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AVOID CRIMES OF OPPORTUNITY! LOCK YOUR CAR, SECURE YOUR VALUABLES



Commander Gene Lillard of the MPD will speak on the [Range radio station](#) at 1 p.m. Aug. 25, to remind locals that many crimes can be prevented.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—When three young adults were stopped by Montrose police last week, it was their shoes that ended up giving them away.

—“Somebody had just walked through the fresh concrete that was poured near South Townsend,” Montrose Police Department Commander Gene Lillard said. —“They caused more than \$3,000 in damages—and these three were caught when the officers who had stopped to talk to them noticed concrete residue on their shoes.”

A rash of petty crimes such as this one are often crimes of opportunity, noted Lillard, who advises locking homes and vehicles and keeping valuables out of sight. Lillard will speak on the [Range radio station](#) at 1 p.m. Aug. 25, to remind locals that many crimes can be prevented.

—Yesterday, a couple of guys parked their car at Amelia’s Restaurant on West Main and went in for lunch,” Lillard said. —“They left the keys in the car. When they came out, the vehicle had been stolen.

—Overall, Montrose is a good place,” Lillard said.

—Our crime rate is not rising. But if you leave expensive property unsecured in your vehicle

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RANCH RODEOS, CHAMBER MUSIC, BLUES, ROCK-N-ROLL! REGIONAL EVENTS OFFER A FEAST FOR THE SENSES

Caitlin Switzer

REGIONAL—Sure, the kids are back in school—but the fun hasn’t stopped! The West Central Region welcomes a host of engaging and fun community events in coming months, with live music, tempting cuisine, two working ranch rodeos, and more fun than you can have anywhere else in the great state of Colorado.

The esteemed San Juan Chamber Musicfest kicks off Aug. 28, with a sparkling array of concerts and events. The 13th Annual Musicfest, hosted by the Ouray Performing Arts Guild, features Pianist and Artistic Director Max Levinson, Violinist Nurit Pacht, Cellist Allison Eldredge and Rami Vamos, classical guitarist and music educator.

On Aug. 28, enjoy an informal Classical Cafe at the 4H Event Center in Ridgway, with appetizers catered by the Secret Garden. This concert features selections from Chopin, Schoenfield, Tchaikovsky, Piazzolla, and Kreisler.

The second performance will be held at the Wright Opera House on Sunday Aug. 30th at 7:30 pm. This

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The 13th Annual San Juan Chamber Musicfest kicks off Aug. 28, with a sparkling array of concerts and events. Courtesy photo Ouray County Performing Arts Guild.

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VINTAGE CHUCK WAGONS ON DISPLAY AT MOUNTAIN STATES RANCH RODEO!



Chuck wagon photo courtesy Jan France.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE--For a hungry cowboy on the range, a well-stocked chuck wagon made all the difference in the world. This tradition originated after the Civil War as the nation's westward expansion created a market for beef, according to a history compiled by Bill Thompson of the American Chuck wagon Association. Entrepreneurial cattlemen began to move large herds, launching the days of America's great trail drives. Trail drives meant cowboys, however, and that meant feeding them ~~on~~ the hoof." Thus the chuck wagon tradition was born.

Because cowboys were mostly young men, ~~The~~ chuck wagon was the cowboys' home - for most, the only home they had," Thompson notes.

~~When~~ a cowboy threw his bedroll on top of the chuck wagon, rolled inside was everything he owned except the clothes he wore and the saddle he sat on. The chuck wagon and cook had to supply everything else the cowboy needed. Meals, repairs to

clothing and equipment, entertainment, medical help and moral support all came from the cowboys' rolling home."

The relationship was unique, and close—~~To~~ the cowhand, the chuck wagon was much more than just a mobile kitchen. Chuck wagon cooks were notoriously cantankerous and surly. The result was much bickering and name calling between cook and cowboy. No outsider would dare to take such liberties with either. Trail crews were a family and they were loyal."

Thompson also goes on to note that the invention of the American chuck wagon is credited to cattleman Charles Goodnight. ~~In~~ 1866, Charles needed a way to keep his drovers fed as they trailed cattle from Texas to the North," writes Thompson, —A true product of necessity breeds creativity." Goodnight bolted a wooden box to the back of an Army Studebaker wagon and added compartments to store utensils, bedding, food, and more.

The spirit that drove cattlemen to conquer hunger and hardship with a rolling ~~home~~ away from home" is the same spirit that drove America's early settlers, Thompson said.. This month, Montrose residents and visitors can enjoy a glimpse into the world of the early cattle drives at the Mountain States Ranch Rodeo at the Montrose County fairgrounds Aug. 29. According to rodeo organizer Doug Roberts, both the Y Bar Hitch Wagon and the 4R Chuck wagon will be on display.

~~The~~ 4R chuck wagon is a working wagon fully outfitted for preparing and serving guests," Roberts said. ~~The~~ Y Bar Hitch wagon is used for parades, etc. They do not cook or have the gear required for cooking.

~~The~~ invention of the chuck wagon made possible the great cattle drives of the late 1880's," Roberts added. ~~Such~~ long cattle drives represent a significant advancement in opening national markets for western beef producers."

According to a history compiled by Roberts for the 4R, the earliest chuck wagons were outfitted with a tall box on the back

that was the full width of the wagon bed. ~~The~~ ~~chuck~~ box", which contained various drawers or compartments, had a stout fold-down lid that served as a worktable. A green cowhide called a ~~eooney~~ or ~~eoosie~~ was slung underneath the wagon to hold firewood or cow chips used for cooking."

Roberts, a business owner, dad and musician based in Montrose, travels the nation for his work as owner of New West Marketing. His interest in the early American West and cowboy traditions has inspired his love for chuck wagon cooking; however. He uses the 4R Chuck Wagon not only for cowboy hospitality, campfire dutch oven cooking and baking and Western music and entertainment, but to host corporate outings, private parties and educational programs. The historic wagon was built in 1880 by Newton & Company, and continues to feed cowboy crews on ranches and at special events like brandings, fall works, and socials across the state.

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AVOID CRIMES OF OPPORTUNITY-LOCK YOUR DOORS! From pg 1



Citizens who witness or have knowledge of a crime are encouraged to call Crimestoppers. Courtesy image.

and somebody walks by, they may grab it.” A recent rash of automobile break-ins took places in parts of the City that normally do not see much crime, such as Deertrail Road and Weminuche Avenue, Lillard noted. —Those areas normally do not see much crime, but right before schools starts it

seems there is always an incident or a rash of automobile break-ins,” Lillard said. —Many times the vehicles had been left unlocked; somebody can come and rummage through, grab loose change and any valuables. —People don’t always lock their car doors

in front of their residence.

—It really doesn’t hurt to lock your doors,” he advised.

—When this stuff happens it makes you feel frustrated and vulnerable.

—We want people to feel safe.”

According to [the second quarter police report](#) prepared by the Montrose Police Department, the month of April saw 2007 calls for service, the month of May saw 2,253 calls for service, and June saw 2,339 calls for service. So far in 2015 there have been 12, 326 calls for service compared to 12, 288 by June of 2014.

There had been 30 sexual assaults in Montrose by June of 2015 compared to 28 by the same time in 2014.

Regular assaults are also up in 2015, from 71 by June of 2014 to 100 by June of 2015, an increase of 41 percent. Conversely, incidents of domestic violence have dropped—from 117 by June of 2014 to 93 by June of 2015.

The City’s code officer had issued 218 incident reports, 597 certified and warning letters, three written summonses, and saw 19 issues abated by June of 2015.



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CATCHING UP WITH JAN FRANCE AND AMERICA'S DISASTER RELIEF



Jan France and America's Disaster Relief will be in Montrose for a few more weeks before heading back to the South.

Mirror Staff Report

MONTROSE-As Chief Executive Officer of America's Disaster Relief, Jan France has been traveling across the country with her non-profit tamale cart and volunteer team, raising funds to bring relief to areas impacted by disaster. France is back in Montrose this month.

"We will be heading back South in a few short weeks - completing our 2015 Summer Fundraising Journey of over 8,000 miles and many states. Today we have traveled right at 5,000 miles," France said.



France shared these photos from her Texas wagon train, circa 1986.

Once upon a time, France was a runaway and showroom model in New York City and Florida, working with the Ford Modeling Agency. In later years, she worked in radio and marketing, consulting, interior design, and indulged her love of ranching, riding and roping as a Texas cowgirl. France could not be more excited to see Montrose welcome the Mountain States Ranch Rodeo this weekend, and it is obvious she has been enjoying her time here in Montrose.

The tamale cart staffed by volunteers gives 100 percent of proceeds to disaster relief, she said.

"It is a great honor for me to be of service to those who have suffered a disaster," France said. "...As with any organization involved in disaster relief, we need YOU to assist in whatever way you can."

Whether you volunteer to work on the front lines or behind the scenes or donate food, household items, or money, it will take all of us working and praying together and using our skills to help those in need."

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UPCOMING EVENTS OFFER A FEAST FOR THE SENSES From pg 1



Some samples of work from the Sneffels Fiber Arts Festival Sept. 25-27 at the Ouray County 4H Events Center in Ridgway. Courtesy photos.

concert will feature music by Paganini, Chopin, and Mendelssohn. The festival finishes with a dinner salon concert at the High Creek Ranch in Ridgway on Sept. 1 at 5 p.m. This concert will feature music by Beethoven and Schubert and include a gourmet dinner catered by the Secret Garden. For ticket prices and information, visit www.ocpag.org or call 970-626-2970.

Also on Aug. 28, join the fun at the Black Canyon Golf Course, where Partners Mentoring hosts a "Glow Ball Golf Scramble." The scramble starts at 8 p.m., with food and drink specials, live music and prizes for top teams. All golf proceeds go to Partners of Delta, Montrose and Ouray. One dollar also goes to Partners for every drink sold at the Brew & Bogey Club. Register at the Black Canyon Golf Course—249-4653 or the Partners Montrose office. 249-1116 \$25.00 per golfer.

Later on Aug. 28 in Montrose, famed Cowboy Poet Waddie Mitchell and Tyller Gummersall take to the stage at Turn of the Century Saloon, for an evening of world class Western Entertainment. All tickets are \$25, and doors open at 6 p.m. The show begins at 7 p.m.

In the Cattlemen's Pavilion at the Fairgrounds Aug. 28, the Montrose County Democratic Party hosts its annual Barbecue. The evening begins at 5:30 p.m., and tickets are \$15.

On Aug. 29, Montrose welcomes the first ever Mountain States Ranch Rodeo to the Montrose County Fairgrounds. The rodeo features five ranch rodeo events including Mutton Bustin', Catch a Calf and more. The rodeo also features a vintage chuck wagon display. Doors open at 4 p.m.

Also on Aug. 29, Celebrate the "Party of the Year" in the North Fork Valley, with world-class entertainment and local artists, vendors and creative.

Blues great Otis Taylor, who has a heart for the North Fork Valley, and former West Elk Coal Miner turned Nashville star Travis Mann headline the concerts, which also feature a host of local entertainers throughout the day. Events are free to the

public from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., with yoga at mid-day and a day-long arts and crafts festival showcasing local artists and artisans. For tickets visit NFVcreativecoalition@gmail.com or call 970-872-4651.

Learn more about Montrose history Aug. 29 as well, with a tour of Grand View Cemetery hosted by the Montrose County Historical Society and Museum. The fascinating and informative tour starts at 4 p.m., and tickets are \$10. Space is limited—reserve yours by calling 970-249-2085.

On Sept. 5, taste excellent, local produced wines at the Garrett Estates Cellars open house in Olathe (58532 Falcon Road) -from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call Mitch for information or directions at 970-901-5919.

On Sept. 5-7, it's rodeo time again—at Ouray County Fairgrounds in Ridgway, where the Ouray County Rodeo Association celebrates Labor Day weekend with the Annual Ranch Rodeo Sept. 5-7. The ranch rodeo on Sept. 5 features branding, doctoring and trailering beginning at 4 p.m.; on Sept. 6, the fun kicks off with a CPRA rodeo at 1 p.m., Cowboy Polo Championship at 5 p.m. and Firemen's Dance at 9 p.m.

On Labor Day, the Parade starts at 9 a.m., followed by a BBQ in town park at 10 a.m. and CPRA Rodeo at 1 p.m. Local events include Mutton Bustin', Barrel Racing, Steer packing, as well as a stick horse race, dollar race, Indian Race and Rescue Race. Visit OurayCountyRodeo.com for more information, or call 970-275-5051.

Head over to Delta on Sept. 10, for the Downtown Delta Fest beginning at 5:30 p.m. and continuing until dusk on Main Street, and up to Ridgway Sept. 11 to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Historic Sherbino Theater at 604 Clinton Street. The fun, Chautauqua style event begins at 7 p.m., and admission is free. Donations are encouraged, and there will be a birthday cake and cash bar. Presenters will include Nancy Ziegler (piano); Kierstin Bridger (poetry); Rosealea Walsh (music); Brad Wallis (sherb talk); John and Nate Kissingford (theater); Kelvin Kent (ignite

talk) as well as era-specific silent films. For information visit

www.sherbinotheater.com.

On Sept. 13, [Savor the San Juans](http://www.sherbinotheater.com) returns, from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.. Tour six carefully chosen properties, with a local chef featured in each. Chefs will prepare cuisine from locally sourced ingredients; Toast the Tour from 2-4 pm at Turn of the Century Saloon with local drinks and desserts. Tickets are \$35, and can be purchased at The Bridges Golf Shop, Timberline Bank, Montrose Farmers Market, Tiffany, Etc. and Aqua Studio or online at Brownpaper-tickets.com. After Aug. 31st, ticket prices increase to \$40. 970-249-3900. Savor the San Juans benefits the Montrose Community Foundation and Valley Food Partnership.

The popular Sharing Ministries Street Dance returns to Montrose on Sept. 26, featuring the Stupid Band, Ghost River Band and Lug Nuts, from 3 to 9 p.m. in Centennial Plaza.

All proceeds benefit the Sharing Ministries Food Bank expansion. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for ages 11 to 21, and kids 10 and under are free. For information call 970-240-8385.

Also on Sept. 26 is the Hunters' Ball at the Delta Elks Lodge, from 8 to 11 p.m. Ghost River Band will perform.

And on Sept. 25-27, the annual Sneffels Fiber Arts Festival returns to the Ouray County 4H Events Center in Ridgway. Enjoy fiber artistry, food, workshops, animals and free demonstrations. Tippy the sheep will auction off her sheared, cleaned wool as part of the fun.

www.sneffelsfiberfest.com.

Local musician and Attorney Bradley Switzer, whose band will play at the Sharing Ministries Street Dance, said that he looks forward to a fun slate of events on coming months—especially that street dance.

—The Stupid Band is looking forward to sharing a stage with talented local musicians like the Ghost River Band and the Lug Nuts," he said.



MONTROSE COUNTY NEWS BRIEFS

KRISTIN PULATIE NAMED HHS DIRECTOR



Kristin Pulatie.
Courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror
MONTROSE— Montrose County is proud to announce Kristin Pulatie as the new Health and Human Services (HHS) Director. Pulatie has been serving as the Interim Health and Human Services Director since the fall of 2014.

Within her role as HHS Director, Pulatie will oversee all programs to include Adult Services, Child Welfare, Eligibility, Employment First, Fraud Investigation, FSI, Nurse Visitation, Health Programs (Family Planning, WIC, Immunizations), Environment Health and Child Support.

"Kristin is a strong leader and was a clear choice as director of HHS," said County

Manager Ken Norris.

"She is very well-qualified and will work towards accomplishing the goals outlined in the citizen-driven strategic business plan."

Kristin graduated from the University of Colorado at Boulder in 2003 with a BA in Psychology, then received her JD in 2008 from DePaul University College of Law where she was a Health Law fellow and added to her education with a Master of Public Health (MPH) in 2012 from University of Illinois – Chicago, where she focused on Maternal and Child Health as well as Evidence-Based Public Health. She is licensed to practice law in Illinois and Colorado. She currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Colorado Public Health Association (CPHA).

Kristin moved to Montrose from Chicago in May 2013, when she was hired as the Clinical Program Manager overseeing direct client services including WIC, Family Planning, and Immunizations. From Sept.

2013 to Sept. 2014, she also served as the Special Assistant County Attorney for Child Support Enforcement Services. While living in Chicago, she worked as a Health Policy and Advocacy manager for an association management company serving non-profit health care organizations. Kristin also worked as a plaintiff's attorney for a law firm specializing in health care-related cases.

As Director of Health and Human Services for the county, Kristin looks forward to educating the public about the positive role HHS services play in the community, creating a healthy and encouraging atmosphere for Montrose County employees and addressing community members' needs with efficient, evidence-based programs.

Aside from office duties, Kristin is an accomplished athlete who has participated in many local trail and bicycle races, six marathons, and three Ironman triathlons. She is looking forward to running her second New York City marathon this fall.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE COTTAGE FOODS ACT AT FREE SESSION

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE— Are you a talented home baker who would like to learn more about selling your cottage foods?

Join Montrose County Environmental Health for a FREE informative session about the Colorado Cottage Foods Act on Tuesday Aug. 25th from 2:30 to 3:30 pm at the Health & Human Services Board

Room.

You will learn more about which foods are allowed, labeling and training requirements, revenue limits and answers to frequently asked questions. Environmental Health Manager Jim Austin said, "There is a lot of misleading information on the internet when it comes to cottage foods. This class is designed to inform

those whom are interested in producing cottage foods."

The classes will be held at the Montrose County Health and Human Services Board Room at 1845 South Townsend Avenue.

For more information please call Environmental Health Manager Jim Austin at 252-5067 or jaustin@montrosecounty.net Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2:30 p.m. -3:30 p.m.

FIGHT THE BITE WITH MONTROSE COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE— Join Montrose County Environmental Health to learn more how to protect your family and loved ones from West Nile Virus on Tuesday, Sept. 1st from 2:30 – 3:30 pm at the Health & Human Services Board Room. Despite the end of summer approaching, the risk for West Nile Virus still exists and it is important to be informed of the symptoms, risk areas and prevention techniques. West Nile virus is a disease that can be transmitted to humans by mosquitoes. It

has been common in Africa, west Asia and the Middle East for decades. It first appeared domestically in New York in 1999 and then traveled westward across the country. Mosquito season in Colorado starts in the spring and ends in mid-September.

Most infected people will not get sick or will have only mild symptoms, but West Nile virus can be fatal due to encephalitis in rare cases. Mild symptoms include fever, headache, body aches, and occasional-ly include skin rashes and swollen lymph

nodes. All residents can be at risk, but people over age 50 are especially vulnerable to the severe forms of disease.

"This free class is designed to educate and inform the public about West Nile Virus," said Environmental Health Manager Jim Austin. The class will be held at the Montrose County Health and Human Services Board Room at 1845 South Townsend Avenue. For more information please call Environmental Health Manager Jim Austin at 252-5067 or jaustin@montrosecounty.net



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Al White, Chief Financial Officer of Montrose Memorial Hospital, receiving check from San Juan Healthcare Foundation representatives Phoebe Benziger and Tom Barrett. Courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--Montrose Memorial Hospital (MMH) is pleased to announce the completion of a patient centered enhancement project in the Medical Oncology area

improved patient flow, increased privacy, provided a larger waiting area and added patient care space" Hannah said. Mary Snyder, Executive Director of SJHF, stated "We are happy to continue to support Montrose Memorial Hospital in help-

ing the hospital meet the community's healthcare needs with this contribution and other fundraising efforts through the foundation." After feedback from employees, patients, and their families, the staff at MMH knew that changes needed to be made to improve the patient experience and employee workflow. Hospital personnel helped develop the plan to implement these changes within the existing medical oncology space. SJHF's recently donated funds came from the original fundraising campaign that took place, at the request of MMH, in 2005. With strong support from the community, the campaign raised over \$1,000,000. The majority of those funds were used to bring medical and radiation oncology services to Montrose in 2006, including paying for equipment and setting up the medical oncology space to receive patients. The San Juan Cancer Center is a unique joint partnership between Montrose Memorial Hospital, San Juan Radiation Oncology and St Mary's Hospital.

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REGIONAL—Alpine Bank matched all donations received at the Annual Community Shred Events in Montrose and Delta in 2015. We matched \$1 for each non-perishable item and \$1 for every dollar donated. Through the generosity of the community we were able to match the donations in the amount of \$2,270. Pictured Left to Right: Jeremy Russell, Banking Officer, Bill Bond, Sharing Ministries Volunteer, Tyler Dahl, Senior Vice President and Cathy Wilson, Sharing Ministries Board Member. Courtesy photo.

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CITY PRESSES FORWARD WITH SECOND REGIONAL DISPATCH CENTER

Mirror Staff Report

MONTROSE—In an August 18, 2015 letter to Montrose County Sheriff Rick Dunlap city attorney Stephen P. Alcorn notified the sheriff that the City of Montrose will open a second dispatch center. Alcorn said, “Unfortunately our stated deadline has been reached; the City and other users as they see fit, must take active steps to proceed with a regional dispatch center.”

The city implies that this is a pressing decision, but in reality the “stated deadline” is a self-imposed and arbitrary date.

Earlier the Montrose City Council voted unanimously to have a second dispatch center if the sheriff did not comply with their demands. By all appearances Sheriff Dunlap, and others in an advisory capacity, have compromised, negotiated, and worked diligently to offer counter proposals. However, the sticking points for the city group are the demands to set policy and have authority to hire and fire the dispatch director, who is a county employee.

By all conservative estimates the cost for another dispatch center will run in the two million plus range. The city has offered to absorb the startup costs, supply administrative support and house the facility on city property. Mayor David Romero stated the costs for the new dispatch center will be borrowed from city reserves and be paid back with interest. Romero said, “It’s not coming out of taxpayers’ pocketbooks and it’s not a tax increase by any means. We’ll be paying it back with some interest added to it” (Montrose Daily Press, 8-19-15). Regardless of the city council’s generous offer and Romero’s assertions, it is the city taxpayer who will be footing the bill.

A city news release dated 8-19-15 differs from Mayor Romero’s opinion about where the dispatch funding will come from.

The press release states, “The City of Montrose will use existing monies in a utility enterprise fund to pay start-up costs for the WCRDC. These funds will be repaid over time using revenues from the City’s General Fund, without imposing any new taxes or assessments on Montrose residents.”

The reality is that taxpayers have already paid for one state of the art county dispatch center through local, state and federal funds; grants, surcharges, fees and assessments — and city residents will now be paying for second dispatch center.

It should be noted that the lower level of the Elks Civic Center is already equipped for a dispatch center, because of requirements for emergency preparedness. Dispatch for the city could be run from this site; however, the city is not interested in

its own citywide dispatch center, their vision is for a western regional dispatch.

By establishing a second dispatch center those agencies who are currently served by the Montrose Regional Dispatch Center under the administration Sheriff Rick Dunlap are now in a quandary. They must go to their respective boards, who will then decide which of the two dispatch centers will be their service provider.

There are some issues, although separate from the dispatch discussion, which are muddying the public perception of the situation. The recent public dust-up between Commissioner Glen Davis and Paul Gottlieb, chair of the Montrose Emergency Telephone Service Authority (METSA) has brought attention to the METSA board. All of those on the board will be effected by a second dispatch center and some board members, particularly the City of Montrose, have a vested interest.

METSA, an entity in its own right, has given funding to the current dispatch center. With two competing dispatch centers METSA can anticipate divided interests on the board and divided funding.

It cannot be overlooked that METSA has batted around the idea of raising the surcharge on landline telephones to pay for

equipment and training. While METSA has not formally made a surcharge request, one wonders if a possible increases in service fees has any bearing on the desire for a second dispatch center. Many of the entities on the METSA board have the potential to be seated on the second dispatch center board and questions of conflict of interest cannot be easily brushed aside.

The 2007 Public Safety Sales Tax (PSST), which voters put under the authority of the county commissioners and which is administered by the sheriff, is coveted by some city council members. The PSST is a perceived funding source and the current city council, unlike previous councils, have rallied together to go after the PSST demanding that the county share these funds equitably with the city.

The Montrose City Council and city staff have ample time to continue looking for solutions and compromise, especially in light of the fact that the county dispatch fee for services in 2016 will be less than that paid in 2015.

However, City leaders seem to feel that they have the wind at their back and this is the best, and maybe the only opportunity for them to gain control of the dispatch center and get a portion of the PSST.



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OPINION EDITORIAL-LETTERS

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS: ABOLISH THE DEATH PENALTY

Dear Editor:

In 2006 the League of Women Voters of the United States (LWVUS) adopted their position supporting abolition of the death penalty. The League of Women Voters of Colorado (LWVCO) concurs with this position and supported legislation in 2013 to repeal the death penalty in Colorado. This legislation was not passed.

Our local League supports the LWVUS and LWVCO positions supporting the abolition of the death penalty for the following reasons:

The death penalty is not a deterrent. States without the death penalty have crime rates equal to or less than those with the death penalty.

The death penalty is prone to error to an extent that is unacceptable. A death penalty cannot be corrected if carried out on an innocent person.

The death penalty is much more expensive than the closest alternative – the imprisonment with no parole.

The death penalty has proven to be unfair as it is often poor people and members of ethnic and racial minority groups who cannot afford good lawyers who receive the death penalty.

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DCMH'S TRAUMA PROGRAM APPLAUDED FOR STRENGTHS DURING ON-SITE REVIEW BY COLORADO REVIEW TEAM

Special to the Mirror

DELTA-The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment completed an on-site review of the Level IV trauma center at Delta County Memorial Hospital on Aug. 5th.

Strengths of the trauma program were identified by the on-site review committee and included: administrative support; a strong culture of trauma; physical plant; trauma nurse coordinator; trauma medical director /co-director; good trauma care; EMS involvement; injury prevention; nursing education support; Lab; Radiology; ICU director; Operation Room director.

—Isa Waddington, RN has put in a phenomenal amount of work preparing for the review, she did a great job and showed what a fantastic program we have," commented Trauma Program Director and Emergency Department and Urgent Care Manager Misty Sakala, RN.

—A great trauma program requires the dedication and focus of the whole Delta County Memorial staff; from the non-clinical house keeping and maintenance staff to the dedicated laboratory, radiology and medical technicians. The culture of complete trauma care ensures the best quality care for every patient that we have the honor of caring for at Delta County Memorial Hospital. I'm proud to be part of a great



Left to right-Lisa Waddington, RN, Trauma Nurse Coordinator, Misty Sakala, Trauma Program Manager, and Emergency Department and Urgent Care Manager.

team of physicians, nurses and support staff" Dr. Treve Henwood, Chief of Staff, Co-Trauma Medical Director.

Hospital CEO Jason Cleckler stated —Our hospital is proud of the Trauma Level IV program here under the leadership of Misty Sakala, RN, Trauma Program Director and Emergency Department and Urgent Care Manager. Our trauma program has been a leading role model for other hospitals for the past six years, he added.

"Unintentional injury is the number one cause of death in Colorado for people between the ages of 1 - 44 (National Center for Health Statistics). Delta Hospital's participation in the statewide trauma designation system improves the chances of survival of our families, friends and neighbors in our community.

Studies have demonstrated that injured patients treated in designated trauma centers have better outcomes than injured patients treated in non-trauma hospitals, even for small rural hospitals (*Journal of Rural Health*. 2010 June;26(3):299.) Delta County is fortunate to have an outstanding Level IV Trauma Program, a program that has set the bar extremely high for other programs in the state. Administration would like to thank the entire emergency department and emergency responders for their dedication to making the DCMH Trauma Program the best Level IV program in the state." Jody Roeber, Chief Clinical Officer.



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Voices that spark conversations

RESOURCES WILL FOLLOW SUCCESS: JIM BRANSCOME



Jim Branscome.
Courtesy photo.

By Gail Marvel
MONTROSE-Jim Branscome's extensive resume includes McGraw-Hill and Special Correspondent, *Washington Post*; Editor-in-Chief, *McGraw-Hills News*; and Standard & Poor's NY

Managing Director-Investment Analysis.

When Jim and wife Sharen moved to Montrose in 1999 he spent the next seven years commuting between Montrose and New York City where his employer furnished him with an apartment. Airline connections and internet service were inconveniences, but Jim said, "Once Montrose got faster internet service I could spend more time in Montrose." Jim retired in 2007, however, his journalism pencil stayed sharp as he contributed travel articles to the *Montrose Daily Press*.

Unfortunately for our community, the Branscome's are now in the process of relocating to Tucson, AZ. Jim said, "Montrose has a lot of appeal — caring people and majestic views. I'm not dissatisfied with Montrose, but since Sharen's dad passed away our kinfolk all live in Arizona and Virginia." Joking about the positive side of living closer to family he

said, "You need to *know* the people who know your name!" Low key and behind the scenes might well describe Jim's spark in community conversations. He said, "I don't necessarily enjoy being visible or controversial. It's possible to achieve things without calling attention to yourself. You can be an individual without being narcissistic."

Offering his perspective on the community Jim said, "Montrose is a typical community in transition. Most people identify the problem, but they are not problem solvers. The vision is the problem — reasons for differences are that everyone has a project and we've never articulated a vision of where we are going. Leadership has an obligation to put forth a vision of where they want to go." Jim feels that three distinct demographics of people all have different visions for the community — those escaping the congestion of the I-25 corridor, professional people, and retirees. Jim said, "Twenty-one percent of the people [in Montrose] are over 65 years old, which is double the state average." Talking about the exodus of young people after they graduate from high school Jim said, "We export people to other parts of the state and country. We have to reverse those things." Jim is convinced people can be attracted to move to Montrose if the focus is in three specific areas. **Communication:**

"Broadband capacity allows you to be any-

where and communicate. There is no reason people couldn't live in Montrose if they can communicate." **Sound education system:** "The issue is not passing a bond issue. We haven't set the goal to say we are no longer satisfied to be average. People will get on board when you can demonstrate success. Why would you expect people to give more money when you can't demonstrate success?" **Critical waterways:** "The river is a transformation project. Water is vital everywhere in the world and we've got to fight to keep it. Success of the waterpark is one example."

Not only has Jim made financial investments in the Montrose community (Uncompahgre River Corridor, Mesa State University), he has invested himself personally by sharing his expertise, knowledge and experience. He said, "It's important to help others develop their leadership skills. Elected officials in office feel powerless because there are so many factions. They don't know how to get people to come together on a common goal." Jim said the objective should be, "Let's agree on the things we can agree on locally...not nationally. Prioritize the things you can work on locally. Resources will follow success."

When leaders put forth a vision it needs value for the next generation. Jim said, "What are we [Montrose] going to look like down the road?"



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

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

CEDAREIDGE HIGH SCHOOL BAND AND CHOIR TO PERFORM IN 2016 NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE AND CONCERT SERIES

Special to the Mirror

CEDAREIDGE-Colorado Congressman Scott Tipton nominated the Cedaredge, Colorado High School Band and Choir to perform in the 2016 National Memorial Day Parade and Concert in Washington, DC. The four-peat Colorado 1A state marching band champion student-musicians will perform on Constitution Avenue and other national landmarks including the National World War II Memorial, Thomas Jefferson Memorial and Air Force Memorial May 28-30, 2016.

Fundraising efforts are well underway to ensure this dream opportunity is made real for each of these noteworthy Cedaredge performers. All members of the group, including chaperons, are accountable to earn necessary funds for this trip by doing various fundraisers. While fundraising efforts have progressed well and future earning opportunities are eagerly pursued, donations are also accepted with sincere appreciation.

It is an honor for the Cedaredge band and choir to be asked to represent Cedaredge and Colorado in Washington,

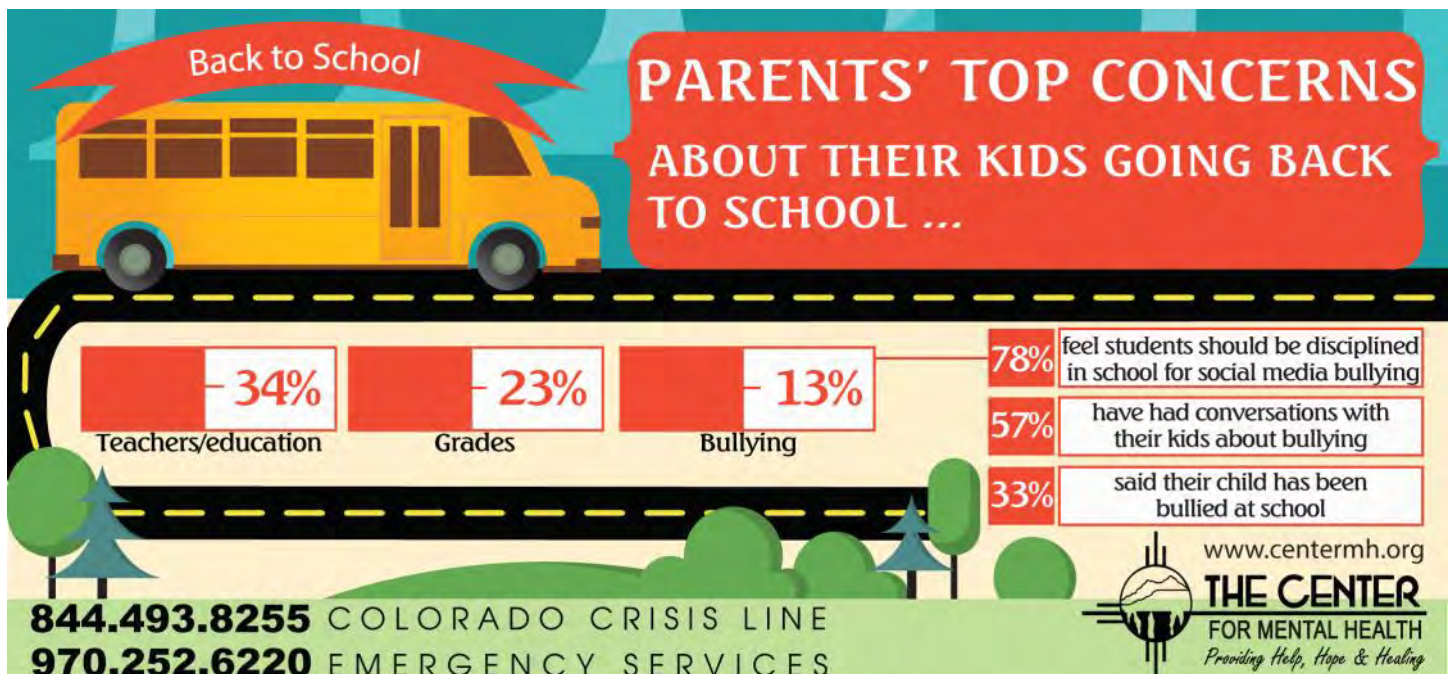
D.C. I know firsthand how diligently these sixty (60) young men and women have prepared themselves for this opportunity. Though we have much more to do to produce the money necessary to make this trip, we are eager and determined for this opportunity to perform in Washington, D.C.," Cedaredge High School Band Teacher Melissa Gross said.

The Cedaredge High School Band & Choir performers are featured among several accomplished ensembles selected to perform in a national historic tribute to America's heroes, past and present. The band and choir will perform in the Sunday, May 29, 2016 concert at the United States Air Force Memorial, followed with the parade performance Memorial Day, May 30th. The events are produced and presented by Music Celebrations International, LLC. For more information, visit musiccelebrations.com or call (800) 395-2036.

With a current roster of 36, the Cedaredge High School Marching Band has won seven recent 1A state marching titles (2002, 2003, 2005, 2011, 2012, 2013 and

2014). This inspiring rural high school marching band achieved the record in 2011 for the smallest band to win a state championship in Colorado, and surpassed that achievement in 2012 with a squad of only 17.

The marching band features a dedicated and accomplished flag team to visually complement its music. Cedaredge Choir: The Cedaredge Concert Choir and Show Choirs have demonstrated strong talents and performance-tested capability with students who progress from fundamental choir technique through audition-only vocal and interpretive performances. The choirs perform in several concerts and other special community events each year. For more information, please contact: Music Director: Melissa Gross 575 SE Deer Creek Dr Cedaredge CO 81413 (970) 856-6882 How To Donate: Send tax-deductible donations to: Cedaredge Music Boosters, Inc. FEIN 47-4267908 Lesley Lewis, Treasurer PO Box 314 Cedaredge CO 81413 (970) 856-4133 You can also donate through our funding site: www.crowdrise.com/



REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

LIBRARY SETS MILL LEVY REQUEST FOR NOVEMBER ELECTION

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE—At a special meeting on Thursday, Aug. 13, the Board of Trustees of the Montrose Regional Library District set the amount to request from District voters for a mill levy increase. The Trustees feel strongly that District voters should have a voice in saying how much service the Library District should provide and have therefore decided to ask voters for an increase of 0.8 mills which will bring the Library District back to a full service level. Such an increase will cost the median homeowner \$9.88 per year and the average business around \$95.00 per year.

Full service means Montrose Regional Library can be open 7 days per week, restoring Saturday service. Service hours can return to 59 hours per week, up from current 48. The 34% yearly cut in the materials budget can be restored. Bookmobile stops can be visited every week instead of every other week. Preventive maintenance that is currently being deferred at District facilities can be scheduled and performed

rather than only doing the most critical items. This will save the District money in the long term as preventive maintenance is often less expensive than replacement. Maintenance is important in a building that receives over 225,000 visits each year.

The Naturita Community Library can return to full staffing thereby increasing their ability to offer programming to their community. Reserves can be grown over 5-7 years to the District's goal of a 6 to 8 month operating reserve as recommended by our auditor.

The Library District has faced a decline in revenues of 21% over the past few years due to a drop in assessed property values. Management of the District has always been fiscally conservative, for example, the District has never borrowed money for any of its capital projects. So too with the drop in revenues, the District has lived within its means and cut services, hours and staff to reduce expenses. The District has been supplementing revenues with money out of reserves. The Library District will run out of reserves in 2018. So

the Board of Trustees has decided to ask you, the public, what you want to do about this.

If the Library does nothing to increase our revenues and simply waits for growth in the community further cuts are likely once the reserve funds are depleted in 2018. The District could make further cuts in open hours in both Montrose and Naturita. This would result in at least an additional half to possibly a full day closure. The Montrose Regional Library would go from the current 6 day per week operation to 5 days per week.

Some of the other reductions that would likely need to be implemented are cutting the materials budget another 13 percent or \$30,000. The District would likely need to lay off two – four people. Eliminating all adult programming is a consideration, no more Sunday Serenades or computer classes.

The Reference and Children's Desks couldn't be staffed all the hours the Montrose Library is open. Bookmobile stops would be further reduced.

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VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA RECEIVES INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR PROACTIVE EFFORTS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF OLDER LGBT CLIENTS

Special to the Mirror

UNITED STATES — Volunteers of America, one of the nation's oldest and largest faith-based human service providers, has been honored with a 2015 Excellence in Aging Services Award from the International Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (IAHSA) in recognition of efforts to tailor senior support services to the needs of LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) clients.

The award will be presented at the IAHSA/Aged and Community Services Australia (ACSA) International Conference in Perth, Australia on Sept. 1, 2015, where senior care organizations from around the world will gather.

Volunteers of America partnered with Training to Serve (TTS) — a nonprofit organization that assists Minnesota senior service providers with education and tools to help meet the needs of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people as they age — in an initiative to train all staff in its healthcare, housing and other services serving older adults. All employees in every department, whether they are management or direct care staff, received customized training based on their position's needs.

“We are honored to be recognized by IAHSA for our efforts to meet the needs of our LGBT older adults and staff across our system of healthcare services,” said Wayne Olson, executive vice president of healthcare operations and development. “Inclusiveness has always been a cornerstone of Volunteers of America.”

The training equipped Volunteers of America to provide a more open and accepting environment for LGBT individuals. Measures the organization has taken to be more inclusive include updating terminology in forms and assessments; acquiring photos of same-sex couples for use in marketing materials; obtaining resources specific to LGBT older adults; and implementing online training modules to be completed by staff upon hire and annually.

International Association of Homes and Services for the Aging is a global network of leaders in aging services, housing, research, technology and design.

The organization brings together experts from around the world, leads education initiatives and provides a place for innovative ideas in senior care to be born. IAHSA paves the way to improve best practices in aged care so that older people everywhere can live healthier, stronger, more independent lives.

The IAHSA Excellence in Aging Services Award is the most recent recognition Volunteers of America has received for its work with LGBT adults. In 2014, the organization received the Leading Change Innovation Award from LeadingAge Minnesota and the Hobart Jackson Cultural Diversity Award from LeadingAge. LeadingAge is an association of 6,000 not-for-profit organizations dedicated to making

America a better place to grow old.

About Volunteers of America

Volunteers of America is a national, non-profit, faith-based organization dedicated to helping those in need live healthy, safe and productive lives. Since 1896, our ministry of service has supported and empowered America's most vulnerable groups, including veterans, seniors, people with disabilities, at-risk youth, men and women returning from prison, homeless individuals and families, those recovering from addictions and many others. Through hundreds of human service programs, including housing and health care, Volunteers of America helps more than 2 million people in over 400 communities. Our work touches the mind, body, heart and ultimately the spirit of those we serve, integrating our deep compassion with highly effective programs and services. Learn more at www.voa.org.

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CORRECTION:

Apologies to St. Stephen's Anglican Church and to writer Gail Marvel for including the wrong photo in last week's issue of the Mirror feature, Experience the (local) Church!

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

TOUCH OF CARE AND AREA AGENCY ON AGING PRESENT MATTER OF BALANCE CLASSES!

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Touch of Care and Region 10's Area Agency on Aging are bringing Matter of Balance classes to older adults throughout Region 10. Matter of Balance is available for free to anyone age 60 or older who is concerned about falling. This program is Evidence-Based, which means it has been proven effective in university studies to reduce the fear of falling. This program emphasizes practical strategies to manage falls.

Each Matter of Balance class includes eight, two-hour sessions. The first class begins on September 1, 2015, at Anciano Towers in Montrose. Classes will soon be forming in Delta, Gunnison, Lake City, Ouray, and the West End of Montrose County. Registration is required, and classes are limited to the first 12 participants. For more information, or to register, please contact Touch of Care at 970-249-6080 or Toll Free at 1-866-874-6115.

For additional information on these classes, please contact:

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CITY OF MONTROSE ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR YOUTH COUNCIL

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE – Montrose youth who are eager to learn about city government and represent their peers on important local issues are invited to participate in the City of Montrose Youth Council. The Youth Council was established as a means of inspiring interest in city government and empowering its members to provide thoughtful recommendations on issues concerning youth. It also provides teens with opportunities to give back to their community in the form of community service projects.

The Youth Council is composed of 11 high school students between the ages of 14-18 years who represent a cross-section of those attending school and/or residing within the city's boundaries. Members must have and maintain a grade point average of 3.0 or greater. The Montrose City Council will appoint members based on their application, and an interview to be held at the regular City Council meeting on Tuesday, October 6, 2015. Members serve one-year terms and may reapply until they graduate from high school. Scholarships of \$250 per year served are available to those who meet minimum requirements.

The Youth Council Manual and application is now available for download at www.cityofmontrose.org/497/Youth-Council, or can be requested at City Hall (433 S. First Street). Please call Youth Council Coordinator Tina Woodrum at 970-240-1415 for more information. Deadline for applications is Thursday, September 24, 2015 at 4 p.m.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

CDOT BEGINS PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE PROJECT ON SH 62 NORTH OF PLACERVILLE

Special to the Mirror

SAN MIGUEL/OURAY COUNTIES – On Tuesday, August 25, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and contractor Intermountain Slurry Seal will begin a preventative maintenance project on SH 62.

The \$ 1.5 million (total budget) chip seal operation will start northeast of Placerville at mile marker 5 and continue east to mile marker 18.

A chip seal is a good example of CDOT's Asset Management Program, or getting the most out of the money the department puts into physical assets: pavement, bridges,

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A chip seal is a preventative maintenance measure designed to extend the life of a highway that is in good or fair condition. TRAVEL IMPACTS: Motorists will encounter a lowered speed limit (to 40 mph) and single-lane, alternating traffic with some delays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

On nights and weekends, speeds will be reduced by 10 mph from the posted speed limit due to the roadway conditions (regular speeds vary from 50 to 60 mph). Motorists are urged to drive with caution and maintain a safe following distance on

freshly chip-sealed surfaces to avoid chipped windshields. Thank you for going *Slow for the Cone Zone!*

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RESERVE YOUR SPACE FOR TOUR OF HISTORIC GRANDVIEW CEMETERY!

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The Montrose County Historical Museum will be hosting the Historical Cemetery Tour on Aug. 29th, starting at 4 pm. Please meet at the Grandview Cemetery on Sunset Mesa to learn about some of the Pioneers and their stories, plus the history of Cemeteries. Please call 249-2085 for RSVP and the cost is \$10.00 per person, space is limited.

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Fall 2015 WCA Dance Schedule Montrose

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- 4:45-5:45 Wee CO (grades 5-6, or with instructor approval) with Miss Natasha
- 5:45-7:00 Jr. Co (grades 7-8, or with instructor approval) with Miss Natasha
- 7:00-8:30 Ballet 3/4 (ages 10-14) with Miss Natasha

Wednesdays

Montrose - at Uncompahgre Yoga Circle

- 3:00-3:45 Pre-Ballet with Miss Leann
- 3:45-4:30 Primary Ballet with Miss Leann
- 4:30-5:30 Kid's Tap I (ages 7-10) with Miss Jenny

Fridays

Montrose - at Uncompahgre Yoga Circle

- 3:00-3:45 Pre-ballet (ages 3-5) with Miss Natasha
- 3:45-4:30 Primary ballet (ages 5-7) with Miss Natasha
- 4:30-5:30 Tap/jazz (ages 5-8) with Miss Natasha
- 5:30-6:30 Ballet 1/2 (ages 7.5 -9) with Miss Natasha
- 6:30-8:00 Ballet 2/3 (ages 10-14) with Miss Natasha
- 8:00-8:30 Pre-Pointe/Pointe for level 2/3 students (by approval) with Miss Natasha

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Want to take "Never-Ever" Dance or "Haven't Danced in a While" Dance this fall semester? Please let us know! We are willing to set-up a program that will run for these categories if there is interest (with participation in The Nutcracker!). **Email: natashajeanne@weehawkenarts.org**

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Experiencing the (local) Church

WRITER GAIL MARVEL VISITS ROSEMONT BAPTIST CHURCH



By Gail Marvel

My visit to Rosemont Baptist Church took place on Jan. 4, 2015. Pastor Rolland Kenneson stood at the front of the auditorium visiting with a member of the congregation, all the while keeping a watchful eye out for visitors coming through the door. The pastor greeted me right away and following our introduction I was approached by several people who said, "I don't think I know you..." When music leader Wes Hartman learned I would be writing about my worship experience that day he joked, "I'd better be on my best behavior!"

The bi-fold bulletin gave no order of service or identification of presenters. However, as a companion piece to Pastor Kenneson's expository style of preaching, the bulletin contain a verse by verse fill-in-the-blank structure, along with adequate space for sermon notes. Announcements included upcoming Bible studies, as well as an update on the congregation exceeding a pledge goal of \$4,000 for missions. There were about 80 people in attendance for the service.

Prior to congregational singing worship leader Wes called our attention to all those grandmas with an innate compulsion to whip out pictures of their grandchildren. As he spoke a photo of three day-old Weston Thomas Hartman, the first New Year's baby born in Yuma County, Arizona, ap-

peared on the PowerPoint. With one-upmanship on grandmas this proud grandma said, "I thought I'd share this with you just because I could!"

Song selections, with accompaniment played on a baby grand piano, were a mixture of hymns and praise songs.

The tenor voice of Mr. Hartman added depth to the selections, "I've lifted Me," "How Deep the Father's Love For Us," "I Have a Maker," "Grace Greater Than all Our Sins." A special solo, "Be Still My Soul," was presented by Steve (no last name given).

With Advent season over, Pastor Kenneson resumed his sermon series from Galatians and detailed the meaning of the Galatians 5:19-26 text in his sermon titled, "The Flesh Vs. The Spirit: Who's Winning?"

The pastor noted, "Every day is a battle with the flesh. The flesh wants to do what the flesh wants to do." The pastor skillfully divided the text and offered it as a litmus test to answer the question about the spiritual battle fought by believers. Graphic indicators recorded in Galatians 5: 19-21 are just some examples that the flesh is winning; while verses 22-26 are characteristics of the Spirit's victory.

Pastor Kenneson used comedy TV to illustrate where the flesh is winning. "There is not one comedy on TV that doesn't have sexual [innuendo] or dirty

jokes that feature society's norm of sexual immorality. We know it's wrong, but they flaunt it in our face. Christians live by the norms of Scripture."

The pastor backtracked in his message when he missed an important point. He laughed, "I'm only running on about three cylinders today. I'm recovering from the flu."

While many people may think the practice of sin is an adult issue, Pastor Kenneson observed that all children are born delinquent; born with a sin nature.

"You don't teach kids how to disobey, they already know that. Yes, we all slip, but we don't practice sin — if we do we will not inherit the kingdom of God." The pastor challenged the audience to examine their own life and see if it's the flesh, or the Spirit, that's winning.

At the conclusion of the service Kathy Black introduced herself and took me aback when she asked, "Are you a Christian?" Seldom is that question ask in a worldly setting, much less in a house of worship.

Kathy's question was bold, inquisitive, thought provoking — and appropriate in any setting.

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Montrose, CO 81401
970-249-4887

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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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

OLATHE AND MONTROSE HIGH SCHOOLS WELCOME 2015-2016 FRESHMAN CLASS

Special to the Mirror

REGIONAL - Last week was freshman orientation at Montrose and Olathe High Schools. Almost every incoming freshman student participated in this fun, informative, and positive experience. Link Crew is a nationally recognized program that has proven to improve school culture by building positive relationships, decreasing disciplinary issues, increasing school attendance, and improving academic performance. Junior and Senior Link Leaders prepared for several days to lead the freshman through positive climate and culture building activities to help start the year off well. The focus of Link Crew is building

healthy relationships among all members of the school community, including students, staff, and individuals and organizations outside of the school. Link Leaders will continue working with freshmen throughout the year to support their academic and social success!



Freshmen orientation at Montrose High School, above, and Olathe High School, below left, took place last week. Courtesy photos.



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CITY COUNCIL APPROVES KOA EXPANSION, HEARS BUDGET REVIEW



The Ute Indian Museum has moved to the Downtown Visitor Center and opens Sept. 1.

Mirror Staff Report

MONTROSE—The Montrose City Council meeting of Aug. 18 saw the approval of site development plans for the proposed Montrose KOA RV Park expansion. Before approving the request by KOA owner Tom Bell, Councilor Bob Nicholson spoke at length about the City's "business-friendly" reduction of user fees for seasonal that accommodate out of town guests.

Tom Bell expressed appreciation for the hard work of City Planner Garry Baker, and said that the KOA has experienced steady growth each year since becoming a KOA facility several years ago. The 2.7 acre expansion will allow an additional 27 campsites. "We also have the highest rating available through KOA," Bell said. "Only 150 KOA's across the country carry this rating."

Councilor Judy Ann Files credited the business's growth to efforts by the City's Office of Business & Tourism and to the quality of the service at the KOA itself.

"I walked the property," City Councilor Rex Swanson said. "This (the KOA expansion) will expand business and clean up

the area there. It's kind of a mess right now."

Council voted to approve the site development plans for the proposed KOA RV Park expansion with the condition that the applicant must apply for a construction permit within one year of the approval date and an approved plat depicting the new utility easements must be filed with the City before a construction permit can be issued.

The evening's consent agenda also included consideration and approval of a Special Events Alcohol Permit in conjunction with the closure of S. Uncompahgre Avenue for the Sharing Ministries Street Dance on September 26, 2015. Sharing Ministries Board President Tom Vogenthaler spoke about the progress being made toward building the non-profit's new facility, for which the dance is a fundraiser. Vogenthaler also praised City leadership and the Black Canyon Golf Course, where a benefit for Sharing Ministries was held recently. "You guys are to be commended," he said.

Budget Director Shani Wittenberg presented a quarterly budget review, and a report on the City's Sales, Use and Excise Tax Fund. During the presentation Councilor Files asked about the status of the Safe Routes to Schools grant. Public Works Director John Harris stated that the City's preferred bidder did not meet CDOT's requirements for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) status. "CDOT rejected them," Harris said. "We are regrouping for summer of 2016." Harris also addressed citizen concerns over the load bearing capability of the bridge at the Watersports Park. "We have researched our load rating," he said, "and the bridge is more than adequately designed to handle

(that many spectators).

Councilor Nicholson questioned Wittenberg about the 4.0 percent June decrease in revenues from hotel excise taxes. "I assume because we are ramping up the Office of Business & Tourism we will see an increase," he said.

OBT Director Rob Joseph spoke to Nicholson's concern. "My heart sank at the hotel numbers," Joseph said, "but we do anticipate that going up—last June we had a number of large groups. But we are very optimistic for July's numbers."

"It's only \$400," Councilor Kathy Ellis commented. "It looks bad, but it's not a big deal."

"Frankly it could be a reporting issue and not germane to anything," Councilor Nicholson said. "It's just a negative number and those do occur."

During the Public Information Officer report, presented by Joseph because City Manager Bill Bell was away at Dispatch training, Joseph mentioned that the Ute Indian Museum is relocating temporarily to the Downtown Visitor Center. "They have finished moving and will be online Sept. 1." The Museum will be open to the public during the hours of the Visitor Center, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. All City offices, including the Visitor Center, will be closed Labor Day. Joseph also noted that openings remain on the City's Planning Commission and on the City's Citizens Advisory Council, and announced the date of next year's Fun on the Uncompahgre (FUNC) Festival, July 30, 2016. There will be a meeting on the City's Diagonal Parking project, tentatively set for 6 to 8 p.m. on Sept. 14, he added, and noted that traffic signals at Main and Cascade have been temporarily disabled as part of the pilot project.

HONORABLE MENTION

To Alex of Petco...for years of shearing Pepper, and caring about her human clients too...

To Debbie Shaffer of North Fork Lifestyle Boutique in Hotchkiss, for stepping up to carry local writer Eugenia Bone's books following closure of the Creamery Arts Center...

To the founders of the Creamery Arts Center, for doing so much for the arts and for the region...

And to Jan France, for inspiration and fun chuck wagon photos! See you at the Mountain States Ranch Rodeo Aug. 29!

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

2ND ANNUAL PARTNERS GLOW-BALL GOLF SCRAMBLE

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Black Canyon Golf Course will be the site of a Four man Scramble, Three Par, Glowball Tournament on Friday Aug. 28th starting at Dusk (about 8 PM) come experience the lighter side of Golf and support Partners Mentoring where all golf proceeds from the tournament stay here to support the work we do with local kids.

Register at the Black Canyon Golf Course—249-4653 or the Partners Montrose office. 249-1116 \$25.00 per golfer.

Come early and stay late for food and drink specials, live music and prizes for top teams. All golf proceeds go to Partners of Delta, Montrose and Ouray. One dollar also goes to Partners for every drink sold at the Brew & Bogey Club. Partners of Delta, Montrose and Ouray Facebook page.

NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED PHOTOGRAPHER COMING TO MONTROSE TO SHOOT MOUNTAIN STATES RANCH RODEO AND WESTERN ARTIST PERFORMANCES



*Jill Freedman
Courtesy photo*

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Noted Photographer Jill Freedman has accepted an invitation to come to Montrose as the guest of Mountain States Ranch Rodeo Organizer Doug Roberts and his friend and colleague Kathleen Collins. She is coming to photograph performances by Cowboy Poet

Waddie Mitchell and Entertainer Tyller Gummarsall at Turn of the Century Aug. 28, and the Mountain States Ranch Rodeo Aug. 29. Freedman is a highly-respected New York City documentary photographer whose award-winning work is included in the permanent collections of The Museum of Modern Art, the International Center of Photography, George Eastman House, the Smithsonian American Art Museum, the New York Public Library, the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, and the Bibliothèque Nationale, Paris, among others. She has appeared in solo and group exhibitions throughout the world, and has contributed to many prominent publications. Now, she will turn her camera on Montrose...hope to see YOU there!

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A NEW SCHOOL YEAR...A NEW SUPERINTENDENT!



**Re-1J Superintendent
Stephen Schiell.**
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By Liesl

Greathouse

MONTROSE-The new school year brings new changes: new students, new teachers, and new classes. This year for Montrose, we also welcome a new Superintendent, Stephen Schiell, for Montrose County School District RE-1J.

Schiell takes on the responsibility of the school district for, as he puts it, being the 'worry guy.' "I worry about everything: the buses, what the kids eat, the safety of the kids, the teacher's safety, if the teachers are doing a good job, the extracurricular activities, and the budget," he said. "Whether the kids are in kindergarten or high school, I use the same description for my job."

Having just started on Aug. 3, Schiell brings 38 years of experience serving students in Colorado and Wisconsin, starting back in 1977. He was a middle school teacher for nine years in Colorado, then moved to Wisconsin where he went on to become an assistant principal for three years and a high school principal for 10 years. As time went on, he decided to become a superintendent and worked as one at a school in Wisconsin for two years, then at another school for 14 years. So after 16 years as a superintendent in Wisconsin, Schiell and his wife moved back to Colorado for family reasons and he now brings his experience to Montrose.

Schiell believes that he brings two things with him: enthusiasm and excitement for the students. "I told our staff a little over a week ago that I am as excited today as I was 38 years ago," he explained. "This is a really good school district, with lots of opportunity. We are on the verge of greatness, and there is so much untapped energy and excitement here which I hope to tap into. You don't hire new staff to do what you have been doing. You do it for

new ideas. I have new ideas and I hope to bring collaboration and enthusiasm."

While the school board is still settling on goals for this year, Schiell is working on focusing on some of those goals already. "The first goal is supporting students and staff," he said. "We have to support them and I agree with that 100 percent. The board's goals are my goals and it's my commitment to support students and staff, because when you start there it all trickles down [to other goals]."

So far, the staff seems to be excited about Schiell's energy and excitement, along with his belief in collaboration. "It's very important to me," he said. "Nobody who is smart thinks that they have it all together. It's all hands on deck and that's what we're going to do. People like my approach and my willingness to meet people and I tell them 'that's just who I am.'"

While Schiell has not even been here for a month, he is happy and excited to be in Montrose. He has attended every back to school night so far, met with students at both high schools, and has met with key community leaders. "It has been great, and people have been open and welcoming," he said. "So far, I have been told that back to school nights have had a bigger attendance than before. [I believe] that the parents feel good and are excited with their kids for the new

school year, because if they were not happy they would not be going to back to school night."

For Schiell, his favorite part of his 38 years in education has been one thing: the kids. "Even with all the concerns that superintendents have, keeping connected with staff and students is what it's all about," he said. "It's all about the kids. Kids being friendly and talking to you; you can't beat that. With any age group, they are still kids, and you can connect with them, if you choose to. I think I chose to do that."

For more information, call Erica Jiron, Communication & Special Project Coordinator, at 252-7901.

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CONTINUING EDUCATION CLASS COMES TO WRIGHT THANKS TO LOCAL GEOLOGIST

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE—Local geologist Larry Meckel is bringing 'Our Restless Earth', a 5-week continuing education class to the Wright Opera House as a benefit to help raise funds for the restoration of the facility. Classes will be held each Tuesday from 9:30 - 11:30am beginning September 8th and ending on October 6th. Registration is \$50, all proceeds of which benefit the restoration of the Wright Opera House.

"We're very lucky to have had local support throughout both the purchase and ongoing restoration of the Wright," says Dee Williams, past president of the Friends of the Wright Opera House, the nonprofit organization that purchased the building in

2011. "Opportunities to both raise funds for and use the Wright at the same time are fantastic and offer a way for the community to not only support our efforts, but get a little benefit in the process."

Our Restless Earth will be taught by Larry Meckel over the course of five weeks, exploring the composition and structure of the earth, and highlighting its constantly changing nature. Larry began his career with Shell Oil and Development Companies as an exploration geologist and manager. He co-founded a Houston consulting company – Sneider and Meckel Associates, Inc. in 1974, and now has his own exploration consulting company in Denver. He is also an Adjunct Professor at

the Colorado School of Mines where he teaches "Unconventional Petroleum Systems"

About the Wright Opera House

Built in 1888 by the Wright brothers, the Wright Opera House quickly became a focal point for culture and entertainment in Ouray, contrasting with the saloons and brothels offered at the time. Housing everything from theater, to movies, to an auto mechanic shop, the Wright evolved over many decades and has served the town in a variety of capacities. Now in its 125 year, the Wright is once again a cultural and entertainment venue, and is undergoing a restoration such that it can support the performing arts for generations to come.

MONTROSE COUNTY APPROVES UNCOMPAHGRE GRAVEL PIT

MONTROSE— In a decision Aug. 17, the Montrose County BOCC voted two to one in favor of a special use permit for the Uncompahgre Gravel Pit south of Montrose near T Road. Commissioners Ron Henderson and Glen Davis voted in favor of the pit and batching plant after a series of public meetings in which neighbors and others voiced concerns or expressed support for the application by Lazy K Bar Land & Cattle Company, LLLP. Commissioner David White voted against the pit, citing a lack of job creation, safety concerns over traffic and impacts to neighboring landowners.



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OPINION/EDITORIAL

TRANSPARENCY OR BACKROOM POLITICS?

Mirror Staff Editorial

On Tuesday, Aug. 18 City Attorney Stephen P. Alcorn wrote a letter to Sheriff Dunlap stating the City of Montrose would start a second dispatch center.

On Wednesday, Aug. 19th, 24 hours later, the city put out a news release that said, "We are very excited about the relationships that have been created as we have explored the opportunity for the new Center," said City Manager Bill Bell. "The

agreements that we have reached with partner agencies are a very positive beginning to what we believe will be a responsive, open, and user-focused operation."

A 24-hour window does not allow time for "partner agencies" to meet with their respective boards and vote on whether or not they will partner with the city, or remain with the county sheriff's office.

One can speculate that either some individuals are making sidebar agreements

without their board's approval, or that boards voted to join the city even before the announcement to start a second dispatch center was made official.

There is no way to know which agencies have already made a commitment to join the city; however, constituents can still weigh in and express their opinion one way or the other. For reader convenience a directory of those agencies and/or representatives are listed below:

ROSTER OF DISPATCH USER AGENCIES

Montrose County Sheriff's Office-Rick Dunlap-252-4023 sheffiff@montrosecounty.net

Montrose County Undersheriff Adam Murdie 252-4023 undersheffiff@montrosecounty.net

Montrose County Manager Ken Norris 249-7755

Montrose Airport Fire Chief Duane Ziegler 249-7953

Montrose Police Department 252-5200-<http://www.cityofmontrose.org/275/Police-Public-Safety>

City of Montrose Montrose City Council 252-1430 OR 596-5834 <http://>

www.cityofmontrose.org/301/City-Council
City of Montrose City Manager Bill Bell 252-1420 or 901-8580 <http://>

www.cityofmontrose.org/305/City-Manager
Montrose Fire Protection District Fire Chief Tad Rowan 249-9181

Ouray County Administrator Connie Hunt, Sheriff and EMS 325-7320

Ouray County Sheriff Dominic Mattivi 325-7272

Ouray City Administrator Patrick Rondinelli, Ouray Police and Volunteer Fire Department 325-7060- rondinellip@cityofouray.com

Olathe Fire Protection District Chief Roland Hutson rhutson@olathefire-emt.org

Ridgway Fire Chief Chris Miller ridgwayfire@hotmail.com

Ridgway Town Marshall David Scott 626-5308 ext. 217

Telluride Town Marshall Jim Kolar 728-3918

Mountain Village Police Department Chief Chris Broady 728-9281

mvpd@mtnvillage.org

Telluride Fire Protection District Directors John Bennett 728-3801 jbennett@telluridefire.com

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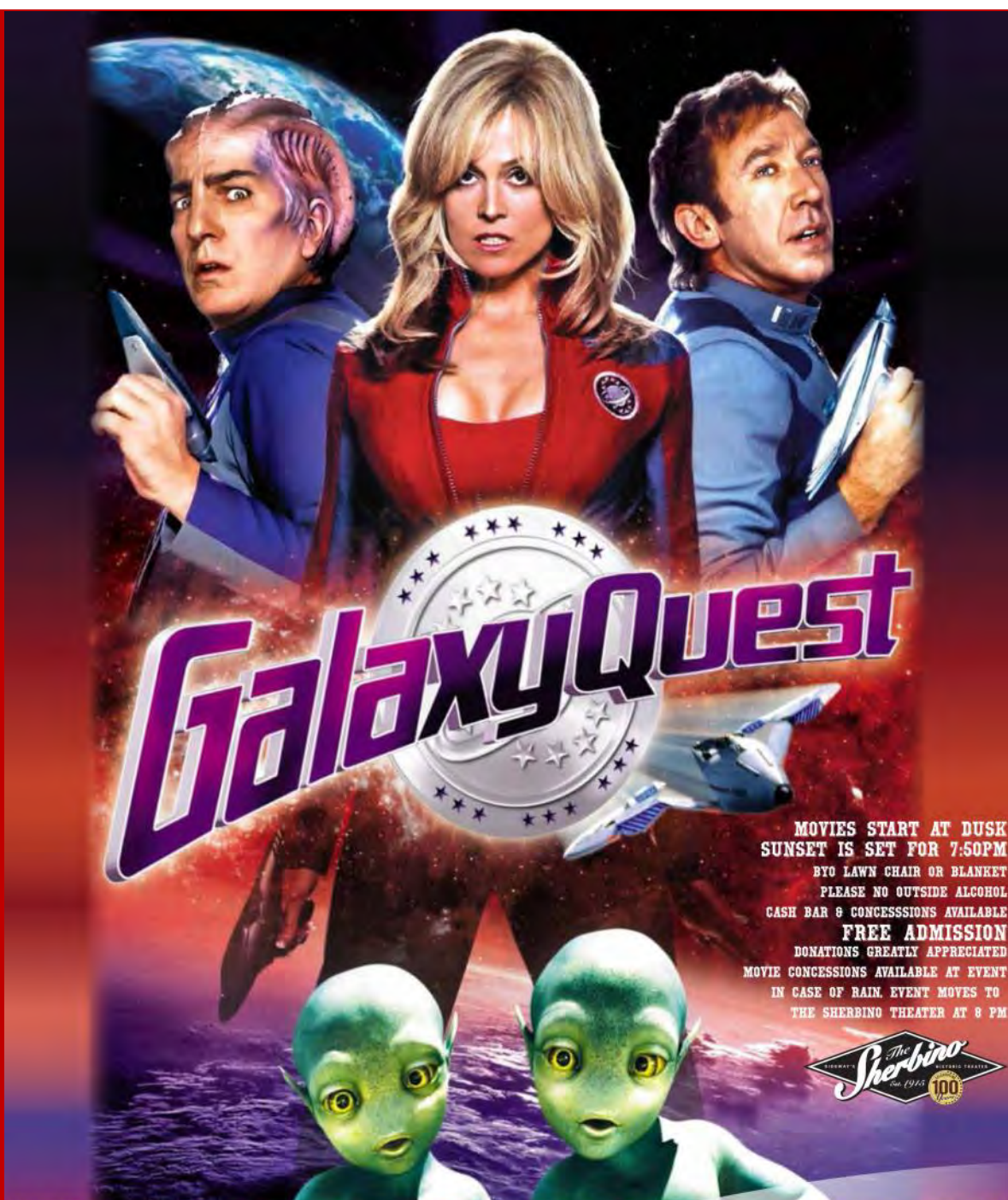
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MONTROSE STAMP (PHILATELIC) CLUB meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 420 Alta Lakes Dr. from 7-8pm. For Beginners to Pros! Please contact Brenda Moureaux at 970-765-6948 for more information.

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MONTHLY-

Aug. 25--2:30 p.m. -3:30 p.m. Are you a talented home baker who would like to learn more about selling your cottage foods? Join Montrose County Environmental Health for a FREE informative session about the Colorado Cottage Foods Act. Health & Human Services Board Room, 1845 South Townsend Avenue. For more information please call Environmental Health Manager Jim Austin at 252-5067 or jaustin@montrosecounty.net.

Aug. 26-Heidi's Brooklyn Deli Forum-1521 Oxbow Drive. Coffee is \$1. Speakers are Montrose County elected officials-Assessor Brad Hughes, Clerk and Recorder Tressa Guynes, and County Treasurer and Public Trustee Rosemary Murphy.

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

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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 Tyller Gummersall. Doors open 6 p.m., performance at 7 p.m. \$25.

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-Celebrate the Fork! Creative activities and world class music in the North Fork Valley. Headliners are Otis Taylor and Travis Mann. Delta County Fairgrounds in Hotchkiss. Free admission 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., tickets are \$30.

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

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. 1-Join Montrose County Environmental Health to learn more how to protect your family and loved ones from West Nile Virus on Tuesday, Sept. 1st from 2:30 — 3:30 pm at the Health & Human Services Board Room. The class will be held at the Montrose County Health and Human Services Board Room at 1845 South Townsend Avenue. For more information please call Environmental Health Manager Jim Austin at 252-5067 or jaustin@montrosecounty.net.

Sept. 1-Talking Gourds Poetry Club welcomes Bill Nevins to Arroyo in Telluride, 200 East Colorado Avenue at 6 p.m.

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. 9 —Insect & Disease Remedies for your Garden" Open free to the public. Linda McIntosh, Master Gardener & Professional Landscape Consultant, will be presenting at 6:30 PM information pertaining to the harmful insects and diseases in your garden and how to deal with the problems. Meet under the tent in the Montrose Botanic Gardens, 1800 Pavilion Dr. Montrose. Bring lawn chairs. Additional information at www.montrosegardens.org or 249-1115. "See you in the Gardens."

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

Sept. 11—100th Anniversary of the Sherbino Theater, 604 Clinton Street from 7 to 9 p.m. Chautauqua presentations, birthday cake, cash bar!

Sept. 13-- Savor the San Juans! 10:30 am-4 pm. Tour and taste your way through six fabulous properties, each showcasing a local chef preparing gourmet bites from local farms. Toast the Tour from 2-4 pm at Turn of the Century Saloon with local drinks and desserts. Proceeds benefit Montrose Community Foundation and Valley Food Partnership. Tickets costing \$35 are available online and at The Bridges Golf Shop, Timberline Bank, Montrose Farmers Market, Tiffany, Etc. and Aqua Studio or online at Brownpapertickets.com. After Aug. 31st, ticket prices increase to \$40. 970-249-3900

<http://valleyfoodpartnership.org/savorthesanjuans>

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At left, a man on wheels travels Main Street at the Final Montrose in Motion event on Aug. 20; above, Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper and his cabinet arrived in Montrose Aug. 20 for a town hall meeting attended by a near capacity crowd at the Montrose Pavilion. The Montrose Town Hall was the best attended presentation on the tour, noted Jim Halter, above, executive director of Colorado's Department of Local Affairs.



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