOICE CAN STILL BE HEARD!**

Special to the Mirror

REGIONAL-DMEA members received their 2015 election ballots over the weekend. Because of an oversight in the membership data provided to the third-party election company (Survey and Ballot Systems), printed ballots for joint members mistakenly list only the primary member's name. The names of secondary members were unintentionally omitted.

DMEA would like to clarify that, as always, any joint member on an account may cast that joint membership's election ballot in the upcoming election. If you are a joint member and your ballot lists only the primary account holder's name, here are options to ensure that your joint membership vote will count:

- Remember that DMEA bylaws give joint members only one vote. If the primary account holder (whose name appears on the ballot) is available, he or she can sign and return the ballot for you as joint members: or
- If the primary member is unavailable but you know that you have a joint mem-2. bership, you may sign your name as the joint account holder. We will ensure that your name is recognized as being part of the joint membership during our vote validation and counting process; or
- Vote in person at the annual meeting, which is June 17, 2015 at Cedaredge Assembly of God Church (1596 SW 9th Street in Cedaredge). Polls will open at 8:00 a.m. and close at 9:00 a.m.

DMEA apologizes for this oversight and is grateful to the member who promptly brought the issue to our attention. Rest assured that your voice will be heard. If you have any questions or concerns about your ballot or the election process, please contact Becky Mashburn at (970) 240-1263.



REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS!

ANNUAL GOLDEN CIRCLE YARD AND BAKE SALE COMING UP!

By Deb Barr

MONTROSE-On Saturday, June 13, the Golden Circle Seniors will be holding their annual yard and bake sale from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Pavilion Senior Center located at 1800 Pavilion Drive. The yard and bake sale is the primary fundraiser for Golden Circle Seniors, Inc., a local nonprofit dedicated to improving the lives of Montrose's elder citizens. Proceeds from the sales help cover operating expenses at the Senior Center, with a portion set aside each year for donations to other deserving local organizations and purposes, such as the Community Thanksgiving Dinner and All Points Transit. The prices are competitive, and freshly baked sweets and treats make the browsing experience even more pleasurable. Golden Circle relies on donations from the community and will be accepting them at the Senior Center on Friday, June 12th, after 12:30 p.m. (*Tires and electronics cannot be accepted.*) For more information on donating sale items and baked goods, call (970) 252-4888.

SINGER SONGWRITER EVELYN ROPER AT LARK AND SPARROW JUNE 13

Americana Singer/Songwriter with guitarist Sean Turner

Evelyn lives in Western Colorado by way of Southern Arizona. She is a singer/songwriter, poet, painter and photographer, lead vocalist and rhythm guitarist for her band "Opal Moon", solo artist, half of the duo "Original Recipe" and rhythm guitarist and vocalist for a new rockabilly band. Her style is Americana, reflected in western swing, rockabilly, country and cowboy roots. Recording with other artists as harmony and lead vocals, several of her own songs have also been chosen on released projects.

Sparking a modified twang, she is "jalapenos and honey."

Tickets available at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/evelyn-roper-tickets-16735402038

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

MATHIS CRASHES BIPLANE ON CERRO SUMMIT EN ROUTE TO KANSAS



Courtesy photo Montrose Sheriff's Office.

Special to the Mirror
MONTROSE- The pilot from the singleengine biplane crash this morning is identified as Stephen M. Mathis of Montrose,
Colo. Mr. Mathis was en route to Elbert,
Colo., to meet up with friends and then

was planning on flying to Kansas for a biplane show. Mr. Mathis is being treated at Montrose Memorial Hospital.

This morning, at 7:13 a.m., Montrose County Regional Dispatch Center received a call regarding a plane crash. The Montrose Fire Protection District's EMT staff was the first emergency responder group on scene and evaluated Mr. Mathis. Prior to their arrival, a crew of workers from the Gun-

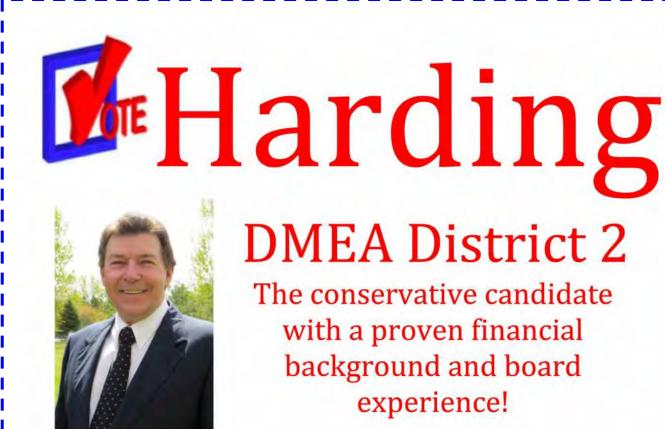
nison County Public Works Department called in the incident and extracted Mr. Mathis from the plane. The Montrose County Sheriff's Office and the Colorado State Patrol worked to secure the scene. Montrose County Sheriff Rick Dunlap commends these five individuals for their

quick actions in assisting a community member in his time of need.

"My thanks to the five employees from Gunnison County that helped Mr. Mathis: Scott Bever, Shawn McConnell, Dale Tillman, Kenneth Webb, and Dave Coleman. They were able to remove him from any existing danger remaining in the plane, and tended to his needs until the paramedics arrived. Again, I would like to honor their quick-thinking and willingness to help."

The Montrose County Sheriff's Office would like to recognize the Montrose Fire Protection District and the Colorado State Patrol for their assistance with this incident.

The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) are continuing to investigate the incident.



REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

HABITAT TO DEDICATE 47TH HOME JUNE 9



The story of the Kuntz family and other Habitat families can be found at www.buildinglives.org. Courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror

San Juans will hold its 47th home dedication on Tuesday, June 9 at 127 Bluegrass Court at 9 am. The home dedication is free and open to the public to attend.

For the last year, the Kuntz family of four or to approval. has given 500 hours in sweat equity to- Habitat family's home under construction www.buildinglives.org/apply.

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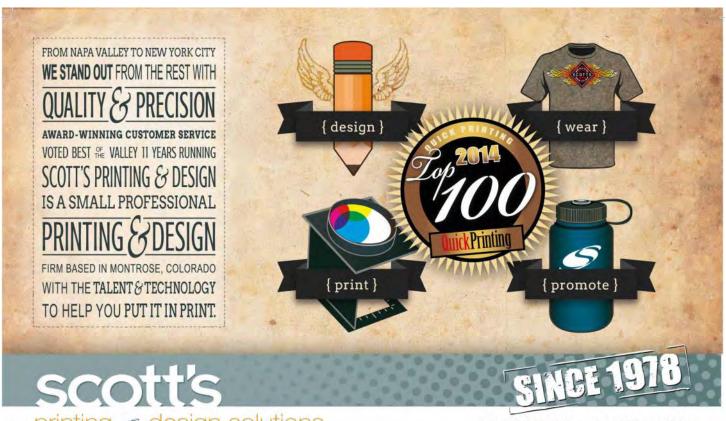
hours that each family must in after Labor Day. dedicate prior to closing on their home, there are income requirements as well. Fami-

greater than \$19,350 to be eligible for a January. Habitat home. There are also debt ratio Crowd funding for each home

ward the purchase of their takes place live at the Habitat for Humaniof the San Juans website homes are subsidized based www.buildinglives.org. There are currenton household income, home- ly three other homes under construction. owners must pay a monthly, The next home to be completed will be interest-free, 30 year mort- #48, and will go to Peggy Smith and her pup. The hope is to have her home com-In addition to sweat equity pleted by early September so she can move

Family stories can be found at www.buildinglives.org. Habitat has raised \$14,575 from individual donors to date for lies in Montrose County Peggy's home. Because H4HSJ is locatmust have a household in- ed within an Enterprise Zone, cash donacome between 30-60 percent tions receive a 25 percent tax write off at of the County's median the State level and an additional 25 percent household income. For example, it is sug- at the Federal level. Habitat for Humani-MONTROSE-Habitat for Humanity of the gested that a family of five have an annual ty of the San Juans opens the home appligross income that is less than \$38,600 and cation process each year in December –

> The last open enrollment closed on Jan. requirements and a background check pri- 7, 2015. For more information about the application process,



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WEST CENTRAL WOMEN OF INFLUENCE... LITA SARGENT



Lita Sargent. Courtesy image.

Interview by Gail Marvel
MONTROSE-In 2006 Lita Sargent moved
to Montrose and was hired as a Business
Relationship Manager for Wells Fargo.

—My husband and I had been coming to the
area for over 20 years and we knew this
was where we wanted to settle." Lita is not
your typical career banker, —I'm on my
third career, so I've had to reinvent myself
a few times." Lita is a full-service banker
working with businesses and commercial
lending. —I understand my customers and
their needs because I've been on that side
of the table."

A tough childhood planted seeds of lead-

ership in Lita at a very early age. An only child, her dad passed away when she was five and her mother suffered from mental illness. —Had to grow up fast to be able to survive and at 14 I supported myself. I definitely did not have a white picket fence childhood." Lita's survival skills led her into taking ownership of situations, —If things were going to get done I had to do them. There was no one else to do it for me." She considers herself lucky when at 16 she was taken in by a foster family. —It was a safe place to stay for a couple of years. They were a great couple and for the first time I had somewhat of a normal life."

At 20 years of age Lita received a college degree in behavioral science. For a few years she worked as a department store clothing buyer, then at age 28 she became a mall manager and climbed the career ladder to Regional Vice President over 11 shopping malls for the Simon Property Group. Ht was a stressful 24-7 job. It was like running a small city with hundreds of thousands of people on the property every day. I dealt with operations, tenants, customers, construction and marketing. I wore a lot of hats, but I learned so much about business. Everything from mom and pop vendors, to incubators for new ventures, to national chains."

In those days mall management was a male-dominated profession with very few females. —I was young and female ... and

that was two strikes against me. But they underestimated me and I quickly learned how to use it to my advantage." Lita jumped in and learned everything she could in the areas where she lacked knowledge. —When someone talked down to me, I was prepared with the answers. They came to respect me and the time I took to do my homework." She laughed and said, —Leven wore a hard hat on construction sites!"

Lita's style of leadership has evolved over the years. She said, — m a team player. It takes a great team to make great things happen. I lead by example and take responsibility for the good and the bad. I learn from my mistakes so that I won't make the same mistakes again." Lita is a networker and she finds that even in various activities and organizations she is always trying to bring people in the community together. She is very protective of her brand, -My brand is my reputation and my integrity; I don't do things that will negatively impact my brand. At the end of the day I need to be able to look at myself in the mirror."

Lita's leadership advice: Keep learning, collaboration brings mutual success. Don't build walls and have vendettas; treat everyone fairly. People may not agree with you, but they will respect you if you are fair. If you're not respected, you will not be an effective leader.

ALPINE BANK DELTA'S DAMION HOLDER TO SHAVE HEAD FOR ST. BALDRICK'S JUNE 27

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE – On June 27, our very own Damion Holder, from our Alpine Bank location in Delta, will be shaving his head in support of pediatric cancer research with St. Baldrick's Foundation & Community Hospital's Head Shaving event in Grand Junction.

Last year, with the help of others, he was able to contribute \$600 in generous donations.

He looks forward to raising awareness about this terrible disease and hopefully raising more funds again this year. A link to his fundraising page is https://www.stbaldricks.org/donate/participant/799485/2015. This will be his

second year participating in the event, and he plans to participate well into the future.

When most of us think of children, we think of the little ones outside playing, smiling, laughing, and having a good time. This is the image we all want to have when we think of children.

Last year, Damion realized just how important it was to be a part of such a wonderful cause. While there were moments of sadness and tears, the overwhelming feeling he came away with was love and hope.

Damion has a huge heart for kids. He feels so strongly about supporting St Baldrick's Foundation because of the juxtaposition of innocence, and the fighting of an adult battle, that pulls at his heart the most.

He believes that -Kids should just be able to be kids. They should be carefree, and have few worries."

In any way Damion can, he hopes to help our most valuable resource: our children. Damion's Alpine Bank Family is very proud of his desire to take part and help conquer childhood cancers.

Please consider supporting St. Baldrick's Foundation. Feel free to attend the event on Saturday, June 27 from 11am – 4pm at A Taste of Heaven Catering located at 2817 North Avenue in Grand Junction, or make a small donation.

In Damion's own words, —can say from experience, I gained so much more than I gave. I hope to see you there!"

Experiencing the (local) Church

WRITER GAIL MARVEL VISITS ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-My visit to Zion Lutheran Church took place on Oct. 19, 2014. The guest book in the foyer was surrounded by pre-worship fellowship. As the service began, the worship leader immediately deviated from the schedule saying we would honor a special request to sing the —Battle Hymn of the Republic." The worship choir this day was the Heavenly Notes, a group of four women accompanied by a pianist. The strong presentation by the choir brought out the best in the congregation and the voices of roughly 60 people singing hymns filled the sanctuary.

Pastor Michael Rime thoughtfully directed worshippers to the locations of responsive readings detailed in the bulletin insert, or in the —red book." The red book is a compilation of hymns, prayers, and selected biblical readings. While members of the congregation navigated the red book with ease, I took consolation in a florescent pink Post-it tab stuck to a page in my book. Ah-Ha ... I wasn't the first person to be lost in the numbering system!

There was no sermon title per se, however readings from Isaiah 45:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; and Matthew 22:15-22 were the basis for the message. Pastor Rime utilized a smorgasbord of illustrations,

examples and stories to bind the message together. The theme running through the sermon was the end of a season — birth to death; fall to winter; and the end of the church year, with November the start of planning activities for the coming year. While things on earth come to an end, —Nothing on earth, heaven, or especially in hell, can separate us from Christ." With the holiday season approaching, the preacher switched his train of thought from spiritual to earthly. He laughed, —October, November and December are [the season of] pure unadulterated sugar!"

Pastor Rime brought to mind various aspects of Jesus' life and ministry. Including the asking of insincere questions in order to trap Jesus; the Jews trying to keep their hands clean by getting Rome to crucify Jesus; and using a coin with the image of Caesar to blur the lines between religious and civil law. The pastor noted that the Bible account said the Pharisees were amazed. —have a hard time believing this is the unvarnished truth. I suspect they were angry — and they went away licking their wounds."

In connecting both socially and spiritually, the membership shares a time of greeting one another by Passing the Peace through handshakes and words of, —Peace

be with you, or the Peace of the Lord be with you."

Holy Communion is, —open to all who believe that Christ is present in the bread and wine which brings forgiveness of sin, life and salvation." Those partaking of the emblems go forward and pick up a small empty cup from a tray. Then kneeling before the altar they receive a wafer from Pastor Rime, followed by two assistants who fill each person's individual cup from a larger goblet.

As the offering plates were passed the choir sang, —Will Sing, I Will Sing a Song Unto the Lord" and a tambourine was added to the piano accompaniment. When the song was finished the pastor quipped, —Well, that was snappy!" A laugh rippled through the audience when the choir director responded, —There are six verses ... Do you want more?"

At the conclusion of the service Pastor Rime ask for visitors to introduce themselves. I explained the reason for my visit and without missing a beat the pastor said, —How much [money] do we need to give you [for a favorable review]!"

Contact Information: Zion Lutheran Church 701 S. Junction Montrose, CO 81401

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.

PHOTO CORRECTION...Montrose Church of Christ



Editor's Note: Our apologies for putting an incorrect photo with the June 1 Experience the Church feature (we included a photo of Montrose Christian Church with Gail's article on Montrose Church of Christ) despite an actual sign on the church in the photo. Here is the correct picture of Montrose Church of Christ!

PUBLIC WELCOME AT ALPINE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB MEETINGS Club Meets Every Second Tuesday at St. Mary Catholic Church

Special to the Mirror

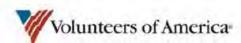
MONTROSE-The Alpine Photography Club meets every second Tuesday at St Mary Catholic Church in the St Paul Room, 1855 St Mary's Drive, Montrose. The Public is welcome to attend. For more information, email alpinephotoclub@aol.com.

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

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

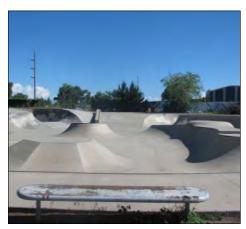
4:00 – 5:00 pm Colorado Mesa University, Classroom 106, 234 S. Cascade Ave. Montrose RSVP to Erin at 970-275-1220 or eberge@voa.org







CITY PROCLAIMS IMMIGRANT HERITAGE MONTH, LOCAL MOM SPEAKS OUT ON TICKETING OF KIDS ON BIKES



Ticketing of kids on bikes at the Montrose Skate Park was the subject of citizen comment at the City Council meeting June 2.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-The Montrose City Council meeting of June 2 began with a Proclamation in Honor of Immigrant Heritage Month and public comment. Three people spoke in favor of the proclamation, including a representative of the Hispanic Affairs Council (HAP).

Local mom Twyla Righter, whose kids do not ride BMX bikes or skateboards, then addressed Council about what she perceives as heavy handed policing of kids using bikes at the skate park at Baldridge

Park. Complaints over police ticketing kids rose Emergency Telephone Service Auon bikes have circulated on local message boards over the past week, and a group of kids and parents held a meeting in the park last weekend to talk about the issue. Righter pointed out that in most communities, both types of use are welcome, and cited statistics on the relative safety of bikes and skateboards. She noted that the kids participating in both activities are good kids engaging in positive behaviors.

-I-don't think this is a good rule," she said," and it is divisive to our community. I think it would be a good idea to get rid of

Council then heard a lengthy report from City Youth Council, all in matching blue shirts, as they discussed the projects they have worked on over the past year. Youth Council advisor Tina Woodrum spoke about the changes being made to the Youth Council Manual, and about difficulties reaching out to colleges for scholarships, particularly those in other nations. Scholarships are now presented to parents, she said. Revisions to the Youth Council Manual were approved.

The City's own permit to take over the Fourth of July Fireworks displayed formerly run by Montrose Rotary was also approved; as was the appointment of Montrose Police Chief Tom Chinn to the Montthority (METSA).

An addendum to the meeting was presented as well, in the form of a Request for the Mayor's Signature on a letter to an organization called Next Generation Cities, by City Director of Innovation and Citizen Engagement Virgil Turner, who has been working mainly on broadband issues over the past year.

We are a member of Next Generation Cities," Turner said. -They look for opportunities to assist communities like Montrose with our goal of making broadband more available and accessible to our citizens...it is fairly evident that service providers are self-reporting, and that many times go without an audit to ensure the truth of their statements."

Councilor Bob Nicholson asked Turner when the City would hear back on the state grant application it has partnered on with Region 10.

Turner responded that the grant application hearing will take place early in July, and that he has received positive feedback from grantors. Turner's request for signature was approved.

Following was a brisk Public Information Officer Report by Assistant City Manager Rob Joseph (filling in while City Manager Bill Bell was on vacation).

—The real news tonight is our Youth Council," Joseph said, but said that the City will be lighting up Main Street and the Civic Campus throughout the summer season to make it more welcoming to visitors, and that the City will be placing coffee, cold water and other beverages at City Hall for the convenience of citizens.

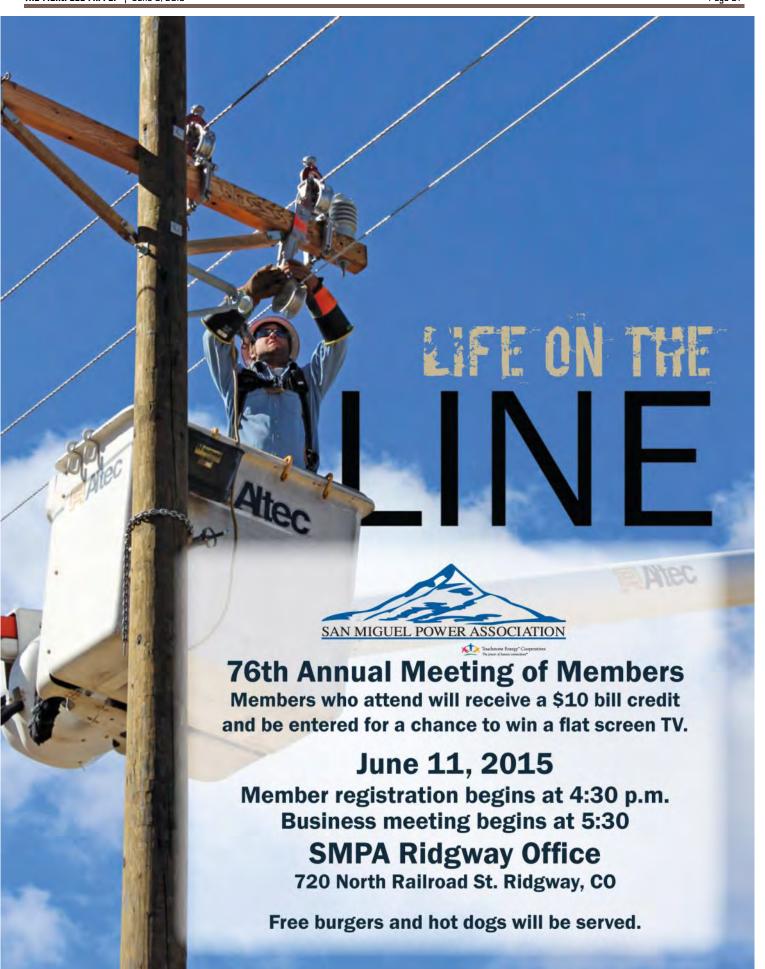
Tickets for the Annual Blue Tie Affair honoring the Montrose Police Department (scheduled this year for July 25) will go on sale June 8, Joseph said, and the June City Council meeting will be held Monday, July 15 rather than Tuesday July 16.

He also reminded the public that the Montrose Police Department's Administrative offices will be closed on June 11 for staff training.

-If you need assistance that day, please use the Dispatch phone in the lobby," Joseph said.

Joseph also reminded users of the City's public parks and open spaces to clean up after their pets and to consider using the fenced dog park area, and the meeting was adjourned.





ARTS AND CULTURE

WEEHAWKEN HOSTS 'ANNIE' KIDS THEATER CAMP AT THE SHERBINO

Special to the Mirror

RIDGWAY-Join Miss Sara Doehrman during this one week theater program where students will learn about theater and acting. Students will use songs and scenes from the original —Anie" play to put on a 40-minute final performance for friends and family on The Sherbino stage on June 12^{th!} The —Anie" camp begins on June 8th and runs until June 11th from 10am-3pm at The Sherbino Theater. The entire camp is \$100/student and is for children ages 5-12 years. Please note: students must provide all snacks, water, and lunches for each day of camp. For more information please visit: www.weehawkenarts.org or call 970. 318. 0150.

WEEHAWKEN "SUMMER SPEECH CAMPS": JUNE SESSION STARTS JUNE 15

Special to the Mirror

RIDGWAY-Join Ridgway's favorite speech teachers, Ms. Sharie Escalera and Lilia Doyle, for a great summer training experience. These speech camps will teach performance skills for competitive speech. Humor, drama, duet and solo acting, poetry, reader's theater are some of the categories explored. At completion of the class students will present a performance for parents and friends. The June session of —Smmer Speech Camps" will be held at The Sherbino Theater from 10am-12:00pm starting June 15th and ending June 26th. Classes will run Monday through Friday and are from children ages 11-15 years. The cost of this speech camp is \$120.00. For more information please visit: www.weehawkenarts.org or call 970. 318. 0150.

HONORABLE MENTION

To Auctioneers everywhere, because the Mirror LOVES auctions of all kinds...some of our local faves include Buster Cattles and Ralph Walchle...share your favorite auctioneers with us for commendation!!

To the team putting Main in Motion together this year...thank you!

And to Montrose businessman Jim Schwarz, for sharing this idea with the Mirror...how about turning the old Rec District Offices into a Center for Teens? We're pretty sure that there are other storage options, but very few other free places for teens to gather safely when school is not in session...why not, Montrose?

Wouldn't this be a great place for a youth center? Close to town, close to middle and high schools in Montrose...with easy access to Baldridge and Cerise Parks and the local bike trail system...



And to the Blue Gators, a local band that takes it to a higher level...so excellent!

MIRROR IMAGES...SUMMER FUN!







Clockwise from top left: Buster Cattles (at center of crowd) auctioned off the contents of Tower's Treasures on June 6; Sierra Valdez showed up for Main in Motion June 4; a work day at the Ridgway Railroad Museum, as volunteers worked on a canopy for a steam engine May 2; Ouray County historian and author Don Paulson at the Railroad Museum work day.



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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

DMEA BOARD CANDIDATES TOUR CO-OP FACILITIES--ANNUAL MEETING ON HORIZON!



DMEA Dispatcher Vern Willis, demonstrates DMEA's 24/7 dispatch services to the District 2 DMEA board candidates. R-L-Mandy Norris-Snell, Tammy Theis, Richard Harding, and Kyle Martinez

Special to the Mirror

REGIONAL-As board elections draw near, Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) reached out to the District 2 candidates, inviting them to attend a tour of the cooperative. All four candidates, Richard Harding, Kyle Martinez, Mandy Norris-Snell, and Tammy Theis, took advantage of the opportunity to learn more about the cooperative's generation assets and facilities.

The tour, held on Tuesday, June 2, began at DMEA headquarters in Montrose. DMEA staff then took the candidates to the South Canal hy-

> dro projects. The candidates were able to see firsthand how impressive these local generation projects are and how they interconnect with DMEA's system. After touring the hydro plants, the candidates were able to walk through the DMEA headquarters building to get a feel for how the facilities operate. They were also given a live demonstration of DMEA's 24/7 dispatch center.

> "We are all excited about our upcoming annual meeting and look forward to finding out who are newest board member will be. The candidate tour was a great way for all of the candidates to spend some time with DMEA staff and learn more about the co-op they hope to help lead," said Virginia Harman, Manager of Member Relations and

> DMEA encourages all members to vote for the candidate of their choice by returning the mail-in ballot received last week. Members are also encouraged to attend the annual meeting on June 17 at the Cedaredge Assembly of God Church, 1596 SW 9th St., Cedaredge, CO. Please note, DMEA's offices in Montrose and Read will be closed this day for employees to attend the Annual Meeting and personnel trainings.

> Doors open at 8 a.m. for registration and voting. Members who chose not to vote by mail can vote in person at the meeting. Polls will close at 9 a.m. with the start of the business meeting. Prior to the meeting, attendees can visit the various expo booths to learn about DMEA programs and services, as well as register to win an iPad or LED smart

TV.

For more information about DMEA's Annual Meeting visit www.dmea.com<http:// www.dmea.com> or call 1-877-687-3632.

Downtown DeltaFest!

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

Downtown Main street 5:30-Dusk

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



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MIRROR IMAGES...MAIN IN MOTION!



Main in Motion vendor Erick Villalobos of Big Dog TV and Internet with the Switzer boys at Main in Motion.



Mini golf is back at Main in Motion for 2015!



Ulterior Motive rocked the main Stage near Canyon Creek BnB.



Above, a little biker in the crowd.

Below left, the Trolley served snacks.

Below right, Nelson Jennett takes in the fun.







Cedaredge Assembly of God Church, 1596 SW 9th St

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OPINION/EDITORIAL-LETTERS

SUPPORTS HARDING FOR DMEA DISTRICT 2 SEAT

Dear Editor:

As a widowed single person on a fixed income living in Montrose, being able to afford my electric bill is something that concerns me. In reviewing the candidates for the DMEA board, one stands out above the rest, Richard Harding.

No other candidate has been engaged in making our community a better place to live and spent countless hour volunteering on boards and committees to bring about positive changes.

No other candidate seemed concerned that 54 percent of the children in the RE1J School District are on free and reduced lunches. If the parents can't afford to feed their children, they must be concerned about affording their electric bill as well.

How many candidates have donated property to assist positive role models in working with at risk children? Only one that I am aware of! How many candidates have protected an endangered plant for future generations? Again, only one!

If you share my concerns for keeping electric rates affordable, vote for Richard Harding for the DMEA District 2 Director. Deb Treven

Montrose

HARDING BRINGS PROVEN EXPERIENCE TO DISTRICT 2 SEAT

Dear Editor:

I am supporting Richard Harding for DMEA director. I have had the opportunity and pleasure to work with Richard on several community focused efforts over the past 10 years. His passion for improving our community, extensive financial background and numerous board experiences will enable him to deal with the complex issues facing DMEA.

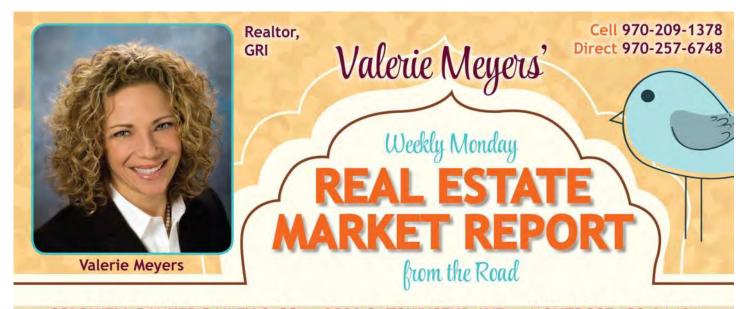
As a former executive of Delta Montrose Electric Association, I understand the complex issues facing the Board of Directors of DMEA. Proven financial experience, a strong work ethic, and knowledge of how boards operate is what is needed for the District 2 Director to assist in steering DMEA through the rapidly evolving utility market.

Typically, only one in five members of this Association will take the time to cast a vote in a DMEA election and return their ballot in a free postage paid envelope. If you want a candidate who can focus on keeping our electric rates competitive, take a minute to vote for the conservative candidate, Richard Harding.

Thanks again,

Paul Bony

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Click here to catch Valerie's weekly Monday Real Estate Market Report video...from the road!

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

COTTAGE FOODS LAW EXPANDS

Western Colorado Congress Special to the Mirror

PAONIA-When Gov. John Hickenlooper signs the Cottage Foods Expansion Act this week, he'll be adding another chapter to Monica Wiitanen's political recipe

The Paonia farmer and baker was the driving force behind the original 2012 Colorado cottage foods law, which has been a boon to hundreds of small-batch producers around the state. The measure proved so popular, in fact, that Wiitanen and other advocates mounted a second campaign this spring to expand the act and pay it forward for an even wider circle of small farmers and home canners.

-It's been a lot of fun," Wiitanen says of her adventures in lawmaking.

It started with a simple idea more than a decade ago. Wiitanen found she often ended the growing season with unsold garlic, chili peppers and other produce. There was a business opportunity in turning the excess produce into value-added products if state health regs could be relaxed for home producers.

-That's how farms used to survive," notes and instructs the State Board of Health to Wiitanen. —They could make use of all these foods and then they could sell them in the off season."

Kentucky had recently passed a law allowing its residents to make certain foods in their home kitchens for direct sale to consumers. Could Colorado do the same?

With the support of Western Colorado Congress, an alliance of community groups based in Grand Junction, Wiitanen worked with then-State Sen. Gail Schwartz to develop and pass Colorado's first Cottage Foods Act. Enacted in 2012, it was a win for producers, consumers and the economy.

Previously, one-size-fits-all regulations – including the requirement that all food products be processed in a licensed commercial kitchen – made it unaffordable for small producers to enter the market. The new law trimmed some of the red tape for **-a**n-potentially hazardous foods" – items like spices, teas, dehydrated produce, honey, jams, eggs and certain baked goods.

The latest expansion of the law, House Bill 1102, which passed in the final days of this year's legislative session, adds flour, fruit empanadas and tortillas to the list. More significantly, it creates a second tier of products including -pickled vegetables,"



establish rules for the safe production and sale of these products.

The new and improved Cottage Foods Act gives growers more opportunities to add value to their produce, and enables others to earn extra income producing cottage products. It also meets the growing demand of consumers for locally produced foods, and generally strengthens local economies and increases food security.

The measure enjoyed strong bipartisan support, with Reps. Millie Hamner (D-District 61) and Yeulin Willett (R-District 54) sponsoring it in the House, and Sens. Kerry Donovan (D-District 5) and Kevin Grantham (R-District 2) in the Senate.

Western Colorado Congress led the popular campaign in support of the bill.

Wiitanen, who has expanded her operation to include baking traditional breads in an outdoor wood-fired oven, says she's pleased that the Cottage Foods Act is getting even better.

When we were working on the bill the first time, I was thinking maybe I would make a couple thousand dollars a year. Well, now I'm making that every month," she says. "The extra income enables her to employ two helpers, and their wages in turn recirculate in the local economy.

Boulder County chef and culinary instructor Marilyn Kakudo, who also campaigned for the new law, believes it will have far-reaching benefits.

-Front Range farmers produce vegetables, not fruit," she points out. -So the expansion of the act to include pickled vegetables will have a more significant impact to reduce food waste, provide economic opportunities and strengthen ties between farmers and their communities here, even more than the original act."

Since retiring from cooking and teaching in the local food industry, Kakudo runs Seed to Plate, a culinary and gardening education and consulting business.

Additional quotes from the bill's legislative sponsors:

Rep. Millie Hamner: "Expanding the Cottage Foods Act will support local farmers and growers and boost Western Slope economies. It will also expand the unique farm-to-table experience available at farmers' markets across Colorado."

State Rep. Yeulin Willett: - 4 m particularly happy to see this expansion of free enterprise with minimal government regulation – this should help to further expand our wonderful farm-to-fork commerce here in Delta and Mesa Counties, which need all the help they can get!"

ARTS AND CULTURE

GET CREATIVE THIS SUMMER WITH WEEHAWKEN ARTS!

Special to the Mirror

REGIONAL-Weehawken Presents Summer Speech Camps in June, July, and August Join Ridgway's favorite speech teachers, Ms. Sharie Escalera and Lilia Doyle at The Sherbino Theater, for a great summer training experience all about speech. In the summer speech camps, students will learn the performance skills needed for competitive speech.

Humor, drama, duet and solo acting, poetry, Reader's Theater are some of the categories explored. At the completion of the camp students will present a performance for parents and friends.

The Speech Camp Sessions are as follows: June Session: M-F June 15- June 26th 10am-12:00pm

July Session: M-F July 6th- July 17th 10am-12:00pm

August Session: M-F August 3rd- August 14th 10am-12:00pm

Pre-registration is strongly recommended, and to sign up for one session or all three sessions please visit our website:

www.weehawkenarts.org or call 970.318.0150.

<u>Paper and Bookmaking for Children ages</u> <u>8-12: Date change and update!</u>

Miss Allison Wofford is offering two sessions of *Paper and Book Making* for children ages 8-12 throughout the summer. Children will create their own handmade paper and turn it into a notebook, sketchbook, or stationary kit. Students can even choose to embed their home-made paper with seeds, flowers, or glitter. Day one of class will be spent learning the paper making process and the making of the actual paper. Day two of class will be spent transforming the paper into beautiful and handmade products. At the end of class, students will then get to take their creations home with them! Paper and Bookmaking is being offered on June 16th and 17th from 11-1pm. Classes will be at Weehawken Ridgway (The Schoolhouse Building) and is \$25 for the two day session. For more information and to register please visit www.weehawkenarts.org. Suminagashi: The Art and Science of Decorating Paper for Children ages 4-7: Date change and Update!

Miss Allison Wofford is offering two sessions of Suminagashi for children ages 4-7 throughout the summer. Suminagashi is an ancient Japanese technique of decorating paper with inks. Students will use marbling paints with water to create unique patterns that are then transferred onto paper. Day one of class will be spent learning the technique and creating the decorative paper. Day two of class will be spent transforming the paper into journal or notebook covers, envelopes, picture frames, or anything else kids can dream up. At the end of class students will then get to take their creations home!!! Suminagashi: The Art and Science of Decorating Paper is being offered June 16th and 17th from 9-10am. Classes will be at Weehawken Ridgway (The Schoolhouse Building) and is \$25 for the two day session. For more information and to register please visit www.weehawkenarts.org. Please contact Weehawken Creative Arts to register and for more information at 970.318.0150or questions@weehawken arts.org or www.weehawkenarts.org.



REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

MONTROSE BOTANIC GARDEN TOUR IS THIS SATURDAY

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The Montrose Garden Tour is a self-guided tour of 5 Private Gardens plus the Montrose Botanic Gardens. The tour will be held Saturday, June 13 from 9am to 2pm.

The gardens each have a unique flair within their picturesque landscapes and themed: _A room with a view', _A farm to pond-er', _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 socie-

ty, 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. They 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 <u>www.montrosegardens.org</u> or call: 970-249-3577.

LEADERS VISIT WASHINGTON, URGE PROTECTION OF NORTH FORK'S PUBLIC LANDS



Paonia Mayor Neal Schwieterman presents a card from the community to Rep. Scott Tipton. Courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror

WASHINGTON, DC – This week elected, community, and business leaders from Western Colorado's North Fork Valley brought their case to Washington DC: any oil and gas _lease swap' must involve all stakeholders and impacted communities and include significant protections for the valley's public lands.

The North Fork delegation met with Senator Michael Bennet, Rep. Scott Tipton, and staff with Senator Cory Gardner's office about the drilling industry's proposed lease exchange in the highly prized Hubbard Park area of the Grand Mesa and the community's desire to balance any new drilling with meaningful conservation measures.

The Town of Paonia is on record requesting help from our Congressional delegation to permanently protect the North Fork Valley's public lands," said Neal Schwie-

terman, Mayor of Paonia.

—Public lands are vital to our way of life. These lands provide drinking water to more than 3,000 town and nearby residents, they support our hunting and recreation economies, and frame the scenic backdrop of our town." The delegation also met with U.S. Department of Agriculture Undersecretary Robert Bonnie, the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, House committee staff, the White House Council on Environmental Quality, and national conservation groups.

The legislative lease exchange, proposed by drilling company SG Interests, could result in new drilling leases in the National Forest and the headwaters of the North Fork of the Gunnison River, an important driver of the North Fork Valley's agricultural and tourism based economy.

Ever since the 1893 Chicago World Fair when Paonia peaches won the top prize, the North Fork Valley has been a leader in agriculture," said Mike Drake, president of the Paonia Chamber of Commerce. —Today we're recognized as a leader in organic agriculture, as Colorado's farm-to-table destination, and a leader in agritourism.

We recognize that some drilling is going to occur, but our agricultural and valley business owners need certainty too by taking some lands off the table and permanently protecting them."

In exchange for the new leases, SG Interests—a Texas-based privately held drilling company—would retire some of its existing leases in the Thompson Divide. The group urged that any legislative lease ex-

change that results in new leasing on public lands in the North Fork Valley area also include permanent protection of important public lands both in the Thompson Divide and the North Fork Valley.

Staff members from all three congressional offices stressed that they want to hear from the community in the North Fork Valley as this conversation continues.

The Hubbard Park area is high quality elk habitat, prime recreational lands, and the source area for of several important creeks and their attendant irrigation ditches that nourish the valley's award-winning agricultural production.

Over the past few decades the North Fork Valley has built a model for organic agriculture," said Mark Waltermire, owner of Thistle Whistle Farm near Hotchkiss and past president of the Valley Organic Growers Association.

The best way to provide certainty about the future, not just for farmers but for the oil and gas companies as well, is to bring a balance to future energy development by permanently protecting the most important public lands in the North Fork."

Members of this group and others from the North Fork community previously travelled to Washington to stop a leasing proposal from the BLM that would have allowed drilling and fracking in close proximity to the North Fork's towns, agricultural areas, and water supplies.

Local non-profits Citizens for a Healthy Community (CHC) and the Western Slope Conservation Center (WSCC) sponsored the trip.



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Hold the Date! Upcoming Business and Cultural Events

ONCOING

THE ALPINE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB meets every second Tuesday at St Mary's Catholic Church in the St Paul Room, 1855 St Mary's Drive, Montrose. The Public is welcome to attend. For more information, email alpinephotoclub@aol.com.

"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, Thursday Evenings 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 Uncompangre 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 Uncompangre 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 Uncompandene.

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

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

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

AARP DRIVER SAFETY COURSE-Save on insurance, keep up on newer traffic laws, and learn defensive driving techniques. For details and schedule for Montro se 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 8-"Good Answers in a New World," 12:30 p.m. at the Montrose Senior Center with Marilynn 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 10-Heidi's Deli Forum welcomes DMEA! 8 to 9 a.m., 1521 Oxbow Drive. Coffee is \$1.

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.

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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 12-Jeremy Siskind piano benefit concert at Lark and Sparrow, 511 East Main. 7-8:30 p.m. Suggested donation \$10 adults and \$5 students.

June 13-14—Western Colorado Interpretive Association (WCIA) 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Fort Uncompange on the Old Spanish Trail. 440 North Palmer in Delta. The 2-day event will provide the public with a glimpse of fur traders living the day in the life at the Fort carrying out their daily tasks in the year 1840. Invited guest and public will meet the historical characters and experience blacksmithing, adobe works, cooking, games, and hear the hammer strike the anvil, and learn about flint work rifles. The original Fort was located along the North Branch of the Old Spanish Trail. Antoine Robidoux understood the value of location, when he build the fur trading post in the 1820's. It's geographic location and rich agricultural land has been attracting people for thousands of years. Family activities are planned for both days. Located across from Bill Heddles Recreation Center, Delta, CO.

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-Montrose Farmers Market, 8:30a m -1pm Downtown at Centennial plaza/ South Uncompandere and Main St. Music by Ghostpepper - 10am —Noon, Come Shop and Party with us off Main Street this week!

June 13-Golden Circle Seniors Yard Sale, Montrose Pavilion Senior Center, 9 a.m. to5 p.m.

June 13 -- Montrose Garden Tour 9 am - 2 pm Self-guided tour of five private gardens plus Montrose Botanic Gardens. Live music, refreshments, plein air artists, garden information. Tickets \$15 or \$10 member/become member, available prior to tour at Pavilion & Around the Corner Gallery. Day of tour, tickets & maps at Botanic Gardens south of Pavilion. www.montrosegardens.org or 970-249-3577.

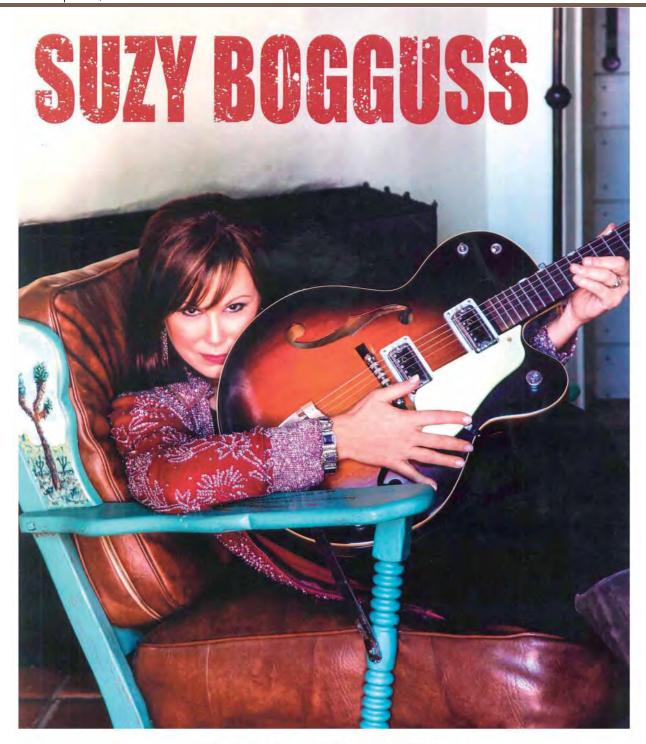
June 13-Farm to Fork Affair, the Bistro, 228 Main St. 6 to 9 p.m. A farm to table dinner benefitting the Valley Food Partnership. Featuring Happy Hogs pork, Big B's Hard Cider and delicious, seasonal produce from Valley Food Partners. Tickets costing \$65 are available at The Bistro or by calling 970-249-0705.

June 13-Evelyn Roper at Lark and Sparrow, 511 East Main St. 8 to10:30 p.m. <u>www.larkandsparrow.com.</u>

June 15-19-Week One, Magic Circle Theatre —Theatre for Children Drama Camp.

June 17-DMEA Annual Meeting, Cedaredge Assembly of God Church (1596 SW 9th St. in Cedaredge. Polls open 8-9 a.m. Business meeting 9 a.m. Prizes, activities, coffee, snacks, giveaways!

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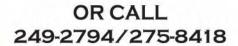
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"Canyon Sunset" (top right) and "Almost Full," below right by Sarah Berndt.

Below left, Olivia creates and sells wrist bands to support Dolphin House. Find her at Main in Motion! Mirror staff photo.









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