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DIRT BIKES ON MAIN!

MOTO MAYHEM KICKS OFF 2015 COUNTY FAIR WITH STREET RACE!



If you missed last week's Moto Mayhem at the Montrose County Fairgrounds last week, never fear, the excitement is just beginning...this year's County Fair kicks off with a Moto Mayhem race on Main Street on Thursday, July 30.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Ladies and Gentlemen start your engines...it's a street race! This year's Montrose County Fair & Rodeo (July 24-Aug. 2) breaks new ground with Moto Mayhem...the local business will host the first ever Montrose Moto Mayhem street race on Main Street on Thursday, July 30.

—We're teaming up with the Moto Mayhem crew," Fairgrounds Manager Emily Sanchez said. —They're calling it Prologue Thursday; professional riders will compete for the gate slots in the cash contest at the Fairgrounds arena."

Those who win slots will compete for a \$5,000 cash prize in the Premiere Ride Montrose race on July 31, making it a highly competitive event. It's also history in the making.

—Not only is this the first time we are doing this here, no place else anyplace lets dirt bikes race on Main Street," said Morgan Spradling of Moto Mayhem, a company he and Jason Lesure started in 2014 with the intent of bringing world class endurocross style racing to the Western Slope.

—This is the coolest and most exciting that has happened in Montrose, maybe ever,"

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FIREWORKS, WATERFIGHTS...FUN ON THE 4TH!

By Caitlin Switzer

REGIONAL—Shovel coal for a cash prize in Paonia, get soaked in the annual water fight in Ouray, or throw your name in the hat for a glider ride in Delta...when it comes to celebrating Independence Day in the West Central Region, it pays to start early!

For good, clean [Fun on the Fourth of July, Ouray](#) continues to reign supreme. The energy is as high as the elevation, with a community festival that dates back more than half a century. Kick start the celebration this year with the Ouray Fire Department Firemen's Ball, held in the park this year for the first time ever on July 3.

—Traditionally they have held the Firemen's Ball at the Ouray Community center, and it has been for ages 21 and over," Marketing Manager Heidi Pankow of the Ouray Chamber Resort Association (OCRA) said. —This year they are taking advantage of the stage that will be set up in the park, so all ages are welcome."

The event begins at 5 p.m., and is one of the department's biggest annual fundraisers, she said.

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A scene from the 2014 Ouray Fourth of July Parade. The town waterfights at 2 p.m. are a West Slope tradition...for more Independence Day celebrations across the region read on!

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At left, Mustard Seed braved the heat to bring cool tunes to the Montrose Farmers Market June 27. Above, early white mushrooms, from a never-to-be-disclosed location...

OPINION/EDITORIAL-LETTERS

HENWOOD SHOULD HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED AS SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Editor:

I for one would like to know why Kirk Henwood's name is not in the hat.

First, he should never have been hired as assistant superintendent if he were not at least marginally qualified to assume that role.

Second, he should have been the first consideration.

Third, he is already "in the system" insofar as knowing the district, its needs and its potential.

Fourth, I have mentioned his name in numerous circles around town without anyone voicing objections or negative comment.

This hunt for a new guy is the book solution but we just may have a gem in the rough already here. And if he were to be hired conditioned upon performance, this high priced scavenger hunt the Board is pursuing could be cancelled. So could he be cancelled in a year if he did not perform. And don't hire another assistant or staff his office, more cost reduction.

Of course this would require the board to stand up and to take an unorthodox stance, to think outside the box for a change and to take the rap if Kirk did not work out. And too, decisions, responsibility, supervision, accountability, thinking and acting are all supposed to be functions of any board, not just rubber stamping the status quo. Could be that this is why this course of action is not being considered.

Yeah, I know! If the board follows the 'rules', the procedures and the new guy is a flubs, it is not the board's fault, right?

As a taxpayer, I really expect something more of those I and my neighbors elect.

Think about it.

Bill Bennett,

Montrose



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OPINION/EDITORIAL

STREET DEPARTMENT STAFFERS OVERQUALIFIED FOR PULLING WEEDS

Mirror Staff Editorial

MONTROSE-The City of Montrose has undergone some organizational changes, most noticeably in the parks and streets departments. While the parks department has been dismantled in favor of hiring more part-time summer seasonal workers, the street department employees are cross-trained and shifted to other areas on an as-needed basis.

On the morning of June 9th residents did a double take when they drove past a half dozen street department employees pulling weeds in the medians at the intersections of South 1st and Townsend, and Niagara and South Townsend.

In some cases cross-trained employees can be seen as a wise managerial decision, particularly in an emergency situation such as a blizzard. However, when high salaried and highly skilled street equipment operators are assigned to weed pulling duty, the logic is hard to understand.

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SHERBENOU: CRC ON TRACK WITH QUALITY, COST, LOCAL PREFERENCE

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—When the Montrose City Council passed Resolution 2014-03 placing Measure “B” on the ballot to fund a new Community Recreation Center [on January 21, 2014](#), City Council member Kathy Ellis spoke at length in support, using a percentage of the cost of a box of junior mints as a comparison point for the 0.3 percent sales tax, which was approved by City voters April 1, 2014.

As the Community Recreation Center (CRC) now prepares to begin Phase II of construction, keeping the CRC affordable remains a focus, Ellis said. When complaints about some Phase II contracts going to out of area businesses surfaced on local social media sites last week, Ellis stressed the need to be accountable to taxpayers.

“One of my concerns has always been to do my best to make sure local folks are employed,” Ellis said. “I have always asked for local preference, because I do believe whenever possible we need to keep the work local.

“Companies have to be competitive if they want the work kept here for a return on the dollars,” she said. “But if locals are not competitive, it’s hard to put out extra money just to keep the project here.”

Though contracting for Phase II has begun, those contracts are not all in place yet, Montrose Recreation Center Director Ken Sherbenou said.

“We are working closely with the Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR), Haydon Building Corp, who we hired to conduct that process on our behalf,” Sherbenou said in response to a Mirror request for an updated list of contracts that have been

awarded. “Earlier this month, Haydon and MRD signed a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of \$25,602,697. This means that the Construction Manager, Haydon Building Corp, promises to deliver the Community Rec. Center (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.”

Central to this process was the need to secure bids from a multitude of firms interested in building each piece of the CRC construction puzzle, Sherbenou said.

“The project is being built using the CMAR delivery method,” he said. “This involves leadership from the project’s CMAR, Haydon Building Corp, in circulating bid requests, verifying qualifications and then contracting with the subcontractors to actually build the CRC. We are fortunate to have Haydon as our CMAR given their tremendous success in similar projects, but this firm is not actually self-performing any of the construction work.”

Haydon has exerted great effort at MRD’s direction to maximize qualified, cost-effective local participation in the CRC construction, Sherbenou said.

“This was a promise during the CRC planning to help ensure the CRC had as much positive economic impact for tax dollars invested,” he said.

“The subcontractor selection process is in progress and, to date, 17 subcontracts have been awarded of the 60 total trades.

“Of those 60, we received bids from locals on only 14,” he said. “Of these 14, eight are awarded or anticipated to be awarded to locals. This speaks volumes as

to the complexity of this project as well as to our efforts to engage qualified, cost-effective locals.

“Consequently, firms from outside Montrose must be involved,” he said. “The most essential objectives are building the CRC well and on budget. Local involvement was an important goal, but I think the vast majority of taxpayers to which we are accountable and working for, want the primary goals to be quality and responsible use of public resources.”

Sherbenou shared a table with information about contracts awarded to date, but said that 42 subcontracts are still in process and cannot be released yet.

“For those Montrose firms that bid but were not awarded, it was because of one of two reasons: either they were not qualified (as was the case with the electrical work) or the bid was not anywhere close to being the low bid (as was the case with the structural excavation),” Sherbenou said, adding that one of the CRC’s largest contracts has gone to a local business.

“Haynes Excavation, the project’s first subcontractor, is one of the project’s largest at over \$1M, to complete earthwork, structural fill and other necessary infrastructure improvements prior to vertical construction,” he said.

“Haynes has performed exceptionally well, delivering a quality product for Montrose, but was also the lowest of seven bids thanks to a strong partnership with the Uncompahgre Water Users.”

The \$28 million Community Recreation Center will be the largest in the state once it is complete.

Below is the list of contracts to date provided by Sherbenou:

Trade	Company	Location	Montrose Bidder	Delta to Low bid
Earthwork & Utilities	Haynes	Montrose, CO	Awarded to	
Surveying	Del-Mont Consultants	Montrose, CO	Awarded to	
Earth shoring design	Ground Engineering	Englewood, CO	None	
Piles	Colorado Piling	Grand Junction, CO	None	
Structural Excavation	J&K Excavation	Grand Junction, CO	Haynes	\$ 550,000
Building Concrete	Mayes	Grand Junction, CO	None	
Pile testing	Ground Engineering	Englewood, CO	None	
Pools	The Pool Company	Tacoma, WA	none	
Plumbing	Cookey’s Mechanical	Grand Junction, CO	LD Mechanical	\$ 890,000
HVAC	Comfort Air	Grand Junction, CO	Coolings	Declined on Rec Center due to work load
				Not bondable (meaning they could not get insurance for a project this size and no prior projects of this size)
Electrical	EC Electric	Grand Junction, CO	Johnson Electric	
Glass & Glazing	Montrose Glass	Olathe, CO	Awarded to	
Roofing	Superior Roofing	Aurora, CO	None	
Drywall & Insulation	San Juan	Durango, CO	None	
Steel	Zimkor	Littleton, CO	Rocky Mnt is from Olathe	\$ 105,000
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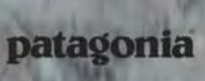
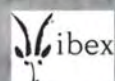



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FIREWORKS, WATERFIGHTS...FUN ON THE 4TH! From pg 1



Clockwise from above left...Fourth of July fun in Ouray...Artist Gina Grundemann offers an Independence Day art demo on Main Street in Montrose in 2014...fire hoses work the crowd during Ouray's 2014 parade.

And on July 4, Ouray starts celebrating early, and doesn't stop until long after dark.

—It's such a historic celebration," Pankow said. —Especially the water fights at 2 p.m. We have pictures of the water fights that go back to the 1920's—we know it is a tradition that started in Ouray all those years ago and continues to this day.

—The Fourth of July is just a jam packed day," she said. —You go back and forth, stop for food and beverages when you are tired, and go some more. It's so much fun!"

There will be a break in concerts this year during the fireworks celebration, to ease traffic for those heading out of town, she said.

The three bands performing this year are opener David Starr Band, Tight Thump from Grand Junction (—a funky, groovy dance band,) and Utah's Fictionist. Music is coordinated by Mountain Air Music Series of Ouray, which has become a separate, non-profit entity, but OCRA continues to support and facilitate the concerts as well as [other Old Fashioned Fourth of July events](#).

—We're super excited!" Pankow said.

OCRA Assistant Manager Carol Gerard reminds everyone to plan on getting wet during the water fights, and that as always, anyone can be in the parade, with lineup

starting at 9 a.m. and the parade at 10 a.m.

—After that there's a mad rush to the park for kids' games," Gerard said. —The water fights at 2 p.m. are pretty fun, but you will get wet—people bring umbrellas. At dusk we have a —glow;" it started out as a flare parade up the switchbacks and back down years ago; now it is a 'glow.' We have the fireworks after dark with a laser show on the rocks, and another concert after that." As always, concert goers can enjoy beer and wine in Fellin Park during the shows. Here in the valley, Montrose in Motion volunteers will host a special Main in Motion event on the Fourth, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., organizer Peggy Pine said.

—We have music planned, and we'll have a bounce house," she said. —We'll have face painting and smaller activities, and the Blue Gators will perform. We are so excited about it!"

Because the group is made of volunteers and does not receive DDA or City funding, help is especially welcome. The Montrose in Motion booth will open in the Army recruiting parking lot between Mesa and Park Avenues at 8:30 a.m. on the Fourth, and volunteers are welcome to stop by to be assigned a duty for the day. Montrose in Motion co-directors are Pine and Rachael Paradis, with support from Dean Fouquet. Assistant Chairs are Crystal Wandell and Kristin Laurie. To learn more opportunities

to help, call Pine at 209-5142. Later that evening, **the GREAT Jeff Fields** is scheduled to perform at Two Sisters gastropub (647 East Main St.).

Other fun local happenings include the Fourth of July Parade (entries compete for \$50 in Montrose Bucks for first prize) at 10 a.m. and Fireworks after dark in Montrose, run by the City instead of Montrose Rotary Club for the first time in recent memory; a July 4 drawing for a glider ride with Pilot Ken Gates is the concluding event of this year's final Civil War Sesqui-centennial Event in Delta as well as a benefit for the Delta County Historical Society and Museum (Call 970-874-8721 or 970-874-4370 for tickets). The [Fourth of July means Cherry Days in Paonia](#), starting with a Downtown Day, events and concerts in the park, and the North Fork Bull Riding Challenge at 7 p.m. at the Horse Patrol Arena July 3, with the full slate of Independence Day activities kicking off with a 5K event July 4 at 7 a.m. and parade at 10 a.m. One standout activity is the Coal Shoveling Contest from 1:30 to 3 p.m., which offers a \$1,000 cash prize for the team of two that comes in first place (second place is \$500 and third place is \$250.) On Sunday there's a wood splitting contest, and plenty of cherry pie all weekend long.

RACING IN THE STREET! *From PG 1*



Mirror file photos: Montrose County Fair and Rodeo celebrates agriculture and fun!

Spradling said. —At the City is forward thinking enough to let us do it.”

Signups will open soon, Spradling said, noting that [Colorado Pro Racer Nicole Bradford](#) was in Montrose for last week’s Moto Mayhem event at the Fairgrounds.

—I would love it if she signs up for Ride Montrose,” he said. —It’s for pros only.

—Watch our [Facebook page](#) and [MontroseMotoMayhem.com](#) for details,” he said. —We’ll probably open the signups sometime in the next week.”

For traditional rodeo fans, the annual CPRA rodeo takes place on Saturday, July



25—also known as —Dog Day.” From 11 to 4 p.m. fans of everything canine can take part in costume and dog food eating contests, a doggy photo booth, agility course, dog wash and sill dog tricks. In addition to the rodeo, Saturday evening includes a green chile cookoff at 5 p.m. and a cowboy dance with Curtis Grimes of —The Voice” at the nearby Elks Club (801 South Hillcrest) beginning at 9 p.m.

Teaming up with the Elks Club helps to expand the fair’s footprint, and encompass more of the Montrose Community. This year’s Montrose County Fair is all about giving back to Montrose with abundant opportunities for family fun, Fairgrounds Manager Emily Sanchez said.

As always Fair Week is packed with all

kinds of events—and this year, they plan to take it to a higher level.

—Everybody should be excited about this year’s fair,” Sanchez said, —because we are bringing so much more free entertainment to our community. Bacon eating was highly popular last year, so it’s back (on Bacon Day July 28) and this year we have a hot dog eating contest.”

Also new for this year will be a Red Neck Day at the Fairgrounds July 30, complete with a frozen T-shirt contest. Other —days” include Kids’ Day on Monday, July 27; Community Day on Wednesday, July 29, Corn Day on Friday, July 31; and Buyers’ Day on Saturday, Aug. 1.

—We have contests for all ages, and our ticketed events are at a great price,” Sanchez said, noting that the County Fair is just one of the many popular events hosted at the Fairgrounds over the past year.

—This has been a great year for the fairgrounds,” Sanchez said. —There are a lot of new events. The weather has been a little hard on us—we played in the mud a little—but we’re catching back up.”

For more information on the 2015 Montrose County Fair & Rodeo, visit the [web site](#) or find them on Facebook.



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MUNRO SUPPLY UNVEILS REMODEL-SHOPPING ENCOURAGED!

Special to the Mirror

GRAND JUNCTION-Munro Supply, one of Grand Junction's oldest and most trusted businesses, has completed a major renovation and invites the community to visit their newly remodeled show room. "We know that our customers are busy, and we wanted to offer them a better, easier shopping experience," said General Manager Neil Mendenhall. Many industrial supply houses are dirty and outdated, requiring customers to wait at a counter for even the simplest product. With the goal of creating a quicker, simpler and more helpful shopping experience, Munro Supply has updated everything from the layout to the lighting. The new store design allows custom-

ers to find what they need quickly, while still providing the exceptional service and support that Munro Supply is known for. In addition, Munro Supply remodeled its offices, adding facilities for sales and employee training and to conduct seminars and meetings with customers. "We want to offer industry-leading customer experiences," said Mendenhall. "Whether you call in or stop by, our goal is to solve problems and improve outcomes with every interaction. That has always been our top priority and that has enabled us to remain an important part of the community through the ups and downs in this valley." As part of its updating of facilities and infrastructure, Munro Supply has invested in an expanded

hydraulic hose offering, including testing, bin services, and pickup and delivery. "It's always kind of surprising when people think we only sell lawn pumps," said Allen Munro, President and founder. "In addition to a wide range of pumps, we've got more inventory in hose, fittings, valves and other industrial goods that just about anyone else between Salt Lake and Denver!"

Munro Supply hopes that their remodeled facilities and easier shopping experience will help their many business customers in the Grand Valley to get in, get out and get to their next job faster! Visit Munro Supply's newly renovated showroom at 735 S. 9th St., Grand Junction, or call 1-800-933-1290.



LIBRARY WELCOMES THE SUPER ANN SHOW JULY 9!

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MONTROSE--Look! Is it a magician? A juggler? A comedian? Hey, it's all three! The "Super Ann Show" is coming to the Montrose Library on Thursday, July 9. Due to popular demand, she's presenting three shows for local youth: Super Ann for Kids features Ann's "wonder pets" and will be presented at 10:30 a.m. and again at 1 p.m. for preschool through 6th grade. Then at 3 p.m. Ann will showcase skills such as fire-eating and knife-juggling in a stunt show for teens in 7th-12th grades. Seating is first-come, first-served! For more information, please call the library at 970-249-9656 ext 2.

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GETTING INVOLVED AND SPEAKING UP: DEE LAIRD



Dee Laird. Courtesy photo.

Interview by Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-Dee Laird grew up in Virginia during a time when teachers impressed upon students the importance of being civic minded. "We were taught to be involved and know what was going on in the community."

At age 14 Dee began attending the Board of Supervisors meeting (equivalent to county commissioners meetings) and he wrote his first letter to the newspaper. The educational training that stuck with Dee was, "When you've got something to say, you've just got to say it."

At the tail end of the Great Depression, Dee's dad started a commercial landscaping business on 450 acres in Richmond, Virginia. When his dad passed away, Dee took over the business, "We had anywhere from 60 to 80 employees and sold product in central Virginia and some in North Carolina."

For more than a decade Dee was a lobby-

ist in the Virginia Assembly for the union nursery industry. However, he felt no inclination to become part of the legislature itself, "I didn't want any more time there. I saw what they [legislators] had to go through. They had no time for themselves." When Dee sold the landscaping business he and wife Ann moved to Santa Fe for what turned out to be a short-lived relocation. Dee said, "It was the first time I'd ever lived in town and I wasn't made for city living." The couple then moved to the spiritual community of Crestone, Colorado located in the northern part of the San Luis Valley, where they lived for eight years. "We'd been to India a few times and were interested in Hinduism and wanted to support the spiritual community."

In 2004 Dee moved to Montrose and became involved in local affairs. He sees himself as a concerned citizen and keeps abreast of the school district and other community entities; however, his focus is on city and county issues. He said, "I'm concerned about public money being spent unwisely. When I see something being done incorrectly I just have to do something. Fiscal integrity is my main concern."

Dee believes that government can and should operate like a business. He said,

"You don't see many of them [governments] running like a business, but it can be done. All you have to do is make a decision." Dee has put effort into building relationships with current city and county officials, "Not as much with the county as the city. Even though I don't live in the city, the city is part of the county. They all listen respectfully. I feel like I'm heard and that my opinion is appreciated. All my life I've been involved when I thought I needed to be."

The mode Dee uses for getting his message out depends on the situation. "Mostly I speak before city council and sometimes I write letters. I try to put the facts out there and make a case. Some things need to be hammered on."

Dee feels he is respected in the community, "I would hope so. I'm sure I've stepped on some toes, but that's just the way it goes. Anytime I take a position I've done research and I make every effort to know [about] what I want to take a stand on. Some people may disagree with me, but disagreement is good."

Being a leader is not something Dee thinks about, "I just do what I have to do." He laughed and said, "I can't keep my mouth shut. When I see an issue that needs to be addressed, I've got to address it!"

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GLENWOOD SPRINGS— Alpine Bank was voted “Best Bank” and “Best Mortgage Broker” by readers of ColoradoBiz Magazine as part of the publication’s inaugural Best of Colorado Business Choice Awards.

To determine the Best of Colorado Business Choice Awards, an online voting process was set up and ran several months to identify winners and runners-up in 62 categories. Participants were asked to vote for the companies they’d trust to take care of their colleagues and friends and were required to vote in at least 10 categories. In another measure to minimize purely self-interested ballots, participants were allowed to vote for their own company once, but were also required to vote for at least two other companies in that category. The result was a truly community-generated list.

In addition to being voted —Bst Bank” and —Best Mortgage Broker,” Alpine Bank was a runner-up in the Wealth Managers/Financial Planners category.

—We at Alpine Bank are very honored that our customers have made this recognition

possible,” said Alpine Bank President and Vice Chairman Glen Jammaron. —Albur success since 1973, including this recent honor, has been due to the thousands of loyal Alpine customers across Colorado.”

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ARTS AND CULTURE

DELTA FINE ARTS ASSOCIATION ARTISTS' WORK ON DISPLAY AT CREAMERY



Artist Barbara Torke, whose work is shown above, is one of the artists from the Delta Fine Arts Association (DFAA) to be featured at the Creamery Arts Center in Hotchkiss this month. Courtesy image.

Special to the Mirror

HOTCHKISS--The Creamery Arts Center is proud to feature members of the Delta Fine Arts Association (DFAA) during their July Show in the Peach Gallery. The show will open with a "meet the artists" reception on the evening of July 10th from 6 to 8 pm. This exhibit will be on display until August 10th. This will be the 7th annual showing of the DFAA members at the Creamery. The artists who will be featured in this year's show are: Linda Aubery, Mary Bollig, Wanda Brunemeier, Hendrika Cegielski, Laurae Fortner-Welch, Tom Friel, Fred Honchell, Mary Key, Hazel Monzingo, Linda Palmer, Daphna Russell, Bev Thomas, Barb

Torke, Dani Tupper, Sheryl Williams, and Sandy Williamson.

The DFAA has supported the Creamery Arts Center in its quest to expand membership throughout the area. We are please to have them as active members displaying their talents monthly in our special wall area dedicated to the Delta Fine Arts Association. They have also been integral in the daily functions of the Creamery - from attendance at openings, to volunteering their time doing art demonstrations, teaching classes, and helping with activities such as decorating for various holidays and general cleanup.

The DFAA has worked to develop and promote public appreciation and aware-

ness of the visual arts, the artists, and their creative contributions to the life of Delta County and the Western Slope since 1980. They underwrite the development and appreciation of the arts within the Delta County community. The organization provides a focal point where artists meet and plan art activities.

DFAA sponsors the "Art in Public Places" program, providing several public buildings with local artwork including Delta Memorial Hospital, First National Bank in Delta, the Heritage Room at the Apple Shed Gallery in Cedaredge, The Coffee Barn in Cedaredge and the Bill Heddles Recreation Center in Delta. They alternate meetings on the second Monday of the month. Workshops, demonstrations and art programs are offered at each meeting. Anyone interested in art is welcome. For more information about the Delta Fine Arts Association you may contact: Laurae Fortner-Welch at: lbwelch@wildblue.net

The Delta Fine Arts Association will be celebrating their 35th anniversary this year. This organization of artists has flourished over the years and attracted numerous artists from all over Delta County. As a local not-for-profit cultural organization, DFAA encourages and depends on public support of its activities. The show will be on display in the Peach Gallery from July 10th through August 10th. Please welcome these deliciously talented, local artists with an evening of home-grown art, refreshments, local wines and micro brews.

The Creamery Arts Center is located at 165 W. Bridge St. Hotchkiss. Their summer hours are 11am to 6 pm, Monday through Saturday, closed on Sunday. For more information you may call 970-872-4848 or www.creameryartscenter.org For updates on classes and events follow them on Facebook.



REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

COLORADO MESA UNIVERSITY TO HOST YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS THIS FALL

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE - The Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA!) is an innovative program that transforms local middle and high school students into real entrepreneurial successes. YEA! is excited to announce that its local program will be hosted at the Montrose Campus of Colorado Mesa University in the fall of 2015.

YEA! is a groundbreaking program that takes students between the ages of 11 and 18 through the process of starting and launching a real business or social movement over the course of an academic year. By the end of the class, **students own and operate fully-formed and functioning businesses, which may be carried on after their graduation from the program.** YEA! aims to teach students at an early age how to make a job, not just take a job. "We are excited about this expansion and specifically chose Colorado Mesa University because of its reputation for

academic excellence and emphasis on community involvement," said Gayle Jagel, the CEO and Founder of the Young Entrepreneurs Academy. The program is currently introducing sites in colleges, universities and high schools across the country.

"We are so proud to be able to host The Young Entrepreneurs Academy at Colorado Mesa University," said Joey Montoya-Boese, campus director. "This program will be such a positive influence on students in our local community, and will provide an innovative, challenging, and fulfilling experience for everyone involved," she included.

The YEA! program requires a 30-week commitment from its young entrepreneurs. In this time, students will brainstorm and form their enterprises, make pitches to real investors, obtain funding, register their companies with governmental agencies, and by the end, actually launch their own

business or social movement! Business mentors and local entrepreneurs across a variety of industries will support the students throughout the program. All of the learning is real and experiential.

"Implementing YEA! into our community is a forward step in a positive direction. There is so much that our business leaders can share with these budding entrepreneurs," said Casey Wareham, chamber of commerce board chair.

By partnering with YEA!, both large and small businesses can volunteer their time as business mentors, field trip hosts, guest lecturers, graphic designers, web developers, attorneys, etc. Community support strengthens the program, and the academy strengthens the community. For more information on how to get involved with the Montrose Chamber of Commerce YEA! class, please contact Jenni Sopsic at jenni@montrosechamber.com or (970) 249-5000.

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SPRINT TAKING OVER AS RELAY PROVIDER IN COLORADO ON JULY 1

Special to the Mirror

DENVER — Sprint will become the new Relay Colorado Telecommunication Relay Services provider starting July 1 replacing AT&T, which is exiting the relay industry. Sprint has a long standing history in the relay industry as the nation's largest TRS provider and served the Colorado community for more than 20 years prior to 2012.

The Colorado Telecommunication Relay Services was established by legislation in 1989. The program enables those who are deaf, deaf-blind, hard of hearing, and speech disabled to communicate with a hearing caller through a specialized text

telephone and third-party operator. Relay Colorado is accessed by dialing 711 and is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. All calls are completely confidential.

While the use of traditional relay services has seen a decline of use due to advanced technologies, the use of captioned telephones for those who are hard of hearing continues to increase.

Both traditional relay and captioned telephone relay are administered by the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (PUC) and funded by a monthly surcharge on telephone access lines. The Commission annually reviews the Relay Colorado fund

balance, revenue, and expenditure projections and determines the appropriate surcharge for the following year.

In addition to providing relay services, Sprint and the PUC will actively engage in outreach and education all throughout Colorado with the goal of spreading awareness about Relay Colorado and the deaf, deaf-blind, hard of hearing, and speech disabled communities.

Individuals and communities that wish to learn more about Relay Colorado can contact Holly Bise, State Relay Administrator, at holly.bise@state.co.us or at [303-894-2024](tel:303-894-2024).

WEEHAWKEN CREATIVE ARTS "SUMMER SPEECH CAMPS" START JULY 6

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 July session of "Summer Speech Camps" will be held at The Sherbino Theater from 10am-12:00pm starting July 6th and ending July 17th. Classes will run Monday through Friday and are for 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.

RIDGWAY CONCERT SERIES BEGINS EIGHTH SEASON JULY 2

Special to the Mirror

RIDGWAY-The eighth season of The Ridgway Concert Series begins this year on July 2nd. There will be 10 nationally acclaimed bands presented over the course of 5 evenings. The entire series is free to the public. The events are family-friendly and include a very fun children's activities area. Expect great mountain views, fantastic music and lots of dancing. Several food vendors will be on hand, cooking up a diverse selection of locally prepared meals. In addition to our local breweries pouring micro-brews, wine and margaritas are also available. The audience is welcome to bring lawn chairs, blankets and picnics. Please note, no glass is allowed in the park. The Ridgway Concert Series is presented by the Town of Ridgway and funded entirely by community sponsors, fundraisers and donations. The on-site alcohol and merchandise sales also help fund the series. The show begins at 6pm and runs into the evening, with over three hours of live music.

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Tuesday, October 13th

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Steps to Follow

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.



REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

MHS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PRESENTED

Montrose High School held its first annual Scholarship Celebration Breakfast on May 13, 2015 at Friendship Hall to honor sixty 2015 graduating seniors who received scholarships for the 2015-16 school year. Courtesy photo.

Bosom Buddies: Christina DeVay, Kaitlyn Reed and Mallory Schmitz; Cattlemen's Association: Ashley Watson; Cattlewomen's Association: Ashley Watson; Montrose Chamber of Commerce: Franklin Echer; Christopher Sitton Memorial: Ethan Davis; Cindy Watson Foundation: Brenna Gaber; Didrickson-Niles Foundation: Kambria Kennedy and Megan Lahm; DMEA: Megan Lahm, Jacob Miller and Amber Sogge; Montrose Elks: Megan Armstrong, Kambria Kennedy and Megan Lahm; J. D. Stoll Memorial: Lawson Omer; Jerry Brown Memorial: Briceida Ortega; Hiebler Memorial: Briceida Ortega and Sarah Sebree; Kelly Frank/Shannon McKee Memorial: Brenna Gaber; Ken and Marlene Townsend: Caitlin O'Meara; Lee J. Proper Memorial: Kambria Kennedy; Montrose Lions Club: Brenna Gaber and Kaley Holyfield; Montrose Masonic Lodge: Briceida Ortega; MHS Choir Boosters: Michael Eide, Kaley Gleason and John Hemenway; MHS Class of '61' Legacy: Nick

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Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Montrose High School held its first annual Scholarship Celebration Breakfast on May 13, 2015 at Friendship Hall to honor sixty 2015 graduating seniors who received scholarships for the 2015-16 school year. The awards were presented by representatives from MHS, the Montrose Community Foundation, local individuals, businesses and organizations; the Air Force, Navy and Marines. Sponsors for this inaugural event were the Academic Booster Club, Montrose Community Foundation, Montrose Education Foundation and Montrose High School. An additional 15 MHS students received notice of awards after the Scholarship Celebration. Local Scholarship awards ranged from \$300 - \$10,000/year, totaling \$75,115. Many scholarship awards are renewable for 1-4 additional years if students continue to meet requirements. The total of all awards to 2015 MHS graduates for their first year of college equaled more than \$1,000,000.

Local scholarships awarded and their recipients include: the Montrose Rotary Club: Rebekah Shearer; Albert J. Aldasoro Memorial: Ashley Watson; Altrusa International of Grand Junction and Montrose: Brenna Gaber and Marisa Jahnke; Ben & Pat Woods: Brenna Gaber; Francis & Lucy Bockhaus Memorial: Briceida Ortega;

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MHS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PRESENTED From pg 18

Foster; MHS Publishing & Design: Sarah Sebre; MHS Staff: Hala Bishop and Malory Schmitz; MHS Yearbook: Stephanie Rowan; Montrose Co. Republican Women: Sarah Sebre; Montrose Music Teachers: Logan Crim; Montrose Rotary Club: Alyssa Arellano, Franklin Eccher, Sara Gladding and Caitlin O'Meara; Montrose Visual Arts Guild: Megan Ruiz; Montrose Wrestling Assoc.: Ethan Davis; Parker Memorial: Erin Warner; Patrick Noonan Memorial: Ethan Davis; San Juan Coloradans for Nebraska: Caitlin O'Meara and Zhado Trumbo; Shaun Cassidy Memorial: Skylar Moore; The Treasure Chest: Hala Bishop and Nieazja Martinez; Townsend Memorial: Daniel Granberg; Christopher Haynes; Shelby Kenney, Cameron LeBlanc, Amber Sogge and Erin Warner; Trumbo Memorial: Daniel Granberg; UVEA: Courtney Whitney; VFW Patriotic Art Award: Korissa Lambert; and Wells Fargo: Ashley Watson.

In addition to local awards, Cameron Le-

blanc and Stephanie Rowan received the Bob Beaty Foundation Sports Scholarship; Shelby Kenney and Amber Sogge received Daniels Fund Scholarships; Ashley Watson received the Devon Clark Scholarship and three MHS students received full tuition plus room and board through military scholarships. Justin Peterson will be entering the Air Force Academy; Ricardo Padilla received a Marine ROTC Scholarship to attend the University of New Mexico and Korissa Lambert will attend Purdue University on a Navy ROTC Scholarship.

Fifty-nine students also received awards from their colleges and universities: Arizona State U: Amber Sogge and Erin Warner; CU Boulder: Antoinette Ridgel; Baylor U: Kellyn Alexander; Bethel U: Megan Lahm; Brigham Young U: Logan Crim; Cal-Poly San Luis Obispo: Chase Darling; CO Christian U: Kaley Gleason; Embry-Riddle Aeronautical U: Benjamin Case; CMU: Alyssa Arellano, Jessica Bur-nell, Michael Eide, Randilyn Madison,

IvAnn Garcia-Dickerson, Marisa Jahnke, Sarah Sebre, Sarah Bray, Michael Eide, Chandler Madison, Rebekah Shearer and Luis Padilla; CSU: Christopher Haynes; Ft. Lewis College: Kameron DeVincentis; Grand Canyon U: Kambria Kennedy, Alexandria Ludian and Madilyn Leuthauser; Hampden-Sydney College: Lawson Omer; Hastings College: Brice Dunn; Kansas State U: Stephanie Harper; Murray State College: Zane Sauer; Northern Arizona U: Audrey Alex, Brooke Cayo and Jared Warren; Point Loma Nazarene U: Shelby Kenney; Princeton U: Daniel Granberg and Valerie Schmidt; Regis U: Briceida Ortega; Ringling College of Art & Design: Megan Ruiz; Seattle Pacific U: Tate Donley and John Hemenway; Stanford U/ Questbridge Scholarship: Ryan Mathias; Texas State U: Megan Armstrong; U of Arizona: Cameron LeBlanc and Nick Zowada; UCCS: Mitch Freismith and Mackenzie Lyons; U of Nebraska: Keegan Sullinger; U of New Mexico: William Stegmann; U of Portland: Stephanie Rowan; U of Puget Sound: Connor King; U of Tampa: Callie Storter; Whitworth U: Robyn Stevenson; and Yale U: Franklin Eccher.

WEEHAWKEN CREATIVE ARTS TO OFFER VARIOUS CLASSES FOR ADULTS AND TEENS IN JULY

Special to the Mirror

RIDGWAY-Weehawken Creative Arts has various options for adult/teen classes for the month of July. With two poetry classes being offered, as well as a painting using alcohol inks as the medium, these class options for adults/teens are sure to inspire creativity and further educate participants. The class offerings and descriptions can be found below. Pre-registration is highly encouraged and recommended and can be done online at www.weehawkenarts.org or by calling 970.318.0150.

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MORE THAN \$5,000 IN PRIZES AT RIDGWAY RESERVOIR FISHING TOURNAMENT

Special to the Mirror

RIDGWAY--Smallmouth bass anglers can vie for more than \$5,000 in prizes at a week-long fishing tournament, July 11-19 at Ridgway State Park.

There is no registration fee for the tournament and the contest is open to all anglers who have a Colorado fishing license. The top prize will be a fishing boat complete with engine, trailer and life jackets. Other prizes will include fishing rod combos and lures--especially suited for smallmouth bass anglers.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife will be tagging 10 smallmouth bass of all sizes. Every smallmouth bass an angler harvests affords an opportunity to win a prize. Tags are not visible and all smallmouth bass will be checked at the boat ramp to determine prize eligibility. Live fish cannot be checked. Anglers are automatically regis-

tered in the tournament when they present smallmouth bass at the check-in area at the boat ramp.

Smallmouth bass are plentiful in Ridgway Reservoir, said Eric Gardunio, aquatic biologist for CPW in the Ridgway area. There are no bag or possession limits on smallmouth bass at Ridgway Reservoir.

"The water temperatures in mid-July should be ideal for pursuing smallmouth bass at Ridgway," Gardunio said.

This species becomes very active as the water warms up to about 55 degrees, Gardunio explained. Anglers should target rock outcroppings, submerged logs and any prominent structures which smallmouth bass favor. The fish will hide and then ambush small fish, crayfish, insects and well-presented lures.

"They are fun to catch and they are very good eating," Gardunio said.

For tournament rules and for some instruction on how to catch smallmouth bass, go to this CPW web site: <http://cpw.state.co.us/placestogo/parks/Ridgway/Documents/SmallBassTournament2015.pdf>.

All boaters are reminded that they must go through the aquatic nuisance inspection station before launching their craft.

Outstanding camping facilities are available at Ridgway State Park, so anglers can get an early start in the morning and fish well into the evening. Ridgway offers 283 campsites and three yurts.

The daily entry fee to the park is \$7 per vehicle. Camp sites range in price from \$18 to \$26.

For more information about the fishing tournament or camping, call Ridgway State Park at 970-626-5822. <http://cpw.state.co.us/placestogo/parks/Ridgway>.

TAMARISK COALITION HOSTS SECOND ANNUAL RAFT THE RIVER EVENT

Special to the Mirror

FRUITA-- Join the Tamarisk Coalition (TC), local river experts, and Rimrock Adventures for a fun, informative float down the Colorado River on August 23rd. After the float, enjoy a barbecue, drinks, live music, and prizes.

"Our Raft the River event offers participants a fun way to experience first-hand the beauty of the Colorado River," Tamarisk Coalition's Outreach Coordinator Cara Kukuraitis, said.

In the process, rafters also hear from our local river experts and learn about the riverside restoration projects happening in their very own backyard that are helping to

keep this cherished river healthy and resilient."

Registration for the event is \$75 and includes the raft trip, dinner, drinks, and prizes. \$35 tickets are available for the dinner portion only. Tamarisk Coalition members receive a 15 percent discount. To register, please visit tamariskcoalition.org/about-us/events/raft-river-2nd-annual. Registration ends Aug. 12.

All proceeds from the Raft the River event benefit the Tamarisk Coalition's riverside restoration projects in the Grand Valley.

Become a member of the Tamarisk Coalition from now until Aug. 1 and be entered

for a chance to win a free spot on the Raft the River trip and a box of Enstrom candies. Click here to become a member: <http://www.tamariskcoalition.org/get-involved/donatebecome-member>. Sponsors of Raft the River include: Grand Canyon Sponsors: Alpine Bank, Rimrock Adventures, Cabela's, Home Loan Insurance, Rib City, TRIAD Employee Assistance Program, and Grand Junction Subaru Cataract Canyon Sponsors: Copper Club Brewing Company, The Local, Talon Wine Brands, Sprouts, Trailhead Coffee Bar & Café, Café Sol, Home Style Bakery, Natural Grocers, Colorado Riverfront Commission, and the Avalon Theatre.



ARTS AND CULTURE

KAFM RADIO ROOM PRESENTS FRONT COUNTRY



KAFM Presents Front Country, above, on July 2 at 7:30 p.m. at the Radio Room, 1310 Ute Ave in Grand Junction. Courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror

GRAND JUNCTION-Formed in 2011 as a collective of the Bay Area's finest young acoustic talent, Adam Roszkiewicz, Jacob

Groopman, Jordan Klein, Leif Karlstrom, Melody Walker and Zach Sharpe joined forces to play a monthly gig with friends in San Francisco's Mission District. They

quickly found a musical rapport that was open to challenging arrangements, unique covers and original songwriting.

Since then they have continued to expand their repertoire and push the boundaries of bluegrass on the national scene. In 2012 they won the Rockygrass band competition in Colorado and followed up in 2013 with a win at Telluride, becoming the third band in history to win both contests.

Also in 2013 lead singer Melody Walker won the Chris Austin Songwriting competition at Merlefest and mandolinist Adam Roszkiewicz was nominated for a Grammy for his work with the Modern Mandolin Quartet on their album —*Americana*."

Check out Front Country and their music at <http://www.frontcountryband.com/videos/> Tickets are \$18 in advance and \$20 at the door and may be purchased by calling (970) 241-8801, Ext 201 or online at www.kafmradio.org.

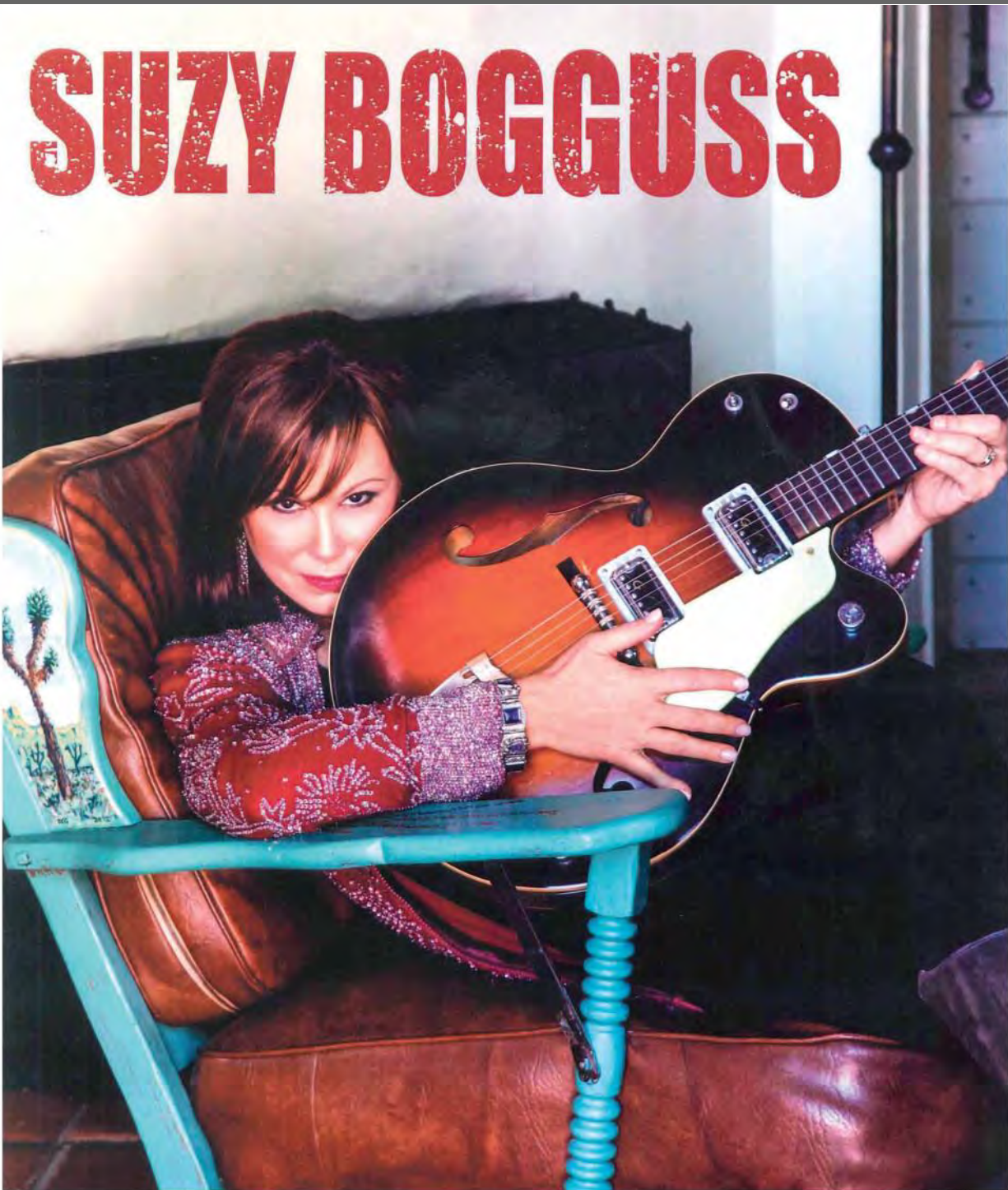
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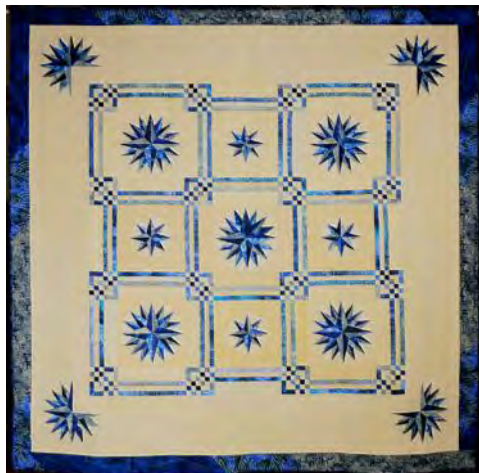
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20TH ANNUAL BLACK CANYON QUILT SHOW JULY 10-12



2015 raffle quilt, "Maritime," was designed by Judy Martin, pieced by local Guild members and quilted by Monika Lamprecht. Courtesy image.

By Karla Gilbert

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The 20th annual Black Canyon Quilt Show, entitled "Our 20-Year

Quilt Journey," will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 10—12 at the Montrose Pavilion, 1800 Pavilion Drive, Montrose, CO. Show hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday; Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.. Admission is \$4 for adults with children age 12 and under admitted free. Quilt Show history and information about the sponsoring Guilds can be found on the web site blackcanyonquiltshow.com. Featured at this year's show will be more than 150 quilts plus the raffle quilt, "Maritime," designed by Judy Martin, pieced by local Guild members and quilted by Monika Lamprecht. Tickets for the queen size raffle quilt are \$1 each and can be purchased at the quilt show.

The drawing for this beauty will be held on Sunday afternoon. In addition, there will be a number of vendors—old familiar ones, along with some that are new to the show this year. Kits, fabric, notions, patterns and ideas will be offered. Arrangements can be made for scissor (not pinking shears) sharpening by Montrose's Adobe

Sharpening during the show. Ask about this at the front desk. All proceeds from the traditional "Black Canyon Boutique" will benefit a local non-profit organization. Recipient of the funds this year will be the Passage Charter School, a Montrose school for pregnant and parenting teens. The Boutique will be a good place for show patrons to do their holiday shopping or find the perfect baby gift. Many handmade items have been donated for sale, including quilts, place mats, table runners, aprons, wall hangings, note cards, baby bibs, Christmas ornaments, purses and bags of all kinds. Bobbie Aug will be available to appraise quilts during the show. To schedule an appointment contact Carolyn at 249-8362. Another attraction will be a "Then and Now Bed Turning." Works by several quilters will be shown—what they were doing 20 years ago compared to what they are doing now. Visitors to the quilt show will have the opportunity to win a handmade door prize. Demonstrations will be held periodically throughout the show.



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DAVIS SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT ON DISPATCH ISSUE

“How and by whom do you want your Dispatch Center to be run?”



Authority and decision making about Dispatch reside with the Sheriff's Office, Davis said.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE- Montrose County Commissioner Glen Davis called a Friday afternoon press conference June 26 to speak to the City of Montrose's call for a separate dispatch center run by a cooperative board as noted in Friday's *Montrose Daily Press*. According to the Press, startup costs for a new dispatch center would run roughly \$1.4 million, which the City promised to absorb, with increased user fees and lack of control over the current Dispatch Center cited as justifications for the expense.

Montrose County, which recently upgraded its regional dispatch center to keep pace with improvements in communications technology, has already been giving the City of Montrose a fair deal, Davis said.

“The City uses the jail at no cost,” Davis said, “We are faced with building a new

jail pod soon, and the County will bear that cost. We house the Dispatch Center, and we perform all administration and bookkeeping.

“We have been accused of not letting anyone else have a say, but we are being asked to take what belongs to the Sheriff and put it under a cooperative board,” Davis said. “It's the Sheriff's decision; he's an elected official. If he is hesitant, I understand that; his budget will be affected, and he is the one who has the liability—he can't give that up.”

A report released to the BOCC in April by the Health Facilities & Emergency Medical Services Division of the Colorado Department of

Public Health and Environment provides an analysis of Montrose County's Emergency Medical & Trauma Services System, and notes that stakeholders rate the current system as “above average,” and that universal, emergency 911 service is currently available in all portions of Montrose County, ringing into the Montrose Regional Dispatch Center. The report also noted that prior to this year the County had subsidized the costs of the Dispatch Center, and that user agencies report satisfaction with the level of service provided by communications technicians.

“By far the largest concern was the increased cost of services,” the report states. “...Due to increased costs, not quality of service...some agencies are actively exploring other avenues for communications services.”

“The people who want a cooperative board to run a regional dispatch center are the same people who have been in charge of METSA (Montrose Emergency Telephone Services Authority),” Davis said Friday. “These are the players who have failed to follow the bylaws, and spent in excess of \$1 million in surcharges on the backs of the public. METSA collects a surcharge for the 911 Call Center, and they have never furnished us with a financial statement for that.

“When a group is in charge, nobody is in charge,” Davis said. “If they are not elected, they are not answerable to the public; this is public money and the public needs to be protected.

“In the case of Dispatch, someone who has an emergency won't call a cooperative board, they will call the Sheriff,” Davis said. “He has the liability. And if you're going to have the liability, you have to have the authority.”

Though the authority and decision-making power ultimately rest with Dunlap, Davis said that he would like to hear directly from the citizens of Montrose County on the issue.

“I go before the people and I ask, how and by whom do you want your Dispatch Center to be run?” he asked. “My life, your life, and the lives of your children depend on it—and it's your money.”

Davis shared his contact information in hopes of hearing from you: his telephone number is 970-497-9999 and email is gda-vis@montrosecounty.net. “Send me an email, or give me a call,” he said.

ALL POINTS TRANSIT OPENS NEW TRANSFER STATION WITH WEEK OF FREE RIDES ON MONTROSE / OLATHE PUBLIC BUS

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE – On July 1st, All Points Transit will begin use of the new Downtown Transfer Station, located adjacent to their office at 431 S 2nd St. Through June 30th, the buses will continue to convene at North 2nd and Cascade, where transfers have taken place since the start of the program in 2010. After July 1st, passengers will make use of the new transfer station hourly to change from one route to another.

“We are thrilled to offer more convenience and amenities to our passengers,” said Sharon Fipps, Executive Director.

“The shelter provides some coverage, which is more than our riders have at the North 2nd St. location. As a private non-profit organization, we are fundraising to build out walls, add benches, bike racks and more and hope to have the station fully completed by spring time next year.” The first phase of the shelter project was completed in December of 2014, in partnership with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), the City of Montrose and the Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

To allow passengers to get used to the new location and to build ridership, All

Points Transit will offer over a week of free rides on the Montrose / Olathe Public Bus program. From Wednesday, July 1st through Friday, July 10th, passengers will ride free. The public buses run regularly Monday through Friday, from 6:30am through 7pm. The system is closed on July 3rd, in observance of Independence Day. The Public Bus runs three routes in the City of Montrose and also runs to and from Olathe four times daily. Schedule information and fares can be found at www.allpointstransit.org/citybus. All Points Transit is a 501c3 non-profit organization.

OPINION/EDITORIAL-LETTERS

CURRENT CITY COUNCIL RUNS CITY LIKE A BUSINESS

Dear Editor,

Like the proverbial “perfect storm”, it’s not often you see a broadly qualified group of elected citizens, with no conflicting personal agendas, teamed with equally qualified public employees, whose main interest is prudent use of taxpayer funds. That is exactly what has finally occurred right here in the City of Montrose. All to the benefit of Montrose residents/ taxpayers.

Current Council is focused rightly on efficiency of government. City Manager Bell and his administrative team are working to provide those efficiencies. Mr. Bell was just elected VP of the Colorado Municipal League, as well as president-elect of the state City and County Managers Assoc. This speaks volumes about how his peers see his dedication, effectiveness, and accomplishments for our city government.

Unfortunately, a small group, voiced by Marge Morgenstern, has had several letters /articles published, critical of Mr. Bell, his administration, and Council as well, for daring to effect such efficiencies. In reviewing those, it is obvious Ms. Morgenstern has embarked on a personal vendetta, that stems from the dissolution of the ineffective Parks Advisory Board, of which she was Chair for many years.

Her broad range of complaints are clearly aimed at discrediting the City’s goal of more prudent use of public funds, and exposes her lack of understanding of what is required to accomplish that. She also hints that her small group plans to run their own candidates in the April 2016 Council elections. Montrose voters should be forewarned of single issue “fingers” for this group, that are completely uninterested in efficient local government.

Citizens have insisted Montrose be run like a business that serves the community, is streamlined, and efficient. Mr Bell, staff, and Council are implementing much needed changes to achieve that. They deserve our thanks, appreciation, and most of all, our support.

Dee Laird,

Montrose

BEWILDERED BY DAILY PRESS EDITORIAL ON SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH

Dear Editor

I am bewildered by the Wednesday editorial in the *Press*, “Get involved in search – or be quiet,” which focuses on the RE-1J superintendent search.

Concerning community involvement the editorial states, “Unfortunately, that input has been lackluster. The public meetings have drawn out about 50 participants and there were only 22 applicants to be on a community committee.” (As a point of clarification, the *Press* earlier reported there were 22 applications submitted, but only 16 selected for the committee.)

The *Press* measures 50 participants and 22 applications as lackluster; however,

that number of interested citizens should be applauded.

The editorial goes on to say, “Even more troubling is there has been much moaning and some gnashing of teeth in the community about the process, the board and the candidates — and that has come from more individuals than the number of people who turned out for the public meetings.”

Using this calculation means there are more than 50 people concerned about the selection process. This is no small number and they should not be dismissed summarily, nor should the *Press* try to silence those expressing an opinion simply on the

grounds that they have not attended meetings.

The editorial chastises the community for lack of involvement and said, “If you are one of those people, there is still time to redeem yourself.”

The *Press* then determined that redemption comes through attending the meet-and-greet open house for the superintendent candidates. If in fact the *Daily Press* has its finger on the pulse of the community, you are no doubt detecting an increase in blood pressure and pulse.

Respectfully,

Gail Marvel

Montrose

THE TIME FOR LEADERSHIP ON CLIMATE CHANGE IS NOW

Dear Editor:

This year’s Earth Day has passed, but let’s not forget its message of caring for the earth. This promises to be the defining issue of our time. We need to see it as the moral imperative that Pope Francis has recently stressed. As we prepare for the world climate change summit in Paris later this year, let us ask ourselves what are we going to do about the most impactful issue of our time – that of climate change. It is an international issue transcending all else, including politics, economy, trade, or any other. We have an utmost need for action on this issue.

Let’s start now to push our government officials at all levels to act on this issue immediately. We need them to show leadership on this issue. Climate change is now, and we can’t afford to allow further destruction to be passed on to both us and our children.

Wayne Quade

Montrose

OLATHE SWEET CORN FESTIVAL RETURNS AUG. 1... BACK TO THE BASICS, BETTER THAN EVER!



Olathe Sweet Corn Festival photo courtesy of Lynett Yolian.

By Liesl Greathouse

OLATHE-For people who love delicious sweet corn, good music, and fun activities, the Olathe Sweet Corn Festival will be bringing all that and more to the area this Summer.

The Festival will be August 1, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. at Olathe Sweet Corn Park. This year it will feature Natalie Stovall & The Drive.

“The Olathe Sweet Corn Festival is an all-ages event that proudly promotes local agriculture and non-profits,” said Lynett Yolian, the co-chair of the Festival committee. “The OSCF is proud to provide ‘Olathe Sweet™’ sweet corn, which attendees are able to enjoy for free. The OSCF will continue to promote the wonderful agriculture that stems from this small town, which has such an impact not

only on the surrounding communities of Montrose and Delta, but across the country as well. We are thrilled that City Market and Montrose County have signed on as Title Co-Sponsors for the event because they both understand the value this festival offers to Olathe and the surrounding communities. We are all very thankful for the generosity of all our supporters.”

This year will add new things to the Festival. “This year’s OSCF will include extended hours (9 a.m.-9 p.m.), and a Beer and Wine Garden featuring Olathe Beer, made by AC Golden Brewing Company, using hops and barley grown in Olathe, a variety of Colorado Native beers as well as beer from local breweries,” said Yolian. “We are also excited to feature wine from the wineries located in Olathe. There will

be free activities, many of which will be sponsored by non-profits. Home Depot will be providing their Human Foosball Table to attendees for free; something we are very excited to share with everyone.”

The festival has been celebrating non-profits for 23 years, which is now the basis for its renewed focus on gathering non-profit vendors to the event. “Non-profits have always had an opportunity to fund-raise at the OSCF; however, participation has been low in recent years and it was decided that we would try and increase awareness of what an incredible opportunity this will be for everyone,” Yolian explained. “Vendors will be able to increase awareness of their business/organization/product by having access to thousands of attendees, of all ages. This is a wonderful event that draws people from all over the U.S.”

She added, “In addition, as a fundraising event, nonprofits keep all the money they make that day, which for some can be the most money they raise all year. —

Yolian has a few things in mind that make her excited about the Festival. “Other than trying to out-do myself in eating as much corn as possible, my favorite part of the OSCF is that it has something for everyone, especially this year with the addition of the Beer and Wine Garden, music and additional family activities.”

As with any major event, there are specific goals in the minds of the organizers. “We are very fortunate to live and work in an area that is so involved in agriculture,” Yolian said. “The OSCF will continue to promote the local agriculture and nonprofits, which is the whole reason the OSCF started in 1992.” For more information, to purchase tickets, or to sign up as a vendor or sponsor, call 209-0734 or visit olathe-sweetcornfest.com.



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Experiencing the (local) Church

WRITER GAIL MARVEL VISITS LIFE CHURCH



By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE—My visit to Life Church, located in the Four Seasons Mall, took place on March 29, 2015. The large poster in the display window read: Preaching the Cross, Reaching the Lost, Healing the Sick, Casting out [the] devil. The pastor's wife, Lori Truitt, greeted me and explained the church was a non-denominational, Full Gospel congregation that has been in their present location for about a year.

The small auditorium accommodates 40 seats and this day there were 18 people in attendance. Horizontal corrugated steel on one wall was the backdrop for a large polished steel industrial cross.

The scalloped-edged cross, which measured about 12 feet tall and eight feet across with 12 inch cross members, made a striking presentation.

Using transparencies and an overhead projector, praise songs were displayed on a screen and singing was led by Pastor Tod Truitt on the keyboard and Paul on the guitar. During a time of meet & greet Pastor Truitt told worshippers to shake a hand, or hug somebody and tell them, "Jesus loves you and so do I."

Rather than asking people to bow their heads in prayer, Pastor Truitt said, "Lift up your hands," as he intertwined prayer with songs. The song selections were familiar;

however, Pastor Truitt's keyboarding and impromptu renditions occasionally left some singing either ahead of, or behind others. With a hint of a Broadway flair Pastor Truitt broke into song between declarations of, "Raise your hands if you are forgiven!" "Shout halleluiah if you're going to heaven!" and "Go hug your other neighbor!"

The two-hour service accommodated a time to pray for one another, give public testimonies, take prayer requests and listen to special music presented by Paul, "Shout to the Lord." This is an interactive congregation and throughout the worship those in attendance joined the pastor with, "That's right Amen ... Yes, he is ... Wow ... and Yes!"

The sermon, which explored the topic of physical and spiritual keys, was based on Matthew 16:13-20. "Jesus gave us the key to unlock the supernatural and spiritual world; the key is prayer. God doesn't send people to hell, they choose to go there when they don't choose Jesus. Hell wasn't created for man, it was created for demons and evil spirits."

With an evangelistic flavor Pastor Truitt said, "We can plunder hell to populate heaven. Help people find Jesus. When you bring people to Jesus, you get them to heaven. You save them from hell when

you lead them to heaven."

Just prior to passing the offering plate I chuckled inwardly when the pastor, similar to a teacher giving classroom instructions, said, "Okay, let's get out our tithes and offerings." A time of personal testimonies included one woman who received a call from the IRS earlier in the week and was later told by the Montrose PD it was a scam. "I was greatly blessed with peace this week."

Toward the end of the service people were invited to come forward for prayer and healing. Five people responded and one at a time the pastor laid on hands, took their request for healing and said, "It shall come to pass."

Paul stood behind the individuals to assist them in case they were physical, emotionally, or spiritually overcome by the Spirit. The woman seated next to me spoke in tongues, as well as others scattered throughout the room. Their words were not discernable and no interpreter was present.

As the service ended one visitor, seemingly deep in her own thoughts and reflections, said, "There is a sweet spirit here."

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

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

OPINION/EDITORIAL-LETTERS

CITY IS NOT A BUSINESS; SHOULD BENEFIT CITIZENS, NOT BILL BELL

Dear Editor:

In Response to Dee Laird's letter, and to all interested in the City of Montrose—

Since you do not reside in the City of Montrose, why would you pander to Bell, Harris and the Council, glorifying the decisions of a basically self-aggrandizing administration? Are you receiving some kind of favors?

Some points to clarify—

1. City funds are not acquired in the traditional taxing method, i.e. real estate taxes....some 80 percent come from city sales tax, the remainder from grants and/or water/trash/sewer fees that city residents/businesses pay monthly. To infer that Bell & Company are 'prudent in the use of taxpayer funds' is patently false. Citizens don't know how much they contribute to the City's coffers and they don't know where it's being spent.well, they know where some of it's going based on the information I gleaned from City Hall.

2. Municipal government is not a business. To suggest that it should be run as such then elicits the question 'for whose profit?' Many believe it should be to enhance the citizenry.

Since Bell & Company are administering the City as 'a business for profit' we've been denied the services of some 60 employees—SIXTY FAMILIES!—by Bell's own admission, who were dedicated to the City and provided years of excellent work primarily in the Parks and Street Departments. Those employees who were either forced out, forced to retire or whose hours or hourly wages were dramatically cut so they could not support themselves, [or couldn't stand the screaming sessions, ridicule, intimidation or threats], are an irreplaceable loss to this City. Look around at what's happened since vacancies left by many of those employees have been plugged with cheap hourly temporary help who want a paycheck and who know they will be superfluous in a month or two and who care not a whit about this town! The streets are deteriorating; the weeds are

flourishing in curbing and areas along curbs because the employee numbers simply cannot cover all that needs to be done. There were no flags flown on Flag Day on Main and Townsend except those that businesses flew on their standards. Why not?

3. The work that gets done is focused on whatever Bell's pet projects are....currently, Sunset Mesa and the Water Park. Projects like creating a park off Rio Grande because it's historically significant to the Mexican American community and to all of Montrose won't happen because Bell is not interested.

There's no money, he says, and we have more parks than we can maintain...but a plaque could be placed somewhere in that area! The surprise of the Council when Chris Trujillo initiated the possibility of creating a park, because they hadn't heard of it, was selective memory on their part: Mr. Trujillo presented the idea to the Parks Board several years ago, to which Thordy Jacobson thought and responded that it was a good idea. Finally, the new Sunset Mesa baseball scoreboards don't work: there's no electricity, but they're installed!

4. Bell has infiltrated various organizations that were created to enhance Montrose's functioning as a progressive City, i.e. the Chamber of Commerce, DDA, Region 10, TRAC...the list goes on.

In a "housekeeping issue" several years ago, Council placed the City Manager in charge of the Chief of Police. Because Bell insists on being top dog with no questioning, criticism or differences of opinion in every venue he enters, his influence and power have emerged paramount and compromised the intent of those municipal/area associations.

5. The information in the previous articles I've written was provided by City Hall. I can't believe that Montrose citizens agree that \$420,000+/year spent on Bell, Joseph, Harris and the Council salaries/perks is prudent spending of sales tax funds. They travel as a group to out of town venues,

dine out at public expense, and fund private business ventures for their friends. Because top City staff are not required to live here, Public Works Director John Harris commutes daily between Delta and Montrose in his City vehicle. He uses the vehicle and city equipment for personal errands on weekends and has used the vehicle for hunting trips.

6. This is my agenda: to eliminate extravagant spending of money for Bell's expensive pet projects, to stop forcing employees out of the City because it's cheaper, and allowing current employees to feel that they are an integral and important part of this City's workforce.

Currently, morale, despite what Bell claims to the contrary, is non-existent/negative with most employees' primary concern being the fear of losing their jobs. Some are single parents who would be in dire straits if their jobs were taken from them. Employees have been mandated and cannot speak to the *Montrose Mirror* with the threat of being fired, which is a form of extortion. I believe that mandate infringes on Freedom of Speech, but employees will comply in order to retain their jobs.

7. The responses from Montrose citizens to the current functioning of Bell's administration is negative. Verification of that is available by checking the commentary in re: of the first three articles published in the *Montrose Mirror*, and the vast number of emails and phone calls I've received since I began writing my articles. The commentary comes from citizens who have resided here for many years and those who had no idea what was going on in the City administration until I began to investigate. I shall continue to voice Disraeli, 'All power is a trust; that we are accountable for its exercise; that from the people and for the people all springs, and all must exist.'

Marge Morgenstern

Montrose Citizen,

Property Owner and

Advocate for those who dare not speak.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

DDA, CITY TO HOST INFORMATIONAL OPEN HOUSE TO DISCUSS DOWNTOWN DIAGONAL PARKING *Program Open House Scheduled Prior to Montrose in Motion July 2*

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE – The public is invited to attend two informational presentations hosted by the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) regarding a pilot program to introduce diagonal parking along a portion of Main Street. The presentations will take place on Thursday, July 2 at 5:30 and 6:15 p.m. in the City Hall Annex Centennial Meeting Room adjacent to Centennial Plaza and will include specific information about the project timeline and implementation plan.

While the City is charged with implementing the traffic and parking configuration changes, the decision to embark on the pilot program was made by the DDA in consultation with downtown business owners, property owners, and residents. Following the initial evaluation period, the City and DDA will assess the success of the program and decide whether to proceed with permanent, and possibly expanded, implementation.

The temporary pilot program will intro-

duce 30-degree diagonal parking on a portion of Main Street reaching from Cascade Avenue to Park Avenue. The transition is part of a long-term vision to further develop a pedestrian, shopping, and activities-friendly atmosphere in Downtown Montrose.

Along with the transition to diagonal parking, travel lanes through the pilot area will be reduced to one travel lane in each direction, with transition areas stretching one block east and west of the project area. A narrower travel area has a natural traffic-calming effect that helps create a quieter setting for street-side activities and a safer place for pedestrians. In addition to enhancing the aesthetic appeal of Main Street, the change will help create additional space for outdoor dining and other uses while minimizing the loss of public parking.

Representatives from several downtown service businesses attended recent DDA sessions to voice their concerns related to quick and convenient access to assist their

customers with the loading and unloading of large items. To address this concern, some signage for 15-minute loading and unloading parking will be strategically installed as part of this pilot project.

Motorists are being asked to exercise extra caution while driving through the project area, particularly early in the implementation phase, while everyone becomes familiar with adjusted travel speeds and traffic movements.

"Many locals continue to use Main Street as part of their preferred route when traveling across town. While they are still free to do this, we encourage residents to consider other possibilities, such as the San Juan Avenue bypass and Grand/Rio Grande Avenue," said DDA Executive Director Lance Michaels. "These alternatives were designed to relieve traffic loads on Main Street and Townsend Avenue. Commercial vehicle travel on Main Street east of Townsend Avenue has been restricted since the Highway 50/Main Street swap that occurred in 2010."

HONORABLE MENTION

To Montrose in Motion...for taking on the community's Fourth of July Celebration and working so hard...

To the Olathe Sweet Corn Festival...for returning to its roots, better than ever Aug. 1 at the Olathe Sweet Corn Park...

To the 20th Annual Black Canyon Quilt Show at the Montrose Pavilion July 10-12...

To Moto Mayhem and the Montrose County Fair for bringing a street race to Main Street on July 30...

To involved citizens everywhere...because only by being and remaining involved can we live in a civilized society...

To Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) for real leadership on the broadband issue...

To Garrett Estates Cellars of Olathe for producing excellent wines here in the valley and holding regular tasting events...check the Mirror calendar!

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

CDOT TO BEGIN REPAIRS & REPLACEMENT OF CRIB WALLS BELOW US 550 ON RED MTN. PASS

Special to the Mirror

OURAY & SAN JUAN COUNTIES –

The Colorado Department of Transportation will begin a project on July 7 to repair five crib walls (retaining walls) below US 550 on Red Mountain Pass. The estimated total cost of this work (from design through construction) is \$5.7 million. The construction contract was awarded to Rock & Company of Brighton, CO. This is a two-season project, scheduled for completion this by November 15, 2015, followed by a winter shutdown, and likely running from mid-April to late June 2016, weather permitting. This project consists of repairing and replacing crib walls at the following work sites, listed in order of work dates (all dates weather permitting):

Site 2 MM 88.5 to 88.6 – Approx. 4 miles south of Ouray near snow shed
Begins: July 7 2015/Ends: Sept. 15 2015
Excavation, culverts, retaining wall construction, minor paving

Site 1 MM 79.5 to MM 79.4 – Just south of Red Mtn. Pass summit
Begins: September 1st 2015/Ends: November 15th 2015

Rock excavation and blasting, retaining wall construction

Site 3 MM 89.5 to MM 89.7 – Approx. 3 miles South of Ouray

Begins: Between September 15th and October 6th (depending on San Miguel Power Company's repair project)/Ends: November 15th 2015

Excavation and roadway stabilization that includes installation of a concrete "cap" or slab over the crib wall, drainage improvements and paving

This stretch of US 550 receives an average annual daily traffic count of 2,164 vehicles a day. The repair project will improve the safety and integrity of the highway by reinforcing these under-highway slope-side walls.

"These crib walls are in critical need of repair and replacement," CDOT Region 5 Program Engineer Ed Archuleta said. "We need to address this now to avoid emergency repairs."

TRAVEL IMPACTS: Anticipated travel impacts are some single-lane, alternating traffic, Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. There will be two nights of full closures to enable crews to install a pipe under the highway. These will be



Red Mountain. Courtesy photo CDOT.

announced in advance.) In October, there will be full traffic stops in both directions between approximately MM 89-91 (Engineer Pass Road will remain accessible from the south and, at times, from the north); potentially, these closures will be half day only—with hours to be determined. In 2016, the impacts are expected to be similar, though the majority of the work will be at Site 1. More details of 2016 work will be known once this current season is complete.

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Above, Blue Gators played at Volunteers of America's Concert on the Green on June 26.



Partners Mentoring took a float trip on the Gunnison River June 20. Photo by Brad Switzer.



Above, local musician Donny Morales, sounding amazing at Horsefly Brewing Company June 24.



Cimarron River...photo by Brad Switzer.



At left, Montrose Farmers Market.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

REGION 10, AAA RELEASE ACTION PLAN TO IMPROVE SENIOR SERVICES

Special to the Mirror

REGIONAL—By the year 2019, one out of three people in the six-county region of Delta, Montrose, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Ouray, and San Miguel Counties will be 75 years or older. In an effort to better serve our rapidly-aging communities, Region 10's Area Agency on Aging (AAA) recently released its four-year action plan to improve the quality of life for older adults. Several months ago, AAA conducted a series of community conversations throughout the six counties.

The main premise of these conversations was to identify the needs of our aging population and identify gaps in supportive services.

Informed by significant public input, the four-year plan identifies several areas of concern: availability of affordable housing, access to dependable transportation, assistance with daily activities, ability to maintain independence at home, access to infor-

mation about long-term services, nutrition programs, and financial assistance.

The plan lays out the details of an expanded voucher program. The goal is to create a consumer service model that provides financial support to local agencies and organizations that are providing services to older adults. The financial investment will be based on metrics that measure the number of older adults being served by these organizations.

Another key element of the plan is enhancing the ability of older adults to stay in their own homes, courtesy of funding provided by the Older Americans Act. These services not only improve seniors' ability to self-sustain, but it also is more cost effective for communities.

—These programs strive to provide the right amount of service in the home at the right time at a reasonable cost," states Eva Veitch, Community Living Services Director at Region 10. The average annual cost

of assisted living is over \$24,000 and about \$60,000 for a skilled nursing facility. The average annual cost of Older American Act funded programs is about \$4,000 per year — a much better bargain for consumers and taxpayers.

Region 10's AAA will continue to enhance its preexisting services and programs. Veitch continues, —We will continue to further develop strong community partnerships that streamline access to the care and support needed by our aging community members." Primarily funded by the Older Americans Act, AAA provides additional services such as Medicare counseling, material aid for hearing, vision and dental needs, medical equipment, educational seminars addressing relevant topics, legal assistance, and the Long Term Care Ombudsmen advocacy program.

The specific details of the plan can be accessed on the Region 10 website at: www.region10.net/FourYearPlan.



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10:45-11:30 primary ballet and jazz (ages 5-8)
11:30-12:30 Level 1 ballet and jazz (ages 8-10)
12:30-1:30 hip-hop/jazz funk (ages 8-11)
1:30-2:30 Level 2 ballet and jazz (ages 10-11)
2:30-4:00 ballet 3/4 ballet and jazz (ages 12 & up)
4:00-5:00 tween/teen tap (ages 11 and up)

TUESDAYS

1:45-2:30 pre-ballet with Miss Leeann (3-5)
2:30-3:15 Primary Ballet with Miss Leeann (5-8)
3:15-4:15 Primary Tap with Miss Jenny (ages 5-8)
4:15-5:15 Level 1 Tap with Miss Jenny (ages 8-10)
5:15-6:15 ballet 2 with Miss Autumn
6:15-7:30 ballet 3 with Miss Autumn
7:30-8 Pointe with Miss Autumn

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Hold the Date! Upcoming Business and Cultural Events

ONGOING-

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"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

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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 Uncompahgre Volunteer Legal Aid and the 7th Judicial District Bar Association. Call 970-249-7202 for information.

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

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

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

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

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

MONTROSE STAMP (PHILATELIC) CLUB meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 420 Alta Lakes Dr. from 7-8pm. For Beginners to Pros! Please contact Brenda 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 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-Heidi's Deli Forum moves to new Hopewest Facility at South 4th St. and Nevada for a tour, 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. this week only.

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 2-City, DDA present on change to one-lane traffic, diagonal parking downtown, at 5:30 and 6:15 p.m. in the City Hall Annex Centennial Meeting Room adjacent to Centennial Plaza.

July 2-KAFM presents Front Country at the Radio Room, 1310 Ute Avenue in Grand Junction, 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$18 in advance and \$20 at the door and may be purchased by calling (970) 241-8801, Ext 201 or online at www.kafmradio.org. The Radio Room is located at 1310 Ute Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501. Doors open at 7 p.m.

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.

July 4-Independence Day. Happy Fourth of July!

July 4-Montrose Farmers Market Saturday Downtown off Main St and Centennial Plaza. Come out for the PARADE at 10 am and SHOP for your local goodies. Farmers Market will be open 830 -2pm....great selection. Music, Food and Fun just off the plaza and S. Uncompahgre.

July 4-Garrett Estate Cellars Winery Open House, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.. [53582 Falcon Rd., Olathe, CO 81425](http://53582FalconRd.Olathe.CO.81425). Wine tasting and specials. For more information Call Mitch [970-901-5919](tel:970-901-5919).

July 6-Rick Hurt presents Susy Bogguss at the Montrose Pavilion. 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20. Call for info: 249-2794.

July 7-Historical Alley walk, Historical Legends and True Tales 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.

July 9-Application deadline for all turkey hunting, Colorado Parks and Wildlife. Learn more about turkey hunting this fall at <http://cpw.state.co.us/things/todo/Pages/Turkey.aspx>. Contact CPW at (303) 297-1192 with questions or to plan your hunt. Apply online at <https://www.co.wildlifelicense.com/start.php> or by phone (800-244-5613).

July 10-12-20th Annual Black Canyon Quilt Show, Montrose Pavilion. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

July 10-12-Fifth Annual Lavender Festival, hosted by Lavender Association of Western Colorado. Friday, bus tours; Saturday-Palisade Memorial Park, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday, free, self-guided farm tours. For more information, locations and to get tickets for the Bus Tours, visit coloradolavender.org.

July 11-19-Ridgway State Park Fishing tournament. For tournament rules and for some instruction on how to catch smallmouth bass, go to this CPW web site: <http://cpw.state.co.us/placestogo/parks/Ridgway/Documents/SmallBassTournament2015.pdf>. For more information about the fishing tournament or camping, call Ridgway State Park at 970-626-5822. <http://cpw.state.co.us/placestogo/parks/Ridgway>.

July 11-Montrose Elks Lodge 1053 Scholarship Golf Tournament all proceeds go to the Elks Lodge Scholarship fund. For more information contact Ric Simon 970-209-4088 or Jodie Simon 970-249-0102.

July 11-Bernie Nelson 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.

July 14—Townie Tuesday Picture Show-Ridgway Town Park. Movie starts at dusk.

July 15—"Kids Of All Ages in the Gardens"—9 AM - Noon. Free. Hands on activities incorporating Native American uses of plants. Presented by Carol Patterson and Glade Hadden, Archeologist. Learn how native peoples made sandals, mats, soap, etc. out of yucca leaves and how they ground grains. Bring a lawn chair to Montrose Botanic Gardens tent, 1800 Pavilion Drive, Montrose. Additional information at www.montrosegardens.org or 249-1115. Donations welcome. "See you in the Gardens."



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At left, the Montrose Farmers Market is in full swing Downtown every Saturday! Above, the State flower...photo by Brad Switzer.

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