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DMEA BOARD REVISES BROADBAND POSITION, DIRECTS STAFF TO TAKE THE NEXT STEPS



DMEA, above, has once again updated its position on regional broadband, and has asked staff to take the next steps.

By Caitlin Switzer

REGIONAL—One of the region's most sought-after goals is within reach; Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) continues to explore the expansion and implementation of regional broadband capabilities in response to member concerns, and has once again updated its [Broadband Position paper](#).

The paper was updated June 29, following DMEA's regular board meeting of June 23.

—Prior to that there was a committee meeting at which they received a completed business case, and looked at three different models, all last-mile options," DMEA Manager of Member Relations and Energy Services Virginia Harman said. —After thorough review of pros and cons and financial analyses, the board has asked staff to take the next step."

The three models reviewed include a retail model in which DMEA would build out the network and serve its residential and commercial members itself; a wholesale model in which DMEA would build out the network and then allow other Internet Service Providers to act as "end" providers and sell services to consumers; and a hybrid model that combines some retail and some wholesale elements.

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CITY VOTES TO APPROVE SECOND DISPATCH CENTER

Mirror Staff Report

MONTROSE—At the start of the July 21 City Council meeting, Montrose City Council took time to honor local members of Boy Scouts of America, as well the Order of the Arrow. With Mayor David Romero absent, Mayor Pro Tem Rex Swanson stood for a photo with scouts and presided over the meeting. Visiting Boy Scouts led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Swanson noted that 2015 marks the 100th Anniversary of the Order of the Arrow.

During public comment, Citizen Jim —J. Anderson took time to praise the efforts of City crew to crack seal streets in his neighborhood. —What a great bunch of guys," Anderson effused. —They couldn't work harder or more efficient."

A plan for expansion of the Montrose KOA RV Park was removed from the evening's Consent Agenda. After lengthy commentary from the public and Council members, Council approved Resolution 2015-17, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Montrose directing City of Montrose staff members to establish

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The Montrose Police Department has relocated due to ongoing flood restoration efforts at its existing facility. Restoration could take three months, City Manager Bill Bell said.

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BUSINESS OWNERS SPEAK ON CHANGES TO TRAFFIC, PARKING



Above, a pedestrian walks Downtown; new diagonal parking spaces have made it easier to pull in, many say.

By Liesl Greathouse

MONTROSE—A little over a week ago, the City of Montrose implemented a rather controversial change to the Downtown area: diagonal parking spaces along Main Street between Cascade Ave and Park Ave. But now that time has passed, what do people think of it? We chatted with some of the local business owners along Main Street to see what they had to say.

Debbie Blanchard, owner of D'Medici at 316 East Main Street, absolutely loves the new parking spaces. "Parking is much easier, especially for trucks with longer beds," she said. "One of my customers was very much against it, but around three days after it was implemented she said she loved it."

While her shop may not have the parking in front, their block would be affected by any back up of traffic while merging. "We have not really seen it," she explained. "I have noticed that the speeding has been reduced and the noise has gone down significantly. It has definitely been positive and I hope that they extend the parking further down."

Sonja Horn, owner of Fabula at 317 East Main Street, sees the main benefits of the new parking to be for pedestrians. "It is easier to cross the street when you only have to cross one lane of traffic on each side," she explained. "It can be very dangerous here because some people don't pay

attention. We need to make it pedestrian friendly."

Horn is keeping an open mind about the whole thing. "I haven't heard much feedback from customers yet," she said. "It seems like worth a try to give it a chance. They need to tweak the lights on Townsend Avenue, but those are growing pains. I'm definitely for it, if we are open to changing and tweaking it if needed."

Sid Hartman, owner and vice president of Hartman Brothers at 531 Main Street, has received mixed thoughts on the parking from customers. "Some say they love how easy it is to just pull in and not have to bother with parallel parking," he said. "Others have mentioned there isn't any handicap parking on the blocks affected causing them to park around the corner for lack of designated handicap spaces available on Main. However, I think any improvements to Main street by making it more appealing to potential customers through ease of access and more parking is a step in the right direction, providing the pros outweigh the cons of course."

Personally, Hartman likes the diagonal parking. "Overall I'm glad to see the City giving this new traffic pattern a try," he said. "We have been talking about it for years and it's exciting to see if it will actually be more efficient and better for downtown. At any rate, once this testing period

is over, hopefully we can put it to bed one way or the other."

Ernie Tolvo, co-owner of Computer Business Solutions at 523 E Main Street, feels that while service businesses have a different perspective than retail businesses, the parking has not hurt or helped his business. "The changes with the parking have been two-fold [along this block]: we lost a parking space and there is no handicap parking space on Main Street," he said. "The positive is that it is fairly safe, with people pulling straight into a parking space instead of backing in. I have seen customers spend ten minutes getting into a parallel parking spot."

The main issue he sees is people getting used to backing into traffic and not being able to see what's coming. "Once people are accustomed to it, then it should not be that bad," he said. "It's different and it will take some getting used to."

Brian Badini, co-owner of Pollux at 433 E Main Street, has been pushing for diagonal parking for years and does not see anything negative about the parking spaces. "It is far easier to park and it is much safer to get in and out," he explained. "Not one person has complained to me about it. Everyone that I have asked about it have said that they 'think it's great.'"

Any other changes that Badini would like to see would be to help encourage the atmosphere of a shopping district downtown, rather than a main thoroughfare. "I'm happy to see Montrose try to do something," he said. "It is a step in the right direction. I would like for them to extend it further down to create a nice shopping district downtown. It is time for Montrose to have that."

Yesenia Duncan, co-owner of A+Y Gallery at 513 East Main Street, loves the new parking. "I have gotten great feedback from customers," she said. "They feel safer in opening their doors, rather than opening their doors to traffic coming. Plus, I have to park across the street and would have to cross over everyday and it was terrible. Now with

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PALISADE-World-famous peaches stir up fresh fun at this long-adored agricultural festival. Each year, August brings a juicy harvest of fuzzy fruit to the small town of Palisade, east of Grand Junction. This season's festivities at Riverbend Park promise to be as peachy as always with great food, entertainment, tours, contests, kids' activities and, of course, a plethora of peach products! Each day of the festival offers a chance to savor the goodness of local, authentic culture.

In keeping with tradition, the ice cream social and street dance kick things off in small-town style on Thursday. Other can't-miss festival favorites include live music by local musicians on the Peach Jammin stage and the —Fest in the Fields" orchard dinners on Friday and Saturday — reservations required. For more information and a complete schedule for this year's event, visit <http://www.visitgrandjunction.com/palisade-peach-festival>.



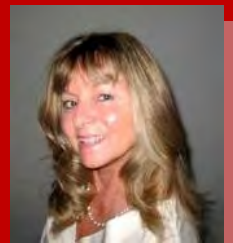
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REGIONAL-Tri-River Area small acreage landowners are invited to a **“Management of Small Acreage Pastures Self-Guided Tour”**, starting during the Delta County Fair, Saturday, Aug. 1st, at the Delta County Fairgrounds in Hotchkiss, 403 S. 4th Street. The two-acre plot is located on the southeast corner of the fairgrounds, near the river.

The demonstration plot offers participants a hands-on view of 17 species of irrigated grasses and another 17 species of dryland grasses suited for Tri River Area climate and soils. These grasses can be used for agricultural and natural resource conservation purposes, such as: growing hay, grazing livestock, weed suppression, erosion control, and enhancement of wildlife habitat. The grasses are planted on furrows clearly labeled. Handout materials describing each of these grasses are also available.

Be sure to visit the Delta County Fair and take a few minutes to tour the grass pasture demonstration plot. The project is a cooperative effort by CSU Tri-River Area Extension, USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service, Delta County, Delta Conservation District, and the Colorado Association of Conservation Districts. For more information please contact program coordinators: John Rizza – 243-5068 ext. 128

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RIDGWAY PUBLIC LIBRARY USED BOOK SALE AUG. 8-9!

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RIDGWAY-The Friends of the Ridgway Library will hold a used book sale in conjunction with the Annual Ridgway Arts & Crafts Rendezvous Aug. 8-9. The sale will take place in the meeting room at the library (300 Charles Street) from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. All the books we have will be for sale. Stock up!

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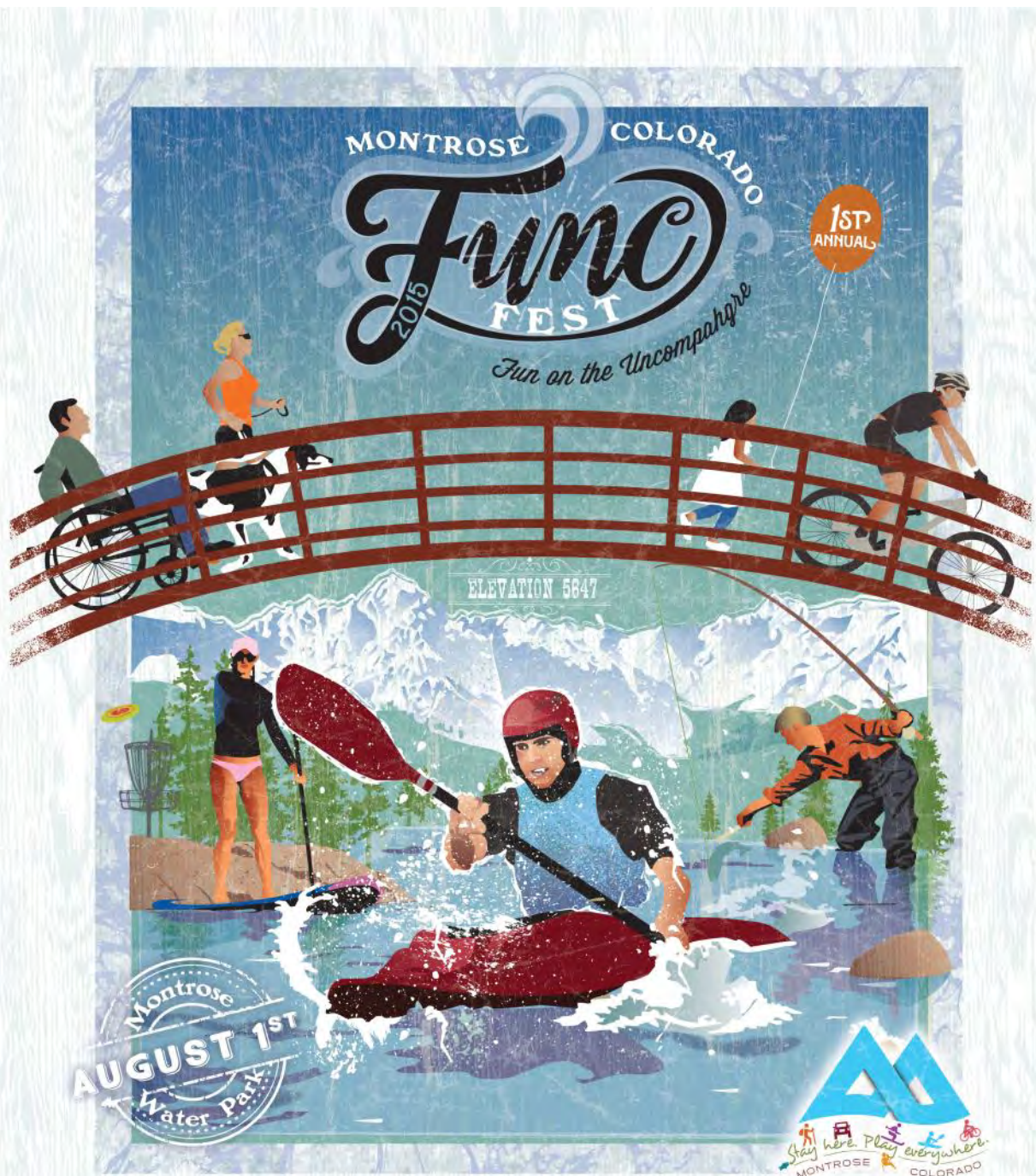
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Now, staff has been asked to bring forward organizational structure recommendations for a potential broadband service provider entity; to meet with franchised cities in DMEA's service area to discuss plans and opportunities for cooperation; and to investigate funding options.

—If DMEA is going to be the provider, how would we structure that company?"

Harman asked, and said ultimately, any build out model would be phased in.

—The price tag for full build out of the retail model would be \$94 million," Harman said. —But if we were to go ahead with the retail model it would be phased in. And obviously we would have to investigate funding options; there are lots of ways to fund this."

Whatever option is pursued, the DMEA board will insist on checkpoints along the way, she said. —The DMEA Board is committed to its responsibility to the members of this cooperative," she said. —They are doing their due diligence. —I think it is safe to say that staff is very, very excited about the possibilities." The DMEA Board [meets again July 28.](#)

OURAY POLICE, EMS TO HOST 2015 SAFETY FAIR AND NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AT FELLIN PARK AUG. 4

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OURAY-Ouray Police Department and Ouray County Emergency Management will be kicking off August with a safety celebration and National Night Out at Fellin Park on Aug. 4th at 2 pm. From 2- 6 pm, we will host a Safety Fair that will include more than 20 visiting agencies. Equipment such as a Blackhawk helicopter, SWAT gear, and the new Ouray Fire-truck, 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 pm on, the City of

Ouray will join forces with more than 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 more than 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's 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 Aug. 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/

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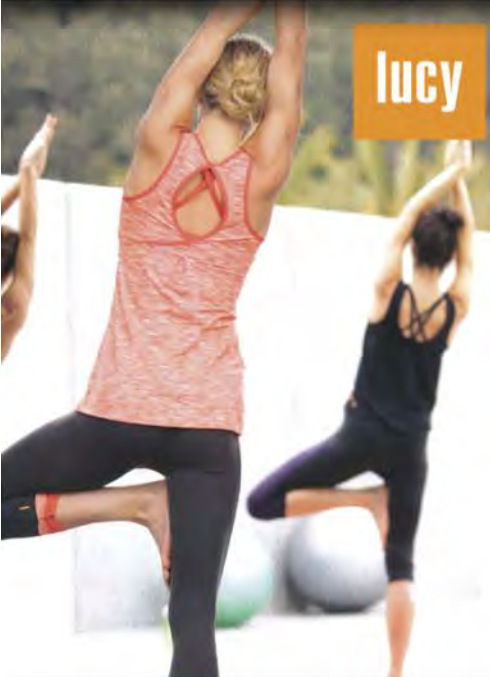
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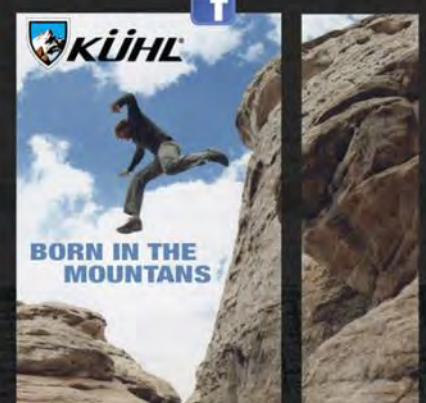



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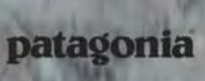
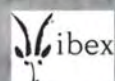



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Director of Quality and Risk Management Jessie Neitzer. Courtesy photo.

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MONTROSE--Montrose Memorial Hospital is pleased to welcome Jessie Neitzer as the new Director of Quality and Risk Management. Jessie received her MBA in Healthcare and her Bachelor of Science in

Business Management from Adams State University. She comes to Montrose from Southwest Health System, Inc. in Cortez,

CO where she served at the Director of Quality, Risk Management and Compliance. Jessie is excited to join the team at Montrose Memorial Hospital to help foster and continue the great work that is already being done. She enjoys being a team builder, using data to make improvements, help facilitate growth and foster a culture of patient safety. —I am excited for the opportunity to work with the staff and medical staff at Montrose Memorial. We are fortunate in a small community to have such skilled professionals who are not only very competent but compassionate as well. We are taking care of our friends and family and we want to be sure they receive the care and service they expect and deserve. It was clear when I came for my interview, and in the first week I have been here, that there is strong commitment to quality, pa-

tient safety and continual improvement. I am excited to be a part of that culture. I am fortunate to have the opportunity to join the Montrose Memorial family.” Jessie said. One of the most important parts of improving quality and customer service is being a good listener. We are listening to what our patients have to say in a variety of ways including patient surveys.

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FOURTH ANNUAL PEA GREEN PEDAL WILL BE SEPT. 12

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DELTA-The Delta County Memorial Hospital Foundation announces the fourth annual Pea Green Pedal on Saturday, Sept. 12 at Lion's Club Pavilion at Confluence Park. There is an 18 or 40 mile bike ride or a 5K Fun Run/Walk around the lake. Registration cost is \$20 for the 5K or \$30 for the bike ride prior to September 4, and lunch and a t-shirt are included with early registration. Costs go up after Sept 5th to \$30 for the 5K and \$40 for the bike ride.

A 2015 Giant Defy 2, 10-speed Road Bike valued at \$1500 is also being raffled off with proceeds committed to Delta County Memorial Hospital programs, services, equipment and educational scholarships. The bike features are: an ALUXX SL-grade aluminum frame with compliant D-Fuse composite seatpost; a composite fork with allow overdrive steerer absorbs; Shimano Tiagra 10-speed shifting and Tektro rim brakes. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10 and may be obtained from any DCMH Foundation board member, or Patti Kalahar, Foundation Liaison.

For additional details including registration, bike maps, raffle tickets contact Patti A. Kalahar, Foundation Liaison and Manager, Education/Marketing for Delta County Memorial Hospital at 874-2291 or pkalahar@deltahospital.org or go to dcmhfoundation.org.



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DMEA'S MONTROSE LOBBY UNDER CONSTRUCTION, PAYMENT KIOSK UNAVAILABLE



Contractors from Mike Gill Construction Inc., and Masters Security work on the new entryway at DMEA's Montrose Headquarters Office. Courtesy photo.

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REGIONAL-The self-serve payment kiosk located in Delta-Montrose Electric Association's (DMEA) Montrose Headquarters Office is temporarily unavailable due to construction. Work is being done to improve ADA accessibility and member and employee safety. Improvements include widening and straightening the entrance,

adding push button operation, increasing natural light, and improving traffic flow.

The office is open to the public during normal business hours, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Members are advised to use caution when entering. The self-serve payment kiosk will not be available to members during construction. However, if it is after normal business hours, members can still access their account and pay their bill online at www.dmea.com or by phone with a credit card.

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.

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Interview

by Gail Marvel

COLONA—John W. Nelson maintained a law practice in Phoenix, AZ for more than 25 years before moving to Log Hill Mesa in 1995. A 19 year-member of the Maricopa County Sheriff's

Posse, he also served five years as a part-time judge. John laughed and said, "When you have a gun and a badge people listen to you. When you're in a black robe and have a gavel, people listen to you. When you have a pile of law books and threaten to sue, people listen to you."

John lives four miles into Ouray County and geographically speaking he said, "I live in the suburbs of Colona." Although most of his activities take place in Montrose, his focus is not necessarily on Montrose proper, but on the region. John is committed to causes and organizations that are dedicated to the improvement of the community, and to the lives of individual residents. Samples of his personal investment in the community include the Ridgeway medical clinic, Montrose Crime Stoppers, Museum of the Mountain West,

HopeWest, Log Hill Mesa Fire Protection District, the Montrose Community Thanksgiving Dinner, and Welcome Home Montrose.

In 2004 John ran for Ouray county commissioner and was defeated by 50 votes. He said, "That was the only time I've run for political office and it was a good experience." Interestingly John now distances himself from the political landscape. "I don't involve myself in politics and I try to stay away from city and county meetings." Even though he has strong opinions, John admits that over the years he has mellowed. He laughed and said, "haven't always been the most diplomatic person. You have to stand up for what is right. Sometimes you tread on someone's toes, or hurt feelings."

John has served on a variety of boards, but his leadership strength may be more noticeable in his willingness to jump in when he sees something that needs to be done. "I get in and get my hands dirty. I'm a fixer like my dad. You do it because it is the right thing to do. I don't need to do things for ego or self-fulfillment. Sometimes to get the job done you need to take a back seat." Rather than pigeonholing himself in a particular area of service John said, "I'm like a kid still trying to figure

out what I want to be when I grow up."

John started out as a criminal defense attorney and then went into commercial litigation. Frequently he has appeared on local media supporting a wide variety of groups and causes. He is a writer of articles and letters to the editor — hunting, fishing and community involvements. When asked if he has published any books he laughed and said, "I'm a writer of articles and chapters — not a book."

John describes himself as dedicated and well-meaning. "I try not to be forceful. So many people complain, but they don't get involved. Most organizations are run on volunteers and you have to respect them. You want an organization to work; you don't want to build a monument to yourself." John is not one to promote another person's agenda. He said, "It's not about propelling someone's standing in the community forward. It's always for a cause, the better good." John's efforts have helped raise over \$10,000 for Crime Stoppers. John has trophy room full of stuffed animals, accolades and organizational pins representing his endeavors and volunteerism. He said, "But those are not my ego, they're physical reminders of a great experience ... this is how I've enjoyed my life."



Leslie Gibson, Certified Nurse Midwife, and her son Zach volunteer to ring bells for the Salvation Army

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MIRROR IMAGES...OUT AND ABOUT!



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JURY AWARDS MORE THAN \$300K IN PREGNANCY DISCRIMINATION LAWSUIT AGAINST COUNTY

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GRAND JUNCTION—On July 17, 2015 a Federal Jury awarded Stephanie Barnett \$306,400 in her pregnancy employment discrimination lawsuit against Montrose County. Barnett was represented in her lawsuit by attorneys Nicholas W. Mayle and Joseph Azbell of the law firm of Killian Davis Richter & Mayle. Barnett was employed with Montrose County from Nov. of 2007 until she was terminated March 15, 2013. At the time of her termination, Barnett was a high level official in Montrose County, serving as Director of the Internal Services Division, one of six

divisions in the County. In her lawsuit, Barnett alleged that Montrose County terminated her employment only nine days after Barnett informed the County that she was pregnant and was requesting to work part time during her pregnancy.

The jury heard evidence in the Wayne N. Aspinall Federal Courthouse in Grand Junction from July 13 to July 16, 2015. The jury delivered its verdict on July 17, 2015. Montrose County took the position that Barnett's employment was terminated due to financial issues Montrose County was facing. The jury determined this was a pretext, or cover-up, for actually terminat-

ing Barnett due to her pregnancy. The jury determined that Montrose County's conduct violated Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1963 and the Pregnancy Discrimination Act of 1978. U.S. District Court Judge James A. Parker presided over the case.

Judge Parker still has to determine if Barnett is entitled to other damages such as front pay, or damages for income Barnett may lose in the future. Based on the Judge's rulings the final amount that Montrose County may ultimately have to pay could be significantly in excess of \$300,000.

BUSINESS OWNERS SPEAK OUT ON CHANGES TO TRAFFIC, PARKING DOWNTOWN From pg 2

just one lane it is a lot better."

An additional bonus has been that people have been using the parklets in front of her shop more because of the parking changes. "We have seen more people walking in and walking around downtown in general," she said. "It would be great to see the speed limit lowered a little bit to increase the pedestrian friendliness."

In addition to talking with local store owners, we also talked with Lance Michaels, Executive Director at the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), and see what he has to say about the new parking spaces.

"I am pleased to report that a lot of the people who were skeptical have talked with me using terminology such as 'pleasantly surprised,'" he said. "People

have found it to be a lot easier than they anticipated. Businesses have indicated more activity and more people parking on Main Street. Merchants have told me horrific stories they have witnessed of people trying to parallel park, and so there is a huge improvement in that area."

The pilot program is temporary, and once the study is completed in about 30-90 days, then it will be decided if it is a permanent change or not. Michaels added, "If for some reason the parking causes traffic stacking issues to be heavy, the City maintains the right to pull the plug if it becomes a significant issue."

If the study should prove a success and the parking spaces become permanent, the decision of where any more potential parking spaces go is a bit of an issue. CDOT

still controls West Main Street, so there would be no parking added there. Also the 300 and 600 blocks would have to be tapering lanes, especially the 300 block as to avoid impeding Townsend Avenue traffic.

Even besides local businesses having positive feedback, at least one person living in the area has been happy to see the change. "A nice gentleman bought a business in Montrose and lives Downtown," Michaels explained. "Whenever he had to cross the street, he was taking his life into his hands because people would not heed pedestrians in the crosswalks. But he went out with his daughter and now people were stopping for them." So what is the reason for implementing the new parking spaces? "We're trying to create a main street, not a [highway] corridor."

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- 4. Remember what you want**
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- 5. Put down your smartphone**
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shred will be greatly appreciated; Alpine Bank will match all donations collected at the event. Cash donations are also greatly appreciated. In 2014 the Alpine Bank locations in Telluride, Ridgway, Montrose and Delta collected over 41,000 pounds of paper which was shredded, and then later recycled. According to the EPA's Waste Reduction Model, this saves about 349 trees and over 143,500 gallons of water. This is the equivalent of 61 cubic yards of landfill space. Andrew Karow, Alpine Bank Regional President, states, "Alpine Bank's Environmental Policy encourages community participation in our environmental efforts. The shred event offers a valuable service to the community and ensures that what might have ended up in a landfill is recycled."

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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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MIRROR IMAGES...MONTROSE COUNTY FAIR!



Darryl Sackmann of the Montrose Woodworkers with his open class entry.



Montrose County Sheriff in the Fair Parade Saturday, July 25.



Above and below, fun at Friendship Hall.



Above, an antique car on Main Street during the parade Saturday.



Above, contestants wait their turn at the fiddle contest Sunday.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

CPW OFFERS FREE PARK ENTRANCE IN AUGUST TO ACTIVE-DUTY, VETERANS

Special to the Mirror

DENVER - Colorado Parks and Wildlife offers free park entrance to active-duty military and veterans during the month of August as a result of House Bill 15-1045, signed into law May 27, 2015.

We invite Colorado's military community to enjoy all of the beauty and recreational opportunities Colorado State Parks have to offer, said CPW Parks and Recreation Assistant Director, Margaret Taylor.

CPW encourages eligible individuals to get their pass in advance at any CPW office or state park to avoid delays at the gate on a planned recreation day.

Archery, boating, rock climbing, hiking, geocaching and wildlife-viewing, along with well-equipped nature centers and picnic areas are just a few of the options for service members to relax and recharge, added Taylor.

See all the options in the [2015 Parks Guide](#).

Veterans and active-duty military personnel (including active duty, Reserve and National Guard members) can obtain a military hang-tag pass valid for free admission during the month of August, by showing the CPW parks staff one of the following:

- Active or retired military identification,
- DD Form 2765,
- DD214,

-Veterans Affairs medical card,

-A current Colorado Driver's License or state issued identification card with the veteran seal printed on it.

Once eligibility is confirmed, the military hang-tag pass is issued to the service member. The hang-tag pass is valid when hung from the rear-view mirror of a service member occupied vehicle, and admits all passengers of that vehicle.

Park entrance fees are waived for veterans and active-duty personnel in the month of August, but activities like fishing and camping will still require a valid license and permit. Go to <http://cpw.state.co.us/placestogo/parks/Pages/parkMap.aspx> or <http://cpw.state.co.us/placestogo/parks/Pages/default.aspx> to locate a state park near you.

This year \$150,000 was appropriated from general funds to mitigate lost revenue. Free access for veterans and active duty military is slated to continue every year in which general fund dollars are ap-

propriated by the General Assembly.

For more information see the [Military/Veterans August Pass 2015 Fact Sheet](#). Feel free to distribute this fact sheet at Vet Centers, Morale, Welfare & Recreation and Veterans Affairs offices around the state.

CPW is an enterprise agency, relying primarily on license sales, state parks fees and registration fees to support its operations, including: 42 state parks and more than 350 wildlife areas covering approximately 900,000 acres, management of fishing and hunting, wildlife watching, camping, motorized and non-motorized trails, boating and outdoor education. CPW's work contributes approximately \$6 billion in total economic impact annually throughout Colorado.

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MIRROR IMAGES...MONTROSE COUNTY FAIR PARADE!



Montrose turned out at 10 a.m. Saturday to celebrate a tradition of agriculture and fun that goes back more than a century. More scenes from the Montrose County Fair & Rodeo Parade on the back page of this Issue.



Above, Fair Royalty, 4Hers, parade goes, and Kent Cox of the new Home Loan State Bank of Montrose were among those who showed up for the Montrose County Fair & Rodeo Parade Saturday July 25.

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DMEA'S JASEN BRONEC MEETS WITH WHITE HOUSE OFFICIALS



With co-op CEOs, Doug O'Brien, senior rural policy advisor to the President, RUS administrator, Brandon McBride, to discuss federal resources for energy efficiency and renewable energy deployment.

Special to the Mirror

ARLINGTON—Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) CEO, Jasen Bronec, met with White House officials in Washington, D.C. last week to discuss recent progress and potential collaboration on efficiency and renewable energy development. DMEA was one of 30 cooperatives invited to attend the meeting with officials from the White House Rural Council and the USDA's Rural Utilities Service.

—We had a productive conversation about how we can build the value of current federal programs and find more opportunities to bring the benefits of new efficiency and renewable energy technologies to our members,” said Bronec.

Nationwide, co-ops have been rapidly adding renewable energy capacity to the rural electric grid. The nation's more than 900 co-ops own or purchase about 16.5 GW of renewable capacity and plan to add 2 GW of capacity in the near future. Cooperatives lead the nation in the development of community solar energy.

DMEA's local renewable portfolio consists of both hydro and solar resources. The co-op owns and operates two, 20 kW community-owned solar gardens. DMEA also partnered with the Uncompahgre Valley Water Users Association to develop a 7.5 MW hydroelectric facility on the South Canal in Montrose, CO. The facility produces enough electricity during the irrigation season to power approximately 3,000 homes in DMEA's service territory.

A recent ruling by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) has increased the co-op's opportunity to purchase additional locally generated renewable energy. In June, FERC ruled that DMEA is required to purchase power from local qualifying facilities regardless of the limitations set in the co-op's wholesale power contract with Tri-State. DMEA can now purchase energy from local renewable energy producers who are qualifying facilities, as well as negotiate a price for that power.

—Innovative thinking has always been part of life in DMEA's territory, and renewable energy goes hand in hand with that. We now have significant opportunity to attract renewable energy developers to the area and buy more of our power locally,” Bronec. —This minimizes DMEA's potential risk of increases in wholesale power costs and boosts our local economies.” In addition to renewable energy development, co-ops are pursuing energy efficiency programs and innovations to help members reduce their bills. DMEA, like many co-ops, views efficiency as a key component in a broader strategy to meet the challenges of growing electricity demand and rising costs.

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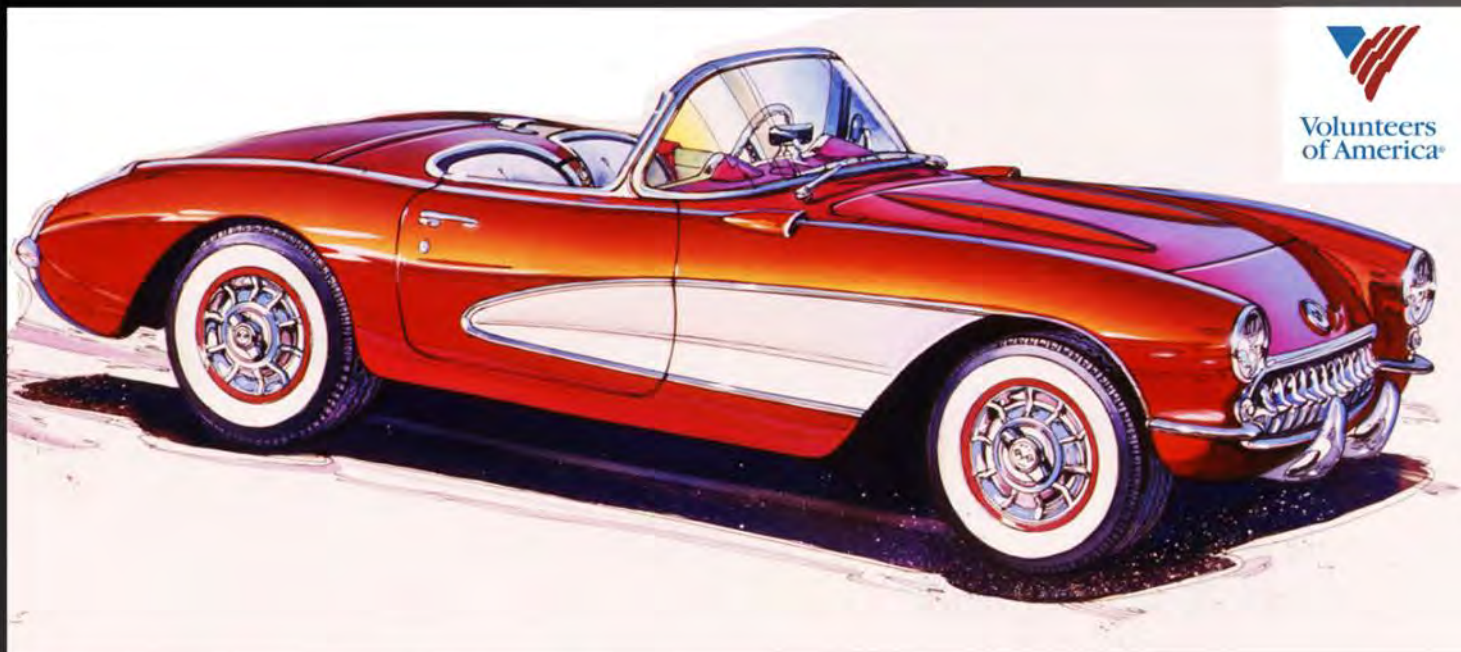
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Experiencing the (local) Church

WRITER GAIL MARVEL VISITS TRINITY REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE—On Dec. 14, 2014, I visited Trinity Reformed Presbyterian Church and the greeter gave me a bulletin as I entered. This is a cozy church and members enjoyed each other's company, both before and after the service. As a visitor, I arrived 15 minutes early and took my time exiting the church when services were over; however, out of the 80 people present only one man made eye contact and nodded in my direction as he took the seat in front of me.

The bulletin gave an order for service, but there were no names identifying speakers or presenters of special music. From the pulpit a man greeted visitors, "We hope that this service brings you closer to Jesus and that as you leave here you will be impacted for the week to lead a Christ-filled life." Included in the announcements was the availability of newly-acquired hearing devices. With perfect timing one of the ushers accidentally dropped a metal offering plate, which then ricocheted off the leg of a pew making a loud ping. A chuckle filled the auditorium as an audience member faked deafness and said, "Huh?"

Advent season was highlighted by singing familiar Christmas songs with accompaniment played on a baby grand piano. There is a feeling of homecoming when,

rather than reading words on a video screen, you hold in your hands a well-loved hymnal reinforced with matching red duct tape. Special music was performed by a mother-daughter duet who sang, "My Did You Know?" Prayer requests solicited from the audience included a week-old infant with liver problems, a grandmother who broke her hip, and the search committee who is charged with finding a new pastor to fill the pulpit following the retirement of longtime pastor Frank Vanlandingham.

The formal Call to Worship began with reading Scripture, which then led to the Confession of Sin. Interim Pastor Mel Pike gave an extemporaneous prayer followed a congregational reciting of the Lord's Prayer. Throughout the worship service Pastor Pike's corporate prayers contained unexpected depth and insight. Actually, his prayers were so thought-provoking that I wanted to take notes. However, I had visions of the young man in front of me turning around, lifting an eye lid and catching me irreverently taking notes rather than bowing my head in prayer. One thought from the confession of sin prayer, "Ask forgiveness for the things we've done — and the things we've left undone."

The sermon, based on Isaiah 9:2-7, was the third installment on the names and

character of the Messiah: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, and Eternal Father. The emphasis this day was on God the Father. "Throughout the Gospels Jesus referred to God as his Father, and Jesus said that he and the Father are One." Focusing on the adjective "everlasting" Pastor Pike ask, "When does forever begin? We tend to say when we get to heaven; but even before God said, "Let there be light," eternity, forever and everlasting began. You need to know God and accept him as your everlasting Father; if you don't he becomes your everlasting judge."

Communion was served by the elders with clear instructions from Pastor Pike. This church practices open communion, but there are caveats to consider before partaking of the bread and the juice. "If you are in good standing with this fellowship, or with the fellowship you came from. If you are not a believer, respect that this table [the Lord's Table] is not for you. Or, if there is something [in your life] that you cannot forgive [please abstain]. Don't hang on to things that disrupt your fellowship with God."

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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.



Kendall Mountain Ski Area, Silverton, CO

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ANGLERS REEL IN MORE THAN 2,000 BASS AT RIDGWAY TOURNAMENT

Special to the Mirror

RIDGWAY- Colorado's anglers showed their skills at the recent smallmouth bass tournament at Ridgway State Park and removed 2,036 of this invasive species from the reservoir.

"The results greatly exceeded our expectations and we want to thank all the anglers who came out to support the effort to reduce the number of smallmouth bass in the reservoir," said John Alves, senior aquatic biologist for the Southwest Region of Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

More than 200 anglers participated in the tournament from July 11-19.

Smallmouth bass were illegally stocked in Ridgway Reservoir. CPW and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service officials are concerned that if the smallmouth bass escape the reservoir they will impact populations of native fish downstream in the Gunnison River.

The native fish are unique to the Colorado River Basin and are found nowhere else in the world. Smallmouth bass are predator fish that can survive and proliferate in Colorado's Rivers and displace native species.

"As Colorado's wildlife agency it is our job to protect the native species of the state," said Alves.

Eric Gardunio, aquatic biologist in the Montrose area, estimated that the reservoir held about 3,600 smallmouth bass more than 6 inches long. Of the fish caught during the tournament, 1,300 were more than 6 inches long.

"Anglers made a significant dent in the population and we hope to have another tournament next summer," Gardunio said. "But there are still a lot of smallmouth bass in the reservoir."

Everyone is reminded that there are no bag or possession limits on smallmouth bass at Ridgway Reservoir.

Gardunio talked to dozens of anglers about why CPW is working to remove this species from the reservoir.

"Numerous fishermen told me that they were disappointed that smallmouth bass are not suited to this reservoir," Gardunio said.

"But they also said they understood the problem and that they were happy to help. The fish they brought in also helped us to further our knowledge of how many smallmouth bass are in the reservoir."

Patt Dorsey, Southwest Region manager for CPW, said the tournament showed that public anglers are critical for the agency to meet its wildlife management goals. As

part of the method to make the population estimate, a CPW crew spent more than 16 hours of night work to capture just 169 fish before the tournament.

"This shows that using anglers to harvest invasive species and to help us make science-based population estimates is very efficient," Dorsey said, "Not to mention that the tournament was lots of fun for anglers of all ages."

CPW's aquatic managers are aware of the popularity of bass fishing and are working to establish largemouth bass in waters in western Colorado. Largemouth bass do not pose a danger to native fish because they cannot survive in Colorado's rivers.

Unfortunately, water temperatures are too cold for largemouth at Ridgway Reservoir.

Largemouth bass can be found at these waters: Crawford Reservoir, Delta County; Echo Canyon Reservoir, Archuleta County; Totten Reservoir, Montezuma County; Rifle Gap Reservoir, Harvey Gap Reservoir and Elkhead Reservoir all in Garfield County.

To learn how to catch smallmouth bass, a very tasty fish, go to the Ridgway State Park link on CPW's web site, cpw.state.co.us.



HONORABLE MENTION

To Rocky Mountain Pantry in Delta, for those incredible, fast, and highly affordable sub sandwiches...

To Leslie Workman at the Delta Chamber of Commerce for telling us about the subs at Rocky Mountain Pantry...

To local kids, families and 4H leaders for taking time to show their talents and projects at the Montrose County Fair...

...and to Emily Sanchez, Cynthia Harlow, the Montrose County Fair Board and the whole team at the Montrose County Fairgrounds for putting on a week of fun, community events at the Montrose County Fair!

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

PUC TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING IN DELTA AUG. 6

Special to the Mirror

DENVER — The Colorado Public Utilities Commission (PUC), a division of the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA), will hold four public hearings in early August to take public comment about whether effective competition for basic telephone service exists in certain geographic areas.

The four public comment hearings will be: **Aug. 3 in Fort Morgan**, City Council Chambers, 110 Main Street; **Aug. 4 in Denver**, PUC Hearing Room, 1560 Broadway, Suite 250; **Aug. 5 in Colorado Springs**, City Council Chambers, 107 N. Nevada; and **Aug. 6 in Delta**, City Council

Chambers, 360 Main St. The hearings will begin at 4 p.m. and continue until finished, but no later than 7 p.m.

The PUC last year determined that 56 CenturyLink wire centers, situated mostly along the densely-populated Front Range corridor from Fort Collins to Pueblo, offered multiple providers for basic local telephone service. The PUC decision relaxed regulation of basic telephone service in those areas, and eliminated high-cost funding in the wire centers.

The new proceeding is looking at 104 additional wire centers of CenturyLink and its subsidiaries, which are in more rural areas of the state. An Administrative Law

Judge has divided the proceeding into two phases. The first phase will examine 48 wire centers in which three or more providers offer basic telephone service. The second phase, expected to occur next year, will evaluate the remaining 56 wire centers. Members of the public may also submit written comments about whether effective telecom competition exists in their area. Comments should be addressed to Docket No. 14M-0947T and sent to the PUC, 1560 Broadway, Suite 250, Denver, CO 80202. Comments may also be submitted via email to dora_puc_complaints@state.co.us or by using the PUC's on-line comment form.

CLARIFICATION: REAL ESTATE TRENDS

Clarification: the "large sale" we quoted in our article on real estate trends last week should have noted that the large sale included two houses. This was a \$739,725 sale which included 3.634 acres along with two residences.



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At left, Nicole, Katie and Mary of Cherry Creek Radio helped collect school supplies for local kids in need on Friday, July 24. Monetary donations can be accepted online at www.montrosecf.com or mailed to Montrose Community Foundation at P.O.Box 3020, Montrose CO 81402.



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CITY VOTES TO APPROVE SECOND DISPATCH CENTER From pg 1



The Montrose Police Department Building is being restored by Delta Disaster Services of Grand Junction.

and implement a regional dispatch center serving the Western Colorado region, including Ouray, San Miguel, and Montrose Counties, followed by City Council consideration of Resolution 2015-18, a resolution consenting to participation by the Western Colorado Regional Dispatch Center in the Colorado Intergovernmental Risk Sharing Agency.

Public comments included former City Councilor Carol McDermott, who accused Montrose County of dodging the discussion. "...pay taxes to the County, and so does the Montrose Fire Protection District," McDermott said. "Where did the money formerly assigned to the Sheriff go? What role do the Coroner and the District Attorney play in public safety?" she asked. "...What we have here is a failure to communicate."

Former Montrose Mayor Jose Abeyta recalled his sorrow at having to pass on condolences to the widow of Sergeant David Kinterknecht of the Montrose Police Department, who was killed in the line of duty in 2009.

"I have attended these dispatch discussions," Abeyta told Council, "and I have never heard a discussion of where costs should be cut, and I have never heard anyone talk about officer safety or about improving a community service. I'm not sure what the beef is. ...if you can't come to an agreement with boards of five and three, how can you come to agreement with a board of 32?"

Citizen Richard Harding chided Councilor Bob Nicholson for not recalling previous conversations on the subject. "Six months ago the City didn't know it had a contract with the County," Harding said, and asked if a new dispatch center would be equipped to handle call volume. "Will you staff to handle that capacity?" Harding asked.

County Resident Sandra Tyler asked how services were "divvied up" among user agencies in the beginning, and noted that the decision was very difficult for Council. "We need to have a dispatch center, not a twin," Tyler said. "I know what that's like!" City Councilors also took time to comment extensively, with Mayor Pro Tem Swanson noting, "Two separate centers is not a logical choice, but the City can run a transparent and self-governing center." He read a letter from Mayor Romero, who expressed his support for a City Dispatch Center.

Councilor Bob Nicholson spoke at length, presenting a rambling commentary on the history of the discussion and the dynamics of the County's relationship with the Montrose Emergency Telephone Service Authority (METSA) ("Why has the County jumped on METSA so hard?" Nicholson asked at one point. "They're the finest people in the County!") and ultimately concluded with an exclamation. "That (the current Regional Dispatch Center) Center does not conform to APCO (Association of Professional Communicators) standards!" Nicholson said. (*Editor's Note: current Regional Dispatch Director Susan Byrne was named Colorado Dispatch Director of the year by APCO in 2014.*)

Councilor Kathie Ellis offered a rambling commentary, becoming emotional over friendships lost to the conflict over Dispatch. At one point Ellis called herself "prejudiced." (Ellis' husband Gary is a former Montrose County Commissioner.)

"We had ONE commissioner who did everything possible to get the City and County to work together," Ellis said. "...the Sheriff and I are both professing Christians, and I asked to pray with him. I don't see a way out...maybe God can bring something to light."

Councilor Judy Ann Files expressed hope that the matter could be resolved. "It's not just the City versus the County," Files said. "It's the other users too. We've got to be prepared to move; we could be kicked out of the other Dispatch Center."

"I am very proud of Council and Staff," Swanson said. "We work hard. The County put us in this spot."

Following approval of the Dispatch resolutions, Council approved DDA board of directors' applicants Richard Frantz and Yvonne Meek; approved 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; approved Amended Ordinance 2358 on second reading, an ordi-

nance of the City of Montrose, Colorado, for the annexation of the H & S Addition; and approved Amended Ordinance 2356 on second reading, an Ordinance of the City of Montrose, Colorado, pertaining to the parking of recreational vehicles and trailers in the public right of way.

City Attorney Steven Alcorn mentioned feedback on the RV ordinance from "a lot of angry people" and suggested that citizens take time to read what he called "a great ordinance" instead of getting their information from the [Montrose Message Board](#). Swanson noted enforcement of the ordinance is triggered by complaints from citizens, and Ellis suggested establishing a city impound lot to encourage compliance. City Finance Director Shani Wittenberg provided a sales, use and excise tax report, and Office of Business & Tourism Director Rob Joseph reported on the first annual Fun on the Uncompahgre (F.U.N.C.) Festival to be held at the Montrose Watersports Park Aug. 1.

"Kudos to our local businesses for showing the best side of Montrose to our visitors," Joseph said. "We are thrilled about the first-ever F.U.N.C. Festival—there will be activities on water and activities on land. We'll have entertainment all day—three great bands, and all sorts of water events."

City Manager Bill Bell gave a Public Information Officer Report on alcohol server training, the upcoming Moto Mayhem Street Race July 30, and the DDA's diagonal parking pilot project, which is now in place. The City will review the project in 30 days, Bell said.

"We're watching to see if things are stacking and backing up," he said. Bell reminded those in attendance that there are openings on the City Planning Commission, and that he will hold "Mingle with the Manager" events at the City's new Proximity Space 210 East Main Street on first and third Tuesdays from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m.

Bell also took time to refute recent observations that he was lax in allowing the Montrose Police Department to flood during a long-delayed roof repair.

"There's talk in the community...some say I am responsible," said Bell, who oversees the Montrose Police Department. After noting that the contractor was remiss in allowing the building to flood during torrential rains, Bell added that the police department has relocated to a leased building nearby. "It could be three months," before mitigation services by [Delta Disaster Services](#) of Grand Junction are complete, Bell said.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA HONORS GLEN AND KIM CAMPBELL, FILMMAKERS JAMES KEACH AND TREVOR ALBERT WITH 2015 BOOTH AWARD

Special to the Mirror

LOS ANGELES – Volunteers of America, one of the nation's largest and oldest human services charities, awarded its highest honor – the 2015 Ballington and Maud Booth Award – to country music superstar Glen Campbell, his wife Kim Campbell, and filmmakers James Keach and Trevor Albert. This year's honorees were selected in recognition of their collective efforts to shine a light on the challenges faced by caregivers of those with Alzheimer's disease. Volunteers of America is an official partner involved in the promotion of "Glen Campbell ... I'll Be Me," which chronicled the musician's "Goodbye Tour" across the country as he and his family dealt with the unpredictable nature of his Alzheimer's disease.

"I am very proud and excited to present the 2015 Booth Award to Glen Campbell in honor of his courage when faced with the dreaded diagnosis of Alzheimer's, to Kim Campbell for sharing her love, compassion and patience with the world, and to James Keach and Trevor Albert for their incredible, sensitive, moving work as director and producer of 'I'll Be Me,'" said Volunteers of America National President and CEO Mike King.

Volunteers of America presents the Booth Award each year to individuals who demonstrate distinguished service to humanity. The award is named after Ballington and Maud Booth, who founded Volunteers of America with a promise to "go wherever we are needed and do whatever comes to hand." Previous winners include Ambassador Andrew Young, Jane Fonda and Ted Turner, Nancy Reagan and Gen. Eric Shinseki.

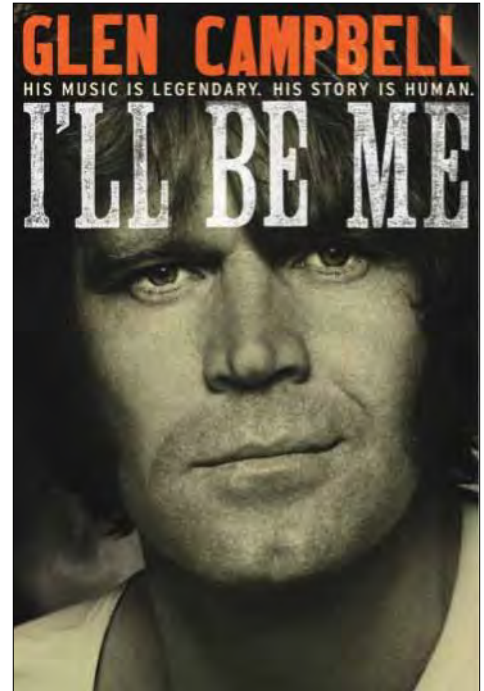
American music icon Glen Campbell is best known for hits like "Rhinestone Cowboy," "Wichita Lineman" and "Gentle on



Volunteers of America Honors Glen and Kim Campbell, and filmmakers James Keach and Trevor Albert, with its 2015 Booth Award in Honor of Alzheimer's Advocacy.

"My Mind." Winner of the Grammy for Lifetime Achievement and member of the Country Music Hall of Fame, he was the first country music star to cross over to the pop charts. Campbell met wife Kim in New York when she was a dancer at Radio City Music Hall, and they were married in 1982. In 2011, he was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and Kim Campbell stood by his side as they courageously decided to publicly share his battle with the disease. In 2013, the couple made the move to Nashville, where Kim Campbell now spends time with her husband at his memory support community and raising awareness for Alzheimer's patients and their caregivers.

James Keach, director and producer of "I'll Be Me," has been a part of the film industry as an actor, director, writer and producer. He has appeared in more than 50 feature films and has produced and directed theater in Chicago, New York and Los Angeles. His most recent success was "Walk the Line," for which the Producer's



Guild of America nominated him Motion Picture Producer of the Year. In 2014, he founded the Volunteers of America I'll Be Me Alzheimer's Fund to develop programs to restore the spirit of caregivers, fund research for a cure and raise awareness.

Trevor Albert, producer of "I'll Be Me," has been producing films for more than 20 years. After working as a film researcher at Universal Pictures and Warner Brothers, Albert moved quickly up the Hollywood ladder, starting with the classic comedy "Groundhog Day." He later served as president of Harold Ramis' company, Ocean Pictures, and went on to create his own production company. He is a distinguished member of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences and the Producers Guild of America.

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COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE OFFERS TIPS FOR SUMMER BIRDING

Special to the Mirror

DENVER - Colorado hiking, biking, boating, camping, fishing and hunting, all have something in common, they are a gateway to viewing wildlife, including some 400 species of birds.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife recognizes summer as an ideal time to try birding in State Parks and Wildlife areas in a variety of habitats on the plains, in the mountains or near wetlands.

CPW offers tips useful for both first-time and experienced birders.

Thirty-year birding enthusiast and [Mueller State Park](#) staffer Linda Groat, who has led countless wildlife watchers to diverse areas of the country in search of birds, says the first step is taking the time to get outdoors and slow down. Don't be in a rush, take the time to listen and watch, just stop and be still, sit a few minutes, said Groat.

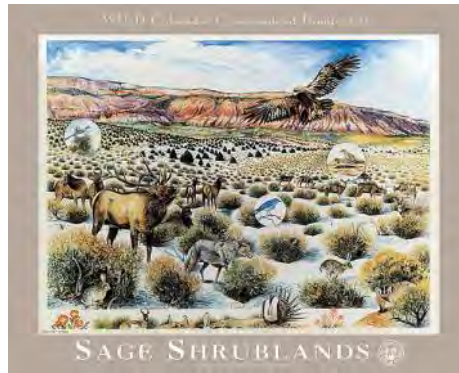
But birders won't have to wait long if they are outdoors during times of high bird activity. Active birds are usually present in the morning and at dusk when they are finding food to refuel.

As with most organisms, conserving current energy stores is important, said CPW's Bird Conservation Coordinator David Klute. When birds forage in the early morning and at dusk they expend less energy than they would during hot summer days when they may be resting or tending young during the most extreme heat.

Factors like elevation and weather may affect when birds are most active too according to Klute. [Breeding season](#), usually late spring to early summer, is when birds tend to be active throughout the day, adds Klute. When looking for birds outside of breeding season, locating a specific birds ideal habitat increases the likelihood of catching a glimpse of them.

Some birders use bird identification guides to determine what bird they want to see, while others acquaint themselves with what habitat birds prefer. Most birders enjoy the challenge either way.

When you see a bird, try to get a snapshot



Distinguishing between a [Sage Shrubland](#) and [Juniper Woodland](#) can help birders deduce what species are likely in the area and provide a starting point when referencing field guides by [Audubon](#), [Sibley](#) and [Peterson](#), websites like [BIRDNET](#), [cobirds.org](#), and others. Courtesy photos.

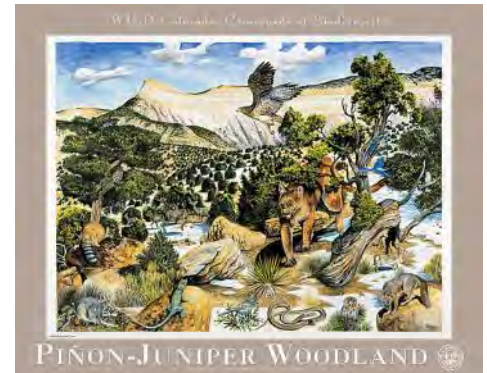
in your mind, where are the patches of color, what is the size and shape, is it long and pointy or short and fat, recommends Groat. Visual characteristics can help you identify the bird, but habitat can be useful as well.

Habitat, where a bird lives, is part of an ecosystem, made up of living and non-living matter. In Colorado, [eight ecosystems](#) are identified by [Colorado Birding Trail](#) and Denver Museum of Natural History.

Klute, who works with a variety of wildlife partners to monitor and ensure sufficient habitat for specific species of birds, says the amount of moisture, types of plants, trees and shrubs, as well as temperature and presence of other wildlife all provide clues about a given habitat.

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Bird posture and voice can help identify a species, too. A variety of applications are available for download on smartphones and desktops that allow a birder to learn bird songs or help identify a song recorded



in the field.

CPW reminds every wildlife watcher to respect animals and never chase, feed, handle or disturb wildlife. Back off if the animal changes behavior while viewing and always leave pets at home.

Also, as with any outdoor activity, dress appropriately and be prepared for changing weather conditions. Protect against insects, bring water and use a trail map to make sure of the distance back to shelter.

Learn more at cpw.state.co.us/thingstodo/Pages/Birding-Locations.aspx. Locate an upcoming event at a park near you at cpw.state.co.us/aboutus/Pages/Calendar.aspx. See also [2015 Parks Guide](#) and [Park Finder](#). CPW is an enterprise agency, relying primarily on license sales, state parks fees and registration fees to support its operations, including: 42 state parks and more than 350 wildlife areas covering approximately 900,000 acres, management of fishing and hunting, wildlife watching, camping, motorized and non-motorized trails, boating and outdoor education. CPW's work contributes approximately \$6 billion in total economic impact annually throughout Colorado. For more news about Colorado Parks and Wildlife go to: <http://cpw.state.co.us> For more information about Colorado Parks and Wildlife go to: <http://cpw.state.co.us>.

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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.

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MONTHLY-

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 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 ghostly 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@montrosethistry.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.

July 30-31-[Club 20 Summer Policy Meetings in Lake City](#), Lake City Area Medical Center, 700 Henson Street, Lake City.

July 31-Aug. 2-Telluride Jazz Festival, Telluride Town Park, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

July 31-SOM Footwear is turning 1 year old on Friday, July 31st and we want you to celebrate with us! 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 RSVP by July 29.

July 31-Thin Air to perform at Concerts on the Green, behind Volunteers of America Homestead. Free concert, 6 to 8 p.m. 2377 Robbins Way.

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July 31-Montrose Summer Music Series, Free Concert at Black Canyon Golf Course. Jeff Fields, Donny Morales and SteamFunk, and Somebody's Darlin. Starting at 3:30 p.m.

Aug. 1-Garrett Estate Cellars Winery Open House, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.. [53582 Falcon Rd., Olathe, CO 81425](#). Wine tasting and specials. For more information Call Mitch [970-901-5919](tel:970-901-5919).

Aug. 1-Olathe Sweet Corn Festival—Olathe Sweet Corn Park-9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Aug. 2-Clouds and Mountains to perform at Sherbino Theater (604 Clinton St.) in Ridgway. For more information and to listen to *Clouds and Mountains* please visit: <http://cloudsandmountains.bandcamp.com/>. Doors and cash bar for the event are at 7 pm. \$7 entry at the door.

Aug. 4-School Supply Distribution at Sharing Ministries from 2 to 4 p.m.

Aug. 4-Annual Sheep Day Outing, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free to the public, no pets please. Directions from Lake City, Colorado: continue south on Gunnison Avenue into the mid-town area. Turn right onto W. 3rd Street and follow for 2 blocks. Turn left onto N. Bluff Street and follow it as it turns into County Road 20. Follow County Road 20 for 16 miles where you will arrive at the Sheep Day location.

Aug. 4-2015 Safety Fair and National Night Out, Fellin Park, Ouray. 2 to 6 p.m. Safety Fair, 6 p.m. on National Night Out.

Aug. 5- Ouray County Historical Society will host its third educational, all-day tour of the Northwestern San Juan Mountains August 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.

Aug. 5 - Montrose County Historical Society Presents: Karla Gilbert "Sanborn Park School's Final Day". It will be in the Pioneer room at the Montrose County Fairgrounds, starting at 7 pm, free admission.

Aug. 6-Alpine Bank hosts Free Community Shred Day in Telluride, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 120 South Pine St. Food Drive for Angel Baskets; bring a canned food item with each box to be shredded.



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