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1940'S ERA DINNER DANCE FUNDRAISER FOR DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS PLANNED!

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-For some people, being told no is a deterrent. For others, it's like pouring gasoline on a flame. Just ask Nancy Johnston.

When Johnston pitched an idea of hers to a community organization recently, and was told that the executive board had declined to pursue the idea, she didn't give up immediately.

"Don't tell me no!" laughed Johnston, whose idea was to raise funds with a WWII-1940's era dinner and dance to buy a van for the local branch of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV). So Johnston took the idea before the DAV board herself, and promised to do most of the legwork.

Now, she is planning the party. The concept is to go big in private hangars at the Montrose Regional Airport next summer, with food by Pine Cone Catering and a 13-piece swing band (the Crystal Swing Band) guaranteed to "rock your socks off."

"We still need some hotel room sponsors," said Johnston, who has helped to bring the Moving Wall to Montrose twice, "and we are pulling a working committee together. We will canvas the area for donations and get big companies on board."



It's time to replace the DAV's second van, and Nancy Johnston is organizing a 1940's era dinner and dance to raise funds for the purchase.

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CELEBRATE THE FORK AT PARTY OF THE YEAR!



Blues Great Otis Taylor has longstanding ties to Colorado and the North Fork Valley, and considers the area one of his favorite places to play, organizers say. Above, Taylor in a courtesy image by Evan Simone.

By Caitlin Switzer

HOTCHKISS-Spend a few minutes in the North Fork Valley, and it's easy to see why artists and other creative types are drawn to the region. Vivid light, craggy mountains, fertile mesas and world-class rivers are all part of the local landscape. The intriguingly diverse economic base includes mining as well as traditional and niche market agricultural operations. This month, expect the party of the year in the North Fork Valley, to share all that makes this region so delicious.

"Celebrate the Fork" takes place Aug. 29 at the Delta County Fairgrounds, 403 South Fourth Street in Hotchkiss. The event combines the region's creative industries-everything from sculpture, saddlery, glasswork, quilts, jewelry and pottery to local authors and artists themselves--with a first-rate musical lineup. Every element has been selected for its relevance to the region. All featured products will be from the North Fork Valley, and available for purchase. The day will begin with choirs and singers from the community, with mid-day stretches by Yoga Tree, and

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MIRROR IMAGES...CHRIS DANIELS CONCERT



The Aug. 14 Montrose Summer Music Series concert at Black Canyon Golf Course featured Denver's Chris Daniels and the Kings. Among those who showed up for the free event was longtime Montrose Daily Press Publisher Steve Woody, like a boss, center top.



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FUNDRAISER FOR DISABLED VETERANS PLANNED From pg 1



The Crystal Swing Band brings a following wherever it goes; Nancy Johnston plans to bring the band to Montrose in June 2016 to benefit the Disabled American Veterans and help them purchase a new transport van. Courtesy photo.

—because the money goes to them. We want the DAV have a van and money for what they need.”

The [Moore-Demoret Chapter 17 of the Disabled American Veterans](#) is a small group, but runs two vans every day, Adjutant Steve Nannestad said. One van leaves Montrose for the hospital in Grand Junction five days a week, and the other takes patients to the local clinic for appointments. Though the older van was replaced several years ago, it is time to replace the newer now, Nannestad said.

—A new van would definitely be helpful,” he said. —Nancy can be very enthusiastic—she has great ideas, and we are very enthused to work with her. She’s very good at this kind of thing.”

The event is targeted for June of 2016,

and Johnston hopes to have a kickoff committee meeting sometime in September.

—It’s time to get the ball rolling,” said Johnston. —I am putting together a letter seeking donations from cruise companies and resorts. The vision is to have vintage planes glistening in the sunlight, and people in period clothing—we want to give everyone a big bang for the buck.

—I hear that people are already buying their outfits,” she said. —Gary and I plan to bring our Korean War era restored Jeep, with a gun that shoots air. Kids love it!”

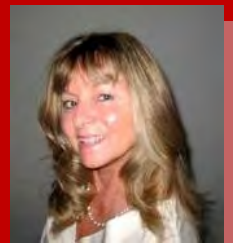
There will be a tent with a display of military uniforms, and those who would like to bring a picture or uniform to share with the public can have it tagged and placed in a tent for display, Johnston said.

To join the committee or become involved, call Nancy Johnston at 970 249-0628.

—I would like to get as many veterans on the committee as we can,” she said,

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HELP SAVE A LIFE: MONTROSE MOM CHRISTY MARTINEZ!



Christy Martinez, with her family above, is a Montrose mom of two. Joe is 21, and Isabella is 14. Christy works as a dispatcher for Colorado State Patrol, and is a former dance instructor. Courtesy photo.

By Claire Clemens

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Local CSP dispatcher and mother Christy Martinez, 38, needs a liver donor. Martinez was undergoing cancer treatment when doctors diagnosed her with Primary Biliary Cirrhosis. After fighting

cancer for four years, Martinez's only hope for surviving this incurable disease is a liver transplant.

Martinez is on the transplant list, but is most likely to survive if she receives a liver from a live donor. Due to the nature of the disease, the amount of time she has to find a donor is limited. The precise amount of time Martinez has may change depending on how the disease progresses.

Martinez's son, Joe Vigil, expresses his gratitude for the support that Martinez has already received and emphasizes how

much of a difference organ donations make. "Thank you to everyone who has already helped my mom so much. Her benefit dinner was a huge success, and the love and support from everyone really helps my mom keep her head up during all of this. Being a cancer survivor and a

woman who has overcome many other things, my mom still has a really great head on her shoulders. No matter the outcome from this disease, her main goal is to spread awareness about being a donor. This liver transplant wouldn't be the first time a donor has saved her life. She's had to have many blood transfusions in the past due to operations dealing with the cancer, and they have really helped her take a turn for the best each time. Being a donor is something a lot of people don't realize can help or that they even can do. The support and fundraising has helped immensely and has taken away tons of stress and anxiety, but what's most important is that we find a donor. If we don't find one, then it is important that people realize how important it can be."

The Martinez family has a [GoFundMe page](https://www.gofundme.com/page) to assist with the costs associated with the disease and transplant process. Anyone interested in becoming a donor may contact Michelle Martinez at 970-497-6632 or Rebecca Martinez at 970-208-5920. More information on liver donations may be found at <https://www.uchealth.org/pages/services/transplant-services/liver-transplant.aspx>.

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COUNCIL TO CONSIDER ALCOHOL PERMIT, KOA EXPANSION PLANS

Mirror staff report

MONTROSE-When Montrose City Council convenes for a work session today, Aug. 17 at 11 a.m. in Council chambers, topics for discussion will include a Certificate of Appreciation from Welcome Home Montrose; a Sister-Cities presentation by Wally Smith; a grant request for \$25,000 in Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) funds to support expansion of the Community Dental Clinic; and an update to the Municipal elections code. The code is being expanded in accordance with CO HB 15-1130, which was enacted in May to ensure that U.S. military personnel and

civilians living abroad have the ability to vote in municipal elections. From now on, the first day to pick up a petition for the election will be 91 days prior rather than 77; the last day to file a petition will be 57 rather than 71 days prior to the election; and the last day to amend the petition will be 63 rather than 50 days prior to the election.

At Council's regular meeting of Aug. 18, held at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers, Council will consider a Special Events Alcohol Permit in conjunction with the closure of South Uncompahgre Avenue for the Sharing Ministries Street Dance featuring the

Stupid Band and others on Sept. 26, 2015; and authorizing the Mayor's signature of an Administrative Grant Letter for a Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) planning grant on behalf of the Community Dental Clinic.

Council will also consider site development plans for the proposed KOA RV Park expansion; a second quarter budget review by Finance Director Shani Wittenberg; and a Public Information Officer Report by Assistant City Manager and Office of Business & Tourism Director Rob Joseph. Following staff reports, Council will adjourn.

DDA, CITY TO TEMPORARILY DISABLE TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT MAIN AND CASCADE

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-As part of the Downtown Development Authority's (DDA's) ongoing diagonal parking pilot project, the traffic signal at the intersection of Main Street and Cascade Avenue will be temporarily disabled in order to allow for the free flow of Main Street traffic through the intersection. In place of the signal, temporary stop signs will be installed to control the side-street traffic on Cascade Avenue. The change is scheduled to take place during the week of Aug. 17. Throughout the course of the pilot study, eastbound vehi-

cles waiting behind the light at Cascade Avenue have routinely stacked as far back as Townsend Avenue during peak traffic hours. Prior to implementation of the pilot project, engineering studies indicated the potential for this to occur and recommended that the light at Cascade be temporarily disabled should excessive stacking be observed. This was attempted in late July by changing the light to a flashing yellow/ flashing red configuration; however, it was quickly observed that this approach generally reduced vehicular and pedestrian safety at the intersection and the signal was

quickly returned to its typical operation. For the second attempt, the signal will be disabled by "bagging" the signal heads. The largest drawback for this phase of the pilot project is reduced mobility for vehicles and pedestrians crossing Main Street from Cascade Avenue. The DDA is aware of this drawback and reminds residents that the temporary change is necessary to evaluate the effectiveness of signal modifications. Motorists are reminded to yield to pedestrians within crosswalks, both at signalized and un-signalized intersections, as required by state law.

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WESTERN COLORADO CONGRESS ANNUAL CONFERENCE SEPT. 19-20

By Donna Page

Special to the Mirror

REGIONAL-Building Better Communities is the theme of the 35th Annual Western Colorado Congress (WCC) Conference which will once again be held at Camp Kiwanis on the Grand Mesa this Sept. 19—20th. The two-day event focuses on informative and educational workshops, trainings and discussions that reflect our current issue work as well as upcoming ideas and concerns including Dome on the Range, an overview of the organization's legislative program with WCC Lobbyist, Sol Malick. Hikes in the Grand Mesa National Forest, great local foods, a community dance and an evening campfire with music, songs and ghost stories add a great deal of fun, comradery and sense of community.

WCC has a long history on the Western Slope of Colorado as a grassroots, democratic organization dedicated to challenging injustice by organizing people to increase their power over decisions that affect their lives. WCC's community groups and members work together to create healthy, sustainable communities, social and economic justice, environmental stew-

ardship and a truly democratic society.

In the late 1970's local citizen groups sprouted across the Western Slope in response to threats to their local communities—coal and molybdenum, oil shale development and plans for power lines were a few of the concerns. As the scope of their concerns broadened, members of these local groups decided to band together to create a unified citizen voice to safeguard the people within these local communities. From these groups and their members the Western Colorado Congress formed in 1980.

Over the past 35 years WCC members have tackled—and won on—a wide variety of issues from the responsible exploration and development of oil, gas and coal matters to the sustainable management of public lands and the promotion of local foods and agriculture. From work on all these issues WCC has come to mean different things to different people. WCC has always maintained its commitment to organizing citizens on issues that directly affect their lives while enabling individuals to participate in our democracy by providing trainings and real-life experiences. New this year is the "Pay It Forward"



Early activists helped found Western Colorado Congress in 1980. Courtesy photo.

scholarship program that allows members and community groups to invite others to join the conference at no cost. This program is open to everyone—members and non-members and gives many folks— young and old the opportunity to join us.

To register for the conference, complete schedule and up to date information please visit our website at <http://wccongress.org/wcc/annual-conference/> OR call Donna at 970-256-7650.



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By John W. Nelson

President, Montrose

Regional Crime Stoppers, Inc

MONTROSE-Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers, Inc., a non-profit Colorado corporation with an IRS Sec. 501 (c) (3) designation, is barely a year old but its successes continue to accumulate.

The program has caused the recovery of several major pieces of stolen property as well as instigating a number of active investigations by area law enforcement agencies. The ability to report crimes and criminals anonymously is the primary benefit of Crime Stoppers, in addition to just do-

ing the right thing as a citizen and possibly even receiving a reward.

Despite breathtaking geography and caring neighbors, our region is plagued by many serious problems, primarily drugs, domestic violence and child abuse, to name only the most prevalent. Crime Stoppers is not a law enforcement agency but facilitates the anonymous flow of critical information to area law enforcement agencies.

While we are fortunate to have outstanding law enforcement in our area, they can never by themselves do the job of creating and maintaining a safe community.

Crime Stoppers volunteers and publicity are becoming more visible with each passing week.

Recently, following a week of appearanc-

es at the Montrose County Fair, Ouray Safety Fair, National Night Out and a Montrose School Fair, Crime Stoppers gave away a color television donated by Walmart to an interested citizen who had stopped to learn of the program.

Crime Stoppers has been helping law enforcement and their communities since 1976 across the United States and the world. Together, they are providing safer communities for us all.

To anonymously report a crime or criminal, call 970-249-8500. To report a crime in progress, call 911.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

ALPINE WOMEN'S CENTRE MERGES WITH MONTROSE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND MMH NURSE MIDWIFE SERVICES

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE- On August 1, 2015, Drs. James Gilham and Richard Hanley and their staff at Alpine Women's Centre merged with Montrose Memorial Hospital and the MMH Nurse Midwife Services to form a comprehensive Obstetrics and Gynecology practice serving Montrose and surrounding counties.

"We are fortunate to have Alpine Women's Centre join our excellent team of employed specialty practices," says Frank Dieter, Director of Provider Practices at MMH. "Equally exciting is the opportuni-

ty to be in a great position to offer our patients more coordinated care and services," said Steve Hannah, CEO of MMH. "We're pleased to work closely with Drs. Gilham and Hanley, together with our Certified Nurse Midwives and look forward to increasing choice and availability of our OB/GYN services for our community."

Debra Chapman, CNM, FNP-BC, director of MMH Nurse Midwifery Services added; "Even though we have always worked as a team, our merger will promote a stronger collaborative practice between the certified nurse midwives and the obste-

trician/gynecologists. This will only serve to heighten the quality of care that women expect from us and deserve from us."

With the merger, Alpine Women's Centre will add a new physician, Derick Fenton, M.D. Dr. Fenton and his family moved from Michigan, where he completed his Residency as an OB/GYN specialist at St. John Providence Health Systems in Southfield, Michigan. "My wife Megan and I look forward to enjoying everything that Montrose has to offer and becoming part of this community," said Dr. Fenton.



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CELEBRATE THE FORK AT PARTY OF THE YEAR! From pg 1



Photo from Travis Mann's MySpace page, recalls his coal mining days at the West Elk Mine. Mann will perform at Celebrate the Fork in Hotchkiss Aug. 29.

will culminate in shows by headline performers, including blues great Otis Taylor and country music superstar Travis Mann.

—It's going to be a really big deal," said Debbie Shaffer, owner and operator of the North Fork Lifestyles Boutique in Hotch-

kiss. —Otis Taylor is a very big name, and I believe this will be a wonderful celebration for our valley—let's show it off!"

Despite their fame, Taylor and Mann both have strong ties to the North Fork, Mitchell said.

—Otis Taylor had opened for Joe Cocker, and is very connected to the North Fork Valley," Mitchell said. —This has always been one of his very favorite places to play. Travis Mann worked at the West Elk Coal Mine for three years before heading to Nashville.

—Travis and his band are real country people—rowdy, with a standup bass," Mitchell noted. Other featured performers will include the North Fork Flyers with Harry Harpoon; the Scones; the 3 Tinkers; Michael Meadows and Mojo; Beth Williams and David Snider; and David Starr. Performances are free from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Tickets for the festival itself are \$30 apiece.

—The whole idea is to provide an opportunity for our creative people to show their work and make money," said organizer Dave Mitchell of the [North Fork Creative](#)

[District](#). —They can show their wares, and sell their wares. The North Fork has been a unique area for quite some time. With our agricultural base and our eclectic population mix, we have always been the square peg in the round hole. Today, we are realizing the uniqueness of our area and the creative people who populate it. The North Fork attracts artists, musicians, jewelers etc. who are willing to be in an area that is not as noted as Santa Fe, but where the quality of life keeps them here."

It's also about celebrating the abundance of niche market crops, he said.

—We want to celebrate the art and craftsmanship, embrace our agricultural history and show off our new, value-added crops," Mitchell said.

The response to Celebrate the Fork has been enthusiastic, particularly among donors and volunteers, he said, with the ultimate goal of diversifying the local income base. —We want to help creative people become economically viable entrepreneurs." One of the fun aspects of the festival is to exhibit local artists whose work is known nationally but not at home. Artists like Len Chmiel of Hotchkiss, whose sought-after paintings have been featured in *Business Week*, *Southwest Art Magazine*, *American Artist Magazine* and *Western Art Digest*, among others. [According to his bio](#), Chmiel's work has also been collected by Museums and major corporations across the United States. Chmiel said that he is pleased to be part of the first Celebrate the Fork event.

—Why am I showing? Well, I live and work here in the Valley, specifically Hotchkiss," Chmiel said. —Celebrate the Fork, as a community event, honors the diversity of all of U.S. citizens. Diverse it is. Not only those that are involved with what are generally considered the creative arts, I would certainly extend that perception to include the creativity of the small farmers, the ranchers, techies and fruit growers.

—It's pretty exciting to live in a community alongside really smart and innovative people," he said.

Also featured at Celebrate the Fork will be Delta County saddle maker Ned Norton, nationally known for his work.

—We hope to attract coal miners, and country music fans," Mitchell said.

—Anyone who would like to donate is welcome to, but we would rather have you come to the party of the year here in the North Fork Valley."

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IN REVIEW: A LOOK AT FIRST DMEA ELECTION HANDLED BY OUTSIDE COMPANY

By Gail Marvel

REGIONAL-Although the 2015 DMEA Election was held two months ago, the *Mirror* recap of the election was postponed until the DMEA Board made a determination on whether or not they would allow the *Mirror* to view the invalid signature envelopes. Unfortunately the DMEA Board denied the request. (*Full Disclosure: Gail Marvel has served as a DMEA Credentials Committee member for more than 20 years.*)

For the June election DMEA contracted with a company outside the state of Colorado to administer the election. Because there was a glitch with joint account member names printed on the signature envelopes, it seemed reasonable to look at the whole process.

Inquiries were made about the QR Code on the return signature envelope and how Survey and Ballot Systems (SBS) of Eden Prairie, MN would verify signatures. Of particular interest was the configuration of the signature envelope, which put the member's signature under the glue flap. Virginia Harman, DMEA Manager of Member Relations & Energy Service, responded in an email, "Assure you that Survey and Ballot Systems will be able to correctly scan and verify our ballots. ... They have an A+ rating with the BBB, they are used by hundreds of electrical cooperatives, they have been in business for 25 years, and they offer the best security measures in the business both for the election results and member database."

In email correspondence DMEA Attorney Larry Beckner said of the denied request, "I am advised the Board elected not to permit access to the ballot envelopes. I believe this result was based at least in part on my analysis and recommendation. ... It is my opinion that allowing the public the right to review signatures and the validity

of envelopes, or ballots, would not be in the best interests of the public, DMEA or the contestants." Mr. Beckner also pointed out that DMEA is a private company and is not obligated, —.by law to allow access to any of the voting records."

DMEA is a private company, but it is also a member-owned company. The Bylaws, including those pertaining to elections, are subject to change. It should be noted that over the years, particularly in highly contested races, some DMEA members at the annual meeting have been allowed to look at their unopened ballot to verify that their ballot arrived in the mail, and that indeed it was their signature on the signature envelope. Prior to the polls closing voting members could also invalidate their mailed-in ballot and vote a new ballot if they changed their mind about their candidate of choice.

Current DMEA Bylaws allow board candidates to view the tabulation process of the election. Section 4(d) Election Process states, —A candidates for the board shall be given the opportunity to be present to observe the ballot tabulation." With the 2015 tabulation held in Eden Prairie, MN it

was virtually impossible for candidates to view the tabulation.

While this is not an issue of transparency, a pattern of patronizing continues to emerge among local organizations, agencies and boards who feel they are not accountable or answerable to constituents, voters and members.

The official 2015 DMEA election results are not in question; however there were some numerical errors reported in the media after the election, as well as failure to publish the number of votes cast for candidates who ran unopposed.

The complete tabulation for the 2015 DMEA Election:

Eligible Voters: 27,331

Ballots Returned: 5,204

Invalid Ballots: 182

District 1 (unopposed)

Bill Patterson 4,138

District 2

Kyle Martinez 1,862

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Tammy Theis 1,052

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District 3 (unopposed)

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OPINION EDITORIAL-LETTERS

MDP LETTER TO THE EDITOR REWRITES: A FORM OF SPIN?

Dear Editor:

A letter-to-the-editor written by Paul Gottlieb, Olathe resident and METSA Board President, was published in the *Montrose Mirror* on 8-10-15, and in the *Montrose Daily Press* on 8-12-15.

The letter published in the *Press* was heavily edited from the original. It's possible that Mr. Gottlieb edited his own letter prior to sending it to the *Press*, but it seems highly unlikely that he would do so for one news outlet and not the other.

Mr. Gottlieb's letter in the *Press* was sanitized by watering down his personal attack on County Commissioner Glen Davis. At the same time the letter was polished and fluffed when words and structure were changed, sentences omitted, spelling and grammar corrected, words deleted and some words capitalized to add emphasis. Thus, Mr. Gottlieb was framed in a different light in the *Press* version than in the original version of his letter.

The *Press* policy allows editing letters-to-the-editor; however the extensiveness of the changes to this letter might qualify as a rewrite, rather than simple editing.

Readers have a right to be concerned that such professional rewrites, if they *are* from the editor's desk, can not only indicate partiality, but they can shape and in some cases manipulate, community thought.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Marvel, Montrose

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WEST CENTRAL WOMEN OF INFLUENCE

THE POWER OF PULLING PEOPLE TOGETHER...NANCY JOHNSTON



Nancy Johnston.
Courtesy photo.

Interview by Gail Marvel
MONTROSE—Originally from Cleveland, Nancy Johnston made her way to the Western Slope via Cortez. She and her husband, both retired police officers, have been Log Hill residents for 15 years.

Nancy, the youngest of seven children, lost her father in an auto/pedestrian accident when she was seven years old. She said, “My mother, who had only a seventh grade education, became both father and mother to us.” Nancy’s first recollection of leadership came from helping her mother canvas the community with petitions to stop infrastructure being installed in their farming community. She said, “Mom didn’t want a sidewalk in front of the family farm. I thought at the time, *where did this [determination] come from?* From mom I learned the power of pulling people to-

gether.”

When Nancy was 10 years old, Chevrolet came out with the first Corvette. She said, “When I told mom I was going to have a Corvette she thought I was silly because we didn’t even own a family car.”

As a young adult Nancy got a job at a mental institution, —.which by the way was the best job I ever had for learning how to work with people.” When a co-worker told Nancy of a red and white Corvette on a dealer’s lot, Nancy put \$25 down and ask them to hold it for her. She then convinced her mom to co-sign for the loan. Nancy said, “I found out if you put your mind to it, you can do it.”

In her career as a police officer Nancy started out as a dispatcher and moved to safety programs — Stranger Danger, pedestrian safety, and week-long kindergarten kid camps. She said, “I really love doing safety programs and still work with area law enforcement agencies if they need me.” A community-minded person Nancy said, “I like to promote the community and keeping our kids safe is part of promoting the community.” Nancy spent 17 years as a police officer (one year on patrol) and 14 years as a resource officer in schools.

When the Johnston’s retired and moved to Cortez, Nancy became a certified Park Ranger. She said, “I really wanted to be a

seasonal Park Ranger at Mesa Verde and when I was finally hired I loved it.” Nancy discovered a program called —Park Ranger of the Month,” and she made up her mind to get the award. “I was hired in May and in July I was named Park Ranger of the Month!” Nancy’s efforts in the park service included re-tooling and introducing the Hug-A-Tree Program for kids who get lost in the forest.

Locally Nancy has impacted the community with bringing in the Vietnam Veteran’s Memorial Moving Wall twice. The last time the Wall came to Montrose Nancy called Washington every month for two years. She said, “I wanted to have the Wall here on the Fourth of July ... and I got it.”

Nancy considers herself an organizer. “I get the idea and then all I have to do is sell it to someone and pull people in.” Nancy is tenacious to get what she wants. She said, “When people tell me ‘no’ it doesn’t upset me.” She laughed and said, “I tell them I heard you say no, but I’ll be back.”

Nancy’s leadership advice: —Go with the ideas you have, but remember you don’t have to do things by yourself. Don’t be afraid to bring it [ideas] forward. Keep knocking on the door.” Next on Nancy’s agenda, which she is already working on, is a 2016 fundraiser for the Disabled American Veterans (see front page article).



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

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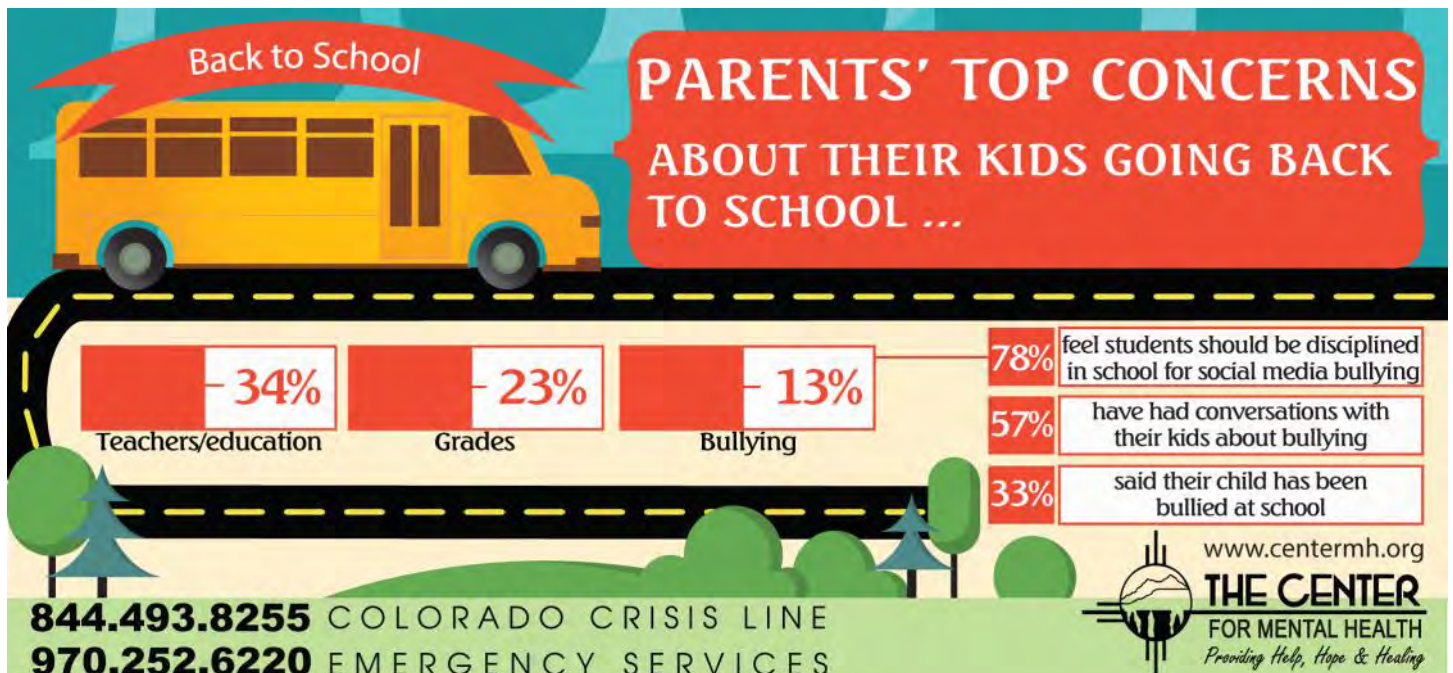
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CPW DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN NOW AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

Special to the Mirror

DENVER - Colorado Parks and Wildlife announces the draft 2015 Colorado Parks and Wildlife Strategic Plan is available for public review beginning today.

The draft plan was developed using input provided by stakeholders, public, staff, and the Parks and Wildlife Commission. The plan is a high-level, living document, which will be updated as needed. The goals, objectives, and strategies are intended to guide the creation and execution of CPWs operation and implementation plans.

We encourage those interested to submit comments on the draft plan through an online comment form on the [CPW web-site](#) available now through Sept. 14.

Learn more about CPW and the strategic plan by attending one of the following open houses:

Aug. 17, 6 - 8 p.m., CPW, 4255 Sinton Rd., Colorado Springs, Colo.,

Aug. 27, 6 - 8 p.m., Glenwood Springs Community Center, 100 Wulfsohn Rd., Glenwood Springs, Colo.,

Aug. 31, 6 - 8 p.m., Carbon Valley Regional Library, 7 Park Ave., Firestone, Colo.,

Sept. 3, 6 - 8 p.m., Rodeway Inn, 333 Santa Fe Ave., Alamosa, Colo.



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GOOFY GOLF TOURNAMENT RAISES 4K FOR SHARING MINISTRIES EXPANSION



Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-A fund raiser for Sharing Ministries Food Bank was held at the Black Canyon Golf Course on Aug. 2. This was a "goofy" golf tournament planned and sponsored by The Horsefly and Montrose Auto Glass. A huge thank you goes to Phil Friesmuth, John Martinez and Chris Martinez. Their hard work led to the success of the tournament which raised \$4,014.00 towards the building of the new warehouse!

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HICKENLOOPER TO HOLD TOWN HALL MEETING IN MONTROSE AUG. 20

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SAN MIGUEL COUNTY: BETTER INTERNET IS COMING!

**Paradox regional broadband expansion project receives \$330,000 equipment grant from DOLA
—Once landowners sign easement agreements, project could happen quickly**

Special to the Mirror

SAN MIGUEL COUNTY—San Miguel County will expand broadband access to some rural areas of the county, thanks to a \$330,000 in Energy and Mineral Assistance grant from Colorado's Department of Local Affairs (DOLA). —The first phase of expanding broadband in our county is to light up that fiber cable from Nucla to Norwood," said County Administrator Lynn Black. —We have the funds to purchase the required routers and switches for last mile providers to offer new service to homes and businesses in Norwood. This is the first step of several phases."

The dormant cable was installed when a new power transmission line was built in 2012, and has the potential to carry multiple gigabits along the full 60 miles from Nucla to Sunshine/Ilium Station. While no work is required for installation or activation of the fiber cable, Paradox Community Trust must obtain a telecommunications easement agreement from each landowner on whose property the cable is buried.

While the support has been strong, there are still many landowners who need to sign the agreement. Once this is complete, Norwood could potentially have high-speed internet in a matter of weeks. —It can happen quickly," Black said. —The community is excited about this opportunity and we have the funding to purchase the equipment, so all we need now are a few more signatures."

The Paradox regional broadband expansion project is an initiative spearheaded by San Miguel County and the Paradox Community Trust. The Paradox Community Trust has retained the rights to the existing Tri-State dark (unlit) fiber optic cable that runs 60 miles from Nucla to Sunshine in the Ilium Valley, with the potential to provide improved access, higher speeds, lower costs and increased reliability for residents,

business, and critical community service organizations. The Paradox Community Trust will not profit; rather, revenues will be re-invested to expand service or pass lower cost services along to customers. Residents and businesses in Norwood and the surrounding areas currently pay \$38 - \$100 per month for 1.5 Mbps of service at best. In some areas on Wright's Mesa, speeds are below 750 Kbps or unavailable. —Lighting up this fiber could potentially allow businesses and residents to get internet service at 10 times the speed for 1/10th the price," said Paul Major, Board member of the Paradox Community Trust.

The Paradox broadband expansion project is endorsed by Norwood's Mayor, Fire and Emergency Services, Uncompahgre Medical Center (UMC), School, and the Public Library. For these anchor institutions, high

-speed internet is a dire need, and in the cases of UMC and Fire/EMS, it can also mean the difference between life and death. —When our [microwaved] internet is interrupted by atmospheric particular interference (dust storms) our providers slow down to a painful crawl, and care to our community suffers, which is a regular occurrence during spring dust storms or when monsoon season starts up," said Erleend Greulich, CFO/IT Director at UMC. —Having a hardline would be nothing short of a miracle. It would increase speed and reliability of patient care significantly."

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NON-PROFIT TRAINER ANDY ROBINSON COMING TO RURAL COLORADO

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REGIONAL – For 34 years, nonprofit consultant Andy Robinson has traveled around the country facilitating interactive workshops on board leadership, fundraising, strategic planning and leadership development. So far, he's made it to 47 states and Canada and will be returning to Colorado for a four-day training series Oct. 19-22! With the support of local nonprofit leaders, Community Resource Center is bringing Andy Robinson to Montrose, Durango and La Junta to facilitate three of his signature trainings: Mobilizing Your Board to Make More Money, Creating (and Using) a Fundraising Plan and Building Boards that

Work. Session descriptions and testimonials from attendees can be found at: <http://andyrobinsononline.com/>.

The Western Colorado Nonprofit Council - in conjunction with Western Slope Rural Philanthropy Days, Southeast Rural Philanthropy Days and Southwest Rural Philanthropy Days will generously sponsor this training series in order to keep the sessions affordable and accessible to nonprofits in their community. Registration for the training series is now open! Andy Robinson's trainings are in extremely high demand and spots fill up quickly so make sure to register as soon as possible. Visit www.crcamerica.org/andy-robinson-

training-series/ for session information and to register. Community Resource Center

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EARLY SEASON HUNTERS HEADING TO WESTERN RIO BLANCO COUNTY ADVISED OF HORSE GATHER OPERATIONS

Special to the Mirror

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. - Muzzleloader and archery hunters heading to Game Management Unit 21, located south of Rangely and west of Highway 139, are advised that the Bureau of Land Management will conduct excess horse gather operations in the area beginning Sept. 14,

coinciding with the start of the early hunting seasons. The BLM says they will focus on gathering 167 horses in West Douglas Horse Area first, but may move operations east into GMU 22. The BLM estimates that operations may run a week to

ten days. The gather operations will include helicopters, support vehicles and personnel on the ground.

For more information, contact the BLM at 970-210-2126 or 970-878-3842, or visit www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/wrfo/wrfo_wild_horses.html.

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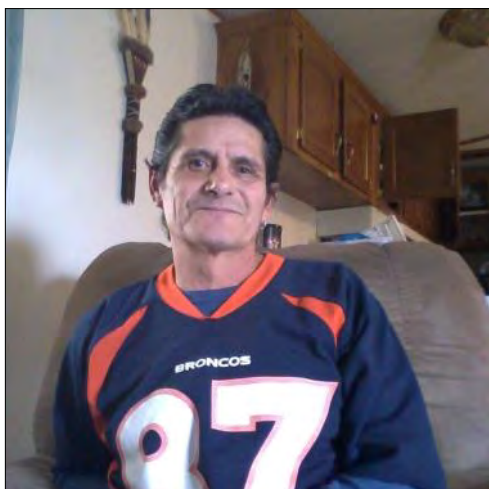
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TO MY READERS: DOWNTOWN PROWLER STILL AT LARGE



Dear readers and neighbors (especially the ladies):

MONTROSE—On Wednesday, Aug. 12, I stepped into my backyard, which is surrounded by a fence. Both chain link gates are kept closed and sealed. However, on this night a prowler surprised me in the dark around 9 p.m.—I heard him speak before I saw him because he stepped up behind me, from the side of the house with the bedroom windows—wearing long shorts, sneakers, a ball cap and a printed t-shirt. I yelled for my youngest child to call police, which he did. The Prowler ran away, and the police arrived almost immediately.

When former Great Homes Trailer Park staffer Steve Romero walked by my house the next day wearing the same outfit as the night before, we quickly recognized the prowler who had been looking in our windows.

For those in my neighborhood (East Montrose, EMO) who have not been warned, the police continue to search for Steve. They tell me that he has a criminal record and is avoiding arrest because of it...so if you see Steve, call 911 immediately, and try not to let him out of your sight until the police arrive.

—Caitlin Switzer, Montrose Mirror

Pictured at left is a photo of Steve Romero from his Facebook page.

START DATES FOR RE-1J SCHOOLS

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS	GRADES K-5			
Cottonwood	Thurs., August 20			
Johnson	Thurs., August 20			
Northside	Thurs., August 20			
Oak Grove	Thurs., August 20			
Olathe	Thurs., August 20			
Pomona	Thurs., August 20			
SECONDARY SCHOOLS	GRADE 6	GRADE 7	GRADE 8	
Centennial Middle	Fri., August 21	Mon., August 24	Mon., August 24	
Columbine Middle	Wed., August 19	Wed., August 19	Wed., August 19	
Olathe Middle	Wed., August 19	Thurs., August 20	Thurs., August 20	
	GRADE 9	GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
Montrose High	Wed., August 19	Wed., August 19 8:30-10:00 am Thurs., August 20 All day	Wed. August 19 10:00-11:30 am Thurs., August 20 All day	Wed., August 19 11:30-1:00 pm Thurs., August 20 All day
Olathe High	Wed., August 19	Thurs., August 20	Thurs., August 20	Thurs., August 20

Experiencing the (local) Church

WRITER GAIL MARVEL VISITS ST. STEPHEN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH



By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE—My visit to St. Stephen's Anglican Church took place on April 12, 2015. Three greeters with bulletins in hand welcomed worshippers. Father Jerry Kistler introduced himself and went out of his way to make sure that I had a visitor's packet. The packet succinctly explained the worship service up to and including color tabs in the "Book of Common Prayers" that corresponded with highlighted selections of the bulletin. However, there was little time to digest the packet and also chat with others. Two people invited me to sit with them so they could help me navigate the order of service, but I thought I could handle it on my own. *Really, how hard could it be?*

With the exception of one bulletin insert, hymns were sung from the hymnal and accompanied on a keyboard/organ. Juggling the extensive visitor's packet, bulletin and insert, "Book of Common Prayers," hymnal, my NIV Bible, and a writing tablet and pencil left me completely out of sync with the fast-paced, choreographed service. Peering over the shoulder of the woman seated in front of me only verified what I already knew—I was on the wrong page, as well as being in the wrong book.

Scripture reading from Isaiah 43:1-12 and

1 John 5:4-12 was led by a woman. The sermon titled, "The Peace of Forgiveness," was delivered by Father Jerry and based on John 20:19-23, a passage about Jesus meeting with his disciples after his resurrection. Father Jerry said, "Jesus appeared fully in body and spirit; the followers were with a real person. The disciples had been searching for the dead body of Jesus, but it was Jesus who found them in [their own] fear of death tomb. The first words Jesus spoke brought the disciples back to life, 'Peace be with you'" (John 20:19b NIV).

Jesus then showed the disciples his wounds—his nail-pierced hands and his wounded side into which the spear had been thrust. The wounds were of a living man who had died and rose again. Father Jerry said, "The second time Jesus said 'Peace be with you,' there was a command attached that obligated us to go beyond our own door and administer peace to the world. Just as we are given peace, Christ ordered his disciples to be ministers of the Gospel of Peace."

Father Jerry noted that when Jesus proclaimed that he had the power to forgive sins, his words were radical. "H[is] Jesus" came in God's authority. Through the church Jesus expresses that same authority on earth." Father Jerry is commissioned

[by the church] to forgive sins. "When I stand before you and declare your sins are forgiven, it is not in my own name, but in the name of Christ. What comfort there is in the words, 'I absolve you' ... Don't deny the confidence Christ wants to give you in reconciliation."

After the sermon the offertory and communion followed in quick succession. Communion is open to, "All persons baptized in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, and who are in good standing with another branch of Christ's Church, are affectionately invited to the Lord's Table." With a decanter of wine and a decanter of water, representing the blood and water that flowed from Jesus' side, Father Jerry combined the two elements into one goblet. Worshippers went forward to partake of the emblems and kneeling at the railing they had the option of either drinking from the single goblet, or dipping their unleavened wafer of bread into the goblet.

The service concluded with the challenge to take this peace beyond our own doors.

Contact Info:

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

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



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CELEBRATE WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY WITH LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS!

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MONTROSE-On Aug. 26, 1920, the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution granting women the right to vote and to run for office was officially enacted. Sometimes called "The Susan B. Anthony Amendment," it contained a mere 39 words, but, oh how important they were and still are today!

"The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation."

On this "Women's Equality Day", take a moment to reflect on how hard and how long our foremothers worked to secure suffrage rights for American women. You might want to check out the League exhibits at the Montrose and Delta libraries to appreciate just what they accomplished.

Also, you are invited to join the local League of Women Voters as we celebrate

this auspicious occasion by:

A parade in period costume on Wednesday, Aug. 26, in the City of Delta near the courthouse from 4 -5 pm, and

A showing of the HBO film "Iron Jawed Angels", starring Hilary Swank - Thursday, Aug. 27th in the Montrose Library Community Room. No charge and doors open at 6:30pm.

The League of Women Voters is focused on protecting voting rights for all and making sure everyone who is eligible to vote is able to. The League, which also was founded in 1920, does not support or oppose candidates and is not affiliated with any political party. "We don't care how you vote or for whom you



Celebrate Womens Equality Day and honor the Suffragettes (above) Aug. 26 by joining the League of Women Voters for a period dress parade in Delta. Courtesy image Nancy Ball.

vote--- we just want voters to be informed and to exercise their right to vote." For more information, contact Karen Connor at 275-1314.

Mountain States Ranch Rodeo

**Rodeo update in today's Art & Sol Issue 7!
Mountain States Ranch Rodeo to be featured
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PAVILION DANCE CLUB, GOLDEN CIRCLE SENIORS DONATE TO ALL POINTS TRANSIT



Special to the Mirror
MONTROSE—The Pavilion Dance Club and Golden Circle Seniors each presented a check for \$250 as donations to help with the expenses of the new Prius car recently purchased by All Points Transit. The vehicle allows APT to take patrons to appointments with a lower cost per person/trip. It also helps to alleviate some of the waiting list currently causing long waits for transportation. Pictured are Madaline Lake, Lavon Campbell and Sarah Curtis of All Points Transit. Photo by Marilyn Huseby.

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HUNTER EDUCATION CLASS SCHEDULED FOR CEDAREDDGE

Special to the Mirror

CEDAREDDGE—It's time for hunters in the North Fork Valley to get ready for the fall hunting seasons. For new hunters, Colorado Parks and Wildlife will hold a hunter education class, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Aug. 22-23 at the Masonic Lodge in Cedaredge.

The class is free but class-size is limited

to 20. There is no age limit, but CPW recommends that youngsters be at least 10 years old.

Anyone born after Jan. 1, 1949, is required to take a hunter education class to be eligible to purchase a hunting license in Colorado. The class covers firearm safety, hunting safety, hunting ethics and wildlife

management. A test is given on the second day of the class. Those who pass will receive a hunter safety card.

To register, go to this page on the CPW website: <http://register-ed.com/programs/colorado/98-colorado-hunter-education-course>. Or for information, call 970-641-7060.

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LIVING LEGACY PROJECT CREATES GREATER SENSE OF SELF WORTH AND ENTERTAINS COMMUNITY



A concert on the green in July. Mirror file photo.

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE – Older adults who enroll in the Volunteers of America, Senior Community Care (SCC), Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), are invited to be part of a program to work on telling their life story. Named the Living Legacy Project by SCC staff, the purpose is to share with others the participant's life through old photos, music, quotes, scriptures and other memorabilia and to record these moments on a video.

–The participants are delighted to have the opportunity to share with others their lives before they came to the PACE program” states Anne Johnson, Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist for the PACE programs.

–We take time to learn about each participant's life, discover what was important and special to them throughout the various phases of their life, and pull it all together into a beautiful presentation they can show family and friends. It opens up discussion and helps us reach a level of trust and un-

derstanding with our participants.”

These video compilations can take a few weeks to organize and SCC recreation staff will spend time in the participants home, assisting them in choosing photographs, scrapbook items, or other keepsakes that they would like included in the final piece.

–This is a true labor of love,” Johnson said. –We thoroughly enjoy helping the participants with their project and want them to know this is about them; focusing on sharing their purpose in life and realizing the legacy they have created and continue to create.”

The computer equipment currently being used to create the Living Legacy videos is outdated and the SCC recreation staff requested that this year's central fundraising efforts be focused on providing new and updated hardware and software for the project.

–The fundraising committee unanimously voted to raise funds for the Living Legacy Project this year,” Tai Blair, marketing manager said. –There is no greater happiness than watching a participant view his or her video for the first time. The joy created is priceless.”

Fundraising efforts have been underway since June with the free, outdoor concert series, Music on the Green.

The free concert is held the last Friday of each month – June through August – on the lawn behind the SCC PACE day center and The Homestead at Montrose assisted living community.

–The venue is perfect for an outdoor concert,” Blair said. The Homestead at Montrose has a covered patio with tables and chairs, plus a pergola where the musicians set up underneath and becomes their stage.

Concert goers can bring their own chairs and blankets and sit wherever they like on the lawn. We sell hamburgers and hot dogs plus other snacks like nachos and root beer floats with all proceeds going to the Living Legacy Project.

Donation jars are also available at the concert for anyone who doesn't wish to purchase food, but still wants to help out our cause.”

The free concert series final performance will be on Friday, Aug. 28th featuring Donny Morales, who is an accomplished guitar, harmonica player and vocalist from Olathe. –We expect there will be a good sized attendance for Donny,” Blair said. –He is very popular and we are excited to be wrapping up our season with such a talented musician.”

The PACE model is centered on the belief that the well-being of seniors with chronic care needs are better served by providing health care and supportive services that enable them to remain living in their home whenever possible. There are three PACE day center locations (Montrose, Eckert, and Paonia). The PACE Day Center is a physical location where medical and support services are provided to participants in addition to individual and group social activities.

PACE serves individuals who are age 55 or older, certified by their state to need nursing home care, are able to live safely in the community at the time of enrollment, and live in a PACE service area.

To make a donation towards the Living Legacy Project or for more information about Senior Community Care, contact Tai Blair, SCC Marketing Manager at 970-901-7768 or TaBlair@voa.org

HONORABLE MENTION

To Officer Courtney Jones and the Montrose Police Department, for outstanding quick reaction and customer service with a nighttime trespasser...

To my nephew Jesse Neth and his hip hop band Sam Mouton, Jonah Greene, Forrester Tamkun, Jarod Ford, and Wilson Slaughter . Write Minded played on the MAIN stage at the 2015 New West Fest in Fort Collins last week. Write on!

To our readers...thank you!!!

Montrose Memorial Hospital, Inc.
A Colorado community nonprofit corporation
Notice of Director Applications

The Board of Directors of Montrose Memorial Hospital, Inc., a Colorado community nonprofit corporation, is accepting applications from residents of Montrose County, Colorado, for the position as Director of that Colorado community nonprofit corporation. The Board of Directors consists of nine members. The term of a Director is 4 years. The Board will be electing 1 Director to fill a vacancy on the Board which Director's term shall expire in October 2018.

Application packets are available at the Montrose Memorial Hospital Administration Office, 800 South 3rd Street, Montrose, Colorado, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, or by request at dtrujillo@montrosehospital.com.

Completed applications must be returned by Applicant to the Montrose Memorial Hospital Administration Office, 800 South 3rd Street, Montrose, Colorado on or before August 28, 2015, at 5:00 p.m.

Interviews will be conducted during the week of August 31, 2015 and elections will be held by the Board of Directors in its annual meeting in October date, time and location to be announced.

Patricia M. Dickinson, Chairperson
Nominating Committee
Montrose Memorial Hospital, Inc.

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Hold the Date! Upcoming Business and Cultural Events

ONGOING-

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!!

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, Centennial Plaza.

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-

Aug. 19-Heidi's Brooklyn Deli Forum. 1521 Oxbow Drive. Coffee is \$1. 8 to 9 a.m., speaker is Kristin Pulatje of Montrose County.

Aug. 20 — Paonia's Pickin' in the Park -DAVINA & THE VAGABONDS Hot Jazz & Blues from the Midwest.

Aug. 20-Health Equity Learning Series, networking breakfast and presentation by Denise Gonzales and Susan Wilger, 8 a.m. at the Montrose Library. Call 970-249-2705 or 970-249-4115 for reservations.

Aug. 20-Gov. John Hickenlooper in Montrose, Town Hall meeting at Montrose Pavilion Aug. 20. 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Aug. 20-Gotta Be at Lark & Sparrow, 511 East Main St. \$10 . Doors open at 7 p.m., show begins at 8:05. Purchase tickets in advance at Eventbrite/TheLark&Sparrowllc.

Aug. 20-22-Wright Opera House to present Open House Theatricals performance of God of Carnage, 7:30 p.m. [For tickets click here.](#)

Aug. 21-Historical Alley walk Act II-North side of Main starts at 7:00pm, meet at the Montrose Historical Museum. Fee is \$5.00/person; spaces are limited and please call 249-2085 for RSVP.

Aug. 22-Red Mountain Mining Claims Acquisitions and Donations Project Ceremony, 10 a.m., tours at 11 a.m. Red Mountain Overlook.

Aug. 22--Celebrate Peach Month at the Montrose Farmers Market Peach Pie BAKE OFF Contest. Join us for fresh pie and cobbler baked by our locals! Winner announced 11 am. Come shop and enjoy the morning with us at the Market.

Aug. 22-Kevin McCarthy Trio at Lark & Sparrow, 511 East Main St. \$15. Doors open at 7 p.m., show begins at 8:05. Purchase tickets in advance at Eventbrite/TheLark&Sparrowllc.

Aug. 24--Montrose Visual Arts Guild meeting, Monday, 11 AM at the Hillcrest Congregational United Church of Christ, 611 S. Hillcrest. Program on Photography 101. Gain insights on how to improve your photos, overview presentation providing basic information on photographic devices.

Aug. 24-World Affairs Council of Grand Junction to host panel discussion on Nepal, 7 p.m. in the CMU Ballroom. Free and open to the public.

Aug. 25--Townie Tuesday Picture Show-Ridgway Town Park. Movie starts at dusk.

Aug. 27 — Paonia's Pickin' in the Park . FRANK SOLIVAN & DIRTY KITCHEN.

World Class Bluegrass. www.dirtykitchenband.com. Opening Set and Late Show by The Railsplitters. Award winning Colorado Bluegrass. www.therailsplitters.com.

Aug. 28-Sept. 1 --13th Annual San Juan Chamber MusicFest. Artistic Director and gifted pianist Max Levinson from Boston returns once again to bring three different concert events to the region . Violinist Nurit Pacht, of New York, cellist Allison Eldredge of Boston, and classical guitarist and music educator Rami Vamos, also of New York, will join Levinson in bringing fine and diverse selections to the stage. Visit www.ocpag.org for tickets and information.

Aug. 28-Cowboy Poet Waddie Mitchell at Turn of the Century Saloon, special guest Tyler Gummersall. Doors open 6 p.m., performance at 7 p.m. \$25.

Aug. 29-Mountain States Ranch Rodeo, Montrose County Fairgrounds, 4 p.m. For tickets and info: www.mountainstatesranchrodeo.com.

Aug. 28-Cafe concert at the 4H Event Center in Ridgway. Tickets are \$40 for appetizers and concert at 5:45; concert only at 7:30 is \$25 adults and \$5 students. Available online at www.ocpag.org or 970-626-2970.

Aug. 29-Cemetery tour. Meet at the Grandview Cemetery at 4 pm. Fee is \$10.00/person; spaces are limited and please call 249-2085 for RSVP.

Aug. 30--San Juan Chamber MusicFest, 7:30 pm at the Wright Opera House in Ouray. Tickets \$25 Adults and \$5 Students. Available online at www.ocpag.org or 970-626-2970.

Aug. 31-Montrose Center for the Arts organizational meeting. Hillcrest UCC, 611 South Hillcrest, 7 p.m.

Sept. 1---- Ouray Performing Arts Guild (OPAG) presents Salon Dinner Concert at High Creek Ranch in the Ridgway Valley, 5 p.m. Tickets \$85 per person by phone reservation only. 970-626-2970.

Sept. 5-Garrett Estate Cellars Winery Open House, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.. [53582 Falcon Rd., Olathe, CO 81425](http://53582FalconRd.Olathe.CO.81425). Wine tasting and specials. For more information Call Mitch 970-901-5919.

Sept. 8-Montrose County Food Safety Class, Friendship Hall Kitchen 2 to 4:30 p.m. Montrose County Fairgrounds. RSVP to 970.252.5067 or 970.252.5043.

Sept. 8--Townie Tuesday Picture Show-Ridgway Town Park. Movie starts at dusk.

Sept. 10-Downtown Delta Fest, 5:30 to Dusk, Main Street in Delta.

Sept. 19-20, 2015 WESTERN COLORADO CONGRESS 35TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE-Join us on the Grand Mesa for informative current issue presentations, workshops and trainings, great local foods, dancing, campfire, fun and camaraderie! Non-members welcome and scholarships are available. Complete details & schedule available at www.wccongress.org or call 970-256-7650.

Sept. 22--Townie Tuesday Picture Show-Ridgway Town Park. Movie starts at dusk.

Sept. 25-27-Third Annual Sneffels Fiber Arts Festival, the 4-H Events Center, a 5,000 square-foot state-of-the-art facility located at the intersection of Highways 550 and 62 at the Ouray County Fairgrounds in Ridgway. www.sneffelsfiberfest.com.



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Late summer scenes...dancers and others enjoy the Chris Daniels Band at Black Canyon Golf Course Aug. 14; as dusk falls it's time for a show at the Star Drive-In Theatre.



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