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CITY TO VOTE TUESDAY ON CREATION OF REDUNDANT REGIONAL DISPATCH CENTER

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—On Tuesday, July 21, the Montrose City Council will vote on Resolution 2015-17, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Montrose directing City of Montrose staff members to establish and implement a second regional dispatch center—despite the existence of a state-of-the-art Regional Dispatch Center overseen by the Montrose County Sheriff's Office.

Two meetings last week set the stage for this week's vote—one, on Monday July 13, was held at a County location (see Gail Marvel's report), the other, which was televised, took place at City Council Chambers July 14.

The three-hour meeting on July 14 began with City Councilor Kathy Ellis placing document after highlighted document on an overhead scanner. For roughly half an hour, viewers watching the meeting from home on City Govt. Channel 191 saw views of off-center, blurry, highlighted documents concerning the Public Safety Sales Tax (PSST) passed by County voters in 2007. Ellis' comments were not always intelligible.

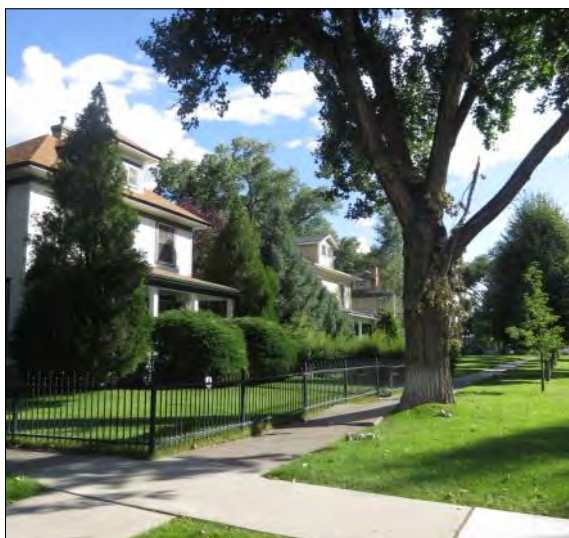
In attendance and seated around a table were County



On Tuesday, July 21 Montrose City Council will vote at its regular meeting at City Council Chambers at the Elks Civic Building, above, on whether to move forward with creation of a second regional dispatch center.

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MONTROSE GROWTH RATE HEALTHY, SUSTAINABLE



Forty of 207 sales in Montrose's core city area between Jan. 1 and June 30, 2015 were in the \$35K to \$213K price range, note Comparable Sales Research statistics.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—As an artist, Lynn Vogel is known for bringing together various materials to create breathtaking and individual sculptures in non-traditional mediums. As a small business owner, putting pieces of a statistical puzzle together to create a picture has also been a passion for Vogel, the force behind Comparable Sales Research for 25 years.

—“I love puzzles, and this is the ultimate puzzle,” said Vogel. —“What do the numbers tell us?”

It was while working for an appraiser many years ago that Vogel started her research business. —“How was looking to make some changes, and there was some pressure for research,” Vogel said. —“So I sat down with a number of local appraisers, and came up with a strategy.”

Today, Vogel's clients include not only appraisers, but realtors, bankers, and buyers and sellers of real estate.

—“I recently worked with a couple who had a little house they wanted to sell,” she said. —“We sat down

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"STAY SPIKEY" IN THE BACKCOUNTRY WITH WILD HEDGEHOG!



Above, Wild Hedgehog's Jonathan Barbera at the 2015 Black Canyon Hunt & Outdoor Expo; above right, one of the company's emergency medical/survival kits. Courtesy photo.

By Caitlin Switzer

REGIONAL-Nobody likes to imagine disaster striking close to home—or in the backcountry. Yet those who plan ahead and keep survival kits on hand face much better odds.

Here in Montrose, one online company specializes in providing high-quality survival solutions for those with a will to live. Wild Hedgehog is owned by Jonathan Barbera, who started the company at the beginning of 2015.

—Wild Hedgehog officially launched at the start of this year in January, however our products have been in development for over two years," Barbera said. —I started this company out of a desire to keep people safe while out on adventures. Being an outdoorsman myself, I found a lot of people on my outdoor adventures who were unprepared for even the smallest emergency.

outdoor equipment, but did not even carry a medical kit containing items to treat real injuries," he said. So Wild Hedgehog: Tactical Survival Solutions provides high quality products built around survival and emergency Medical Kits.

—Our kits give our customers the tools they need to survive if they are ever faced with an emergency situation when out on an adventure or doing their jobs," Barbera said.

—We also provide related articles and information on things like survival, fitness, emergency preparedness, hunting, firearms, and building a strong mindset."

The company's mission is to help people make it home alive to their families even after encountering a medical emergency or survival situation, he said.

—Our kits are used by professionals around the world in some of the harshest environments including Iraq, Somalia, and Ku-

wait," he said. —There are also numerous SWAT members, Search & Rescue Teams, Outfitters, and Tactical Training Centers using kits or components that we sell."

Outdoor enthusiasts also have become loyal customers, Barbera noted.

By being based online, the company is able to maintain a low overhead and affordable pricing, he said. —Organizations that switch to us as their medical/survival kit provider have saved hundreds."

Though Wild Hedgehog is an online retailer, the company is local and has carried its message of empowerment to appreciative Montrose customers at venues like the 2015 Black Canyon Hunt & Outdoor Expo. And despite its youth, Wild Hedgehog is already growing.

—We have expanded into the Professional and Tactical markets," Barbera said. —This includes hunting outfitters, law enforcement, the military, private contractors, tactical training centers, first responders, and search & rescue teams. We offer a 10 percent discount to all First Responders, law enforcement, military, veterans, and S&R Team Members."

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OPINION/EDITORIAL-LETTERS

PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN ON THE FOURTH OF JULY

Re: Connie Pittenger letter to the editor in Mirror Issue 126

Dear Editor:

Actually the theme for the parade was, —Fourth of July Parade/patriotic;” it was not, —Forth of July Parade/gay pride.”

Ms. Pittenger mentioned the Pledge of Allegiance, but it is important to look at the whole pledge, not simply —libty and justice for all.” The Pledge of Allegiance says, —pledge allegiance to the Flag of the

United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.” As Americans our allegiance is to the —Flag of the United States of America.”

Where the American flag unites, the faux gay stars and stripes divides. It’s unfortunate that during the Montrose Fourth of July Parade the Democratic Party chose to divide rather than unite the community by

walking under the banner of a gay stars and stripes.

To that end I am guilty as charged by Ms. Pittenger. I find the rainbow flag offensive when it masquerades as an American flag.

I’m glad Ms. Pittenger is proud to be a Democrat — in the words of Lee Greenwood, —I’m proud to be an American.”

*Respectfully,
Gail Marvel,
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CHALLENGER SPORTS BRITISH SOCCER CAMP WAS A KICK!



Photo by Tanya Ishikawa

Athletes in the Challenger Sports British Soccer Camp held in Ridgway, July 13 to 17, pose for a photo at the end of camp last week. More than 30 children from elementary to high school age joined the camp to improve their soccer skills.

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MONTROSE CHAMBER RIBBON CUTTING: TURNER AUTOMOTIVE



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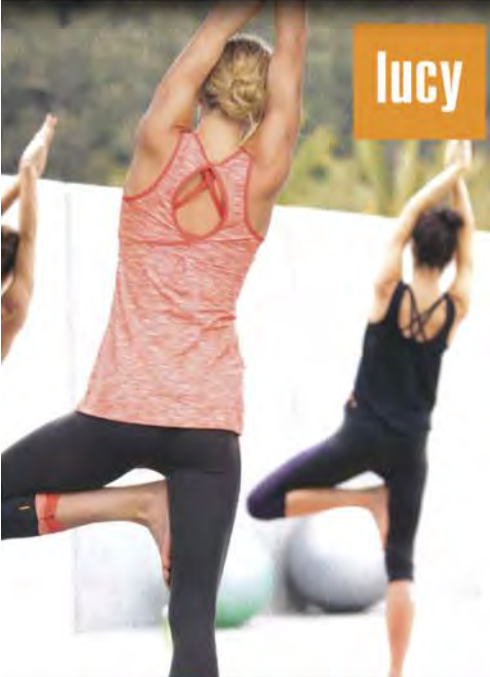
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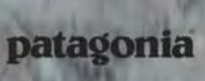
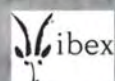



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CITY HEARS F.U.N.C. UPDATE, CONSIDERS DISPATCH RESOLUTION



The City and DDA's diagonal parking pilot project is now in place Downtown.

Mirror Staff Report

MONTROSE-The first item to be discussed when City Council convenes for a [Work Session July 20](#) will be an update by City Office of Business & Tourism Director Rob Joseph regarding the first annual Fun on the Uncompahgre (F.U.N.C.) Festival scheduled for Aug. 1. Council will hold a general discussion as well, and will review reports from Project 7 Water Authority; All Points Transit; a board report from Montrose Regional Airport; and a City Youth Council report.

When it convenes for its [regular meeting at 6 p.m.](#) on July 21, Montrose City Council will consider Resolution 2015-17, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Montrose directing City of Montrose staff members to establish and implement a

second regional dispatch center serving the Western Colorado region, including Ouray, San Miguel, and Montrose Counties, as well as Resolution 2015-18, a resolution consenting to participation by the Western Colorado Regional Dispatch Center in the Colorado Intergovernmental Risk Sharing Agency.

Council will consider filling two vacant seats on the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) with applicants Richard Frantz and Yvonne Meek; and will consider the transfer of a Tavern Liquor License at 35 N. Cascade Avenue from James Bridges and Norman Hartzell, d.b.a. Sam's Tavern, to Sam's Tavern LLC, d.b.a. Sam's Tavern, for consumption on premises. A plan for expansion of the Montrose KOA RV Park will come before Council, who are being asked to consider approving site development plans for the proposed KOA RV Park expansion, conditional upon the applicant applying for a construction permit within one year of the approval date and an approved plat depicting the new utility easements must be filed with the City before a construction permit can be issued.

Consideration on second reading will be given to Amended Ordinance 2356, an Ordinance of the City of Montrose, Colorado, pertaining to the parking of recreational vehicles and trailers in the public right of way; and to Amended Ordinance

2358, for the annexation of the H & S Addition. Also to be considered on second reading will be an Ordinance of the City of Montrose, Colorado, providing for the zoning of the H & S Addition as an "MIR", Mobile Home Residential District.

Council will also consider Resolution 2015-15, authorizing the City of Montrose Police Department to file a Victim Assistance Law Enforcement (VALE) Grant through the 7th Judicial District Victim Assistance Board for a total of \$28,000.00, to cover a portion of the Victim Advocate's salary; authorizing the Chief of Police to act in connection with the application and to provide such additional information as required; and authorizing the City Manager, Chief of Police and Finance Director to sign the grant application documents. Council will also consider Resolution 2015-16, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Montrose, Colorado, honoring the Boy Scouts of America and the Order of the Arrow.

After being asked to consider approving a special events alcohol permit in conjunction with the closure of Apollo Road for the first annual Fun on the Uncompahgre (F.U.N.C.) Festival Aug. 1, Council will hear a Sales, Use and Excise Tax Report by Shani Wittenberg.

Following a Public Information Officer Report by City Manager Bill Bell Council will adjourn.



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MONTROSE GROWTH RATE HEALTHY, SUSTAINABLE FROM PG 1



Many smaller homes in the core City are sought after as starter homes, Vogel said.

and did an analysis of sales in their area, and the price range they would be looking at.

“I think that house sold in a week,” she said.

Areas in the City that are currently selling well include Cobble Creek, American Village, and Ravenscrest, she noted. The largest recent sale within City limits was a home on 3.6 acres that sold for \$739,725. However, it was the core City that also took the greatest hit during the recent economic downturn, Vogel said.

“Downtown had the highest foreclosure rates,” she said. “Because of the size and the price, many of the homes Downtown are starter homes.”

Though many home sales are to newcom-

ers who are drawn to the Montrose area for retirement considerations or to be closer to family members, people who already live in the area buy and sell homes too, Vogel said. “They may want to buy up, or buy down because the kids have grown and they no longer need the space,” she said. “They may move down from the mountain communities because there is less snow here, or to be closer to care facilities. Some people who have lived in the country for a while just want to move to town.”

Montrose took a hit during the recession, Vogel noted, in part because of a glut in platted, residential lots available for sale. “That’s bad because it means there is too much inventory,” she said, noting that an excess of speculative development was an issue nationwide in the mid 2000’s. Also contributing to the economic collapse were foreclosures, Montrose City Planner Garry Baker said.

“When there tons of bank-owned lots on the market, it brings the prices down on everything,” Baker said, noting that the market responded by producing fewer spec homes. Today, foreclosures have slowed, available platted residential lots have decreased to the point that new ones are again being created, and [building permits](#) are up over last year.

“We’re definitely seeing more interest

and activity here,” he said. “People are coming in and investing, which is shared all around—it’s so great.”

And while the era of palatial single family homes is by no means over, many consumers are opting for simpler homes and lifestyles today, Baker said.

“Builders are trying to appeal to different market niches,” he said. “There is more activity with patio homes, for example. Many people are buying homes on smaller lots, to have a smaller yard to care for.”

Montrose as a community is healthy, Lynn Vogel agreed. Single home sales within Montrose County rose by 13 percent between April 1-June 30, 2015 compared to April 1-June 30, 2014, she said.

In the City of Montrose single family home sales rose 8.6 percent during that same time frame, Vogel noted.

“That’s a really good growth rate, and it is sustainable,” she said.

Within the “core” city area, from North 9th to South 12th streets and West of the Railroad tracks to the Uncompahgre River and east to San Juan Avenue, 40 of 207 sales between Jan. 1 and June 30, 2015 were in the \$35,000 to \$213,000 price range, according to Comparable Sales Research statistics. Between Jan. 1 and June 30 2014, 34 of 189 sales in the core City were in the \$30,000 to \$215,000 price range.



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COUNTY DISPATCH MEETING DESCENDS INTO VERBAL SMACKDOWN



*Citizen Jose Abeyta at the County meeting.
Photo by Gail Marvel.*

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE—Approximately 70 people attended the July 14, 2015 special meeting of the Montrose Regional Dispatch Center Advisory Board in the Pioneer Room at Friendship Hall.

The meeting began with Sherriff Rick Dunlap trying to clear up a misunderstanding on previous released budget worksheet after which he preceded to present the 2016 draft budget for the dispatch center. The Sherriff went through each line item and explained the rationale behind the fees and where cuts were made. He said, “From the SO’s (Sherriff’s Office) position that is all I can do with this budget.”

From that point on the meeting deteriorated into accusations, innuendos and finger pointing. The verbal smack down paired Sheriff Rick Dunlap against Police Chief Tom Chinn; County Commissioner Glen Davis against former commissioner Gary Ellis; and City Manager Bill Bell against the county commissioners.

Speaking basically and generically this conflict involves money and control:

The city is unhappy with the current SO’s administration of the dispatch center and wants an autonomous board of directors to manage the dispatch center. If the Sherriff fails to go along with the implementation of a board of directors, the city intends to start their own dispatch center, which will be housed in a facility owned by the city.

The Sherriff, who gets funding through the county, is the administrator over the dispatch center, located in a county facility. The Sherriff has stated that he will not walk away from the \$3M state of the art dispatch center in order to join forces with the city.

The County supports the Sherriff in whatever decision he makes. The county commissioners are being criticized for the administrative fees charged to the dispatch center and for not offering more funding support.

Not surprisingly all of the governmental users who have a vested interest in the dispatch center have the ability to look into

one another’s pocketbook and make judgment calls on how they think the other guy should be spending the tax dollar.

Elected officials are put in place by the voter, but what is curious about this situation is that it’s not the voter who is sounding an alarm, demanding change, seeking control and calling for public meetings — it is a handful of governmental agencies trying to usurp the authority of other entities and gain control of tax funding.

At the moment public opinion is a highly valued commodity and the city, county and SO are all vying for community support. During the meeting each entity made a justifiable case for their preferred administrative model.

However, they seemed to be more intent on self-justification and wanting to make a better case against those they perceive as their opposition.

During the dysfunctional meeting a number of tantalizing quotes from the governmental entities and their staff filled the air, but comments from the public might be of more interest to readers.

Whispered sidebar comments in the audience included, “Oh, I get it. This is all

about money,” “This is simply about control,” and “This is all about ego!”

Jose Abeyta said, “I keep smelling something here that is a problem. You need a decision maker at the table, you don’t have a decision maker ... you have a skunk!”

Jim Haugsness remarked on the degradation and duplication of services if another dispatch center were created. He said, “Users have no control over their destiny. [This] really has become a very political issue. Take it out of the commissioner’s hands and put it in the hands of users.”

One unidentified woman observed that those on the advisory board were talking in terms of “I” and “we,” and she favored the collective. Roger Brown, a prolific voice at governmental meetings, was concerned about how METSA would take emergency calls. He said, “How does METSA operate if the dispatch center is split? You can double the dispatch budget if you have two dispatch centers two miles apart.”

Peacemaker Don Barnett said, “I’m proud of everyone here. You are passionate and believe what you are saying. God bless every one of you. I hope you can come to an agreement.”



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Richard Harding.
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Interview

by Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-Semi-retired Richard Harding works for the Housing Authority and most recently assisted folks in the West End of Montrose County. He first came to the Western Slope to do a Colorado feasibility study for affordable

housing and intrigued by the adobes, he took up permanent residency in Olathe in 1996. Richard first began using his voice in the community when he became invested in the unsolved and unrelated murders of three women. Richard said, "The investigations moved slowly and seemed to lack motivation." Over the years other issues surfaced that he felt compelled to address. Richard has admittedly gone "to to toe" with agencies and organizations. Examples such as the county planning department making regulations through memorandums; the hospital when records mysteriously disappeared; Western Colorado Congress for driving their vehicles over endangered plants on the Harding property; and with the city for claiming easements to which they were not entitled. "When I see

things that are suspicious I start asking questions. I don't know why people inherently want to protect their territory."

Local issues are not Richard's only interests. He carries around with him the Colorado Revised Statutes and works on legislative bills for state representatives. Having testified before the Colorado House, Senate and the Public Utilities Commission, Richard said, "I've never won an argument on my opinion. I do research and have the facts. If I question something, I want the answer to be justifiable. People get defensive when they are put on the spot and can't justify themselves. I don't have a problem with anyone if they can justify what they are saying and doing." Richard has run for various elected positions including the DMEA Board, the Olathe Fire District Board and county commissioner. He laughed and said, "I ran against Gary Ellis for county commissioner — that didn't go well! When you run in an election there is a pretty good chance you will lose, but you bring awareness." When asked if he felt respected in the community Richard said, "That's really not important to me. People form opinions without having the information. I respect the opinions of others if they have done as much research as I have [done]." Richard receives numerous calls to speak on behalf of others. "I usual-

ly speak for myself. I've never felt that my voice in a group is any stronger than my voice as an individual." Richard described himself as a "normal" citizen, but then said, "Well ... maybe I wish normal citizens were more like me and more involved. Call me an engaged citizen." If agencies, organizations and governments are doing business right they have nothing to fear from Richard. "I'm very smart and thorough. I'm known for having a knack to get to the bottom of things." He laughed and said, "I'm good looking and humble too ... that's in there too right?"

Occasionally Richard's plans to solve problems get him into trouble. "Steve Woody (former *Daily Press* publisher) called me all kinds of names in an editorial and I think I was the first person [County Commissioner] Ron Henderson ever used a gavel on. I don't take it to heart. Holding grudges in this community is holding us back. Think what we could accomplish if we were working together. Everyone needs to get involved. There is not another community comparable to Montrose because of three remarkable amenities — the airport, the hospital and water." Richard tackles issues head on. "I don't sneak up on people. I make it a point to not embarrass an elected official ... unless it's absolutely necessary."



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

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HABITAT WELCOMES BIKE & BUILD CYCLISTS JULY 31

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-For more than ten seasons, Bike & Build has contributed more than \$4.5M to housing groups to fund projects planned and executed by young adults; this includes more than \$500,000 donated from the summer of 2013. Through pre-arranged gifts, Bike & Build funds affordable housing projects executed by their participants in communities where their events begin. Through their grant program, their organization identifies and supports exciting projects involving young people throughout the nation. Bike & Build's expansive national footprint allows them to promote the need for and importance of affordable housing in 47 states, 1 province, and hun-

dreds of communities nationwide.

Bike & Build also supports local affordable housing organizations along each route through on the road donations, and one of their groups of 32 cyclists will be stopping in Montrose on the evening of July 31st to build homes with Habitat for Humanity of the San Juans on Saturday, August 1st. This will be the fourth year Montrose has been on Bike and Build's route.

The cyclists will stay overnight at First Presbyterian Church, where they will sleep, shower and eat.

After their day of service with the Habitat for Humanity of the San Juans construction team, Habitat will host a BBQ in partnership with Two Rascals Brewing Company

at 6:30pm for the cyclists. Two Rascals is offering \$1 off each beer to Bike and Build cyclists.

Development Director, Heather Zeilman said, —Although we're not able to feed the entire Montrose Community, we do invite anyone interested in meeting this group to come by Two Rascals and say hello! This is a great time to say thank you to an incredible group of young people who have dedicated their summer vacation to building affordable homes across the country. There will be a grill fired up, so anyone who wants to bring some meat and join the party should come. And, of course, anyone who is interested in buying a beer for a rider or riders, is more than welcomed!"

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DMEA SUPPORTS COMMUNITY NIGHT AT THE MONTROSE COUNTY FAIR JULY 29

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MONTROSE--Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) is proud to support the 2015 Montrose County Fair and Rodeo. The local cooperative is the Major Day Sponsor for Community Day on Wednesday, July 29. Community Day includes an old-fashioned carnival for the whole family and a free community dinner.

"As a member-owned cooperative, one of our founding principles is concern for community. We practice that principle by supporting events and organizations like our county fairs. They bring our communities together, enrich our members' lives, and celebrate local heritage," said Jasen Bronec, DMEA CEO.

The Montrose County Fair will kick off Sunday, July 19 and conclude on Sunday, Aug. 2. A full listing of the week's events is available at-
www.montrosecountyfairandrodeo.com

DMEA will host an informational booth at the fair at various times, as well as provide a variety of children's activities at the old-fashioned carnival.

"We appreciate the generous support from DMEA. We are excited to see what this year holds and can't wait to see everyone out at the 129th year of the Montrose County Fair and Rodeo," said Cynthia Harlow, Montrose County Fair and Events Coordinator.

Community Night begins at 4 p.m. with an old fashioned carnival. Activities include the Montrose Chamber and Red Coats BBQ, a petting zoo, a pie eating contest, a hypnotist, and the crowning of the 2015 Fair and Rodeo Royalty. All activities are free of charge.

DMEA is a rural electric distribution cooperative, located in Montrose, Colorado. DMEA was originally founded in 1938, as Delta-Montrose Rural Power Lines Association. The cooperative is governed by a board of directors, from nine districts covering three counties. DMEA serves approximately 32,000 residential, commercial and industrial meters, on more than 3,000 miles of cooperative-owned distribution line.

RESTROOM CLOSED OFF CORKSCREW JEEP ROAD

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MONTROSE – The Ouray Ranger District of the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests has closed the restroom facility located off the Corkscrew Jeep Road. The closure is based on concerns for human health and safety. The District is looking into alternative facilities for the site. In the meantime, the recreating public is asked to heed the head closure and be aware that the District is working on resolving the problem. The Corkscrew Jeep Road is located south of Ouray off of Highway 550 near Ironton Park. The restroom facility is located approximately five miles up the jeep trail. In the meantime, the Forest Service asks for public compliance with the closure and to plan ahead for the lack of restroom facilities on the jeep road.

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- 1. Breathe deeply**
 For fast focus, sit in a comfortable place, breathe naturally, and settle your attention on your breath. With each inhale and exhale, mentally repeat the words "in" and "out." If your mind wanders, just let go without judgment, and bring your attention back to it.
- 2. Have eggs for dinner**
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- 4. Remember what you want**
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- 5. Put down your smartphone**
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HELP STUFF THE BUS WITH SCHOOL SUPPLIES JULY 24-25

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MONTROSE – The Montrose Community Foundation is partnering with Alpine Bank, Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), Uncompahgre Valley Education Association (UVEA), First Student, ASTRA, Altrusa and Cherry Creek Radio to collect and distribute school supplies to local children in need. On Friday, July 24 and Saturday, July 25 First Student buses

will be at the following partnering businesses that have agreed to be collection locations from 9am – 6pm.

Friday – Wal-Mart, Office Depot and Safeway

Saturday – Wal-Mart, Walgreens, and Safeway

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nity Foundation to PO Box 3020; Montrose, CO 81402 (please write Stuff the Bus in the memo line).

Additional cash and school supply donations will be accepted at both Alpine Bank locations in Montrose from July 20-25.

The school supply distribution will take place at Sharing Ministries on Tuesday, August 4 from 2pm – 4pm.

Help us Stuff the Bus with school supplies!

LOCAL GEOLOGISTS TO LEAD OCHS GEOLOGY TOUR AUG. 5

Special to the Mirror

OURAY-The OCHS Geologic Tour is back by popular demand. The Ouray County Historical Society will host its third educational, all-day tour of the Northwestern San Juan Mountains Aug. 5, 2015. Led by local geologists, the tour is a fundraiser for the Ouray County Historical

Museum’s new Research Center in Ouray. Participants are encouraged to register with payment early to assure a place on the tour. Call (970) 325-4576 to register. Cost is \$135 and includes transportation, a complete Geologic Field Guide Book and lunch. No refunds will be offered after August 1.

Ouray Geologists Larry Meckel, Tip Meckel and Robert Stouffer will lead the tour, which begins at 8 a.m. at the Ouray City Hall. During stops at points of geologic and historic interest, leaders will explain the major geologic events that led to spectacular scenery and the area’s rich mining history.

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Though City Council believes its manager is capable of operating a regional dispatch center, the Montrose Police Department was allowed to flood when rains occurred during a long-awaited roof repair.

Commissioners and County Manager Ken Norris, as well as City Council members Swanson, Ellis, Judy Ann Files, Mayor David Romero and City Manager Bill Bell. City Councilor Bob Nicholson was out of town.

Eventually, City Councilor Rex Swanson spoke. After thanking members of the BOCC for attending, he said, —Rick (Montrose County Sheriff Rick Dunlap) is not the issue. It's the BOCC...this is taxation without representation. The issue is not the quality of the Dispatch Center, it's the bullying of the Board of County Commissioners."

Mayor Romero then stated, —Dispatch can no longer remain under one entity—we would not be in the mess we are in today if users had merged years ago." Romero cited rising administrative fees. —That's such a critical piece; why not accept the City's offer to run the administration of the Center?" Romero later pointed out that the crux of the issue is the need for Dispatch to be run by an autonomous board.

Montrose County Commissioner David White was allowed to speak next. White suggested that the meeting should involve open dialog. —This comes down to the color of money," White said. —Your issue is one of governing authority and span of control; this is truly the Sheriff's decision, not that of the BOCC; the Regional Dispatch Center is subsidized by the Sheriff's budget. He has proposed an advisory board, and he is willing to work with the agencies.

—Your questions on funding have been answered over and over," White said. —Funding from the Public Safety Sales Tax is for use by the Sheriff, not by all agencies."

White went on to note that he was the

Mayor of the City of Montrose at the time the PSST was passed, and that at the time, the City declined support. —Tax increases are not well received in our community," White said.

White also stated that a new Dispatch Facility would take years to reach the effectiveness and level of service already provided by the Montrose Regional Dispatch

Center.

—The Sheriff's model brings fees below what they were in 2015, and reduces costs into the future," White said. —Stop the feuding and the dispute and let's reach an agreement. Whatever choice you make had better be a wise one—because to continue on this path is not in keeping with the leadership roles we were elected to fulfill."

White later asked the City to consider its own role in increasing Dispatch fees.

—What are the users doing to control costs?" White asked. —The Montrose Police Department is closed on Fridays and closed over the lunch hour, so calls are routed to Dispatch. An internal analysis could reduce user costs."

Sheriff Dunlap stated that he has worked to come up with an agreement that is fair and equitable to all Dispatch users, is open to budgetary discussions each year, and is committed to the establishment of advisory board.

—I am open to a cap on (user fee) increases," he said. —That would be an advisory board decision. However, the price of technology continues to go up, and when something breaks down I do need to replace it.

—It is clear to me that the City is committed to moving forward with plans for its own Dispatch Center," he said, —though there is no issue with the quality of the current center or the qualifications of the people running it. Is what is being proposed really in the best interests of the citizens of Montrose County, or have we lost touch?"

City Manager Bill Bell read eight sentences that he wished to see eliminated from the City's pending Dispatch agreement with Montrose County, and commented at length. At one point Bell said,

—An advisory board without authority is not what we are looking for...we want authority over budgeting and staffing. Montrose County has sole discretion over staffing, and we don't like that. But you don't want to hear from us and you don't care what we have to say."

Montrose County Commissioner Glen Davis also spoke. —You want to take something that works perfectly, and turn it over to a board to what with it? Improve it? The safety of our community is at stake.

—You say this is not about the money or the service, but about control, but you're not paying your fair share."

—We want it run by law enforcement people," countered Bell, —a super majority should be able to fire the executive director."

—We really need an answer tonight," Swanson said.

—The organization works well, the price hasn't changed, and Rick's model is cheaper," Davis said. —I will not turn that type of County financing over to any appointed board. The Sheriff is an elected official."

All three commissioners noted that no decision could be made at the July 14 meeting, as it was not a noticed County Commissioners' meeting.

The City allowed comment from six members of the public, including former City Councilor Thomas Smits, who was on the board that hired Bill Bell in 2011; former Mayor Jose Abeysa; former two-term Ouray County Commissioner Alan Staley; Citizen Jim Anderson; citizen and long-time emergency services professional Jim Haugsness; Olathe Mayor Rob Smith; Citizen Sandra Tyler; and Citizen Paul Dow.

—Advisory boards at the County level are a waste of time," Smits said. —The only way to go is with a representative board. Advisory boards are a joke."

Smith asked Sheriff Dunlap about recommendations based on results of an APCO consultation, which have not been released yet, according to the Sheriff. Smith also asked if Dunlap would have veto power over an advisory board. Dunlap responded that while personnel issues are also subject to Human Resources oversight and can be the subjects of lawsuits, if a board member recommended termination of a staffer he would have —a problem" with that.

Staley noted that service begins when —someone picks up the phone can calls 911," and suggested that the Dispatch budget be separated from the County's general fund. —I understand budgets, and I am dismayed to see the controversy,"

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Staley said. "This whole thing is about money and accountability; Rick gets huge credit for hiring Susan Byrne... I think a board of directors is something we should try for a while."

Abeyta, who served as Seventh Judicial District chief probation officer for 18 years, called on everyone involved to set their egos aside and do what is best for the community.

"I am really amazed that this group cannot come up with a decision that serves the citizens of this community," Abeyta said. "You talk about a board of directors... what happened to the City's Parks Advisory Committee? Guess that didn't work."

"My experience in government is that if you want to play, you better pay," he said. "If the County is carrying the bill, that's the way it is in this Country."

Anderson complimented Dispatch on its handling of a recent 911 call.

"The County was great, and Susan was great," Anderson said. "The operation is good to go."

Haugsness spoke about his experiences working with the Sheriff's Office and the Montrose Fire Protection District, which he called a "smoothly running model for success."

Tyler said she agreed with Anderson and Smits. "What and

where is the money collected? What percentage goes to the Sheriff and other areas? Was a reserve equipment fund ever established in the beginning? If we have such a state-of-the-art center it has to be in the budget somewhere. I agree with Jim Anderson and Thomas Smits. Let's put personalities aside and get down to the nitty-gritty."

"I enjoy a good cat fight as much as any-

one," said Dow. "It seems to me like we are entertaining the idea of the Dispatch Center being independent."

"Two Dispatch Centers?" he continued. "You've gotta be outta your minds. Why would you ever even think about it? And a governing board composed of law enforcement and emergency professionals only overloads the specialists and shorts the taxpayers."

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Saturday, July 25 Dog Day

8:00am 5k Run (Cattlegirl's Pavilion)
8:00am Pancake Breakfast (Cattlegirl's Pavilion)
9:00am Open Rabbit Show (Turner Show Ring)
10:00am Parade (Main Street)
11-4pm Dog Day Activities
5:00pm Green Chili Cook-off (Hall)
7:00pm  CPRA Rodeo (Arena) \$5
9:00pm Cowboy Dance *Curtis Grimes (Elks Club) \$10

Wednesday, July 29 Community Day

All Day: Top Hogs (Hall) & Chris Mabrey (Hall)
9:00am JR./Open Sheep Show (Turner Show Ring)
1:00pm Mutton Bustin' Eliminations (Arena)
1:00pm Royalty Modeling (Hall)
2:00pm JR./Open Poultry Show (Turner Show Ring)
3:00pm Fashion Revue (Hall)
4:00pm Old Fashioned Carnival (Grass Area)
6:00pm Community Night (Arena)

Sunday, July 26

8:00am JR. Horse Show (Arena)
9:00am JR. Rabbit Show (Turner Show Ring)
9:00am Cowboy Church (Hall)
12:00pm Fiddle Contest (Hall)
5:00pm Cropfit (Arena)
6:00pm JR. Dog Agility (Grass Area)


Thursday, July 30 Redneck Day

All Day: Top Hogs (Hall) & Tropical Illusions (Cattlegirl's Pavilion)
8:00am Dairy Show (Turner Show Ring)
9:00am Beef Showmanship (Turner Show Ring)
10:00am Cat Show (Hall)
11:00am Pocket Pets (Hall)
11:00am Arts & Crafts for Kids (Hall)
1:00pm Horse Show Awards (Hall)
3:00pm Market Beef Show (Turner Show Ring)
4:00pm Power Big Wheel Races (Grass Area)
5:00pm Lawnmower Races (Arena)
4-6pm Redneck Games (Grass Area)

Monday, July 27 Kid's Day

All Day: Top Hogs (Hall) & Chris Mabrey (Hall)
10:30am Royalty for a Day (Hall/Arena)
12:00pm Cake Demo (Hall)
1:00pm Kids Cupcake Decorating (Hall)
2:00pm Pinewood Derby Races (Hall)
2:00pm Science for Kids (Hall)
3:00pm Sidewalk Art Contest (Cattlegirl's Pavilion)
4:00pm Cutest Baby Contest (Turner Show Ring)
6:00pm Kiddie Tractor Pull (Turner Show Ring)


Friday, July 31 Corn Day

All Day: Top Hogs (Hall) & Tropical Illusions (Cattlegirl's Pavilion)
9:00am Kids with Kids (Turner Show Ring)
9:30pm Bucket Calf (Turner Show Ring)
10:00am Merry Little Lambs (Turner Show Ring)
10:30am This Little Pig (Turner Show Ring)
11:00am Popcorn Contest (Hall)
12:00pm Corn Eating Contest (Hall)
12:00pm Small Animal Round Robin (Turner Show Ring)
1:00pm Candy Corn Activities (Hall)
1:30pm Large Animal Round Robin (Turner Show Ring)
4:00pm Pig Scramble (Turner Show Ring)
5:30pm  Moto Mayhem (Arena) \$5

Tuesday, July 28 Bacon Day

All Day: Top Hogs (Hall) & Chris Mabrey (Hall)
8:00am Royalty Horsemanship (Arena)
8:00am Drop-off for Open Division Items
9:00am JR./Open Goat Show (Turner Show Ring)
9:00am Bacon Donut Breakfast (Hall)
10:00am Paint the Pig (Hall)
11:00am Scavenger Hunt (Hall)
12:00pm Bacon Baking Contest (Hall)
4-7pm Pork & Pepsi (Hall)
4:00pm Pig Calling Contest (Hall)
5:00pm Market Swine & Showmanship (Turner Show Ring)
6:00pm Beard and Mustache Contest (Hall)
6:30pm Bacon Eating Contest (Hall)
7:00pm Antique Tractor Pull (Arena)

Saturday, August 1 Buyers' Day

All Day: Tropical Illusions (Cattlegirl's Pavilion)
10-4pm Silent Auction (Hall)
11:00am Buyers' Lunch
12:00pm Emma Cooper (Hall)
1:00pm Livestock Sale (Turner Show Ring)
1:30pm Moto Mayhem - Kid Races (Arena)
5:30pm  Moto Mayhem - Main Event (Arena) \$5
9:00pm Dance (Turner Show Ring)

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SHERIFF DUNLAP SPEAKS OUT ON REGIONAL DISPATCH CENTER



Montrose County Sheriff Rick Dunlap.

By Caitlin Switzer
MONTROSE—He signed up to serve his country in 1969, serving two tours of duty in Vietnam and spending 21 years in the military. Since arriving in Montrose County in 1981, Rick Dunlap has served the local community as a law enforcement

professional—in past positions at the Sheriff's Office as a Deputy, Investigator, and Patrol Sergeant, three years as a reserve officer with the Montrose Police Department, and in his eight years as Sheriff of Montrose County.

However, a lifetime of public service has not prepared Dunlap for what he faces right now; an aggressive City of Montrose administration bent on creating a second regional dispatch center no matter the cost.

In two lengthy meetings with City officials last week, Dunlap reiterated his stance that creating an advisory board with authority to help run the Dispatch Center would allow users a voice without incurring the wasteful expenditure of creating a second, City-run Dispatch Center. Elected by the people to oversee the safety of Montrose County citizens, Dunlap believes his ultimate responsibility is to those citizens; the Sheriff's Office has had a strategic business plan in place since 1991 and Dunlap has announced his intention to create a business plan for the Regional Dispatch Center as well.

The Montrose County Sheriff's Office was created in 1876; the Montrose Regional Dispatch Center was upgraded two years ago when Sheriff Dunlap recognized a need. Initially established in 1998, the facility was expanded after the Seventh Judicial District was awarded a second district court judge, Dunlap said.

—The award came with the stipulation that we had to provide a courtroom, office space, etc.," Dunlap said in an interview July 13. —There was no way to expand, and the County made the decision to build the Annex to house the District Attorney and Child Support Enforcement. They talked to me, because the old dispatch center was across the hall, and so crowded that the dispatchers were picking up each other's conversations.

—The County conferred, asked me what

my needs were, and I said that it would be nice to have a regional dispatch center. The decision was made that that is what we would do—and not one penny of construction of the building was passed on to the users. The County financed the entire thing, and when the building was completed and everything in place, we moved dispatch into that facility. We have more than \$2,000,000 in communications equipment there." Dunlap said that he made the decision to close a separate West End Dispatch Center to be cost-effective.

Montrose County houses inmates for the City police in the jail at no charge, Dunlap said.

Thirty-one user agencies use the Regional Dispatch Center today, and are billed on percentage of use, he said. Dunlap set about to create an advisory board for the Center earlier this year, to help set policy for the Dispatch Center, which received a prestigious award on behalf of its Executive Director Susan Byrne. In 2014, Byrne was named Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO) Communications Director of the Year. However, in recent months Sheriff Dunlap has found himself at the center of a seething conflict with the City of Montrose, which has balked at paying increased fees for the Dispatch Center based on its percentage of use. In a news release last week City Officials discussed their stance. —Hge increases in dispatch user fees have made the system unaffordable and inequitable," City Manager Bell said in the news release. —Even worse, users lack the opportunity to make decisions that could make the center more efficient and minimize future fee increases."

Bell, who (as reported in past issues of the *Montrose Mirror*), placed Chief of Police Tom Chinn under his own authority rather than Council's shortly after taking the job of City Manager four years ago; who recently initiated a City Public Works restructuring that has cost more than 60 staffers their jobs; who dissolved the City's Parks Advisory Board when members questioned the public works restructuring;; and who also launched the four-day City work week that has raised some of the City's Dispatch costs, went on to discuss in the news release the possibility of a creating a second Dispatch Center to gain greater control over funding, operations and staffing. One of the changes that Bell has pushed for at recent meetings is a board empowered to fire Executive Director Susan Byrne if it chooses to do so.

—We sympathize with taxpayers in Mont-

rose and the surrounding area who are frustrated with the lack of progress in resolving this conflict," said Bell in the news release. —Frankly, an effort to create a new dispatch facility is unnecessary, costly, and difficult, but in the absence of any meaningful concessions from the County, we believe it is necessary to forge ahead. It would be irresponsible for the City to allow itself to be held hostage to extreme fee increases, especially when it comes to public safety." The City news release also states that the Montrose City Council will consider approving a dispatch resolution at its regular meeting on July 21. If approved, City staff will proceed with retrofitting an existing structure behind the Montrose Police Department and begin the process of acquiring personnel and equipment necessary to begin dispatch operations in January 2016. City officials have obtained preliminary commitments from the Montrose Fire Protection District and several other area agencies to participate in a Western Colorado Regional Dispatch Center. Dunlap, said he has publicly addressed Bell's specified concerns time and time again, and has put together the operational costs of the Regional Dispatch Center for those who have raised the concerns. —They keep saying the Dispatch Center needs an Executive Board, but we don't know that our Advisory Board won't work, because it has not been given a chance," Dunlap said, noting that Dispatch budgets are approved at the BOCC level. —There are a lot of misconceptions. We've got a state-of-the-art facility, and current, up-to-date-equipment. We have not inflated any costs; we know what the costs are so we broke them out as a stand-alone budget so everyone could see.

—I don't think it is fiscally responsible to have two Dispatch Centers," Dunlap said. —I was elected to look out for everyone; everyone deserves to have the same quality of service. For me as Sheriff to vacate a facility and \$2 Million in equipment just to go someplace else would not be fiscally responsible."

Dunlap said he has found the tone of the discussion disheartening as well.

—When you are in a public meeting and asked for comment, to have public officials smirk and engage in name calling is appalling," he said.

Dunlap has also arranged and paid for a \$13,270 APCO consultation to help identify ways to make the existing Regional Dispatch Center more efficient. —I think it's a good idea," he said.

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JULY 25 IS GRAND MESA MOOSE DAY!

Special to the Mirror

GRAND JUNCTION- Colorado Parks and Wildlife is celebrating the success of the state's moose population with festivals honoring the charismatic ungulates, including the upcoming 6th Annual Grand Mesa Moose Day, Saturday, July 25, atop the Grand Mesa at the U.S. Forest Service Visitor Center, a few miles east of Grand Junction.

Then, on Aug. 22, the moose celebration moves to State Forest State Park for the inaugural moose festival in North Park, the site of Colorado's first moose relocation in 1978.

The rapid growth and expansion of moose populations in Colorado has become one of CPW's most successful and publicized wildlife management efforts, providing the public with an extraordinary watchable wildlife experience and hunters with increasing opportunity.

"Unlike other states, moose populations are doing very well here," said Watchable Wildlife Coordinator Trina Romero, of CPW. "We think it's important to celebrate that, and provide the public with info about moose and how to enjoy them."

The Grand Mesa Moose Day festival will feature viewing and safety tips, including information about the growing moose population on the Grand Mesa. Visitors can participate in a hike with a wildlife officer to learn about radio collar telemetry, learn interesting moose facts, enjoy a scavenger hunt, make moose antler hats and learn what a moose eats by making 'moose salad.' Because fishing is one of the Grand Mesa's most popular attractions aspiring anglers can take advantage of casting demonstrations provided by CPW staff.

"This is a great event that both kids and adults enjoy," adds Romero. "We thank all our partners that make the Grand Mesa Moose Day possible, including the U.S. Forest Service, Cabelas, Moose Radio, and the Grand Mesa Scenic and Historic Byway."

This year, Cabela's donated prizes for attendees, ranging from a gift card to a hunter pack. Drawings for the prizes will take place during the event. Wildlife managers estimate there are now over 400 moose from the original 91 animals relocated to the Grand Mesa between 2005-07, increasing the need for education. Colorado Parks and Wildlife continues to

remind the public that preventing potentially dangerous wildlife conflicts is everyone's responsibility.

"There are increasing reports about moose showing up in areas where only a few years ago, it would have seemed unusual," said Romero. "This is why it is critical for people to learn as much as they can about a species whose presence is growing in our state."

Romero reminds the public that moose should always be viewed from a distance, ideally with a camera with a telephoto lens, binoculars or a viewing scope. She adds that dogs are a serious concern and warns people to avoid letting dogs, on or off-leash, approach moose at all times.

"Part of being a citizen of Colorado should include learning about wildlife, how it is managed and how to watch it without causing harm to yourself, or the animal," says Romero. "We understand that people enjoy taking their pets outdoors, but it is critical that they remain on

a leash at all times. Dogs are one of the leading causes of conflicts which includes humans and wildlife, sometimes ending up with one or more involved being injured."

To learn more about moose, take Highway 65 from Interstate 70, Exit 49, to the U.S. Forest Service Visitor Center at FR 121. From Delta, drive east on Highway 92 then north on Highway 65. Anyone heading to the event is reminded to be attentive as it is increasingly likely to catch a glimpse of a moose.

Be sure to pack a picnic lunch and make this a fun day trip for the entire family.

Who: Colorado Parks and Wildlife, U.S. Forest Service, Cabelas, Moose 92.3, and the Grand Mesa Scenic & Historic Byway.

What: 6th Annual Grand Mesa Moose Day

When: Saturday, July 25, 10 a.m.- 3 p.m.

Where: U.S. Forest Service Visitor Center - 20090 Baron Lake Drive, Hwy 65 and FR 121 - Top of the Grand Mesa

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OPINION/EDITORIAL-DISPATCHED!

SECOND DISPATCH CENTER IDEA SHOWS SCORN FOR VOTERS, COMMUNITY

Mirror Staff Editorial

MONTROSE—A deeply entrenched attitude of disrespect toward elected officials is nothing new in Montrose County. Case in point, a letter to the editor in Sunday's *Montrose Daily Press* expressed scorn for Montrose County Commissioner Glen Davis. Commissioner Davis, in accordance with the wishes of the local voters who approved the Public Safety Sales Tax (PSST) in 2007, has insisted that accountability and funding for the dispatch center remain with the Montrose County Sheriff's Office.

The excellence of the current Regional Dispatch Center is not in question. And the letter writer's preference for turning the public facility, and the funding attached to that facility, over to a board made up of

appointees largely unknown to the general public does not bear scrutiny. No board of directors of any kind does its best work in the dark.

The thing about elected officials is that if you vote, you really do have a choice. Voters have the power to hold elected officials accountable, but the same cannot be said of appointed board members or of aggressive governmental managers bent on control. The idea for a second dispatch center seems to have originated in the office of the City manager, a position that is under the control and authority of the City Council. The citizenry has no power to hire and fire the City Manager — or even to hold him accountable.

Voters know that we cannot afford two dispatch centers, but Bell's proposal to use

the City's discretionary funds for a second dispatch center has garnered the blessing of the City Council and will no doubt be approved. Doesn't Mr. Bell need to adhere to a budget? Also, one cannot overlook that the fact that the roof on the Montrose Police (PD) has leaked for years. In the process of replacing the roof the building was inadequately protected from torrential rains resulting in damage so severe that the PD had to be temporarily relocated.

Strictly from a facilities stand point, should any dispatch center be entrusted into the hands of the city? Repeatedly Bell has complained that he has no "say" in the current administration of the dispatch center. Citizens certainly understand that frustration. When do we get to have a "say" about Mr. Bell?

CATCH MUSIC AFTER DARK IN RIDGWAY THIS MONTH

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Special to the Mirror

RIDGWAY—July is Ridgway's Free Summer Concert Series, and once the music wraps up on the main stage in Town Park, The Sherbino is the place to be for "Music After Dark!" "Music After Dark" is an after-party at The Sherbino featuring the night's opening act from Town Park's main stage, and will begin on July 2nd and continue every Thursday at around 10pm throughout the month of July. The opening act will play a full show on The Sherbino stage, and will keep the party and music going late into the night! The cover is \$7 with a full bar available. "Music After Dark" at The Sherbino is the place to be (and be seen) after the show!

July 23: Mipso: Americana's jailbreak from sleepy town squares and the scratchier bands of the AM dial has been a welcome development in American music. And the renegade traditionalists of Mipso — Jacob Sharp on mandolin, Joseph Terrell on guitar, Libby Rodenbough on fiddle, and Wood Robinson on double bass — are doing their part to take three-part harmony and Appalachian influences into new territory.

July 30th: Front Country: What the critics have to say: Formed in 2011 as a collective of the Bay Area's finest young acoustic talent.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

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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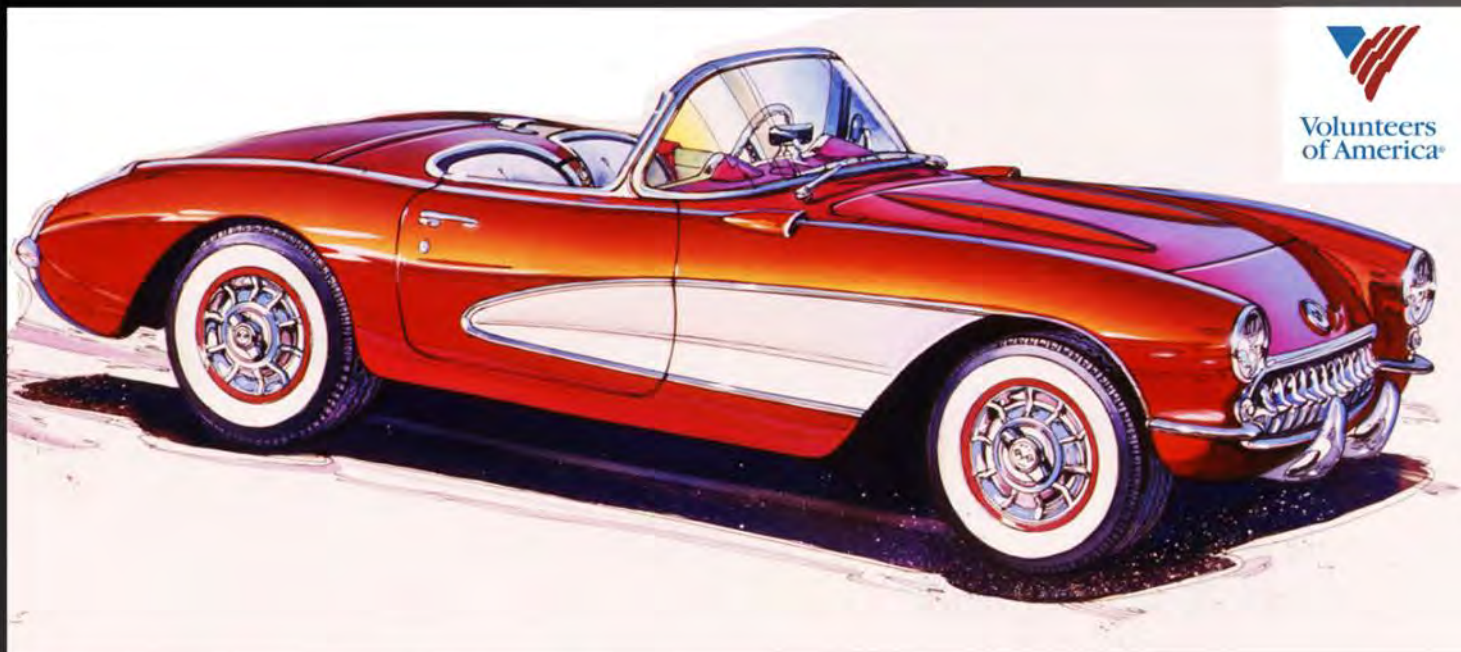
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Experiencing the (local) Church

WRITER GAIL MARVEL VISITS SAN JUAN CHURCH OF CHRIST



By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE—My visit to San Juan Church of Christ took place on March 22, 2015 and the adult Sunday school hour was just finishing up as I took my seat. The modest sanctuary accommodates 50 and is furnished with a podium and communion table. Evangelist Tim Jensen introduced himself and explained the Biblical reasoning for referring to himself as an evangelist, rather than a pastor. In our pre-worship chat Evangelist Jensen shared other tenets of the church including being, “the true church.” Although the church itself is not new, they have been in their present location for about six years and this day worshippers numbered under 20.

The Church of Christ is non-instrumental and hymns sung a Capella included, “Beautiful,” “Holy, Holy, Holy,” “The Lord’s Supper,” “Beyond This Land of Parting,” and “Just Over in Glory Land.”

Evangelist Jensen presided over communion and explained the wafer of unleavened bread and individual cup of grape juice representing the body and the blood of Jesus. “It was instituted by Christ himself, it is taken on the first day of the week and God is with us spiritually when we partake.” Communion-related Scripture included Acts 20:1-7, and 1 Cor 11:1, 17,

21, 23, and 28. Prayer was offered before serving each element of the emblems, as well as before taking up the offering.

The Scripture reading, Psalm 83:1-5, 13-18, was given by Wayne Isham and served as an introduction for Evangelist Jensen’s sermon based on Isaiah 63. The text was broken down into three parts, verses 1-6 God’s vengeance, 7-14 God’s mercy and 15-19 a prayer for Israel.

Evangelist Jensen said, “Israel’s blessings flowed when they were obedient. There is no middle ground [with God], you are either for me or against me.” In a history lesson Jensen reminded the audience that the country of Edom originated with Esau, the twin brother of Jacob, and the firstborn. “Esau had the birthright as firstborn, but he gave it up for a temporary need — a bowl of soup and a short blessing. We are called sons of God through our baptism, but just like Esau, we can give up that birthright. We can fall away as a child of God for something temporary.”

Throughout the sermon Evangelist Jensen interspersed a large volume of supporting Scripture with the lesson text: Isa 34:5-8, Heb 12:16-17; Rev 14:19-20, 19:15; Ro 3:9; Isa 59:16-20; Heb 6:4-6; Heb 10:24; 1 Pet 4:1, 12; Ro 1:18-24; 2 Thes 2:10-11; Heb 12:18, 22, 25-29. While it was possi-

ble to locate the rapid fire Bible references, there was little time to read along and digest the references themselves.

There is a physical Edom and a spiritual Edom, each with an enmity and perpetual hatred toward Jacob, the nation of Israel. “This wrath and anger will go on forever. The world wants to have a peace treaty and we [Christians] set back and say good luck. Edom has spiritual contempt for Israel and Esau symbolized hatred for God.”

Taking the sermon into the New Testament Jensen noted that anytime the Bible talks about a winepress, it is talking about God’s wrath.

“People are thrown into that great winepress. When we sin willfully there is no longer a sacrifice for sin ... some are given over to the lust of the heart and a deprived mind. The world today knows about God, but they continue to practice things that bring death.”

The service concluded with an altar call and an invitation to come forward for prayer, a decision for baptism, or for confession of disobedience to Christ.

Contact Information:

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1414 Hawk Parkway, Unit C
Montrose, CO 81401
970-249-8116*

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.



Ouray Hot Springs Pool

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

CITY TO HOLD MANAGER MINGLES FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAYS

Special to the mirror

MONTROSE – Montrose residents will have a new opportunity to voice “likes, gripes, and ideas” at the new “Mingle with the Manager” event.

This new informal meeting series is designed to enhance the frequency and types of occasions for residents to “connect” with their city government.

It will be held every first and third Tuesday at the Proximity Space (201 E Main Street) from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m., starting Tuesday, July 21.

The new meeting series is consistent with the City’s commitment to be authentically open in the way it conducts the public’s business.

All Montrose residents, city and county alike, are encouraged to attend and engage in frank and constructive discussions about any issue involving the City’s operations. To facilitate free and open interaction, no formal agenda or presentation will be provided, unless requested by the public.

Coffee and light refreshments will be made available to all attendees.

“Face-to-face conversations are the best way to build positive relationships within

the community,” said City Manager Bill Bell. “Mingle with the Manager is a very promising way of maintaining the relationships that we’ve already built and reaching out to residents who haven’t connected with us in the past.”

The series has been scheduled to correspond with regular Montrose City Council meetings that are held at 6 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

The coordinated schedule will help ensure a consistent event calendar and afford the public another opportunity to offer input and receive information from the city manager and key staff regarding issues that the City Council will take up during their regular meeting.

“We understand that citizens are most likely to approach us about issues that they are passionate about,” Bell said.

“At times, this takes the form of criticism, which we are open to hearing. All we ask is that residents come prepared to offer suggestions for workable solutions. This approach will help keep conversations positive and forward-thinking.”

“The City Council and I want the City organization to be receptive and respon-



Montrose City Manager Bill Bell.
Mirror file photo.

sive to public input. This is the essence of effective local government.”

The event also provides an opportunity for the public to learn about and tour the Proximity Space, the first co-working space in Montrose. The facility offers office space, equipment, and exceptionally fast Internet connections to start-up businesses and entrepreneurs, all in close “proximity” with other business professionals who can share expertise, resources, and enthusiasm.

HONORABLE MENTION

In memory of the late Frank Koenig...a self-described, „broke down old Baptist minister,” who started a food bank in his retirement years...Sharing Ministries lives on. Thank you Mr. Koenig and Godspeed...

To the Montrose Eagle Taxi Service...we hope you can start “flying” again soon...we need you here!

To Ross Dress for Less...now open in River Landing!

To community leader Jose Abeyta, for speaking up about what is right for everyone in the community...

To the Montrose Red Bull Romaniacs Team ...you guys rock!

To that fantastic band, Agrupacion Clave 5...for rockin’ Montrose in Motion last week...so much fun!

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

DMTC PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM GRADUATES 25 STUDENTS

Special to the Mirror

DELTA-On May 14, 2015, Delta Montrose Technical College (DMTC) graduated twenty-five Practical Nursing students at the Delta Center for Performing Arts and Education. The DMTC Nursing Program became nationally accredited in 2010. Graduation marks the completion of rigorous study and clinical responsibility.

All in attendance were welcomed by John Jones, DMTC Director. The graduation ceremony opened with Christa Coats, DMTC Nursing Coordinator, addressing the class of 2015 with congratulations on all their hard work and accomplishments. She then gave a brief history of the Nursing program to the audience.

The class invited Rhonda Galvin from Delta County Memorial Hospital to be their Guest Speaker and Debra Arterburn represented the class as Class Speaker.

Both speakers were very inspirational and delivered motivating speeches. Representatives from the class then took the stage and honored each of the Instructors and staff with appreciation and presented each with a gift. Christa Coats then explained the history of how the ceremony of pinning the graduates began in the 1860's with Florence Nightingale. This year's graduates chose to be pinned by their family and friends.

A very moving slideshow of each student was shown as they were called to the stage by Jeanne Nortrup, Nursing Secretary, and pinned by their family and friends.

They then moved on to receive their caps and diplomas by the Nursing Program Instructional team, represented by Birdie Young, RN,MSN, Instructor; Judy Davis, RN,MSN/ Instructor ; Jean Anne Robb, RN, MSN/Instructor; Susan Anderson,

RN, BSN Instructor; Rainy Tieman, RN,MSN,Clinical Instructor and Marjorie Suedekum, RN ,MSN, /Mental Health Clinical Instructor.

The students then participated in the Nightingale candle lighting ceremony, lighting their individual candles and descending to a position in front of the stage as a group where Coats presented the Class of 2015 to the audience.

The motto chosen by this class was: —The best way to find yourself, is to lose yourself in the service of others” Gandhi

Delta-Montrose Technical College is a public career and technical college in Delta, Colorado.

It offers 57 secondary and postsecondary certificates in 12 different programs. All certificates can be earned in two semesters or less, with many of them only one semester in length.

Aug. 7-Car Enthusiast Show—from 5-7pm. Cars galore, food, vendors and prize drawings! Hamburgers and hot dog meals for sale with proceeds going to Pavilion Meals. Enter drawings for prizes throughout the evening. On the lawn behind The Homestead, 1819 Pavilion Drive, Montrose. Vendor booths are free, contact Courtney for more info 970-596-2439.

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METSA FINANCIALS SOUGHT BY MONTROSE COUNTY NOT FORTHCOMING



County Commissioner Glen Davis (left) talks with METSA board president Paul Gottlieb following the July 14 dispatch center advisory meeting. The METSA board, as of the date of this publication, has not released the names of those currently sitting on the METSA board to the county.

Mirror Staff Report

REGIONAL—One of many issues on the governmental and community battle-scarred landscape is the conflict between Montrose County and the Montrose Emergency Telephone Service Authority (METSA).

METSA was created in December 1989 for the purpose of administering the operation of the emergency telephone service throughout Montrose County. Documents for the establishment of METSA include an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA), bylaws, and resolutions giving individual governmental agencies the authority to sign the IGA.

The 10 governmental entities that entered into the 1989 agreement (IGA) are: Montrose County, the City of Montrose, the towns of Olathe, Naturita, and Nucla; as well as the fire protection districts of Montrose, Olathe, Nucla-Naturita, Norwood and Paradox.

Each of these entities have a representative that sits on the METSA Board.

Funding for METSA, which is collected by telephone suppliers, comes through a surcharge placed on county telephone subscribers. The surcharge was authorized by Montrose County, who is the governing authority over METSA.

Earlier this year some METSA Board members approached the Montrose County Commissioners to discuss the idea of raising the surcharge.

The commissioners then asked to look at the financials (books) and upon learning there were no financials, they asked for minutes and check stubs for the last three years. When all of the requested information was not forthcoming a Colorado Open Records Act (CORA) was submitted by the commissioners to the METSA Board.

It has been revealed that the METSA Board is lacking some entity representa-

tives, while at the same time including others who are not part of the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA). For instance the San Miguel Emergency Telephone Service Authority (SMETSA) and Ouray County Emergency Telephone Service Authority (OCETSA), who are not part of the IGA, have seats on the METSA board. Hence METSA claims to have 12 seats on the board, while the county asserts that under the conditions of the IGA there are only 10 seats.

When it was discovered that the METSA Board was not fully following the requirements of the IGA and the bylaws, the commissioners wrote a letter requesting specific actions to be taken. A majority of the actions requested by the commissioners were dismissed or skirted and not surprisingly, the situation went from inter-governmental cooperation to political infighting.

In a meeting on June 9, 2015 between METSA and the commissioners, talking points on several proposals should be of concern to Montrose County residents. The METSA Board would like to, as soon as possible, update the bylaws and the IGA. —, the Executive Board would like to conduct a workshop in the near future, allowing all Members to comment on drafts amending the By-Laws and the Intergovernmental Agreement.” By all appearances the board is suggesting that they themselves write the amendments and then they will allow Members to comment on the drafts.

While the METSA Board can make amendments to the bylaws, the IGA is another matter entirely. The IGA states, —This Agreement may be amended by the parties from time to time, but any amendment shall be in writing and executed by the majority of the parties hereto” (XIII AMENDMENT, pg. 12). Those parties are the 10 governmental agencies who entered into the original agreement, which would not include other organizations allowed to sit on the board.

Another proposal states, —After the Board of Directors for METSA has set an advisory surcharge rate, the Governing Bodies for each Board Member shall have the option of: 1). Delegating the setting of the surcharge rate to the Board of Directors; or 2). Passing a resolution or ordinance approving the surcharge rate as advised by the Board of Directors.”

Both options require the governing bodies to abdicate their authority to the Board of Directors.

Those who do not abdicate their authority will be under threat of termination. Minc-

ing no words the talking point states, —In the event a Governing Body for a Board Member fails to pass a resolution or ordinance adopting the proposed surcharge, it will be deemed written notice of the Governing Body’s desire to terminate its participation in METSA.” In other words, METSA intends to tell the 10 governing entities that they must adopt the METSA surcharge recommendation or their participation will be terminated.

The METSA Executive Board justifies adding non-Montrose County entities on their board of 12 by stating they, —... contribute to the maintenance of the County’s 911 system, the Executive Board is of the strong belief that both SMETSA and OCETSA remain as members of the Board of Directors.” However, METSA will exclude the two non-Montrose County entities of SMETSA and OCETSA from voting on a Montrose County surcharge rate. The IGA makes no provision that would allow the METSA board to negotiate a fee or receive funding from the two non-Montrose County entities for the purpose of contributing —to the maintenance of the County’s 911 system.”

The 1989 Resolution authorizing the Chairman of the Board of Montrose County Commissioners to sign the IGA is specific on who sets the surcharge rate. —Upon recommendation of the Montrose County Emergency Telephone Service Authority, the County Commissioners, may, by Resolution, raise or lower the Emergency Telephone charge...” (Resolution 62-89, # 2.) While METSA can recommend the surcharge rate, it is the county commissioners who set the rate.

The IGA has a provision for any party who wants to terminate their participation in METSA; however, there is a price to pay. The IGA states, —Upon termination such party shall forfeit all right, title and interest in and to any property acquired by the Authority” (IGA, XII Termination of Agreement B, pg.11).

There is a sense of déjà vu when any board of directors decides they want to remove oversight of elected officials and control public funds by their own authority. The situation with METSA and Montrose County bears an uncomfortable resemblance to Montrose Memorial Hospital vs. Montrose County. Constituents have the ability to hold elected officials accountable; however, they have no such authority over a board of directors.

(The *Mirror* requested the names of those currently serving on the METSA Board however as of the deadline for publication that information has not been received.)

MIRROR IMAGES...DELTA CELEBRATES!



Following Saturday's parade (middle left and top right) in celebration of the 90th DeltaRado Days Festival, locals headed to the Delta Farmers Market (top left) and Cleland Park, where a host of fun family activities were enjoyed by all (middle and below right).

Hold the Date! Upcoming Business and Cultural Events

ONGOING-

MUSIC AFTER DARK -an after-party at The Sherbino Theater in Ridgway, featuring the night's opening act from Town Park's main stage, every Thursday in July starting at around 10 pm. The opening act will play a full show on The Sherbino stage, and will keep the party and music going late into the night! The cover is \$7 with a full bar available. 'Music After Dark' at The Sherbino is the place to be (and be seen) after the show!

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

"SHERB NERDS" TRIVIA NIGHTS AT RIDGWAY'S SHERBINO THEATER are monthly on Tuesdays from 7-9pm, (doors at 7pm and trivia starting at 7:30pm). 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 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 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 22-Heidi's Brooklyn Deli Forum welcomes Tom Turner of Community Options, 8 to 9 a.m. 1521 Oxbow Dr. Coffee is \$1.

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 24-25--First Student buses will be at the following partnering businesses that have agreed to be collection locations from 9am — 6pm. Friday — Wal-Mart, Office Depot and Safeway; Saturday — Wal-Mart, Walgreens, and Safeway; Monetary donations will be accepted online at www.montrosecf.com, under "What's New" on the homepage or mail a check made payable to Montrose Community Foundation to PO Box 3020; Montrose, CO 81402 (please write Stuff the Bus in the memo line). Additional cash and school supply donations will be accepted at both Alpine Bank locations in Montrose from July 20-25.

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.

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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 29-DMEA Sponsors Community Night at the Montrose County Fair, 4 p.m. Activities include the Montrose Chamber and Red Coats BBQ, a petting zoo, a pie eating contest, a hypnotist, and the crowning of the 2015 Fair and Rodeo Royalty. All activities are free of charge.

July 30--Once in a Blue Moon Ghost Walk with begin at 8 pm. Are you interested in the ghastly stories and the ghosts of the Montrose Downtown area? The walk will start at the Montrose County Historical Museum, 21 N. Rio Grande Ave. with an \$8/person donation. Space is limited. For more information, please call Sally at 970-249-2085 or email info@montrosethstory.org.

July 30-Free Acapella concert at Montrose United Methodist Church, 19 South Park Avenue, 7 p.m. Featuring Black Canyon Barbershop Chorus and Sweet Adelines.



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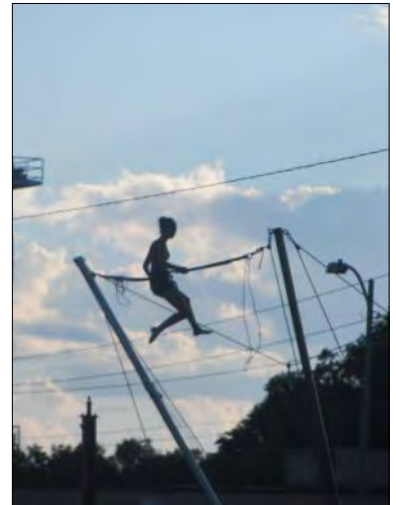
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Images from Montrose in Motion on July 16...including crowd pleasers band Agrupacion Clave 5, below left.



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