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STAR DRIVE-IN THEATRE CELEBRATES 66 YEARS IN MONTROSE

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-After a lifetime in the family business, it's hard to surprise Star Drive-In Theatre owner Pamela Friend. Still, "I have really seen it all this year," laughs Friend. "People back in, and they have tarps and poles to set up. I've seen rain coats, muck wear, and one guy with a concoction that rolled out and covered the back of his truck."

"We have our diehards!"

Still, the rainy spring and early summer have been hard on business for the Star Drive-In (600 East Miami). At 66, it remains the [top-rated theater](#) in Montrose, is also rated [number one when it comes to fun and games](#) and comes in second to Museum of the Mt. West for "Things to Do in Montrose" on the [Trip Advisor](#) web site. The Star Drive-In Theatre is one of just seven drive-in movie theaters in the state (including Delta's Tru Vue Drive-In), and despite its age, the Star has been owned by the same family the whole time.

"It's a family business," Friend said. "Not many businesses have been here 66 years; come on out and see a movie!"

The Star Drive-In opened in April of 1949, and has

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A car heads in to Star Drive-In Theatre on Saturday, June 20. One of just seven drive-in theaters statewide, the Star has been owned by the same family for 66 years. Get out and see a movie, and support a local business!

TRUJILLO ASKS CITY ABOUT NAMING PLANNED PARK AT 9TH/GRAND FOR MORADA CHAPEL



An image from the City of Montrose's 2011 Uncompahgre Riverway Master Plan shows the area proposed for a park at 9th Street and Grand Avenue. Courtesy photo.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-When lifelong City resident Chris Trujillo addressed Montrose City Council during the public comment time on Monday, June 15, it was with a sense of urgency, on behalf of a project close to his heart.

Trujillo was making a request for Council to consider naming a long planned park in Northwest Montrose in honor of a tradition that predates the settlement of Colorado, and even of the United States. According to the [Uncompahgre Riverway Master Plan](#), adopted by City Council (Bill Patterson, Kathy Ellis, Thomas Smits, Gail Marvel and Carol McDermott) on April 5, 2011, the park was to be developed as part of a larger vision of a riverway whose natural beauty is enhanced by a continuous series of public parks and access points. Page 75 of Section Four of the plan reads, "The North 9th St and Grand Avenue Park site has a central location with the potential to serve a high

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MONTROSE ARTISAN BAKER A “RISING” STAR!



Above, Montrose resident Heather Crane sells her artisan breads (right, courtesy images) at the Montrose Farmers Market on June 13.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—She has been baking for more than half of her lifetime—but her star as a bread maker really began to rise right here in Montrose. Today, Heather Crane continues to work as general manager for Colorado Boy Brewery and Pizzeria, but she also sells her own line of artisan breads at the Montrose Farmers Market to a hungry and growing clientele. “I started about a year ago, with just a little bread and some desserts,” Crane said. “I have been making ciabatta, which is mostly what I have been taking to the Farmers Market. I really like it; it’s great sandwich bread, and it’s easy to add herbs.”

However, her repertoire is not limited—Crane can bake anything from French bread to real, buttery croissants.

According to [“A History of Bread in America,”](#) by Marne Stetton, the nation’s first wheat crop dates to 1602, and was planted by a British sea captain in Massa-

chusetts. However, Explorer Christopher Columbus brought a small crock of sour-dough starter along when he came to the New World in 1492. The Fleishmann Brothers created the first commercially made yeast in 1868; prior to that, bakers used natural starters made from wild yeasts, or baked unleavened breads from cornmeal. In 1869, baking powder was invented by a Harvard chemist, leading to the development of “quick breads.” The white flour many Americans are accustomed to was made possible in 1873, thanks to improvements in the Swiss steel roller, a flour mill that efficiently separates wheat’s germ and bran from the white endosperm. Sliced bread came about in 1928, when a bakery in Missouri began to use the bread slicer invented by Otto Rohwedder of Iowa.

It was during World War II, Stetton notes, that modern enriched bread came to be, when the National Research Council

asked the bread and milling industries to add eight nutrients to their flour and bread to prevent wartime malnutrition.

It was in 1983 that bread baking came full circle, however. That was the year, according to Stetton, that Steve Sullivan opened [Acme Bread Company](#) in Berkeley, California, and Daniel Leader opened [Bread Alone](#) in Boiceville, New York, making use of natural leaveners and wood-fired ovens.

The movement continues to grow, as consumers find themselves hungry for traditional breads—the “staff of life.” Here in Montrose, Heather Crane is excited to be part of America’s new artisan bread tradition. “Bread is my passion,” Crane said. “I really have to limit myself—I could live on it! Eventually, our goal is to have a little production business, rather than a storefront. “So far, I have heard only positive feedback,” she said. “My exposure has been limited, but I am really pleased with it. And my husband really likes this business too.”



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MONTROSE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J NAMES FINALISTS FOR SUPERINTENDENT POSITION

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Montrose County School District Re-1J successfully chose three finalists from 12 applicants for the Superintendent position tonight. They hope to secure the position by June 30, 2015 with a July 2015 starting date.

The school board, using screening criteria established through focus groups conduct-

ed with staff, parents and community members selected the following candidates as finalists to be interviewed on June 27, 2015.

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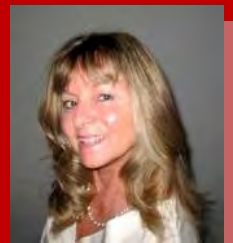
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The board will include opportunities for staff and community members to interact and ask questions of the candidates at a Meet and Greet function scheduled on Friday, June 26th from 4 – 5:30 pm at the MCSD Boardroom, as well as provide the candidates an opportunity to visit schools and tour the community.

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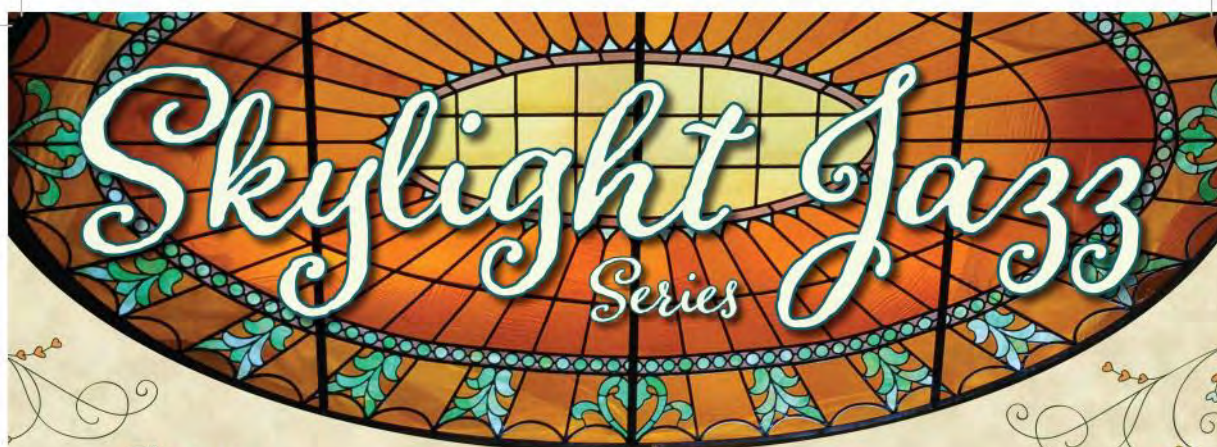
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MONTROSE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RIBBON CUTTING-MI MEXICO!



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MONTROSE-Montrose's newest restaurant celebrated their grand opening with the Chamber of Commerce and a ribbon cutting. The menu at *Mi Mexico* is as extravagant as the remodeled building. The menu features appetizers to warm up patrons to entrees such as combination plates, tacos, burritos, enchiladas, sandwiches, tostadas, meats, chicken, salads, seafood, and fresh and healthy choices. *Mi Mexico* is located at 1706 East Main Street and can be reached at 252-1000.

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PUN FAMILY BUILDS LIFE, BUSINESS AROUND FRESH CUISINE



Daughter-in-law Sonika Pun helps to welcome guests to the family restaurant, Himalayan Pun Hill Kitchen.



Head Chef Gambahadurphagami Pun opened his restaurant in Montrose after working in Durango for eight years. He hopes to obtain U.S. citizenship and a better life for his family, while sharing the delicious cuisine of his homeland.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—Step into the cool, welcoming space at Himalayan Pun Hill Kitchen at 710 North Townsend Avenue, and you are likely to hear the friendly greeting, “Namaste.”

This is a family business, headed by Chef Gambahadurphagami Pun.

The Pun family relocated to Montrose from Durango after eight years of running a restaurant there, daughter in law Sonika said.

“He wants to do something for himself now that he has the experience,” she said. “This will be good for our future.”

The political climate in Nepal has made it a difficult place to live, she noted, but the family is committed to sharing the delicate and delicious cuisine of their homeland.

Joining Gambahadurphagami and his son’s family soon will be his daughter and her family, including a ten-year-old granddaughter.

“Lots of people are jobless in Nepal,” Sonika said.

—Gambahadurphagami is going to apply for his U.S. citizenship soon.

“We love Montrose.”

So though the family is far from home, they have made a new home here in Montrose, and they welcome you to come and enjoy their expanded menu at Himalayan Pun Hill Kitchen.

“Everything is fresh,” she said. “We want you to come and try it! We have a buffet, but we also have dinner—we are open every day, but on Sundays we close half a day to be ready for dinner time, and we open from 5 to 9:30 p.m.”

Happy Hour at Pun Hill Himalayan Kitchen is from 3 to 5 p.m., with the third glass of wine free.

Though the restaurant has only been open for nine months, it has become a favorite for locals and visitors who enjoy delicious Indian and Nepalese cuisine, including Pun Hill Beef and Annapurna Chicken.

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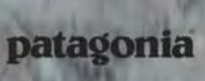
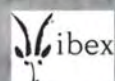



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TRUJILLO ASKS ABOUT NAMING PLANNED PARK From pg 1



A drawing of the proposed park at North Ninth and Grand Avenue, from the Uncompahgre Riverway Master Plan adopted by City Council in 2011. Courtesy image.

number of surrounding residents, workers, and visitors.... An opportunity exists to incorporate drainage elements addressing an existing drainage problem at North 9th St and Grand Avenue Park noted in the Montrose Stormwater Master Plan. A surface system of swales and basins has the potential to additionally support restoration and infiltration benefitting the river system.

—The recently acquired properties at North 9th Street and Grand Avenue Park and the Taviwach Park offer the opportunity to provide additional parks to the community that also complement the river corridor. The concepts in this plan were developed as part of the master planning process. Both sites are ideal locations for future pedestrian bridges for connections to neighborhoods on the west side of the river. Both sites offer access to the stream, new recreation opportunities and restoration potential.”

Development of the [Uncompahgre Riverway Master Plan](#) involved careful assessment of riparian habitat and a process of public involvement that included more than 300 event participants over a six-month period and outreach to more than 15,000 households. Acting as Interim City Manager at the time was former Montrose Assistant City Manager J. Scott Sellers. One major result of the [plan](#) has been the newly-opened Montrose Whitewater Park.

However, Chris Trujillo initially met with blank stares when he approached Council last Monday. Trujillo asked that any park at Ninth and Grand be named Morada Park, in honor of a Penitente Chapel that existed on the site for centuries.

—We have been trying to do this for five or six years, working first with Dennis Erickson and then Thordy Jacobson, but they are gone now,” Trujillo told Council members.

—I went to the Parks Advisory Council, but it has been disbanded,” Trujillo said. —I have seen the blueprints at City Hall...you put this out there...I am just asking about the name. What is the procedure for a person like me to go before Council to work on projects like these?

—It can be difficult to get stuff done in the North part of town,” he said. —We have a rough reputation...but it is one of the safest neighborhoods around.”

He spoke of growing up in a diverse community, from which many have gone on to achieve great success in life.

—Can the park be designated Morada Chapel Park?” he asked. —There is a lot of historical significance; this would be a good property to develop for tourists to see. We are longtime American citizens,” he continued. —We didn’t come from someplace else...we were here. ...After the conquest of Spain this was part of Mexico, and they threw the Church out,

but we were still here. We were still here when this was part of Mexico; we are still here now that this is part of the U.S.

—...if you take our land, you have to take our history with us,” he said.

Mayor David Romero commented that Trujillo was running out of time for public comment, and said he was unsure of future plans for the park at Ninth and Grand.

—If we don’t build a park there, I am assuming you want some type of signage or plaque?” he asked. He suggested that Trujillo follow the City’s detailed procedure for naming parks. Trujillo noted that he is quite familiar with the parks naming procedure and has followed it. If the park is not to be named Morada Chapel Park, he would not pursue it further, he said. —I don’t have ten more years,” he said.

Councilor Bob Nicholson acknowledged the historic significance of Penitente Chapels, and suggested a work session. Mayor Romero supported the idea of a work session.

City Manager Bill Bell commented that the City is struggling to maintain the parks it has, but would be amenable to placing a marker in another location such as LaRaza Park. —It’s not slated to be built any time soon,” Bell said.

—That would be a good first step,” Trujillo said. —It would give people the idea of what is down there, and the history of this part of Colorado.”

COME SEE A MOVIE! From pg 1



Scenes from the Star Drive-In Theatre, a Montrose icon.

welcomed visitors from all over the world.

—We really appreciate the community,” Friend said. —We still cut our French fries by hand, we have our world-famous burgers. Most theaters no longer have speakers, because they are expensive. We still have speakers, though, because we think that is part of the experience.”

Though the new digital project system has vaulted them into the high tech realm, the guests who come to Montrose to get a

era, she said.

—We like to think we are a business altered by technology,” she said, —but even though we are now digital, there is that same old nostalgia for loading up the family, getting some treats and watching a movie together on a summer night. —We have people come in who have never been to a drive-in, and they don’t know how to park, or use the speakers,” Friend said. —They learn by watching everybody! On

any given night, if we see 15 to 18 cars, two are usually from out of state. The other night, we had someone here from Germany.”

Friend has seen plenty of movies over the years, though the classic *Gone with the Wind* remains her favorite.

—They don’t make movies like they used to...or actors,” she said.

—But there are some great movies every season.” And though movies have changed over the years, going to the drive-in together is an American tradition. —Where else can you entertain a family of four or five people for \$16?” Friend asked.

—Rain has detoured a number of my customers,” she said. —But really, even if it does rain, it usually comes from the Southwest. It shouldn’t hit your windshield, just the side of the vehicle. —Come see a movie!” [Star Drive-In Theatre](http://www.stardrivein.com) can be reached at 970-249-6170. The show is on every night, all summer long. Visit them online at www.stardrivein.com.



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MONTROSE-On June 12 Volunteers of America and Alpine Bank sponsored an event to commemorate Flag Day. The program consisted of VFW Post 784, American Legion and DAV presenting the Color Guard, invocation by Scott Myers, chaplain at Valley Manor Care Center, the national anthem sung by fifth grader Collin Huffer, a proclamation by City of Montrose mayor pro-tem Rex Swanson, inspirational speech 1st Sgt. Raymond Hotchkiss, a flag poem read by Allison Nadel, VP of Alpine Bank and Regional Marketing Director and patriotic songs by Mark on Guitar "Tunes." A free lunch of hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, cake and drinks was provided by Senior CommUnity Meals.

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DR. MARY VADER: "STUDY, KEEP LEARNING, TRY NOT TO TAKE YOURSELF TOO SERIOUSLY"



*Interview by
Gail Marvel*
MONTROSE-
Dr. Mary
Vader, DO has
been with the
Pediatrics As-
sociates for 25
years. Raised
in Gunnison,
she is from a
ranching fami-
ly and seventh
in a line of 11

children. She laughed and said, "We're good Catholics, what can I say ... we also had cold winters!"

Mary's dad studied veterinary medicine and she was his shadow. "Practicing medicine on humans is a lot like veterinary medicine; and working in pediatrics is a lot like working on animals — with little guys you get kicked, chewed on, spit on, peed on and they can't tell you where it hurts!"

As a child Mary was introverted and didn't have any leadership presence per se amongst her siblings. During her senior year of high school her teacher chose her to be the band section leader. "For me it was a big deal. I tried to make it my own and wanted to be extra good at it

[position]."

Mary earned her medical degree from North Texas State University and during her third year of residency she was Chief Resident of Pediatrics at St. Joseph's Hospital in Phoenix, AZ.

When she moved to Montrose, Mary was the only female doctor on staff at Montrose Memorial Hospital (MMH). Selected to serve a two-year term as Chief of Staff Mary said, "It takes a 10-year commitment to become Chief of Staff. Candidates rotate through the various offices before being elected by their peers to the position." Currently Mary serves on the MMH Board of Directors.

Gender has not been an issue for Mary, "Maybe I missed it, or it just went over my head. Having six brothers was my training for being the first gal paramedic with the Wichita Falls, TX fire department." There was one time however, when Mary along with some female nurses defuse a potential gender issue. "A male doc got on his 'women's movement' [feminist] soapbox about low-cost mammograms — so we TP-ed his sports car with printed requests. We made our point." She laughed and said, "He still likes me so I guess I didn't tick him off too bad." Mary is easy going and doesn't let things get under her skin, "But I

have my moments."

For 25 years Mary has participated in the medical mission "Rotaplast" (plastic surgery team) with Rotary. "There are several teams and the trips last at least two weeks. We take all of our own equipment and when we leave the mission field [to come home], we leave the equipment behind." The surgical teams operate mostly on children with cleft lip and cleft palate and on some trips Mary has been the lead pediatrician. "We screen a couple hundred kids and do surgery on about 100."

In the area of leadership Mary said, "I don't always see myself as a leader, more of a cheerleader, or part of a pep squad. I'm a team builder and an encourager."

Mary, along with four people, writes a weekly column for the *Daily Press's* "Community and Church" page. "We're starting out our 3rd year. Together we pick a theme and I write an article about every five weeks. Sometimes it's a lot of homework. My writing tends to be on a lighter, more fun side." She laughed and said, "I'm not smart enough to be too theological!"

Dr. Mary's leadership advice: "Change is inevitable."

"Pick something you want to work on and go for it. Study, keep learning and try not to take yourself too seriously."



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DELTA— The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests have extended the comment period for the Spruce Beetle Epidemic and Aspen Decline Management Response draft Environmental Impact Statement. Stakeholders will have the opportunity to provide formal comment on the draft until close of business on July 31.

The analysis is the product of extensive public involvement and collaboration

among scientists, environmental representatives, local governments, interested citizens, the timber industry and other stakeholders.

Based on public input, this large, landscape-scale analysis is designed to actively manage affected spruce-fir and aspen in light of rapidly changing conditions. The plan focuses on reducing health and safety risk to communities and forest infrastructure; prioritizing fuel treatments; and prioritizing salvage and long-term health of

timber stands.

The Forest will adapt areas and treatments as a result of collaboration and beetle activity within the project boundary. A total of 120,000 acres of National Forest System (NFS) lands within the GMUG could be treated over approximately 8-12 years.

The analysis and associated documents are available on the Forests' Website as well as information regarding where and how to comment.

COMMUNITY BAND PRESENTS 12TH ANNUAL PATRIOTIC CONCERT

Special to the Mirror

MONDAY-Kick start your Independence Day celebration with the Montrose Community Band's 12th annual patriotic concert June 28, 7 p.m., at the Montrose Pavilion. The band is pleased to offer this concert, packed with excellent patriotic music, marches and a special salute to our armed forces, free of charge. Directed by Toby King of Delta, the band is comprised of talented musicians from Montrose, Delta, Ouray, Olathe, Grand Junction and even Texas. You'll be glad you made the time to attend when you walk away feeling uplifted and inspired.

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GET OUTDOORS AND PLAY, COLORADO!



From wildflowers to snow-covered Engineer Pass, Colorado's diverse outdoor experiences make it the perfect place to get out and play! Courtesy photos.

Special to the Mirror

DELTA – Coloradans are excited to get outside this summer and enjoy all the outdoor activities they love. June is National Get Outdoors month (#getoutdoors) and the Forest Service is encouraging people to get outside and enjoy our public lands—whether it is paddling, biking, climbing, hiking, fishing or nature-viewing.

The Grand Mesa Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests (GMUG) are slowly thawing out from late spring snows and cold temperatures. Alpine areas are still snow-packed and many places are inaccessible, including popular mountain passes that are just now being plowed open. However, there are still plenty of lower elevation places to hike or bike, with lakes and rivers to fish or kayak and inspiring views of snowcapped peaks to take in!

Most of the campgrounds throughout the GMUG are open at this time with the exception of Lake Irwin near Crested Butte, which is snow-covered and inaccessible. Jumbo, Ward and Spruce Grove campgrounds on the Grand Mesa are now open. Island and Little Bear Campground may be open on Friday (6/19). For the most updated information on campground openings and reservations check the GMUG website: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/recreation/gmug/recreation>. Campsites at most of the GMUG campgrounds can be reserved through <http://www.recreation.gov/>. A few campgrounds operated by the Forest Service do not require reservations. Many areas of the forest are open to dispersed camping

(camping outside of developed campgrounds), while some areas of the Forest, particularly in the Gunnison National Forest, are limited to designated dispersed campsites. Campers are encouraged to use previously-disturbed campsites and camp at least 100 feet from riparian areas (creeks or rivers) and follow “Leave No Trace” practices.

“Within the last week or so most of the primary lakes along the bench of the Grand Mesa (Ward Lake, Island Lake, Cobbett, Barron, Alexander, Eggleston, Ward Creek Reservoir and all the Mesa Lakes) are now ice free!” reports Mike Wiley, Information Specialist at the Grand Mesa Visitor Center. The Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife are just now beginning to stock fish in the lower elevation lakes. Visit the Colorado Park and Wildlife’s website at: <http://cpw.state.co.us> for the latest fishing and stocking reports.

“Everything on the forest is about a week behind normal” said Jeff Field, “Wildflowers at the lower elevations are beginning to bloom right now.”

If you are looking for a great hiking spot, it’s best to select trails at lower elevations or plan to turn around when you reach the snow line. According to Jeff Field, Visitor Information Specialist on the Gunnison Ranger District, “Everything above 11,000 feet is still snow packed, but conditions change by the week.” Popular trails that are still inaccessible due to snow include the Highline Trail near Telluride, the Craig Crest Trail (spurs can be hiked) on the Grand Mesa, Blue Lake and Blaine Basin

Trails near Ridgway, Black Bear Trail and Bridge to Heaven near Ouray.

Trails below 10,000 feet or on south facing slopes are drying out, but may still be muddy. Here are a few suggested trails to enjoy on the GMUG at this time. In the Ouray area suggested trail include: Baldy Peak, Oak Creek Trail, Perimeter Trail and Silver Shield; Near Telluride suggested trails include: Bear Creek Trail, Deep Creek Trail, Wilson Mesa Trail, Galloping Goose Trail, and trails around Woods Lake. In the vicinity of Kebler Pass suggested trails are: Dark Canyon Trail, Three Lakes Trails near Lost Lake Campground. In the Stephens Gulch area suggested trails are: Terror Creek Trail, and Elk Park Trail.

In Gunnison suggested trails include: Summerville Trailhead, north end of Fossil Ridge wilderness and Mill Creek Trailhead, east side of West Elk wilderness. These as well as other trails leading to higher elevation can be hiked a few miles until about the 11,000-12,000 foot level where the snow-pack begins. Please call the Forests’ District Offices (8:00am to 4:30 pm Monday through Fridays) for the latest information on trail conditions: Norwood District Office (970) 327-4261, Ouray District Office (970) 240-5300, Grand Mesa Visitor Center (970) 856-4153, Paonia District Office (970) 527-4131 and Gunnison District office (970) 642-4400. The GMUG website: (<http://www.fs.usda.gov/activity/gmug/recreation/hiking>) has a list of trails for each area of the forest with descriptions and elevation information.

Most of the forest roads are very muddy at this time and motorized users are encouraged to use caution while travelling the forest roads and avoid secondary roads to reduce road damage.

“So many people are visiting this area enjoying music festivals, and other events and they want to hike or ride in the surrounding forests, but this year, the high country will be fairly inaccessible until sometime in July,” advised Kathy Peckham, Recreation Specialist for the Norwood Ranger District.

She added, “One bonus from the late snows is that alpine areas should be packed with an outrageous color display of wildflowers by July.”

MIRROR IMAGES...OUT AND ABOUT!



Clockwise from top left-Moto Mayhem at the Montrose Fairgrounds June 21; Sage Winds Gallery owner Judy Davies of Austin welcomes you to the newest business on Main St.; Artist Kylie Mewhinney (18) and mom Leanna at Sage Wind; Cortney Bassett shaves Margaret Lanam's head to benefit the St. Baldricks' childhood cancer research efforts. Photo Marilynn Huseby.



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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

DMEA WINS RIGHT TO BUY LOCAL RENEWABLE POWER

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-In a unanimous decision issued last week, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in Washington D.C. ruled that Delta-Montrose Election Association may negotiate to buy power from local generators who rely on renewable resources such as wind, solar, hydro, or geothermal power.

In its unanimous order, FERC ruled that federal law and federal regulations allow these purchases, and do so regardless of whether they are permitted under DMEA's power supply contract with Tri-State Generation & Transmission Association (Tri-State). "This is a victory not just for DMEA and its members, but for people

and communities throughout Delta and Montrose counties," said Jasen Bronec, CEO of DMEA. "Purchasing local renewable power will further DMEA's long-term strategic goal of diversifying our power supply, which means more stable rates to our members and lesser impacts from any future power rate increases."

Bronec noted that today's ruling "could also mean serious local economic development, as renewable facilities locate to the area to take advantage of our abundant renewable resources in Delta and Montrose counties."

DMEA had also requested that FERC clarify whether or not Tri-State is a "public utility" under the Federal Power Act,

which would have subjected Tri-State to rate review by FERC. FERC Commissioners concluded that Tri-State was not a public utility under that law, and thus not subject to federal rate regulation.

More than 70 individuals and organizations—ranging from individual members, to coal companies, to the Natural Resources Defense Council, to the Aspen Skiing Company—supported DMEA's FERC petition. "Community support for DMEA was overwhelming," said DMEA's Manager of Member Relations & Human Resources, Virginia Harman. "We are sincerely grateful to all of the members, communities, businesses, and chambers of commerce who supported our petition."

DMEA ANNOUNCES ELECTION RESULTS, INNOVATIONS, PREPAY PROGRAM AT 2015 ANNUAL MEETING

Special to the Mirror

CEDAREIDGE-DMEA's Annual Meeting of Members was held June 17, 2015. The meeting marked the conclusion of the 2015 Board of Director Elections. The results are as follows:

DMEA Attorney, Larry Beckner reported that 5,204 total valid ballots were cast. In District 1, incumbent, Bill Patterson ran unopposed and was reelected. In District 2, Kyle Martinez received 1,862 votes, Richard Harding received 718, Tammy Theis received 1,052, and Mandy Norris-Snell received 1,515. Kyle Martinez was declared the winner. In District 5, incumbent, Marshall Collins ran unopposed and was reelected.

In keeping with the theme of Empowering Innovations, the Annual Meeting included several technology-related features: Attendees got up close and personal with a DMEA bucket truck, saw high voltage safety demonstrations, played games with solar-powered toys, and met Power, the robot. They also had opportunities to learn about energy and money-saving technologies currently available to DMEA members like SmartHub, an online account management tool. The business meeting included reports from DMEA Board President, Olen Lund and DMEA Chief Executive Officer, Jasen Bronec. Topics included DMEA's current strategic efforts and the financial strength of the cooperative.

Technology played a central role in the keynote address. Peter May-Ostendorp PhD, LEED AP and founder of Xergy Consulting, LLC gave listeners a vision of the smart home of the future.

The Annual Meeting also served as a launch pad for DMEA's newest technology-enabled payment program, called My Choice. My Choice is a voluntary prepay billing program where members pay in advance for their electricity. The program allows members to make payments in any amount and at anytime. There are no payment due dates or fees associated with the program. To learn more, visit www.dmea.com or call 1-877-687-3632 (OUR-DMEA).



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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

CENTENNIAL RANCH TOUR SHOWCASES COLORADO'S RANCHING HERITAGE



Centennial Ranch will open to the public for tours June 27 and 28, in a fundraiser for Ouray County Historical Society. Courtesy

Special to the Mirror

OURAY COUNTY-Centennial Ranch, a blend of historic preservation and rustic elegance, opens its entire spread to the public the weekend of June 27-28. A fundraiser for the Ouray County Historical Society, Open Ranch Days includes self-guided tours and a cowboy-style lunch.

Located in northern Ouray County just off Highway 550, the 400-acre, working cattle ranch dates back to 1879. The current owner has meticulously restored each ranch building on the property to reflect historic details and functions. The tour takes guests through those structures as well as the rancher's timber frame home, which has been featured in *Architectural Digest*.

In September of 2011, OCHS hosted a

tour of the ranch that drew visitors from throughout the state and beyond. This year's event will feature summer blooms instead of fall foliage and will offer some new attractions.

The family-oriented event runs 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday. Admission is \$20 for adults and free for everyone 19 and under. The price includes an outdoor lunch of chili, biscuits and hot dogs. Transportation around the ranch will be provided for non-walkers. All proceeds benefit the OCHS.

Each guest will receive a detailed guide book, which describes the historic functions and construction of buildings along the tour route. Members of the Historical Society will be stationed throughout to answer questions.

Centennial Ranch meanders along a rugged half-mile stretch of the Uncompaghe River canyon. Visitors may catch a glimpse of two golden eagles that nest on the sandstone cliff above the river. The entire property is a donated conservation easement, which preserves the ranch land in perpetuity. Besides protecting wildlife habitats, the easement ensures that Centennial Ranch will never be developed and will always remain a working cattle ranch.

The tour begins at the rancher's residence, the Dashwood House, where guests can relax on benches near the riverbank or wander among early summer perennials. Most of the Dashwood's spacious rooms are included in the tour. Constructed of salvaged timbers and cedar board-and-batten siding, the house is detailed with medieval-style, hand-forged iron

work. Sturdy English and Welsh furnishings share the post-and-beam interior with western implements.

Guests will proceed to the line cabin, the traditional shelter for cowboys working fence lines along the far reaches of large ranches. Thick walls, made from standing dead spruce, a stone fireplace and antique stove create a cozy, year-round refuge from the elements.

From there, it's a short walk to the calving shed, the original cabin that housed the first homesteaders and their nine children. An experienced rancher will be on site to describe the calving process and the equipment used for complicated deliveries.

The tour ends at the massive barn, also a timber frame structure made from recycled wood and intricate yet functional iron work. Besides draft horse stalls, the barn features a tack room, grain room, and displays of ranching memorabilia. Just outside the wagon bay, the cook crew will prepare chili and biscuits in Dutch ovens and roast hot dogs over fire pits.

This scenic expanse of rocky bluffs, pastures and cottonwood trees may look vaguely familiar even to first-time visitors. The ranch has been the backdrop for many major companies' advertisements. Cabela's, Marlboro, Urban Outfitters and Abercrombie and Fitch are among the companies that have shot ads at Centennial.

The entrance to Centennial Ranch is on the east side of Highway 550, 14.5 miles south of Montrose and about 12 miles north of Ridgway. For more information, call the Ouray County Historical Society at (970) 325-4576.

HIGH TEA PARTY TO SUPPORT ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL OF MONTROSE

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE – Come celebrate summer and support Altrusa International of Montrose at the same time. Join us for a High Tea at Montrose Manor Bed and Breakfast on Sunday, July 12 from 1pm to 5pm. Enjoy refreshing coffee ice cream punch, savory tea sandwiches, blueberry scones with lemon curd, cool fruit and veggie salads, deviled eggs and other surprise treats. Nina Suzanne's, Fabula and SheShe Boutique & Galley will be featured in a fashion show. You can also try Jam-

berry Nail Products, get a group photo by Peak Photography, experience a sample hand massage from Wynema Chilianis Massage Therapy and enjoy a wine tasting and floral arranging demonstration by Alpine Floral. Make your day special by reserving today! Space is limited. Call Montrose Manor Bed and Breakfast at 970-240-6960 now so you don't miss out on this Summer High Tea. Ticket price is \$50, with 50% of the ticket sales goes to support Altrusa Service projects like scholarship, literacy and ASTRA. Credit Card is

required for a reservation. About Altrusa International of Montrose

Provides community service, enhances leadership and personal development and encourages fellowship. Our vision is giving gifts of leadership and services to communities worldwide. Altrusa is an international non-profit organization, making our local communities better through leadership, partnership and service. Altrusa International of Montrose meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday each month at noon at the Hampton Inn (1980 N Townsend Avenue).

MIRROR IMAGES...HANGING WITH DAD FOR A DAY!



"Celebrating 105 Years of Father's Day," was the theme at the annual Hang with Dad for a Day June 20 at the Montrose County Fairgrounds. Happy smiles, laughter and shouts of "Daddy! Look!" set the mood for this enjoyable, family friendly event.

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1. Preregister by calling 252-5043 or 252-5067.
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Class Location and Time

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2:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.

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



REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE: LET SLEEPING FAWNS LIE!



If you see a young animal, admire its beauty from a distance, and then move on quietly. Photo courtesy Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

Special to the Mirror

COLORADO SPRINGS - Colorado Parks and Wildlife would like to remind residents that the coming of summer means newborn fawns and other little critters are showing up all over the state.

During spring and early summer, people often see young animals that appear to be alone in the forest, in backyards, on or near trails or along the sides of roads.

CPW has recently received several reports of "abandoned" fawns that were then moved by humans. CPW asks that you not approach, touch or handle young animals.

Seeing a fawn alone does not mean that it has been abandoned, said Frank McGee, area wildlife manager. Fawns are often left alone by their mother while they go to feed and it's not unusual for them to be left for several hours at a time.

Young fawns have no scent and are born with speckled coats that provide a natural camouflage. These two factors help them avoid being found by predators. When the mother senses a predator might be close by it moves away. Many other animals use similar survival techniques.

If you see a fawn, move away quickly. Do not move closer or attempt to get the animal to move. Fawns that are truly abandoned will show signs of distress such as crying. Call your local CPW office if the fawn has been left overnight or shows signs of injury.

"People also need to remember that not every fawn will survive," said McGee. "It's sad, but it's part of the natural process."

Food should never be given to wildlife. There is plenty of natural food available

for wild animals.

Providing food causes animals to bunch up in small areas, said McGee. That makes them vulnerable to diseases and predators.

If animals are provided food they also become habituated to humans and will stay in residential areas instead of natural lands. Residents also need to keep their pets under control. Dogs acting on their natural instincts can find wildlife and attack them. The stress of being attacked often is fatal for young animals.

If you see a young animal, admire its beauty from a distance, and then move on quietly. CPW encourages parents to explain to their children not to disturb wildlife.

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ARTS AND CULTURE

RIDGWAY'S TOWNIE TUESDAY PICTURE SHOW KICKS OFF JUNE 30

Special to the Mirror

RIDGWAY-The Town of Ridgway, The Sherbino Theater, and this month's film sponsor- Eatery 66- are excited to announce the kick off of the Townie Tuesday Picture Show with the FREE showing of *The Big Lebowski!* On Tuesday, June 30th, come to Ridgway's Town Park with chairs, blankets, and the best film inspired costume, for the first ever outdoor showing of *The Big Lebowski* in Ridgway. The movie starts at dusk, with the sunset being

predicted for 8:36 pm on the 30th. Again, film inspired costumes are highly encouraged! White Russians are on special in honor of, The Dude, along with a regular cash bar and movie concessions. Please, no outside alcohol. ***Important to note: this movie is rated R and not recommended for children.

About this month's film sponsor, Eatery 66: Eatery 66 is an outdoor eatery venue creating home-spun, local meals made with heart by Chef Spencer Graves. For

more information please visit: <http://www.eatery66.com/>

More about Townie Tuesday Picture Show: Townie Tuesday Picture Show is a **FREE** outdoor film series presented by The Town of Ridgway in partnership with the Sherbino Theater.

The schedule for the film series is listed below, and films will be announced on the Townie Tuesday Picture Show Facebook Page. June 30; July 14; July 28; Aug. 11; Aug. 25; Sept. 8; Sept. 22.

LUPITA'S BIZARRE BAZAAR CELEBRATES 25 YEARS!

By Deb Barr

Special to the Mirror

RIDGWAY-Susan Baker, aka —Lupita,” opened the Bizarre Bazaar across from Hartwell Park in Ridgway in 1990. Twenty-five years later, both she and the business are going strong. Behind the rough wooden façade and old-fashioned front door is a wealth of treasures of all kinds, personally chosen and curated by Baker. One could spend hours browsing the eclectic array of housewares, furniture, rugs, jewelry and art, representing over 100 artists and traders, and she's got a great selection of toys, cards and candles. There isn't a better place to find a perfect not-to-be-found-just-anywhere gift or to take a break from the whirlwind of summer. Lupita's Bizarre Bazaar is located at 380 Sherman (State Highway 62) in Ridgway. Open daily from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. For more information, visit www.lupitasbazaar.com, or call (970) 626-5050.



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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

DMEA ANNOUNCES NEW NO-FEE PREPAY PROGRAM

Special to the Mirror

REGIONAL-Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) has launched a prepay program called My Choice. My Choice is a voluntary pay-as-you-go program where members pay in advance for their electricity. The program allows members to make payments in any amount and at anytime. There are no payment due dates or fees associated with the program.

“In the past DMEA made payment arrangements with members struggling to pay their bills. Unfortunately, those arrangements ended up costing members more because of late fees or additional fees due to disconnection. With My Choice those fees go away,” said Virginia Harman, DMEA Manager of Member Relations and Energy Services.

How it works:

When making a payment, members put a positive balance on their account. Each day, as they use electricity, their balance goes down by the amount of electricity they use. The program notifies members when they have less than 5 days worth of electricity remaining. Members can choose to add money to their prepay balance at anytime.

If the balance goes below zero, power is automatically disconnected. However, a member can have their power turned back

on in minutes by making a payment at anytime of the day. Payments can be made 24/7 online, via a computer or smart device, at a DMEA self-serve kiosk, or by phone. Members can also pay in person during business hours. There are no disconnect or reconnect fees. Members on My Choice will also not be subject to late fees or collection fees.

Transitioning from a traditional account to My Choice can seem difficult at first. A member must not only purchase their new energy up front, they must also bring their balance to zero by paying for their previous bill and any past due balances.

Fortunately, Energy Outreach Colorado is providing funding to members who are switching to My Choice and need help paying their past due balances. Members in need can apply for assistance in order to bring their account current, so that all new payments can be applied to the prepay balance. Members are encouraged to apply for My Choice in person at either DMEA office in order to receive a detailed account balance and apply for Energy Outreach Colorado funding.

“We’ve partnered with Delta-Montrose Electric Association for many years to help limited-income Coloradans remain warm and safe in their homes,” said Jennifer Gremmert, deputy director at Energy Out-

reach Colorado. “We are excited to work with them on this new partnership to help families take more control of their energy use and, ideally, reduce their energy bills.”

Members who have switched to the program have positive things to say. “I

chose the text notifications because I’m busy. They send me a text when I’m getting close to the end of my power. Then I can make a payment, and I’m good,” said long time member, Tasha Todak.

While the flexibility and lack of fees are the main advantages mentioned by most participants, others note a less obvious benefit. “I love being able to track my home’s energy use,” said member, Crystal Plumb. “It’s actually made us more conscious of wasted energy; we’re much better at switching off lights, gadgets and the heat when no one is using them.”

With no more due dates or late fees, My Choice is putting members in control of their power. For more information about My Choice please contact DMEA at 1-877-687-3632.



LIBRARY TO HOST ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMS FOR KIDS, TEENS ON JUNE 24

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE—“Mr. Kneel,” hip-hop emcee, beatboxer, and professional goofball, will be entertaining children and teens in two performances on Wednesday, June 24, on the CMU quad outside the Montrose Regional Library at 320 S. 2nd Street. The program for elementary ages starts at 11 AM, and the program for teens is at 1 PM. “Mr. Kneel” is Neil McIntyre from Westminster, CO, whose stated mission is to create positive, informative, and self-esteem building music for children. For more information about the artist, visit www.mrkneel.com. This free program was funded by the Montrose Friends of the Library.

CITY OF MONTROSE JOINS CALL FOR UNIFORM, ACCESSIBLE BROADBAND REPORTING

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE – Mayor David Romero has joined mayors and elected officials from 34 communities in calling for uniform and accessible reporting on broadband network performance. The letter, coordinated by Next Century Cities, was prompted by the findings of a recent Government Accountability Office (GAO) report,

“BROADBAND PERFORMANCE: Additional Actions Could Help FCC Evaluate its Efforts to Inform Consumers.”

“The recent Government Accountability Office report highlights the importance of standardized measurement for broadband network performance,” said David Romero, Mayor of the City of Montrose. “If our community is to realize its vision of

fast, affordable, and reliable Internet access, we need to be able to effectively measure our progress.”

The City of Montrose is a member of Next Century Cities, a city-to-city initiative founded to support communities and their elected leaders as they seek to ensure that all have access to fast, affordable, and reliable Internet.

ARTS AND CULTURE

ROSE'S PAWN SHOP TO PLAY RIDGWAY'S SHERBINO JUNE 28



Special to the Mirror

RIDGWAY-[Rose's Pawn Shop](#) is coming to Ridgway and will be playing at the historic Sherbino Theatre at 8 p.m. on June 28. With an arsenal of guitars, banjo, thumping upright bass, fiddle and rums, delivering neo-classic-sounding melodies and lyrics, Rose's Pawn Shop's sound is a wholesome mishmash of creek mud, rusty nails and your mom's cookin'! *Rose's Pawn Shop* has opened for names like Jack White and the Raconteurs, and is currently promoting their newest album, *Gravity Well*. [Click here for tickets and info.](#)



CATCH GRATEFUL DEAD FAREWELL CONCERT AT SHERBINO!

Special to the Mirror

RIDGWAY-Those unlucky and unfortunate Grateful Dead fans who couldn't score tickets to the farewell Dead show at Soldier Field have been given a second chance! On Saturday, June 27th join The Sherbino Theater and fellow Dead fans, to come and watch the farewell show on the big screen at the Sherbino Theater. Before the live stream, there will be a drum circle in Ridgway Town Park at 7 pm. The doors and cash bar for the show at The Sherbino open at 7:30 p.m., with the live feed of the concert starting at 8:00pm. Admission is by donation only.



MONTROSE BOTANIC GARDEN-On July 1 -"Sun and Plants in the Garden"--3:30 PM— Bryan Cashion, President of the Black Canyon Astronomical Society, will present information relative to the sun and its impact on gardening, including a safe sun telescope at the Montrose Botanic Gardens. Gardens are located at 1800 Pavilion Dr., Montrose, south of the Pavilion Event Center. Open free to the public, Donations welcome to support the Botanic Gardens. www.montrosegardens.org or 249-1115. "See you in the Gardens."

CANINE SUPERHEROES AT THE MONTROSE LIBRARY!

Join local author Audrey Serazio and Morningstar Therapy Dogs on June 25 at 2:00 pm in the Montrose Library meeting room for a special kids' program, "Our Canine Superheroes." Ms. Serazio will read from her new children's book, *Cocker Tales*, and will be available afterwards for book signing. Handlers will also be present with their special dogs to talk about the important role of therapy dogs. Seating is limited, so come early! This program is sponsored by the Marguerite H. Gill Children's Room as part of its superhero summer reading program, "Every Hero Has a Story." www.montroselibrary.org/srp; 249-9656, Option 2.



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PATTY BENNETT, UVLA RECOGNIZED FOR GOING 'ABOVE AND BEYOND'



Special to the Mirror

REGIONAL-Patty Bennett has dedicated her professional career to improving access to legal services for those in need. On June 10th, Bennett, Program Coordinator with

Uncompahgre Volunteer Legal Aid (UVLA), received the "Above and Beyond" award during a ceremony at Region 10's office in Montrose. Inscribed with the phrase "Legal with love", this award was given by Region 10 in recognition for Bennett's dedication to the legal services for 28 years.

"Legal with love" is an accurate description of the way Patty has always done this important work for our region," states Eva Veitch, Region 10's Community Living Services Director.

UVLA currently provides legal support to over 300 older adults each year through the Older Americans Act program.

The mission of UVLA is to supply low-income, older adults with meaningful access to high quality legal advice, mediation, negotiation, and representation. In addition to legal services, UVLA offers free monthly legal seminars.

"Patty has been instrumental in recruiting dozens of area attorneys to provide pro bono services to older adults throughout Region 10," Veitch continues. "Region 10 Community Living Services is proud to give this well-deserved special recognition to Patty and UVLA." Bennett and her many legal partners provide a wide range of legal services in the areas of family law, housing rights, public benefits, consumer issues, elder law and health insurance. "I am honored to receive the 'Above and Beyond' award," Bennett comments. "The support of Region 10, our legal partners, and the wonderful people we serve is thanks enough, but being recognized for these efforts is a wonderful thing." On July 1st, Bennett will step down from her position at UVLA; Valarie Dickson will take over Bennett's role. For more information about UVLA, please contact Dickson at (970) 249-7202.



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Clockwise from top left, fun in the streets; Jim Beard and a friend enjoy time in the new parklet at the Masonic Building Downtown; Montrose County Health & Human Services outreach; Valley Vixens skate on Main; a young guitar player works the crowd; Mary Dikeman welcomes guests to Lark & Sparrow Nightclub.



ARTS AND CULTURE

KAFM LIFELONG LEARNING PRESENTS SARAHNDIPTY JOHNSEN: EMPOWERING THE DIVINE FEMININE



Special the Mirror

GRAND JUNCTION-The KAFM Lifelong Learning Proudly presents... Empowering the Divine Feminine With Sarahndipty Johnsen Wednesday June 24, 2015 at 7PM; —A dance into the center of the true nature of yourself.” Sarahndipty Johnsen offers her heart as an award-winning entertainer, teacher, and bliss coach. She has empowered people through hosting Wild Dance Classes, Red Tents, Sacred Fire Ceremonies, and workshops on Empowering the Divine Feminine. She continues to inspire people through her weekly podcast, Serendipitous Sessions: A Synchronistic Guide to Joy-Filled Living featured on KAFM 88.1.

Join Sarahndipty for a special Lifelong Learning event of movement, positive affirmations, and humorous stories to remind you of your amazing capabilities.

This event is open to men and women of all ages who want to play with and honor the nature of the sacred feminine. This event is sure to entertain and leave you feeling empowered and grateful to be you. This Lifelong Learning event is presented in the KAFM Radio Room at 1310 Ute Avenue, Grand Junction at 7 PM on June 24th, 2015. Lifelong Learning events are FREE with a suggested donation of \$5. Reservations are suggested. For information or to make a reservation, go to kafmradio.org or call 970-241-8801 extension 0.

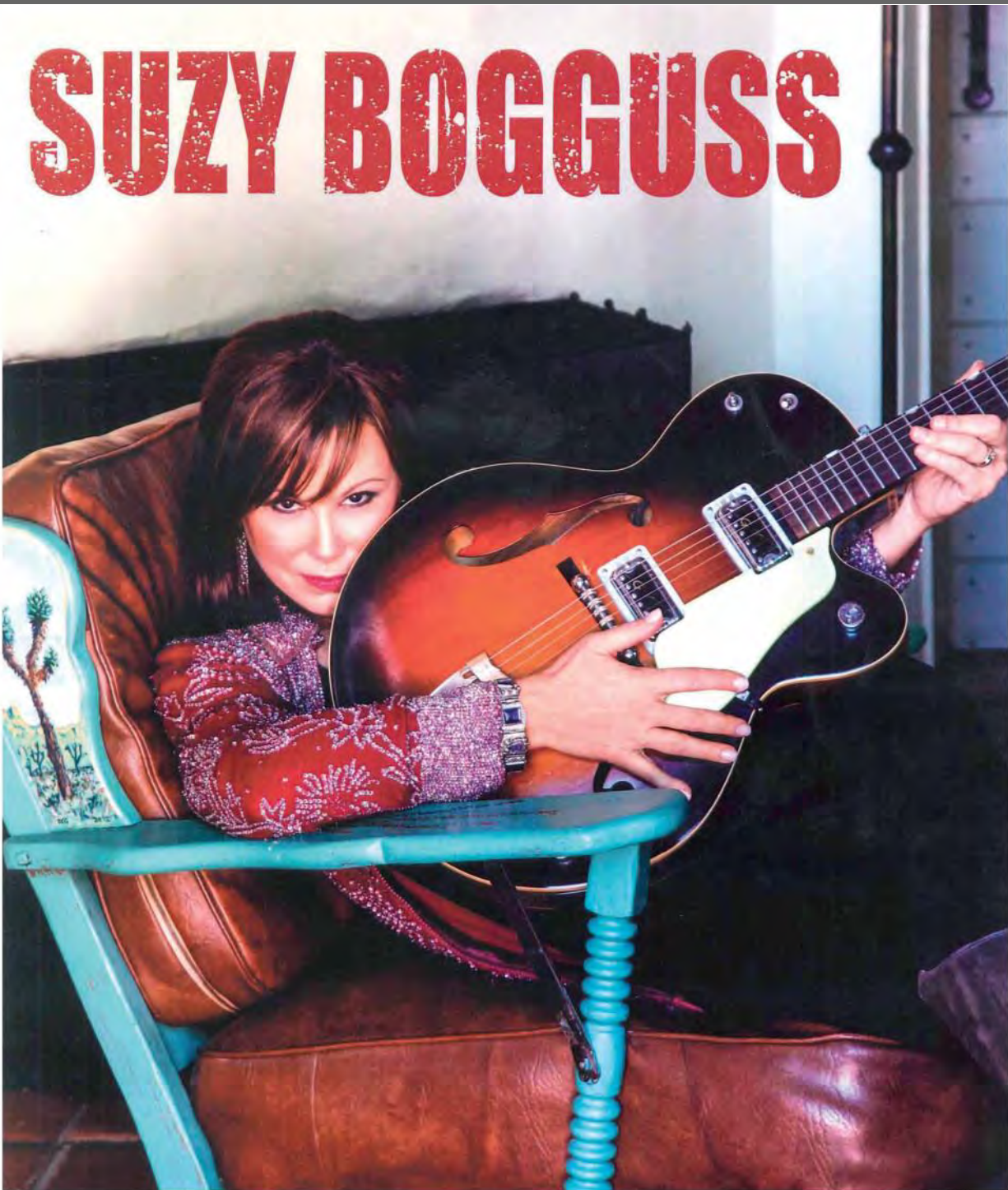
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WRITER GAIL MARVEL VISITS MONTROSE FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE



By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE—My visit to Montrose First Church of the Nazarene took place on Sept. 21, 2014. The greeters, who were substituting for the regular greeters, engaged me in conversation and then scrambled to find one of the coffee mugs they give out as visitor gifts. I had to laugh when they couldn't find a mug, but they did come up with a welcome packet.

The church bulletin does not contain an order of service per se, but contains names and contact information for pastoral staff, upcoming events and missions.

The four-member worship team was accompanied by an electric guitar and drums. The worship leader began by apologizing for some of the songs being played in different keys — some higher or lower notes than what the audience was accustomed to. The unfamiliar praise songs had a ballad type feel and I wondered if they might be original songs written by the barefooted worship leader. The traditional hymns we sang, one of which was "How Great Thou Art," were also presented in varied tempos.

Pastor Buddy Cook opened the service by first recognizing Emily, a young girl who was sitting proudly in the front of the auditorium, wearing a silver tiara and celebrat-

ing her birthday. The pastor then gave announcements for upcoming youth activities, fellowship events and evangelistic training to an audience of 50 people.

This particular Sunday was deemed "Faith Promise Weekend." In essence, faith promise is a financial pledge (a promise) to give to the Lord's work, but the pledge is based on faith that the Lord will increase your finances to allow you to honor the pledge that you made. Faith Promise is spiritually rewarding as the one making the pledge sees their faith in action, as well as the Lord's provision.

The missions' message was presented by guest speakers Jeremy and Reetu Height. Reetu, a Sikh from India, gave an informative and moving testimony about her conversion to Christianity. Her religious heritage is a blend of Hindu and Islam, and those of Sikh faith would not ask, "Why would you become a Christian?" but rather "How could you abandon the Sikh faith?"

Reetu added further insult to the family when she, the first in generations, refused an arranged marriage and chose to marry a redheaded American man. Speaking around the lump in her throat she said, "No one in my family attended my wedding ... my father has never met my husband."

Some of the consequences for rejecting her ancestral faith included being twice disowned (she has not spoken to her father in two years); the family's neighbors in India will no longer associate with her family; and her brothers are no longer considered eligible for an arranged marriage.

Jeremy Height then spoke about his position as Engagement Coordinator at Olivet Nazarene University and the couple's involvement at the Shepherd Community Center. A mission minded congregation, the Church of the Nazarene emphasizes both local and world missions. Active supporters of Haven House, Pastor Cook said, "People need a home on earth, as well as in heaven."

Recently an opportunity to minister hit even closer to home when the church noticed an ambulance parked across the street in front of their neighbor's house. The congregation quickly put their love in action and rallied to the needs of their neighbor by supplying baskets of food and gift cards.

Contact information:
Montrose First Church of the Nazarene
705 South 12th Street
Montrose, CO 81401
970-249-9213

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.

OPINION/EDITORIAL-LETTERS

YOUTH COUNCIL REFLECTS ON 2015 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Dear Editor,

In early February 2015, the City of Montrose Youth Council was awarded a \$14,310.90 grant from the Center for Mental Health for the purpose of youth drug prevention and intervention. The grant was one of several awarded by the Center for Mental Health as a part of Colorado's statewide efforts to educate youth about the dangers of marijuana. The Youth Council used this grant in three main ways: outreach, education, and promotion of youth programs.

Through these efforts, the Youth Council has been able to expand our impact in the community and deepen our focus on major issues facing Montrose youth. While the Youth Council decided early in our term to focus on drug and alcohol abuse, the generous support of the Center for Mental Health, the Montrose City Council, City Manager Bill Bell, and the city staff helped us to get our projects off the ground.

One such project was a partnership with

Neural Activity, a youth-based drug and alcohol prevention group based out of Mesa County. As a council, we acknowledged that youth are more receptive to information about dangerous activities when it is presented by their peers. Because of this, we were very excited to work with Neural Activity. Together, we presented to students at both Columbine and Olathe Middle School.

Beyond outreach, the grant allowed us to purchase educational materials which the Youth Council can use at a variety of events around the community. One example of this is the Teen Opportunity Expo. At our annual event, the Youth Council set up a booth with various drug and alcohol exhibits to increase awareness about these substances' dangerous effects.

Perhaps the most apparent influence of our efforts was the installation of a new scoreboard at the Montrose Youth baseball fields. The Youth Council believes that one of the best ways to combat drug abuse

is to promote healthy living through athletics. The Montrose Youth Baseball program shares our belief and teaches young athletes the importance of maintaining a strong body and mind. We appreciate the program's commitment to all youth and its ability to offer a safe environment and promote such values.

To support the program, the Youth Council decided to purchase a scoreboard for the Nine-Ten Field, the only field without a scoreboard.

While we acknowledge there is still much work to be done, as the Youth Council reflects on its term, we are incredibly grateful to the Center for Mental Health, the City of Montrose, and the members of the Montrose community for helping us to achieve our goals. Your support has allowed us to strengthen our service in the community and to truly make a difference for area youth.

Sincerely,

The City of Montrose Youth Council



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ARTS AND CULTURE

JUSTIN THOMPSON IN CONCERT AT BLUE SAGE CENTER FOR THE ARTS



The Blue Sage Center for the Arts in Paonia, presents Justin Thompson's and band in concert July 3. Courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The Blue Sage Center for the Arts in Paonia, presents Justin Thompson's and band in concert. Doors are open at 7 p.m. and the concert will run roughly until 9 p.m. Admission is by a \$10 charge at the door, so come right on time to get a good seat.

Justin Thompson is a songwriter and performer from Albuquerque, New Mexico with an affinity for traditional folk music and the acoustic guitar. His persona and lyrics are as poetic as they are rough around the edges, and both lend themselves to honest and energetic performances. With an instinctive knack for melody and prose, Justin's songs are as singable as they are poignant.

Rich in content and poetry, his songs

have drawn comparisons to John Prine and Leonard Cohen.

Justin will be performing material from his upcoming debut solo record, *Hymns for a Manchild*, which has been carefully crafted over the last year at Empty House Studios in Albuquerque, NM and will be released soon, thanks to the generosity of his Kickstarter donors, many of whom supported him generously at his last appearance at the Blue Sage in Paonia.

For this special concert, Justin will be accompanied by a trio backing band including Gregg Daigle on mandolin, banjo and guitar, who will also open up the show with his original songs.

For more information on Justin Thompson, please visit his website (www.justinthompsonmusic.com).

MIRROR IMAGES...OUT AND ABOUT!



Top left, Blue Mesa Reservoir as seen from the Middle Bridge...at right, "Waterfall" by Sarah Berndt.



Left, Marilyn Huseby shared this photo of Eugene Douglas, 84, whose all original, 1948 Chevy Fleetline Aero sedan took First Place in Best of 1940 at the 20th annual Black Canyon Classic car show.

FIFTH ANNUAL LAVENDER FEST: THE FRESH SMELL OF SUCCESS!



Vendors at a previous Lavender Festival. Courtesy image by Sunny Howland.



This year's festival poster, The Lavender Sentinel, by Artist Gary Hauschulz.

By Liesl Greathouse

PALISADE-As lavender has grown in popularity for recipes, essential oils, home décor and gardening, a local festival centered around it provides a great deal of information and fun in learning about the many uses for this interesting plant.

The Fifth Annual Lavender Festival, hosted by the Lavender Association of Western Colorado (LAWC), provides information about growing lavender, using lavender and everything in between. The Festival will be July 10-12, with Friday being Bus Tours to various local farms that will teach people about lavender, Saturday will be the actual Festival at Palisade Memorial Park, and then Sunday will be free, self-guided tours of the same farms for people who are interested.

Diana Wegh, a 'happy little worker bee' on the festival committee, said, "We're a small organization, not professional festival planners. Our festival is a collaborative effort with SO many worker bees coming together, tending to tasks we've never done before, all of us pulling together and working hard to promote a love of lavender and put on a spectacular event that all of Colorado can be proud of."

On Saturday, July 11, the festival itself will run from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Palisade Memorial Park and is free to the public. There will be demonstrations, seminars, and workshops all about the various aspects of lavender growing and uses. David and Tamara will entertain attendees with their lively music back under the shade

trees in the park. Cooking demonstrations during the middle of day will highlight some of the many uses of lavender in the culinary world.

More than 40 vendors will be offering a variety of products based around lavender, including bath & body products, jewelry, and artisans. Food vendors will be on hand to provide tasty meals and, being in wine country, wine will also be available. "Having been a vendor myself for 16+ years my favorite part is working with the vendors," added Diana.

"Some festivals fail to recognize the importance of their vendors and those vendors aren't treated as well as they should be. Happy vendors add an important element to the success of an event and we work very hard to select quality vendors and keep them happy."

Saturday will also feature seminars on producing lavender by local presenters Matthew Breman, Matt Janson and Bob Korver from Grand Junction, Dr. Cindy Jones from Longmont, and Heide Ellsworth from Colorado Springs. There will be three sessions in the morning and two in the afternoon. For a full description of the seminars and the speakers visit the Saturday Festival Seminar page on the Festival's website.

The Festival's Bus Tours on Friday, July 10 will bring people into the heart of lavender farming and craftsmanship. Discover how lavender is distilled into oil. Each stop will feature a different style of still. Lunch will be served at Z's Orchard in

Palisade, where people will experience local fresh fruit and vegetables on the menu. A full day of fun and learning will end with a reception at Grande River Winery where attendees will taste lavender-inspired appetizers and lavender wine. Tickets for the Tours are available online.

Sunday, July 12, will feature a free lavender farms tour of the same farms seen on Friday. There are 10 lovely Lavender themed places to visit for free including lavender farms, wineries, and retail establishments.

Self-guided tour information and printable lists are available at their website. Come see lavender fields, pick lavender, purchase lavender products, eat and drink lavender inspired creations, and lots more.

Diana's main goal for the Festival is to continue putting on a great event. "My hope is the Colorado Lavender Festival will continue to grow, enabling the Lavender Association of Western Colorado to share the wonders of lavender with people from all across the country and beyond," she said.

"Lavender is a joyful plant and to see everyone coming together to participate in the joy and celebration of this delightful herb really makes me smile. We have so much to share!"

For more information, locations and to get tickets for the Bus Tours, visit coloradolavender.org.

MIRROR IMAGES...COMMUNITY HEROES!



MONTROSE-Tri-County Health Network Certified Enrollment Navigator Carol Schutter (left) and Bilingual Community Health Worker Darlene Mora (right) came to the Annual Hang with Dad for a Day event at Montrose Fairgrounds June 20. Mora shared information in both English and Spanish, to reach all members of the community with information about free health screenings for the uninsured or underinsured. To learn more, reach Mora at 970-708-4719.



"Flower," by Sarah Berndt.

HONORABLE MENTION

To Bilingual Community Health Worker Darlene Mora, for speaking two languages, like the community she serves...

To Montrose County Treasurer and Public Trustee Rosemary Murphy, for welcoming the State Conference of the Colorado Treasurer's and Public Trustees Associations to Montrose for the first time ever...

To Margaret Lanam of the Montrose Pavilion Senior Center, for shaving her head for St. Baldrick's Cancer Research, and to Marilynn Huseby for capturing the event...

To Alice Billings of Ridgway, for a speedy recovery...

To Bridges of Montrose, for bringing Sawyer Brown to Montrose July 24...see you on the lawn...

To the riders in the June 20 Moto Mayhem event at the Montrose County Fairgrounds...

To Kali Dietrich, the youngest musician in a musical family...for greatness in hula hooping at the Hang with Dad for a Day event June 20...

And to my sister Cara Neth, Happy Birthday!!!

GOVERNMENT BEAT-CITY COUNCIL JUNE 15

OBT TO COUNCIL: 2015 IS A 'DRESS REHEARSAL'



Council issued a proclamation in favor of Bike to Work Day June 24.

Mirror Staff Report

MONTROSE-After noting that local railroad crossings have become quite dangerous with bare rebar exposed where the rail crosses Northwest Fourth Street, City resident Chris Trujillo, addressing Council during public comment time June 15, said that he was mainly there to ask about the naming of a proposed park at Ninth and Grand, adjacent to the round-a-bout (see today's lead story).

City Public Works Director John Harris

stated that the problems at railroad crossings have been noted, but are not under City control. Harris, who has vented in past meetings about his frustrations in working with Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), noted that the Railroads are also difficult for him to work with. —Anything that makes dealing with the railroad easier would be helpful," Harris said.

In other business, Council approved a Proclamation in support of Bike to Work Day, approved purchase of replacement CCTV Inspection Equipment with Neverest Equipment Company in the amount of \$74,138.38 (the City's old camera unit was acquired by Olathe); approved Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License Transfers for both Drive In Liquors (from Trieu LLC d.b.a. Drive In Liquors to KHP LLC d.b.a. Drive In Liquors) for consumption off premises and from LaJoy Enterprises (d.b.a. Jetway Café to Horsefly Brewing Company d.b.a. Airfly) for consumption on premises; and approved A new Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License at 2100 Airport Road for Horsefly Brewing Company (d.b.a. Airfly) for consumption on premises. Council approved Sunrise Creek No. 4 Filing Final Plat, an application to final plat 20 lots and dedicate a portion of

Market Street to the City as well as an open space tract to connect to the Parking area at the Montrose Pavilion, conditional upon City staff ensuring that all conditions have been satisfied.

Following a City Sales, Use and Excise Tax Report by Shani Wittenberg, Councilor Kathy Ellis observed that no taxes had been raised, and Councilor Rex Swanson thanked the *Montrose Daily Press* for their coverage. City Manager Bill Bell, back from a two week Vacation, spoke briefly. OBT Director Rob Joseph discussed the City's tourism efforts, and reminded Council that the First Annual —Fun on the Unc: Montrose Water Sports Park FUNC Festival" is Aug. 1.

—This year is a trial," he said. —(OBT events staffer) Stacey Ryan calls it a dress rehearsal; we will see the effects next year. We are working the state and with the National Park Service, especially Black Canyon National Park. We are very, very excited to launch some great events next year." Mayor David Romero commented on economic changes brought about by the Montrose Water Sports Park. —Instead of trucks hauling cattle or loads of wood, we now see vans full of kayakers," he said. —Good job." The meeting was then adjourned.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL

WHY NOT CONSIDER KIRK HENWOOD AS RE-1J SUPERINTENDENT?

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—On June 26, Montrose residents will have the chance to meet and greet the candidates for Re-1J School Superintendent, from 4 – 5:30 pm in the MCSD Boardroom. The three named finalists are Brent Curtice, Superintendent, Mofatt County School District RE-1, CO; Todd Markley, Assistant Superintendent, Delta County School District, CO; and Stephen Schiell, Superintendent, School District of Amery, WI.

Of those three, one appears to be an obvious favorite—Todd Markley, who currently serves as Assistant Superintendent for Delta County School District 50. As a journalist, I met Markley just once—in the year 2000, when he stepped in to replace Susan Cony as Principal of Cedaredge Middle School after leaving Centennial Junior High School here in Montrose. All other qualifications aside, Markley is local and has shown leadership in his role in a neighboring school district, which should make him a top runner for the job. Hiring locally should be a priority here; why would you bring in someone new when the talent is already in the area and already settled? A fresh perspective can be helpful, but so can knowledge of the community and practical experience.

Surprisingly, however, what has been absent from the 2015 public search and discussion process is the name of the person currently serving as Interim Superintendent here in Montrose—Assistant Superintendent Kirk Henwood.

Like Markley, Henwood is a former Principal at Centennial (now a Middle School), where he helped to lay the foundation for the powerhouse school Centennial is today under current Principal Joe Simo—an officially recognized school of innovation that reaches kids from diverse backgrounds with opportunities to empower their learning with access to technology. Though Henwood also moved on from Centennial, it was to another position within the Montrose and Olathe schools—the same position Markley has held in Delta County in recent years.

Montrose County School District Re-1J has struggled with issues of bullying over recent years, but anyone who follows the news knows that Delta County School District 50 has struggled with issues of bullying as well, and that there are positive things happening in both districts too.

All three of the candidates for the top job are obviously well-qualified. However, it is human nature to believe that the grass is greener on the other side of the fence. Please consider hiring someone local. And why not at least consider Re-1J Interim Superintendent Kirk Henwood for the top job at Re-1J?

MOUNTAIN VILLAGE INSTALLS A SECOND WATERLINE; TRAIL CLOSURES IMMINENT

Special to the Mirror

MOUNTAIN VILLAGE—It has always been part of the Mountain Village blueprint: a second waterline that would help serve the entire town and neighboring communities, and increase water flow capabilities in the case of a fire.

Construction of this waterline began last week near the Wapiti tanks, located between the top of Lifts 5 and 7, and the San Joaquin tank, located just below the top of Lift 10 on the Double Cabin ski run. The town anticipates construction will last through the end of October. Due to this project, over the next month several popular hiking and biking trails in and surrounding Mountain Village will be partial-

ly closed, and on a few occasions completely closed, for safety reasons. These trails include the Basin Trail, Sheridan Trail, Prospect Trail and Village Trail; trail signage will denote any closures.

Once this project is complete, water will travel through three pipes which in turn will provide better water flow for the town's water customers who live in the lower areas of Mountain Village, Ski Ranches and West Meadows. According to the Mountain Village Water Department, water rates will not change once this project is complete though a number of water customers will be affected short-term.

—Approximately 50 homes will experience reduced water pressure and 10 homes

will not have access to water for approximately 10 hours when the crew ties in the waterline with the San Joaquin tank," explained Marketing and Business Development Director Nichole Zangara Riley.

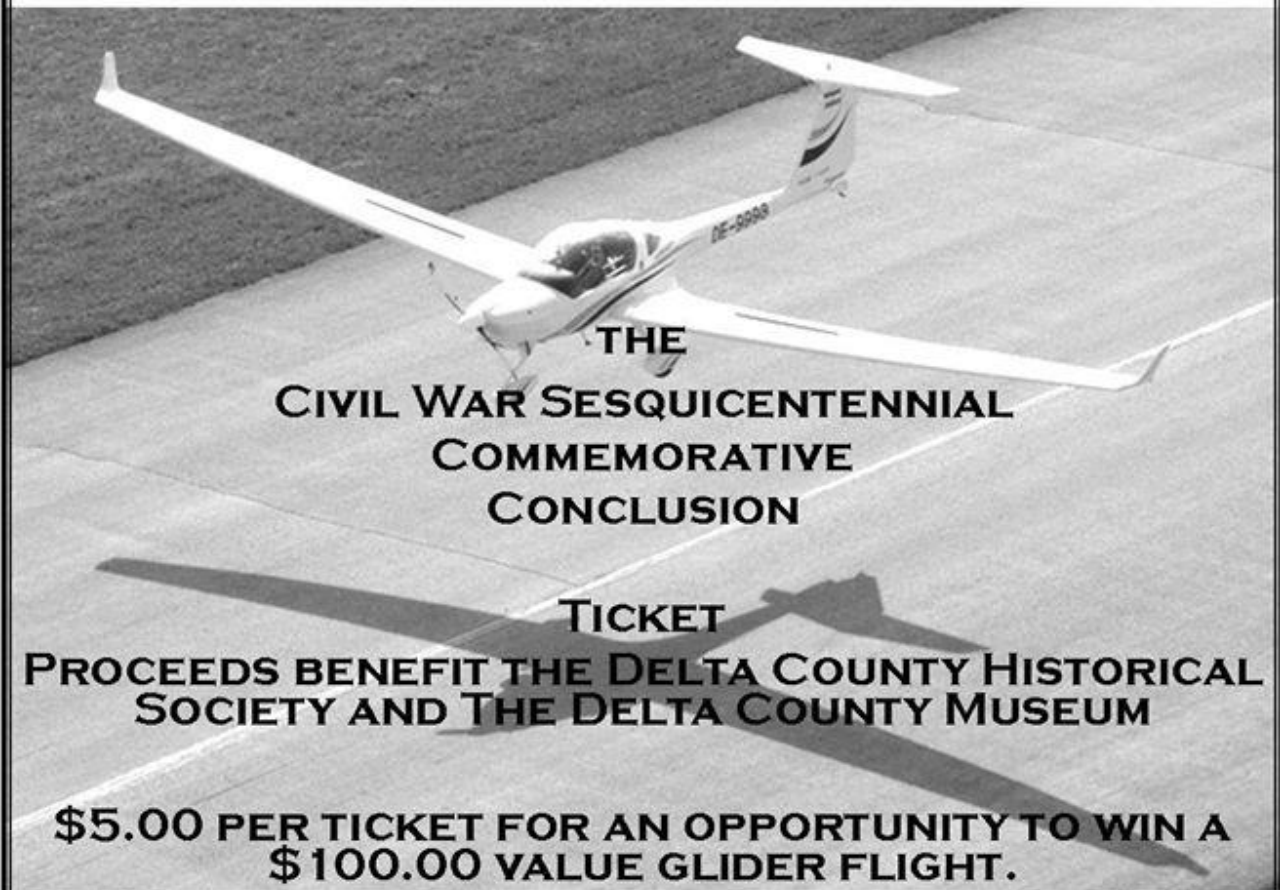
—When this occurs, we will provide notification and ample time for them to plan accordingly. In advance, we apologize for any inconvenience this may cause."

The waterline project, funded by the town's Water and Sewer Fund and two separate \$30,000 grants from the Colorado Water Conservation Board and Southwestern Water Conservation District, is estimated at \$1.4 million. For updates on trail closures, visit townofmountainvillage.com/construction.

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

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

MONTROSE FARMERS MARKET— Every Saturday from 8:30 a.m. -1pm, S. 1st and Uncompahgre.

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

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

MONTROSE STAMP (PHILATELIC) CLUB meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 420 Alta Lakes Dr. from 7-8pm. For Beginners to Pros! Please contact Brenda 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 Montrose and Delta, contact John 970-856-6924 or 970-424-1778.

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

MONTHLY-

June 22-26-Week Two, Magic Circle Theatre —Theatre for Children Drama Camp.

June 23-The League of Women Voters will be the beneficiary of Tap Night at the Horsefly Brewing Company, 846 East Main Street, Montrose. 6 — 9 pm. \$1 dollar for every pint sold will support our educational and advocacy efforts.

June 24-Montrose Regional Airport Director Lloyd Arnold at Heidi's Brooklyn Deli Forum, 8 to 9 a.m.

June 24---Mr. Kneel," hip-hop emcee, beatboxer, and professional goofball, will be entertaining children and teens in two performances on Wednesday, June 24, on the CMU quad outside the Montrose Regional Library at 320 S. 2nd Street. The program for elementary ages starts at 11 AM, and the program for teens is at 1 PM.

June 24-Ridgway Creative District Art Car Happening, 5:30 to 8 p.m. Ridgway Community Center. Discussion of art car techniques with Trinidad Artcade Director Rodney Wood.

June 24-KAFM Lifelong Learning presents Sarahndipity Johnsen, "Empowering the Divine Feminine," KAFM Radio Room at 1310 Ute Avenue, Grand Junction at 7 PM on June 24th, 2015. Lifelong Learning events are FREE with a suggested donation of \$5. Reservations are suggested. For information or to make a reservation, go to kafmradio.org or call 970-241-8801 extension 0.

June 25-Join local author Audrey Serazio and Morningstar Therapy Dogs t 2 pm in the Montrose Library meeting room for a special kids' program, "Our Canine Superheroes." Ms. Serazio will read from her new children's book, *Cocker Tales*, and will be available afterwards for book signing. Handlers will also be present with their special dogs to talk about the important role of therapy dogs. Seating is limited, so come early! This program is sponsored by the Marguerite H. Gill Children's Room as part of its superhero summer reading program, "Every Hero Has a Story." www.montroselibrary.org/srp; 249-9656, Option 2.

June 25-Annual Blue Tie Affair, Montrose Pavilion. 5 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m.

June 26-Blue Gators perform at Concerts on the Green, behind Volunteers of America Homestead. Free concert, 6 to 8 p.m. 2377 Robbins Way.

June 26-Meet and Greet candidates for Re-1J Superintendent. 4 to 5:30 p.m.in the MCSD boardroom.

June 26— Trio Solisti to perform at Ouray's Wright Opera House, Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for youths and may be purchased online at www.thewrightoperahouse.org. The Wright Opera House is located at 472 Main Street in Ouray. Advance purchase is highly recommended, as Trio Solisti has an enthusiastic following and a sold-out performance is expected.

June 27-28-Ouray County Historical Society Open Ranch Days. The family-oriented event runs 11 a.m. — 4 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday. Admission is \$20 for adults and free for everyone 19 and under. For more information, call the Ouray County Historical Society at (970) 325-4576.

June 27-Gypsy Jazz Social Club to perform at the Lark & Sparrow (511 East Main St.) 8 to 10 p.m. Call 970-615-7277 for ticket info or visit www.larkandsparrow.com.

June 27-Watch the farewell Grateful Dead show on the big screen at the Sherbino Theater in Ridgway! Before the live stream, there will be a drum circle in Ridgway Town Park at 7 pm. The doors and cash bar for the show at The Sherbino open at 7:30 p.m., with the live feed of the concert starting at 8 p.m. Admission is by donation only.

June 28-Montrose Community Band 12th Annual Patriotic Concert, 7 p.m. at the Montrose Pavilion.

June 28-Rose's Pawn Shop to play at Sherbino Theater in Ridgway, Doors open at 7 p.m. Show at 8 p.m. [Tickets are \\$10.](#)

June 29-Montrose Library-Create Your Own Story in 4-Panels, 1-3 p.m., Library Meeting Room. Learn the basics of cartooning! For ages 12-18. Registration is required--249-9656 ext 3.

June 30—Townie Tuesday Picture Show-Ridgway Town Park. Movie starts at dusk. The Big Lebowski (Rated R).

July 1--7 pm, Pioneer Room of Friendship Hall, Montrose County Fairgrounds, 1001 N. 2nd. *Montrose County Historical Society Presents*, "Some Grange History of the Uncompahgre Valley" related by Cara Miller. The public is invited to attend this admission free program and learn the history of an organization that served many Montrose rural families. For information call 323-6466.

July 1 — **"Sun and Plants in the Garden"**—3:30 PM— Bryan Cashion, President of the Black Canyon Astronomical Society, will present information relative to the sun and its impact on gardening, including a safe sun telescope at the Montrose Botanic Gardens. Gardens are located at 1800 Pavilion Dr., Montrose, south of the Pavilion Event Center. Open free to the public, Donations welcome to support the Botanic Gardens. www.montrosegardens.org or 249-1115. "See you in the Gardens."

July 3-Parker McCollum and Johnson County Coroners at Black Canyon Golf Course for Montrose Summer Music Series. Show starts around 6 p.m.

July 3-Historical Alley walk Act I- south side of Main starts at 7 pm, meet at the Montrose Historical Museum. Fee is \$5.00/person; space is limited so please call 249-2085 for RSVP.

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