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BUILDING PERMITS ON THE RISE IN CITY AND COUNTY, MEDIAN PRICE OF HOME SOLD IN CITY DROPS IN 2015



Thanks to a super hot Front Range real estate market, building permits are up and local homes that took six months to sell are now selling in half that time, experts say.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE--Summer temperatures are not the only thing soaring in mid-2015; by all accounts the Front Range real estate market has been heating up in recent months as well, sparking economic activity here in Montrose. According to the [building permit detail](#) issued by the County, Montrose County issued roughly \$7,483,818 in building permits during the first six months of 2015. According to information posted on the [City of Montrose's web site](#), the City of Montrose issued \$7,548,667 in building permits during the first six months of the year.

—There's definitely a lot more activity than there has been in the last three of four years," Mike Bussing of [Cypress Homes](#) said. —I've built three houses this year; the Denver market is just booming right now, and there are a lot advantages to owning a home here."

Especially popular are homes in the \$250,000 price range, he said, adding that homes that were taking five to six months to sell are now selling in two to three months.

At Pro Build (16 West Main St.), Manager Randy Whetzell said business is up —dittle bit" overall,

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CRAFT BREWERS EXPAND SEASONAL SELECTIONS

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-As Colorado's craft brewing industry continues to expand with delicious, seasonal brews, Montrose brewers have joined the pack with an array of seasonal selections intended to tempt just about everyone. Christopher Mathews of Epicurious notes in —[Classic Brews for Summer](#)" that some of the most popular summer season brews originated in Germany and Belgium, where brewers began to experiment with adding wheat to the blend. —Through trial and error, it was discovered that including a proportion of wheat in the mash leads to a highly desirable beverage, a lighter-bodied beer with refreshing, thirst-quenching acidity," Mathews writes.

[Horsefly Brewing Company](#) Brewmaster John Schrader has a Coconut Porter that has been called —Amond Joy-escape," along with a summer —vit." —Awit is a Belgian wheat beer," Schrader said, noting that people are also loving a summer Peach brew and an English Mild. —That's a dark beer, but not heavy," he said. —It's full of good flavor but easy

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Above, Horsefly staffer Chelsea Peterson welcomes thirsty consumers. Photo by Jack Switzer.

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APPLICANT HEARING ON GRAVEL PIT DRAWS CROWD

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE—On July 6, 2015 approximately 130 people attended the county commissioner's meeting on the special use permit submitted by the Lazy K-Bar for the Uncompahgre gravel pit.

Commissioner Chairman David White opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and an invocation. White's opening statements then laid out the process for order of business and the fundamental ground rules. He said, "Please remember that this is the applicant's hearing and they can take as much time as they need to present the application." The order of business was to first hear the applicant's presentation, then those speaking in favor of the application, followed by those who oppose the application. Each speaker was allotted five minutes and the meeting was to end no later than 10 PM. (At roughly 10 PM the meeting ended and was scheduled to reconvene at 6 pm on July 22, 2015 at the Montrose County Fairgrounds. At that time opponents of the application will be heard, as well as any rebuttal from the applicant.)

Lazy K-Bar attorney Andy Mueller's presentation was similar to that presented before the planning commission and reported on in the *Mirror*.

However, one noticeable difference included Mueller addressing all of the opponents concerns that have been heard during meetings, stated in the media and submitted in writing.

Mr. Mueller was critical of opposition tactics in producing and distributing a misleading flyer to area residents. He said, "The hyperbole used by opponents [was meant] to stir-up angst in the community." Debunking the opposition's claim that 250 trucks a day would be added to traffic Mueller said, "It's important to understand that 72 belly dumps, including small dump

trucks is what we propose."

Acknowledging that people are afraid of the perceived negative impact of the pit on property values Mueller said, "The opposition engaged in fear mongering. It's not the Lazy K-Bar's fault if property values decline. It's the negativity ..., the fear mongering that has dropped the value of [surrounding] properties."

Traffic congestion is a concern for Telluride Express. During the planning commission hearing a woman who spoke on behalf of the owner of Telluride Express stated that the company makes about 400 trips a day to Telluride. Mueller, reiterating that the Lazy K-Bar estimates they will add 72 trucks to the mix said, "We understand, but why does Telluride Express have any more right to travel on the roads than anyone else?"

Eight people from various career fields spoke in support of the application. Greg Lewicki from Parker, CO expounded on the uniqueness of the proposed pit site. He said, "This pit has the best mitigation of any project I've seen. It's about as good as it gets."

Tina Cordova commented on the willingness of the applicant to be thorough. She said, "They do everything you ask. I don't think you can keep saying no."

Local real estate broker Joey Burns lives about a mile from the proposed pit and has sold numerous properties in that area. "Gravel pits do not inhibit [property] values...it brings value."

Mr. Burns recounted a situation that happened during the planning commission hearings when one speaker stated that if we don't do something [economic development in] the county is going to die. A man seated in front of Burns said, "Well good then, let it die!" Choked with emotion Burns told the commissioners that he and his wife have five children, "I want to



Approximately 130 people attended the county commissioner's meeting on the special use permit submitted by the Lazy K-Bar for the Uncompahgre gravel pit. Photo by Brad Switzer.

be able to raise them here."

In brief statements Tamara Lewko (Montrose), Christine Sheffer (Parker, CO) and Jim Finnegan (Montrose) ask the commissioners to approve the application.

Todd Haynes, who leases the now short-lived Racine gravel pit, told the commissioners that those opposed to gravel pits have called the State concerning compliance at the Racine pit. Haynes said, "Three times the State showed up at the pit and each time we were more than within compliance." Haynes encouraged the commissioners to base their decision on fact, not on emotion.

John Kuijvenhoven, Cornerstone developer, was the final speaker to address the commissioners. Mr. Kuijvenhoven estimates that in the last 14 years Cornerstone development has infused \$250 Million into the community.

Of the Lazy K-Bar application he said, "The facts speak for themselves. What we should be asking is for people to bring solutions, not problems — the opposition is not bringing solutions. This is a good, responsible project; it is what we need."



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CITIZEN INPUT ESSENTIAL TO PARKS AND REC DEVELOPMENT

Dear Editor:

Montrose can be proud of the new trail system at Cerro Summit, one of our two outlier parks. I should point out, however, that what is needed is a master plan for the area. There have been numerous proposals for this area, as well as recognition of its significant historical context. A resource inventory and big picture master plan with public input would be helpful. Besides trails there have been suggestions for winter sports, historical restoration, highway rest stop, wildlife viewing areas, and a sage grouse expansion area. This, and more, can be aided by the use of a citizen advisory group. Since there exists within the Montrose citizenry a high level of expertise and experience, it cumulatively exceeds that of city staff and should be utilized. Anyone interested in citizen input on this and other park and recreation projects leave a message at the city visitor center or call 240-1618.

Wayne Quade

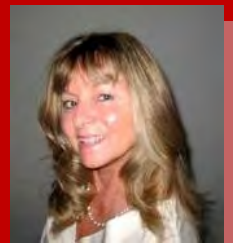
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CRAFT BREWERS EXPAND SEASONAL SELECTIONS

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Local breweries like Horsefly Brewing Company, above, offer refreshing seasonal brews for the summer months.

drinking, not heavy on the alcohol.

—We also have our Amarillo Pale Ale,” Schrader said.

—We did it last summer too, and it didn’t last very long.”

Horsefly (846 East Main Street) continues to brew fresh soda pop as well—Root Beer and Orange Cream—for those who

At 2 Rascals Brewing Company (147 North First Street), there is only one special seasonal on tap—Citra Pale Ale.

—It’s an American Pale Ale with Citra hops,” Brewer and Partner Daniel Leonardi said. —It has been going really well.”

Leonardi, who owns 2 Rascals with part-

ner Brandon Frey, said that the growth of the keg side of their business has kept them too busy to do much experimenting with seasonal selections. However, the year-round favorites remain on tap as always—the IPA, Irish Red and Amber.

At 320 East Main Street, [Colorado Boy Pizzeria and Brewery](#) has an array of lighter, seasonal options as well as the mainstays.

—Our Big Head Lager really sells well,” Colorado Boy Brewmaster Steve Wood said. —Our Irish is up—that’s my favorite—and we’re transferring the Blonde; it’s a nice, light beer for summer.”

Other local favorites include the English Pub Ale and Standard IPA, he said.

—We always have seasonal choices—in Fall and Winter the brews are darker, with things like Porter,” he said, —and in the summer we turn to light, refreshing pale ales and blondes.

—But really, it’s just a personal thing,” he said. —People just have their favorites, and you can’t talk _em out of them.”

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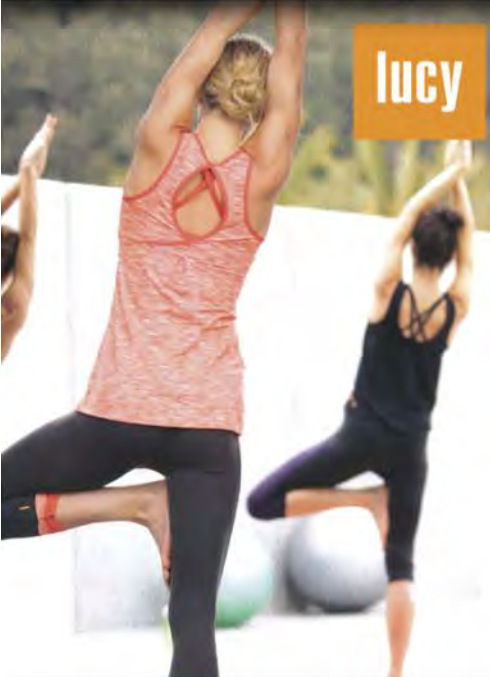
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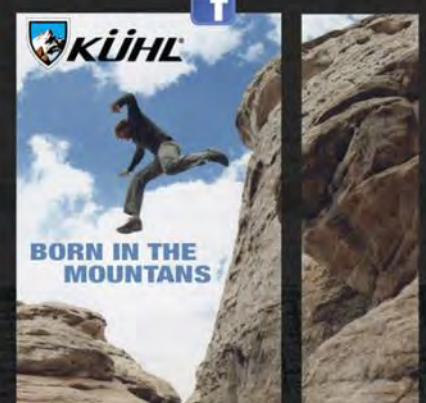

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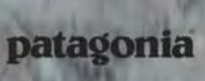
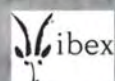
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HOME LOAN STATE BANK TO OPEN WITH ALL-STAR LOCAL TEAM



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MONTROSE—Five esteemed members of the Montrose community banking industry are joining the Home Loan State Bank family to create a new locally-owned and operated bank in Montrose County. This new partnership will be comprised of Mark Harmon, Kent Cox, Latisha Saunders, Nicolette Allen and April Sutherland. On the first day of business at Home Loan State Bank-Montrose, there will be more than 90 years of combined community banking experience available to business owners and residents all over the Western Slope.

For many years, this team has focused on building lasting relationships with Colorado families that span generations. Now having joined forces, their combined vision is to merge cutting-edge technology with traditional values to create a personal hometown banking solution for Montrose and surrounding communities. Home Loan State Bank-Montrose is conveniently located at 340 S. Townsend Ave. with an anticipated opening date of Aug. 3rd, 2015.

JOIN THE WINNING TRADITION OF MONTROSE INDIANS SOCCER!

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MONTROSE--Montrose High School Indians hold their 14th Annual Soccer Camp!

This year's camp will focus on soccer skills, fundamentals and fitness and also teach the importance of teamwork and self-improvement.

The camp will be held Aug. 3-6 at the


Sunset Mesa soccer fields. The cost is \$75 for players ages 7-14 who will participate from 5 - 8 p.m. and \$50 for those ages 5-6 who will participate from 5 - 7 p.m.

Cost includes a snack each night, Indians soccer T-shirt, and a Free soccer ball compliments of Turner Toyota.

Participation will benefit the MHS soccer program. Register by July 20th and


save \$5.00, or register at the soccer field the first night of camp. Registration forms are online at

http://mhs.mcsd.org/our_school/athletics_and_activities/fall_boys_soccer/ or Montrose Aquatic Center or call Coach Pavlich at (970)417-7953 or Mail Registration and fee to: Montrose Soccer Booster, PO Box 835, Montrose, Co 81402.



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DMTC SEEKS COUNCIL ON OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION ACCREDITATION

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DELTA-Delta-Montrose Technical College (DMTC) has applied for initial accreditation with the Commission of the Council on Occupational Education (COE). DMTC has been a candidate for accreditation by COE since September 2013. DMTC will be hosting an accreditation team August 24-27, 2015.

Anyone wishing to comment may write to the Executive Director, Council on Occupational Education, 7840 Roswell Road, Building 300, Suite 325, Atlanta, Georgia 30350, or the council's web site

(www.council.org). Persons making comments must provide their names and mailing addresses.

The Council on Occupational Education (COE), originally founded in 1971 as a regional accrediting agency of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, is the successor to the Commission on Occupational Education Institutions (COEI). In 1995, the Council became a national accrediting agency. In 2006, the Council celebrated its 35th year of assuring quality and integrity in career and technical education. The Council's accreditation process is

conducted on behalf of more than 360,000 students across the nation who pursue careers in a variety of technical fields. Delta-Montrose Technical College was formerly accredited by the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement. Delta-Montrose Technical College is a public career and technical college in Delta, Colorado. It offers 37 secondary and postsecondary certificates in 11 different programs. All certificates can be earned in two semesters or less, with many of them only one semester in length.

ART PARTNERS TO HOLD 2015 EXPO AT DELTA SENIOR CENTER

Special to the Mirror

DELTA-Art Partners and Partners of Delta, Montrose and Ouray is excited to announce the hanging of their Annual Art Expo at the Delta Senior Center. This exhibit features art pieces produced by this year's Art Partner Interns and by Alumnae who have already graduated from their partnerships. Art Partners Interns are youth between the age of 12 and 18 who have expressed interest in working with a local artist or creative. The adult mentor does everything they can to help the young artist

or craftsman understand and excel in the medium they are exploring. They will work in the mentor's studio or workshop be it a forge, a classroom, barn or a kitchen, developing skills and expanding their vision and understanding of their area of interest. Over the 16 years of the Art Partners Program, our interns have worked with drawing and painting, pottery, jewelry, horses, needle arts, creative writing and more. Interns have explored the business and display of fine art, and prepared and entered their work in local art shows and

county fairs. Our young quilters have won People's Choice Awards and Best in Show and our young cooks have prepared hors d'oeuvres for Partners' events. The 2015 Art Expo is available for viewing Monday through Friday from 10-2 at The Delta Sr./Community Center, 247 Meeker in Delta through July 31st. There will be a Silent Auction of work donated by our exhibitors. Proceeds fund purchase of materials and matting and framing.

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During the evening hours of Sunday, June 28th or the morning hours of Monday, June 29th, a person or persons unknown stole a 16 foot high-side self-bailing blue river raft from the parking lot of ROCKWORX 4x4 located at 1940 N. Townsend Avenue in Montrose. Anyone with information about the suspect(s) or the location of the stolen raft can call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 249-8500. Crime Stoppers and the Montrose Police want your Information, not your identity. If the tip results in an arrest, the caller may receive a cash award.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF THE SAN JUANS STARTS CRITICAL HOME REPAIR PROGRAM

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--Habitat for Humanity of the San Juans kicks off Critical Home Repair Program for Homeowners with Household Incomes Less Than 80% of Median Income.

Habitat for Humanity of the San Juans, in partnership with the Delta Housing Authority, is now offering critical home repair and improvements for homeowners. This program is in addition to Habitat's existing new home ownership program.

Critical home repair means that the property must have at least one critical need addressed, and then other improvements may be funded. Examples of critical need include: flood, no heat source, roof leaking, window broken, mold, asbestos and radon, accessibility, aging in place updates, foundation issues, heating, plumbing, electrical and structural repairs.

Delta Housing Authority is providing the grant dollars necessary for the projects, while Habitat Family Services Coordinator, Autumn Jones, is accepting applications and walking applicants through the approval process. Loan decisions are made by an independent third party loan committee and are not made by Habitat staff or Board of Directors.

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*Lisa Isaacson.
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MONTROSE-Elderado Financial is pleased to welcome Lisa Isaacson, the newest addition to their financial planning team. Lisa, a Certified Public Accountant, will no longer prepare tax returns but is instead going to focus on financial

planning and investment management. The merging of her CPA expertise with financial planning will help individuals and businesses gain a broad view of their financial situation to better coordinate and

achieve their goals.

Lisa, her husband Pete, and son Blake, moved from Wisconsin 11 years ago and specifically chose Montrose so that they could enjoy our quality of life and wealth of outdoor activities. She has 25 years of accounting experience, having worked equally in public and industry accounting. Lisa is excited to diversify and focus on her financial planning skills by joining Elderado Financial. She is an active community member and has served in several volunteer capacities. Lisa is the treasurer for LiveWell Montrose Olathe, a program of Valley Food Partnership. Lisa also volunteers for ShareFest and the Rotary Winter Festival.

Jim Elder and Adam Miller, the principal advisors at Elderado Financial, are excited to welcome Lisa to our firm. Adam remarked, "We're thrilled that Lisa has decided to join our Elderado family and that she can help broaden our financial planning services with additional insights from her CPA background." Elderado Financial has specialized in managing investments and assisting with life and goal planning since 1998 to help individuals and businesses attain their financial objectives. The mission for the Elderado Financial team is to simplify individual's lives by providing non-commissioned, fee-only financial advice to help achieve a comfortable retirement and a worry-free lifestyle.

MONTROSE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO UNROLL HISTORIC REX THEATRE CURTAIN

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MONTROSE-On Tuesday July 14th at about 1:15 pm, Montrose County Historical Society will deliver the Rex Theatre historical curtain to be unrolled at the Montrose Fairgrounds. They are hoping to display the curtain during the Montrose County Fair. This is a historical moment, as the curtain was last seen in 1995 unrolled, and there are only 44 curtains left in the State. The public is welcome to attend.

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EDUCATION IS MORE IMPORTANT NOW THAN EVER BEFORE: BOB CONNOR



Bob Connor
Courtesy photo.

Interview by Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-- Although Bob Connor is not a native Coloradoan, he has lived in the state since 1949. Before moving to Montrose in 2002, Bob lived in Arvada where he taught AP high school chemistry and coached both football and basket-

ball. Bob served on a variety of teacher association boards, as well as being on the school board for a private school.

During Bob's career he focused on students and their studies, "When I retired it left a big void in my life and I started looking at government to see what was going on there." Bob is concerned about things that could be done better, but he acknowledged, "Somethings you can do something about, others you can't." No stranger at county commissioner and city council meetings he said, "I bring my own opinion. They listen to me, but sometimes we have a different perspective. They may have information that I don't have."

Interestingly, when Bob lived in Arvada

he was a Republican, but he switched party affiliations when he moved to Montrose and discovered how heavily weighted the county is toward Republicans. Bob said, "I wanted to see it [the political landscape] more balanced."

Currently Bob is a member of the League of Women Voters and he was recently selected as one of 16 community members who assisted Montrose County School District RE-1J in the interview process for the new superintendent.

In 2005 Bob ran against Gary Ellis for Montrose County Commissioner. While he didn't seek out the role of politician, others encouraged him to give it a try. He said, "It wasn't something I wanted to do ... I was talked into it. People said just go ahead and see where it goes." Bob found he enjoyed campaigning door to door and meeting voters, both those who grew up here, as well as with newcomers to the area. "There are a lot of really great people out there." He laughed and said, "People don't hold back when you ask them their opinion."

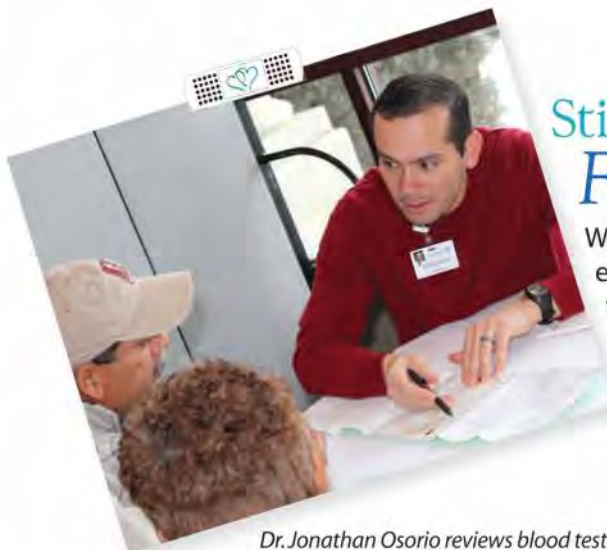
When asked if he would run another campaign he said, "Np it was a one shot deal." Bob went on to explain that while he remains involved in the community, he has not sought positions on local boards because he and wife Karen are hoping to sell their home and move closer to the grand-

kids.

Bob's main interest in the community is the school system. "It is the most critical factor in bringing people and business to the area. It's a game changer for Montrose. People in industry have families and the first question they ask is, "What are the schools like?" Education is more important now than ever before." Bob has attended school board meetings because he wants to know the philosophy of the board.

In Bob's experience schools in the United States are currently administered from the top down, rather than the bottom up.

"Many European countries are doing a better job than we [Americans] are. We are deeply entrenched in bureaucracy. We need more local control and there are people here [Montrose] that we can work with." On the local landscape Bob feels the message sent from the school board to the superintendent is not the same message sent to teachers. Although he has administrative experience, Bob admits to being an advocate for teachers. "Interactions between teachers and students, that's where it's at." Bob encourages people to get involved. He said, "If people don't feel they can go to meetings and make comments, they can write letters-to-the-editor. If you hold back it leaves you out of being part of the community."



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

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BUILDING PERMITS ON THE RISE IN COUNTY AND CITY *From pg 1*



Recent local construction projects include the new Hope West Facility and the newly renovated Masonic Bldg.

overall, beginning with an extraordinary early spring. —We're seeing a little bit of an increase," he said. —Ad while there are certainly some custom homes being built in the \$300,000 range, it's the niche right below that—around \$250,000—that is really selling right now."

According to Lynn Vogel of Comparable Sales Research, sales of single family homes in Montrose County between April 1 and June 30, 2015 rose 13 percent above the same period in 2014.

Within the City of Montrose, sales of single family homes between April and

period in 2014. The median price of a single family home sold in Montrose County between April 1 and June 30, 2015 rose by 3.6 percent over the same time frame in 2014, while the median price of a single family home sold in the City of Montrose between April 1 and June 30, 2015 dropped by 3.4 percent compared to the same time period in 2014.

[Montrose Realtor Alan Brown](#), who posts the real estate market report from the multiple listing service on his web site, notes that the median price for a home in the Montrose area increased from \$158,000 in

mid-2014 to \$174,000 for the first half of 2015. Realtor Valerie Meyers of Montrose, who issues regular [video real estate report](#) called last month —the most fabulous June we have had in seven or eight years."

Montrose County Planning and Development Director Steve White said he is thrilled to see an increase in building permits and construction.

—Houses are being built and houses are being sold," White said, —and it's good to see. I know that when contractors are working, stores are staying busy.

—If a person is working, they can spend money in restaurants. Housing is always a good driver in our local economy, and this benefits our community as a whole," he said. Demand in one part of the local economy creates a corresponding impact in others, Cypress Homes' Mike Bussing said.

—Success begets success," Bussing said. —I would not want to see the construction market go crazy again unless it is sustainable, but when we succeed everybody benefits."

OPINION/EDITORIAL-LETTERS

FOURTH OF JULY MEANS FREEDOM FOR ALL

In Response to recent letters from Susan Reich and Gail Marvel:

Dear Editor:

I feel that Ms. Reich and Ms. Marvel missed the underlying theme of the 4th of July parade when they criticized the presence of the gay pride rainbow flag in the parade. The July 4th parade is really about celebrating the freedoms that ALL American citizens have. The July 4th parade is not JUST for veterans, war widows, and any other special interest group attached to veterans. That parade is for ALL of us to celebrate. As it is stated in the Pledge of Allegiance, it is —liberty and Justice for All." The same concept is mentioned in the Declaration of Independence when it states, —. . .all Men are created equal . . .with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness. ." Each one of us has the freedom of speech as declared in Amendment I of the Constitution.

I don't understand why these two women found the rainbow flag to be so offensive. There were many other participants in the parade who had apparel made from fabric which resembled the American Flag. Their apparel was not made FROM an American Flag just as the rainbow flag was not made FROM an American Flag. It was made from other materials to resemble the American Flag. I believe that each of the individuals who wore or carried some type of material resembling the American Flag were celebrating their freedom as an American citizen.

The words quoted in the first paragraph of this letter were penned approx. 239 years ago. I would hope that it is not going to take the citizens of this county another 239 years to really put those words into practice.

Connie Pittenger, Montrose

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OURAY COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES RECEIVES GOOD REPORT FROM CDPHE CONSULTATIVE VISIT

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE—In April 2015, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, along with six EMS and trauma services experts, performed a consultative visit at the request of the Ouray County Board of Commissioners. The purpose of the visit was to review and evaluate the components of the EMS and trauma system in order to provide recommendations for system improvement and enhancement. A report of the findings was presented to the Board of County Commissioners and Ouray County Emergency Medical Services on June 25th 2015.

The Ouray County EMS and trauma system includes Ouray County EMS, Log Hill First Responder Corp, Log Hill Mesa Fire Protection District, Horsefly Volunteer Fire Department, Ouray Volunteer Fire Department, Ouray Mountain Rescue Team, Ridgway Volunteer Fire Department, Ridgway State Park, Montrose Memorial Hospital and the Montrose County Regional Communications Center. Mutual aid is provided primarily by Montrose Fire Protection District and air medical resources are available from locations in Montrose, Durango, Grand Junction, and Moab, Utah.

The comments from the consultative team were very positive with a few recommendations. The team commended the Ouray

County Emergency Medical Services for what they are able to achieve with few resources. In their report the team wrote —Given the resources available and remote location, Ouray County EMS provides a valuable and effective service to its citizens and visitors.” The team also commented —Ouray County EMS should be commended for its responsible approach to meeting its fiscal requirements” and that —the Ouray County EMS system is well supported by the community.” The team commended Ouray County EMS for its emphasis on EMS education, both continuing and initial provider education: —Stakeholder survey respondents commented that existing EMS system strength is —god” to —excellent” for ongoing training for primary providers and partner agencies such as law enforcement and search and rescue.”

The report that was given to the Board of County Commissioners stated that —Integration between the Ouray County EMS and Montrose Memorial Hospital is good. The hospital reports that Ouray EMS is compliant with timely submission of patient care reports and is a regular participant in quality assurance and quality improvement activities. The feeling amongst stakeholders is they have a very positive relationship. Additionally, Montrose Fire Protection District regularly provides mu-

tual aid into Ouray County as needed. The new partnership with St. Mary’s Hospital to place a Care Flight helicopter at Montrose Memorial Hospital should further enhance integration and timely system access.”

Some of the recommendations given by the consultative team include: Ouray County Emergency Medical Services should develop an updated EMS Resolution as the current resolution dates back to 1978; continue developing plans to build a Ouray County EMS headquarters; evaluate the current billing levels and determine if raising the rates would assist in offsetting costs; develop job descriptions for each position to include the EMS Director, full-time paramedics, part-time paramedics and the professional volunteer EMS providers; and continue to advocate for a cost effective regional 9-1-1 infrastructure.

The consultative team wrapped up their visit by complimenting the EMS team and expressing how impressed they were in what the Ouray County EMS team is able to achieve.

The team mentioned that it was difficult to come up with some of the recommendations and that they, for the most part, are —little fixes” and the Board of County Commissioners and the Citizens and visitors of the County should be proud of the service Ouray County has.

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RIDGWAY COMMEMORATES FILMING OF TRUE GRIT WITH HISTORICAL PLAQUES

Special to the Mirror

RIDGWAY-Nine historical plaques are being installed in Ridgway and Ouray to commemorate the filming of True Grit in 1968. The project, brainchild of Ridgway resident John Mitchell, is being coordinated by the Ridgway Area Chamber of Commerce. The Ouray County Ranch History Museum and the Ouray Chamber Resort Association are also involved in the heritage effort.

In a related economic development initiative, the Ridgway chamber has instituted a weekly walking tour. Entitled "True Grit: The Movie That Put Ridgway on the Map," the one hour tour is scheduled Fridays at 11 AM. Tour goes 12 and older pay \$10 to attend. Children are free. Additional tours will be scheduled for groups as needed and as awareness and demand grow. John Wayne won his only Oscar in 1969 for his performance as the crusty, one-eyed Marshall Rooster Cogburn. Queries about the movie and iconic actor are among the most frequent ones received at the Ridgway Visitors Center. The Ridgway Chamber wants to maximize this valuable but under-used asset of the town's

heritage. Each plaque contains a map of the sites, enabling residents and visitors to embark on their own self guided tour at any time, starting at any location. Eleven sites have been identified as being part of or relevant to making the movie in 1968. Seven of the 12" X 10" plaques cover nine Ridgway locations. The railroad depot, gallows, livery stable, mortuary, Chen Lee's place, the courthouse facade, True Grit Cafe (built in 1986 as a tribute to John Wayne and True Grit), the saloon and the grocery all are in downtown Ridgway within a two-block area.

The jail wagon has been situated for years on the corner of highways 62 and 550 to welcome visitors in town. Although its location does not allow inclusion in the walking tour, the relic is suggested as a photo opportunity for tour goers.

Two plaques are being placed in Ouray. One will be outside the Ouray County Courthouse where the interior courtroom scenes were filmed. The other identifies The Outlaw Restaurant, which proudly displays John Wayne's hat, as Wayne's getaway for playing pool and enjoying a libation.

Messages on the plaques have been crafted to describe the sites' role in the movie and to convey unusual and interesting facts. As an example, the gallows plaque wording reads:

After finding the mortuary closed with the undertaker gone to the triple hanging, Mattie joins the enthusiastic crowd to watch. The gallows was erected just west of this sign. Although he was not listed in the credits, Jay Silverheels, who played Tonto in the 1949-1957 Lone Ranger TV series, was the middle one of the three condemned men. Local historian Jim Pettengill played a key role in drafting and reviewing the plaque copy.

A QR code on each plaque refers Smartphone users to a Chamber website page about True Grit filming locations outside of town and additional information about this movie and others made in Southwestern Colorado.

Dave's Mountain Tours (970.728.9749, davesmountaintours.com) utilizes Swiss Pingauzers to transport visitors to remote True Grit sites Last Dollar Road, Owl Creek Pass, Katie's Meadow and the snake pit.

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DENVER - Colorado Parks and Wildlife over-the-counter (OTC) and over-the-counter with caps (bear and elk) licenses go on sale online, in person, and by phone, Tuesday, July 21, at 9 a.m.

A valid license is an important step in planning your hunt this and every year in Colorado, said Henrietta Turner, CPWs license manager. A familiarity with CPWs hunting regulations and brochures goes along way to ensure you can Come Hunt With CPW with the right tag for the right location where you choose to hunt.

Over-the-counter with caps licenses are licenses for bear and elk that are limited in number and only available first-come, first-serve starting at 9 a.m., MDT, July 21.

The list of over-the-counter with caps can be found in the [2015 Big Game Brochure](#) and the over-the-counter with caps list with quotas will be available online July 14. Do note that over-the-counter with caps rifle bear licenses have season participation rules, read more on page 59 of the [2015 Big Game Brochure](#).

Unlimited over-the-counter licenses are licenses that are unlimited in number and available in a range of units and seasons. There are unlimited over-the-counter licenses for cow and either-sex archery elk, bull elk in the 2nd and 3rd rifle seasons, either-sex elk in the plains, either-sex archery pronghorn and doe and either-sex whitetail deer.

These licenses are restricted to certain units and manners of take. For more information, please see the maps on pages 30, 34-37 and 49 in the [2015 Big Game Brochure](#). These licenses are listed in the online system without a hunt code or by asking for the specific OTC license by phone or in person. OTC whitetail deer licenses are only available at CPW offices.

Leftover limited licenses and OTC turkey licenses will be on sale in person and by phone at 9 a.m. MDT, Tuesday, Aug. 4. Leftover licenses will be available for sale online starting at midnight MDT, Aug. 5. Leftover limited licenses are licenses that have gone through the draw process and still have quota remaining. The list of leftover licenses available for purchase is scheduled to be available online July 28.

In addition to a current and valid photo ID, proof of residency and social security number, anyone buying a license must have a Hunter Education card, unless the hunter was born before Jan. 1, 1949. Online verification requires input of the hunter education information located on the card and the state in which it was issued. Bring this card with you for in-person sales.

To sign up for a Hunter Education course go to <http://cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/HE-Courses.aspx>. To request a replacement Colorado hunter education card, go to <http://cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/HE-CardReplacement.aspx>.

Choose to purchase in person at more than 700 licensing agents, including CPW offices, online at <http://cpw.state.co.us/BuyApply/pages/hunting.aspx> or by phone (800-244-5613). A list of license agents can be found at <http://cpw.state.co.us/buyapply/Pages/LicenseAgentsList.aspx>.

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TIME BANK GIFTS 20 MEMBERSHIPS TO GOLDEN CIRCLE SENIORS



By Marilyn Huseby
Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--This is a beautiful gesture, and a great way to give back to the Golden Circle Seniors who have volunteered their time for all the committees at the Montrose Senior Center for 25 years, from the Saturday dances to exercise and craft classes. The Time Bank of the Rockies has gifted 20 memberships to make it possible for the time they give to be put in their time bank accounts. With this time exchange they can get other services that they really need, and that are hard for them to do at their age.

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POETRY ON THE RIVERS WITH BETH PAULSON

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RIDGWAY--on Saturday, July 25th from 9am-1 pm at the Uncompahgre River Walk in Ridgway, Colorado. Instructor Beth Paulson describes this unique and interactive poetry workshop, "Rivers, streams, lakes and oceans are places that humans have long used to recreate themselves. These places evoke thoughts and deep feelings, and lead us as they have past writers, to express them in words. From essayists Henry David Thoreau and Terry Tempest Williams to poets Mary Oliver and Allison Hawthorne Deming, water has been both muse and metaphor. In this workshop students will spend a morning along the Uncompahgre River in Ridgway celebrating, exploring together, and writing about the importance of water in our lives, especially the waters we have known best.

With feet in the river, stones in our hands, we will engage all the senses as we craft short poems about water experiences, favorite waters, and concerns about water. We will also create together a more extensive vocabulary for writing about water that can be used for suggested future poem topics."

The cost for this workshop is \$50.00 and is for ages 16 and up. Instructor Beth Paulson will provide handouts for class. Students should come to class with Notebook, pen, water, snack, and/or lunch.

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MOUNTAIN VILLAGE GONDOLA GOES GREEN WITH LED LIGHTING, THANKS TO GRANT FROM SAN MIGUEL COUNTY

Special to the Mirror

MOUNTAIN VILLAGE—The [Mountain Village gondola](#) to Telluride is already a green machine; its existence keeps cars off the road and prevents an estimated 45,000 tons of carbon dioxide in vehicle emissions from entering the environment annually.

However, this spring the alpine resort community, Mountain Village, took their greening one step further by installing energy-efficient LED lighting throughout all gondola terminals, a project that is expected to reduce the electricity used for lighting by 70 percent and overall carbon emissions by another 100 tons per year.

“Many thanks to the Mountain Village gondola maintenance staff who worked diligently throughout the spring closure to install the new lighting in time for summer. As the region’s number one tourist attraction, the gondola serves 2.5 million riders every year and is an excellent opportunity to promote energy efficiency to our residents and guests alike,” said Deanna Drew,

the town’s environmental services director.

The Town of Mountain Village was incorporated in 1996 to compliment the historic community of Telluride and to host the world-class Telluride Ski and Golf Resort. Moreover, it was always a vision of the original founders that the town be a pedestrian-friendly community where guests can leave their car behind and access the surrounding mountains by a free and environmentally-friendly public transportation system.

“The gondola is an integral part of the Mountain Village/Telluride lifestyle,” explained Drew. “It deserves to be as green as possible.”

Mountain Village hired longtime resident and energy-efficient lighting design expert Chris Myers from enLIGHTen of Telluride for the project. In total, 338 fixtures and bulbs were upgraded, which are estimated to reduce the gondola’s overall electricity by five percent and save over 100,000 kilowatt hours per year.

“The newer more inviting LED lighting not only saves electricity and reduces carbon emissions, it also improves the gondola appearance and experience,” said Myers. “It is really heartening to see our local governments take such strides in making intelligent decisions for saving energy and protecting our environment.”

The project cost approximately \$30,000, with \$12,000 reimbursed from San Miguel County through the [Green Projects Grant Program](#), administered by EcoAction Partners, and another \$10,000 in estimated rebates from San Miguel Power Association.

“The EcoAction Partners Green Projects Grant Program was funded by San Miguel County through a one-time energy use fee. All awarded projects measurably reduce greenhouse gas emissions through energy efficiency and other innovative means. Once all projects are complete, over one billion pounds of carbon will be reduced for the lifespan of the projects, which is typically 20-plus years,” said Drew.

In 2014 the Mountain Village government reduced its overall energy use and greenhouse gas emissions 22 percent below 2010 levels, including a five percent reduction in gondola emissions. Before the grant and rebate are applied, the project has a simple payback period of 2.2 years and a 46 percent return on investment.

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CITY COMPLETES INSTALLATION OF NEW WATER METER READING SYSTEM

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE – The City of Montrose Public Works Department has completed the installation of a new water meter reading system that uses the latest technology to reduce administrative costs and expand services to utility customers. The project, involving the replacement of 7,450 commercial and residential meter reading radios throughout the City's water distribution system, began in May 2014. The new meter reading system uses fixed-base advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) technology to collect hourly water usage information via data transmissions from each meter. Enhanced reporting information from the meters equips utilities personnel to provide detailed usage information when responding to billing inquiries and customers can use the information to evaluate irrigation volumes and flow rates to better manage water resources and costs. —Detailed usage reports are very helpful in resolving questions about water billings," said Utilities Superintendent David Bries. —Whereas the former

system could only provide the total monthly usage, the new metering information shows exactly when and how much water was used throughout a given month." Leak reports generated by the metering software help identify customers with continuous water usage that is typical of a leak, leading to earlier correction of the problem. The system also issues automated warnings that indicate sudden and massive increases in water usage at a specific customer address.

More dynamic system information and tools also equip utilities personnel to better manage water resources by comparing, on a real-time basis, water volume purchased from [Project 7 Water Authority](#) versus water delivered to customers, developing water loss trends to identify increases in leaks or breaks, and better quantifying water loss and costs associated with waterline breaks.

The changeover is expected to yield annual cost savings to the City of approximately \$45,000, with additional benefits in allowing earlier identification and replacement of defective meters,

reducing lost revenue resulting from unmetered and unbilled water consumption, identifying potential backflow conditions where water flows back into the City water system, obtaining final readings from the office when customers move or close accounts, monitoring inactive or delinquent accounts to ensure that meters remain turned off, and eliminating costs resulting from an unacceptably high failure rate of the old meter reading radios and meters. The system, acquired under a \$584,525 contract with National Meter and Automation, Inc., replaces a more labor-intensive mobile read system that was plagued with a variety of costly technical issues. Prior to the system-wide rollout of the new equipment, the City conducted a 200 unit demonstration project that began in late 2013. This phase of the project demonstrated that the meters and accompanying software worked seamlessly with the City's accounting and billing system and provided reasonable assurance that the capital outlay would represent a good value for utility customers.

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MIRROR IMAGES...2015 BLACK CANYON QUILT SHOW!



Appreciative crowds thronged the 2015 Black Canyon Quilt Show at the Montrose Pavilion July 10-12, for beautiful exhibits (at left) and practical demonstrations such as bed turning (above right). Below right, volunteer Sue Palmer welcomes visitors to the show.



Experiencing the (local) Church

WRITER GAIL MARVEL VISITS CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY (PENTECOSTAL)



By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE—Eleven people joined together for worship during my visit to the Church of God of Prophecy (Pentecostal) on May 31, 2015. Rev. Jeremiah Quintin, who has served as church pastor for a year, is also the kitchen manager for Christ's Kitchen. The former pastor, Hiram, filled the church pulpit for 38 years and is still active in the congregation.

There was no bulletin or order of service and Rev. Quintin said, "I prepare my Scripture and let the Spirit lead the sermon and the preaching. The worship service can be long or short, depending on the Spirit's leading and the prayer requests."

Prior to the start of the service Rev. Quintin shared some personal history, "When I was 17 years old I began attending AA ... that's where I got my first Bible. Even though I haven't had a drink for 37 years I still go to meetings. It's an outreach into the community and I'm all about outreach."

In preparation for the message the pastor read Luke 6:43-45, Jesus' teachings on a tree and its fruit. Rev. Quintin said, "What kind of fruit are you? What kind of fruit does your heart produce? I can't judge any man, but I can look at my own life, where

I've come from and where I'm going." Making the application he said, "What are people seeing in me? Are they seeing Jeremiah, or are they seeing God? When they see me are they seeing God in my life?" In Rev. Quintin's experience people sometimes regret their words, "Often I've heard someone say 'I wish I wouldn't have said that.' What a man says comes from his heart. I pray that my heart is good and bears good fruit. As we worship I want you to think about the condition of your heart."

Special music was presented by Sandy, who played the piano and was accompanied by Hiram on the electric guitar. Sandy prefaced the thought provoking southern gospel song, "He Didn't Come Down," by asking the audience, "What would your life have been like if Jesus had not come down off the cross? Jesus could have told the Father, 'I don't want to do this,' but He stayed on the cross for you and me."

Continuing with the theme of spiritual heart health Rev. Quintin asked, "Are you feeding your heart spiritual nutrition? You have to give your spirit a source of spiritual energy. When you study the Word of God and put it in your heart that is what you are going to be." The reverend con-

trasted studying the Bible with watching television shows which portray murder and hatred, "You have a choice of what you read, watch and hear ... a choice of what you put in your heart and soul." The pastor noted that simply reading your Bible as a devotional is not the same as studying the Word of God. "My sister reads the Bible through every year. She completes her assignment and puts the book down. She doesn't know what she has read."

Throughout the service members affirmed the pastor's words with, "Halleluiah. Halleluiah. Halleluiah. Praise you Jesus. Praise you Lord. Thank you Jesus. Glory to God."

Reiterating that what you speak is what you believe, the pastor said, "If I don't live what I teach and preach then I am a hypocrite and a sounding cymbal. I've been a minister for a long time, but I never saved anyone. I can't save anyone [salvation comes through Christ!]" The service concluded with prayer requests, the offering and announcements.

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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.



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MONTROSE LIBRARY PRESENTS 'THE HEROES IN YOU'

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MONTROSE-July 29-Oh, no! Henry the Evil Cat is gluing all the library doors closed! Join ventriloquist Meghan Casey and her superhero puppet friends as they try to put a stop to Henry's terrible plan! Rocky Mountain Puppets presents "The Heroes in You" on Wednesday, July 29, at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. in the library's meeting room. First-come, first-served! Recommended for ages

SOM FOOTWEAR CELEBRATES FIRST YEAR ANNIVERSARY JULY 31

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-SOM Footwear is turning 1 year old on Friday, July 31st and we want you to celebrate with us! We have received overwhelming support from our community, and to say THANK YOU, we will be hosting a very special happy hour. Meet the creators of SOM Footwear and get a tour of the factory, 4 to 7 p.m. at 1006 N. Cascade Ave. SOM Footwear is one of just 4 sneaker factories in the United States, so don't miss this opportunity! RSVP by July 29.

OURAY POLICE, OURAY COUNTY EMS CELEBRATE NATIONAL NIGHT OUT FOR SAFETY

Special to the Mirror

OURAY-Ouray Police Department and Ouray County Emergency Management will be kicking off August with a safety celebration and National Night Out at Felin Park on August 4th at 2pm. From 2 pm through 6 pm, we will host a Safety Fair that will include upwards of 20 visiting agencies. Equipment such as a Blackhawk helicopter, SWAT gear, and the new Ouray Firetruck, will be on display for public view in the park.

Approximately 20 informative booths will be set up, kid games and prizes throughout, and free hamburgers and hotdogs for all. From 6:00pm on, the City

of Ouray will join forces with over 16,000 communities nationwide for the 32nd Annual National Night Out crime and drug prevention event.

National Night Out, which is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) and co-sponsored by Ouray Police Department will involve over 38 million people nationwide, including all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases around the world. National Night Out is designed to: (1) Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime efforts; (3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community

partnerships; and (4) Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

The day events will be loaded with fun, food, and information that will improve our efforts of crime reduction and strengthening partnerships with our communities. Please set some time aside for August 4th and join us and millions of others around the nation in celebrating safe communities! For questions regarding this event please contact Ouray County Emergency Manager Glenn Boyd at 970-318-1271/ gboyd@ouraycountyco.gov, or Chief Justin Perry at 970-325-7067/ perryj@cityofouray.com.

HONORABLE MENTION

To my brother and fellow journalist Alex Neth, Happy Birthday!

To canine superheroes everywhere, but especially to Canine Oxx, local police dog! Canine Oxx will appear at the Montrose Regional Library on July 15 from 2 to 3 p.m....

To everyone who remembers not to leave pets or kids in hot cars....

To Deltarado Days 2015, from July 16-19...a hometown celebration with roots in days past...

To the Montrose County Fair, July 24-Aug 2...

And to the Olathe Sweet Corn Festival, Aug. 1 2015!

CITY HEARS PAX UPDATE, MAYOR RECUSED FROM VOTE



Above, Prospect Steel's sculpture, Ole' Rusty, was chosen PAX People's Choice Winner for 2013-2014, Pax Committee member Jill Myers said. Pax has also accepted recent sculpture donations from Bob and Pat Brown and Michael and Linda Balas.

Mirror Staff Report
MONTROSE-Mayor David Romero

recused himself as City Council voted to approve on first reading the annexation of fiancée Lisa Millican's property into the City of Montrose at City Council's regular meeting July 7. After a public hearing in which no concerns were raised, Council voted to approve the annexation of the H & S Addition and adopted Resolution 2015-14, Findings of Fact for the annexation of the H & S Addition, zoned "MHR," or Mobile Home Residential District.

Also approved was Eagle Landing Filing No. 7 Final Plat, conditional upon City staff ensuring that all policies, regulations, ordinances and municipal code provisions are met and that the Applicant adequately addresses all of staff's concerns prior to the execution of the Final Plat; Amended Ordinance 2356 (a three-day allowance for unloading has been expanded to a cumulative five days, and a once annual extension can be requested through the City Police Department), an Ordinance of the City of Montrose, Colorado, pertaining to the parking of recreational vehicles and trailers in the public right of way; and the transfer of a Retail Liquor Store Liquor License at 1518 E. Main Street from TNT Liquors, Inc., d.b.a. Montrose House of Spirits, to LaJoy Enterprises, Inc., d.b.a. House of Spirits Montrose, for consumption off premises.

Council heard a sculpture donation presentation from Montrose Public Art eXperience (PAX) Committee chair Jill Myers and at Myer's request returned to the committee a check for sales tax collected; An update on conditions at the Black Canyon Golf Course by Councilor Rex Swanson; and an update on efforts by the City of Montrose and Downtown Development Authority (DDA) to implement a Downtown Diagonal Parking pilot project this month. The [proposed reconfiguration](#) would eliminate the outer travel lane and reduce Main Street to one through lane in each direction and replace it with diagonal parking.

"We talked about doing an expensive study," City Council Member Judy Ann Files said, "but a pilot project is cheaper."

Recent informational sessions on the pilot project drew around 40 people, City Manager Bill Bell said in his Public Information Officer Report. "We won't see it as a failure if it doesn't work," he said.

"We'll scrap it and move on—we'll stay positive and try other things." Bell reminded viewers and those in attendance that there are openings on all DDA Committees and the City Planning Commission, and that the City's first Fun on the Uncompahgre (F.U.N.C.) Festival is set for Aug. 1.

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OBITUARIES

VICKI CALDWELL

VICKI CALDWELL passed away on June 20, 2015 at her home in Montrose, Colorado. Vicki was born on August 1, 1945, in Dalton, Georgia, to J.W. and Evelyn Moreland and graduated from Cartersville High School in 1963. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree magna cum laude from the University of Georgia and a Master of Arts degree from Oklahoma State University.

After graduation, Vicki spent many years as a secondary school teacher in Georgia, Oklahoma, and Kansas; she also served as editor for theses and dissertations at Oklahoma State University and served on the faculty in the English Department at Oklahoma State University in which she taught English as a Second Language and Languages of the World. In 1983, Vicki joined her husband, Steve, in a unique private practice featuring psychotherapy and educational counseling; they successfully committed themselves to this joint venture until their retirement in 1995 and moved to their beautiful mountain retreat in Ouray, Colorado.

Vicki was a member of many service organizations over her long career, and she continued her community service well into retirement. She was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, numerous educational associations, the Woman's Club of Ouray County, the Ouray County Arts Association, the Ouray County Performing Arts Guild, and other philanthropic causes. Reaching out to help others was a driving force in Vicki's life.

Commitment to and love of family was Vicki's most important goal in life. Vicki was preceded in death by her father, J.W. Moreland; her mother, Evelyn B. Moreland; and her granddaughter, Jenna Marie Barrett. She is survived by her beloved husband, Steve, of their Montrose home. Surviving children include her daughter and husband, Marie and Roland Barrett of Norman, OK; stepson and wife, Kevin and Stephanie Caldwell of Henryetta, OK; stepdaughter Annelise Caldwell of Canton, TX; and stepson Tim Caldwell of Oklahoma City, OK. Vicki was blessed by seven precious grandchil-

dren who will remain the "lights of her life"; they include Emily Barrett of Denver, CO; Ben and Jessie Barrett of Norman, OK; Cody Caldwell of Henryetta, OK; Breana Moyers of Canton, TX; Xander Rich of Canton, TX; and Natasha Caldwell of Oklahoma City, OK.

Memorial contributions may be made in Vicki's memory to the HopeWest Hospice, P.O. Box 1804, Montrose, CO.

81402. Vicki believed strongly in the following life lesson: —"Ray of Love is what we all need — to give it and to receive it — so let Love shine and shine and shine — in me and on you, in you and on me!" Vicki's closing quote for her life: —"When the power of love exceeds the love of Power, then this world will finally know PEACE!!!!"

A celebration of Vicki's life will be held on Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at Crippin Funeral Home Chapel. The service will conclude at the chapel, with a reception to follow. Crippin Funeral Home & Crematory, Montrose, Colorado is assisting the family.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

OLD SPANISH TRAIL ASSOCIATION NAMES COLORADO DIRECTOR

Special to the Mirror

REGIONAL-Vicki Felmlee has been approved by The Old Spanish Trail Association as the Colorado Director; she will be confirmed in September at the Three Trails Conference which will be held in Santa Fe, NM.

Jonathan Carr has been named as president of Western Colorado's North Branch Chapter of the Old Spanish Trail.

"Felmlee brings a great deal of experience working with various groups and organizations," said Ashley Hall, President of the Old Spanish Trail Association.

"A Colorado Director, we think she'll provide some unique perspectives. She comes highly qualified."

Vicki Felmlee is a Colorado native and a third-generation business owner. She has owned her own business, since 1996 and has been a member of various national and international organizations concentrating on technological issues.

Her articles and columns have been published locally and nationally, most recently in *Entrada* magazine and CoBizMag.com, and she has received numerous awards and citations. Felmlee is active in researching local and area history and blogs on a national basis at americamoreorless.com.

Carr is a history major at Colorado Mesa University and has researched the Las Colonias area as well as the sugar beet culture and migrant farm workers in the Grand Valley. "Jonathan's research and knowledge of our area have really made an impressive mark on the community," Felmlee said. "His track record working with many local organizations is a real plus for this position." Carr is also working on the history of the uranium industry as well as water laws.

A new facebook page for the North Branch Chapter has been set up at www.facebook.com/northbranchost

The Old Spanish Trail Association over-

sees the historic trail and works with partner agencies to educate, preserve, and protect the trail.

The Old Spanish Trail was a primary trail for western states in the early 1800s as a vital trade route and continued to be used in the mid- to late-1800s as a route for military and survey expeditions; 19th century railroads followed many sections of the trail and sections were even used for our modern-day highways and interstate system.

The association has 10 local chapters in six western states and England. Membership is open to all and involves historians, archaeologists, public land managers, educators, writers, Native Americans, and direct descendents of those who traveled the trail.

More information can be found at www.oldspanishtrail.org

Felmlee can be reached at 970-245-8484; Carr can be reached at 970-260-6424.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

PARISHES DONATE \$10,000 TO SHARING MINISTRIES



Mirror Staff Photo
MONTROSE-From left, Steve Parish, Tom "Vogy" Vogenthaler and Oneda Doyal of Sharing Ministries and Greg Parish celebrate check presentations of \$5,000 each to the non-profit food bank for its new facility, from Parish Oil and Humdingers, businesses owned by the Parish brothers. Photo by Brad Switzer.

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 1:30-2:30 Level 2 ballet and jazz (ages 10-11)
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 4:00-5:00 tween/teen tap (ages 11 and up)

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

8TH ANNUAL FREE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES-Ridgway Town Park, Ridgway, CO, Thursdays in July, 6pm 'til Dark-**July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 ~ 2015** Free Music, National Acts, Family Friendly, Children's Activities Local Beer, Food & Wine Vendors, Late Night After-Party at the Sherbino Theater

Live Broadcast on KVNf. www.ridgwayconcertseries.com.

PICKIN' IN THE PARK-Paonia's 8th Annual Free Summer Concert Series. Paonia Town Park, Paonia, CO, Thursday Evenings in August, 6pm 'til Dark August 6, 13, 20, 27 ~ 2015.

FREE FAMILY LAW CLINIC-LAST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH, Montrose County Courthouse (Leslie German self-help center) at 1200 North Grand, Noon to 1:30 p.m. Sponsored by 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-

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

July 14- Public Lands Partnership (PLP), Delta County and the Western Slope Conservation Center host public outreach meeting on Beetle Kill Epidemic. Learn what's going on, how it fits into broader regional trends, and how the US Forest Service proposes to manage the forests at an upcoming community information meeting at the Hotchkiss Memorial Hall on Tuesday, July 14 from 6:30-8 p.m.

July 14-Montrose Regional Dispatch Center meeting, Montrose County Fairgrounds, 1001 North 2nd St. Pioneer Room, 5:30 p.m.

July 15-Local Canine Superhero Oxx will appear at the Montrose Library as part of the teen Summer Reading Program!! 2 to 3 p.m.

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."

July 16-17-**Club 20 Summer Policy Meetings in Rifle**-Ute Events Center, 132 East Fourth Street in Rifle.

July 17- Historical Alley walk Act II-North side of Main starts at 7 pm, meet at the Montrose Historical Museum. Fee is \$5.00/person; spaces are limited so please call 249-2085 for RSVP.

July 18-19—River Gear Swap hosted by Montrose Kayak & Surf, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. 20 percent off storewide. Gear check in is Friday, July 17 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

July 19-The Art of Ending a Poem, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. workshop with Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer. Ridgway. Call 970-318-0150 or weehawkenarts.org.

July 22-Ignite comes to Ridgway's Sherbino Theater. Doors and cash bar for the event are at 7 pm with presentations starting around 8 pm. Admission for the event is by donation only.

July 23- Art Partners Artists' Reception from 4:30-6:30 PM at the Delta Senior Center 247 Meeker St. in Delta-meet the artists and their mentors. Art Partners will be visiting with the senior Community during lunch at noon. The Gallery will be open to all on the 23rd from 10 until 6:30. There will be demonstrations by our artists during that time. The 2015 Art Expo is available for viewing Monday through Friday from 10-2 at The Delta Senior/Community Center, 247 Meeker in Delta through July 31st. For more information about the event or about Partners Mentoring please call Partners of Delta, Montrose and Ouray at 249-1116 or 874-4661 in Delta

July 24-Aug. 2-2015 Montrose County Fair & Rodeo! Montrose County Fairgrounds!

July 24-Catch Sawyer Brown at Bridges of Montrose! Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Rusty Mt. Society to open at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$30, www.brownpapertickets.com.

July 25-8:30 A.M. Gunnison River Cleanup--Join CCA, BLM and West Slope Adventurers for an exciting day of service cleaning up a 25 mile stretch of the Gunnison River. We will be divide into two groups and clean up "Delta to Escalante" and "Escalante to Bridgeport" sections. Please bring sunscreen, bug repellent, work gloves, drinking water and a lunch for this fun day on the Gunnison River! Email ryan@coloradocanyonsassociation.org to RSVP.

July 25-Poetry on the Rivers with Beth Paulson, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Uncompahgre River walk in Ridgway. Workshop is \$50. For more information please visit: www.weehawkenarts.org or call 970. 318. 0150.

July 26--1-2 p.m. "Mary Poppins" musical auditions for children at Magic Circle Theatre, 420 S. 12th St., 249-7838 or 249-9105. Only two roles available for children. Adult and teen auditions follow children's audition. Audition packets available at theatre.2:00-5:00 p.m. "Mary Poppins" musical auditions for adults and teens at Magic Circle Theatre, 420 S. 12th St., 249-7838 or 249-9105. Audition packets available at theatre.6:30-9:30 p.m. "Mary Poppins" musical auditions for adults and teens at Magic Circle Theatre, 420 S. 12th St., 249-7838 or 249-9105. Audition packets available at theatre.

July 27--6:30-9:30 p.m. "Mary Poppins" musical auditions for adults and teens at Magic Circle Theatre, 420 S. 12th St., 249-7838 or 249-9105. Audition packets available at theatre.

July 28-- Townie Tuesday Picture Show-Ridgway Town Park. Movie starts at dusk.

July 29-Oh, no! Henry the Evil Cat is gluing all the library doors closed! Join ventriloquist Meghan Casey and her superhero puppet friends as they try to put a stop to Henry's terrible plan! Rocky Mountain Puppets presents "The Heroes in You" on Wednesday, July 29, at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. in the library's meeting room. First-come, first-served! Recommended for ages three and up.

July 30-31-**Club 20 Summer Policy Meetings in Lake City**, Lake City Area Medical Center, 700 Henson Street, Lake City.



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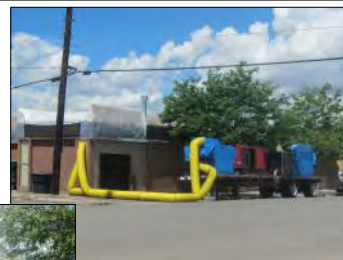
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A long awaited roof repair at the Montrose Police Department resulted in flooding during recent rains, right; middle right, the 99 Thai food truck was open for business at the Montrose Farmers Market on Saturday, July 11.



Below and left, Montrose Botanic Gardens are in full bloom!





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