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## HELP A GREAT CAUSE...6TH ANNUAL PUMPKIN PARTY BENEFITS 'BEFORE YOU HATE THINK OF CAIT!'



*The 6th Annual Pumpkin Decorating & Chili event will benefit "Before You Hate Think of Cait." Courtesy photo.*

*By Caitlin Switzer*

MONTROSE-During the first, awful days of grief, a Montrose family who lost a beloved child last year struggled to hold itself together. Meanwhile, a caring community struggled to find ways to help. Today, the Haynes family's non-profit organization, "Before You Hate Think of Cait," is moving forward with new tools and new energy to fight back against bullying in the schools. This effort is dedicated to the memory of Caitlyn Haynes, a Montrose High School student who took her own life after relentless bullying at school. Caitlyn would have turned 18 on Sept. 9.

"It has been almost six months," Caitlyn's older sister Ashley Pietak said. "The Before You Hate Think of Cait board is really gaining momentum. Sometimes that means my family has to set aside our own grief more than we would like to, so that one other kid can be saved."

"Watching what my sister went through horrified me," Ashley said. "It's not okay, and we don't want another family to have to suffer this way."

To help the new non-profit gain strength for its mission, an anonymous group of local business owners will host a

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## 24 HOURS OF REGIONAL FUN...SEPT. 26!

*By Caitlin Switzer*

REGIONAL-Fill your plate with a great meal, dance to a high energy band, view original works of art, or take in a grape stomp. It's all up to you--because here in Western Colorado, Sept. 26 is a day packed with artistic and delicious events for all ages and appetites!

Celebrate 100 years of a great local business in Delta, where Delta Hardware continues with its centennial celebration. Free donuts await shoppers from 7:30 to 10 a.m., and the first 100 customers who purchase something will receive a free carabineer tape measure.

Two Montrose non-profit organizations host musical benefits Sept. 26; Habitat for Humanity brings Moreland & Arbuckle to the Habitat Barn at 1601 North Townsend, and Sharing Ministries Food Bank welcomes three local bands to its Third Annual Street Dance in Centennial Plaza.

Gates open for the Habitat show at 5:30 p.m. Advance tickets are available online for \$15, and will be \$18 at the gate. Find event

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*Montrose's newest gallery, Healthy Rhythm Community Art Gallery in LoMo, will hold its official grand opening on Sept. 26.*

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## BOWMAN PRAISES BELL, COUNCIL; THANKS CITY CLERK FOR "FILLING OUT THE FORMS FOR US" CENTENNIAL PARKING LOT TO BE CLOSED 9-21-10-2



**City Manager Bill Bell will host Mingle with the Manager events on first and third Tuesdays from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. at the Montrose Proximity Space, which the City helped to fund with \$150K toward renovation and construction.**

### Mirror Staff Report

MONTROSE-A planned presentation of a Colorado Lottery Starburst Award was postponed at the Sept. 15 Montrose City Council meeting, but Council heard proclamations in support of Veterans Administration Suicide Prevention Month; Colorado Cities and Towns Week Sept. 14-20; and the 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment. Council also welcomed a thank you proclamation to the Office of Business & Tourism from Gold Wing Road Riders by Nick Hoppner, and a presentation by concert promoter Dave Bowman on the 2015 Montrose Summer Music Series.

Bowman thanked Council effusively for supporting his concerts, presented 'perfect attendance' awards to John Harris and Rex Swanson and a performer-signed event poster to Council, and thanked City Clerk Lisa DelPiccolo for "filling out the forms for us." "Thank you, thank you thank you! This would not have happened without the leadership of Bill Bell," Bowman said. "It's such a pleasure to work with you! You have proven that this is a cool town."

With Councilor Kathy Ellis absent, Council

approved a Special Events Alcohol Permit in conjunction with the closure of South First Street for the Oktoberfest event on Saturday, Oct. 3, and adopted Ordinance 2360 on second reading, an ordinance of the City of Montrose, Colorado, pertaining to mail ballot nomination procedures.

Mayor David Romero commented that he wanted to call assistant planner Jennifer Spinelli "Senior Planner" as she presented information about Ordinance 2361, which amends the zoning district designation of 346 South Park Avenue from "R3," Medium Density Residential, to "OR," Office Residential. Council approved the zoning change.

City Director of Innovation and Citizen Engagement Virgil Turner presented Council with information about a five-year lease for the Montrose County Historical Museum, which has occupied the former Denver & Rio Grande Depot since 1973. The Society was founded in 1968, and its volunteers helped restore the Depot and facilitate its transfer from the Railroad to city ownership.

"We are the proud owners of a historic gem!" Turner told Council. "The Depot was built in 1912 and is actually one of the best examples of a building from that era. The Railroad didn't skimp." The Historical Museum and Society are "great folks to have in there," Turner said, adding that the five-year lease was changed after the Historical Society insisted that the one-year lease originally presented to the Museum as a renewal would not allow the non-profit to continue to pursue multi-year grants. Noting that the lease is for one year with four annual renewals" Turner called it a great compromise. Council approved the lease.

"We're very excited to have them continue to use the building," Turner said.

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Report OBT Director Rob Joseph informed Council that numbers of actual visitors, as opposed to drop-in locals and court patrons, have skyrocketed this summer, with July 2015 surpassing all of 2014. OBT is currently hosting a French FAM tour, with the intent of breaking into the international tourism market, he said. Noting that he would be meeting with the FAM tour group after Council adjourned for the evening, Joseph praised the efforts of OBT staff and volunteers. "Take the credit and pass the hard work on to them; they make things happen."

City Manager Bill Bell discussed the Water Conservation Plan the City is preparing in response to a state mandate, and informed Council that the parking lot next to Centennial Plaza will be closed for repairs from Sept. 21-Oct. 2. "Residents are urged to plan for the change," he said. Bell pointed out that openings remain on the City's Planning Commission.

Turner and Bell spoke about the Better Montrose smart phone app that allows citizens to alert city officials to problems around town, and that the Manager will be in the Abrams Proximity Space on Main Street to host Mingle with the Manager events first and third Tuesdays from 8:45 to 9:45.

Bell, who told *Watch Newspapers* last week that the City had paid \$150,000 directly to the contractor for the remodel and construction of the Proximity Space (now housing Abrams among others), also shared his cell phone number for public comment, 901-8580.

Councilor Bob Nicholson took time to praise Council and Bell prior to adjournment.

"A great thank you to Bill Bell," he said. "We bought a golf course, we have a proximity center! You have made a tremendous impact on this community," Nicholson said.

The meeting was finally adjourned.

  
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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### DMEA HOSTS MEMBER APPRECIATION DAYS OCT. 7-8

#### *Special to the Mirror*

REGIONAL-In celebration of National Cooperative Month, Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) is holding its annual Member Appreciation Days on Oct. 7 and 8. The co-op will host public open houses at their offices in Montrose and Read. The event includes complimentary coffee, apple cider, freshly baked treats, snacks, and a collectible DMEA ceramic mug.

The event will take place on Oct. 7, from 10 am to 3 pm at the Read Service Center, 21191 H75 Road, Delta, CO, and on Oct. 8, from 9 am to 4 pm at the Montrose Headquarters, 11925 6300 Road, Montrose.

"Each year, DMEA, along with cooperative businesses across America, celebrates National Cooperative Month and the cooperative business model. We know that behind all successful cooperatives is an informed and engaged membership. This is our opportunity to thank our members for being just that. I encourage everyone in the community to stop in and visit with us," said Jasen Bronec, DMEA CEO.

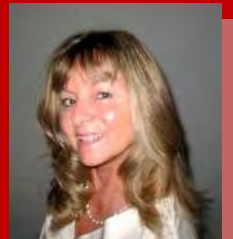
The public is invited to stop in at either office's event to enjoy refreshments while visiting with employees and learning about the co-op, or pick up treats to go. All items are free, and members can come and go as they please. For more information visit [www.dmea.com](http://www.dmea.com) or contact Becky, [becky.mashburn@dmea.com](mailto:becky.mashburn@dmea.com), (970) 240-1263.

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## HELP A GREAT CAUSE ...6TH ANNUAL PUMPKIN DECORATING! FROM PG 1



Scenes from past Pumpkin Decorating events.  
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benefit Pumpkin Decorating event at a local farm on Oct. 10. The Sixth Annual Pumpkin Decorating and Chili Roundup takes place Oct. 10 from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Higher Ground Horsemanship at 58380 Jig Road in Montrose. Donations are welcome and encouraged, with all pro-

ceeds going to the anti-bullying efforts of -Before You Hate Think of Cait."

The event itself features free pumpkins for kids, and the Bar D Wranglers will perform in the afternoon; there will be chili, hot dogs and a chuck wagon dessert. There will be a pumpkin station set up, and bobbing for apples.

"This will be a fun benefit for a great cause," Ashley said. "It's just awesome that they are doing this! My family and the Before You Hate Think of Cait board are incredibly grateful."

Those who plan to come are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and confirm attendance so that organizers can plan ahead. Local businesses that would like to help and volunteers are also welcome.

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## 24 HOURS OF REGIONAL FUN...SEPT. 26! From pg. 1



*The Jordan Carls Quartet, also known as House Blend, will play at the Lark & Venue Sept. 26. "Join us at The Lark & Sparrow Historic Venue for an evening of great songs of the past with modern arrangements featuring the wonderful voice of Gregory Davidson and the Jordan Carls Quartet. Support local music at its finest," Lark & Venue Owner Yvonne Meek said. Meek said that she might open the doors to the public at 9:30 pm for an impromptu after hours event if people are interested.*

tickets and details at the ReStore or online at [www.buildinglives.org](http://www.buildinglives.org).

The Street Dance kicks off at 3 p.m. with the Ghost River Band and the Lug Nuts, followed by cerebrally challenged Montrose rockers the Stupid Band. There will be a pig roast by Kinnikin and plenty of great music and enticing silent auction items. Tickets are \$20 for adults 21 and over, \$10 for youth ages 11 to 20, and free to kids ten and under. Montrose welcomes its newest art gallery on Sept. 26 as well—the collective Healthy Rhythm Art Gallery at 86 South Grand Avenue in Sampler Square holds its official grand opening today.

If upstairs elegance is your preference, step up from the street and into the cool, gorgeous space at the Lark and Sparrow nightclub at 511 East Main at 7:30 p.m., for an [evening with the Jordan Carls Quartet](#). Also known as House Blend, Jordan Carls Quartet is the faculty band of Precedence Music Academy.

"There are so many interesting events taking place that weekend in Montrose!" Lark and Sparrow owner Yvonne Meek said. "Usually Montrose only caters to one style or genre of music and one venue at time, leaving some music lovers looking for something to do but feeling a little underserved."

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past with modern arrangements featuring the wonderful voice of Gregory Davidson and the Jordan Carls Quartet. Support local music at its finest!"

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For an evening in Ouray, consider attending Chef Yasuo Ishikawa's Fall Sushi Night at the historic Western Hotel at 210 7 Ave. Dinner includes Miso soup, salad, edamame, California Roll, Spicy Tuna Roll, five pieces of Nigiri Sushi with fish selected based on market freshness, Green Tea and Japanese Dessert. Seatings at 5:30, 6:30, 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. Call for reservations at 970-325-4645 by Sept. 22.

If you are in Ridgway for the Sneffels Fiber Festival (Sept. 25-27), catch an evening of entertainment at the Sherbino Theater at 604 Clinton Street, another local icon that turned 100 years old this month. On Sept. 26, the Sherb welcomes [Grammy-winning musician Gordon Kennedy and duo Chris and Jan Harris \(Rodeo and Juliet\)](#) from Nashville. Tickets are \$20 at the door—with a bonus sneak preview of a film-documentary on the life of Ridgway resident John Billings, the maker of The Grammy Awards.

In the North Fork Valley, [Paonia's Annual Mountain Harvest Festival](#) will be in full swing on Sept. 26, with ten bands playing in four venues Saturday night. Daytime

activities include everything from yoga, a vegan potluck, cow bingo and Hula Hoop Hoopla to the always popular grape stomp.

The stomp benefits the Paonia Library and Solar Energy International, a company that brings students from all over the world to Paonia to learn about solar power. SEI Office Manager Chris Smith is a veteran of the stomp, as are many of the organization's students.

"I have personally done the stomping, and it's a blast," Smith said. "We usually ask the students who are here that week if they want to pick grapes after class, and those who do seem to enjoy it. The stomp starts at noon, and every year it has gotten better. There are two barrels and two teams at a time competing against each other. The fourth member of a team cheers them on and makes sure the juice is running correctly." Because the barrels are small, teammates must hold onto each other and stomp in a circle she said. Meanwhile, judges often drink wine, and advocates for the beneficiaries circulate among the audience taking "bribes." The team that collects the most juice will win a prize, as will those with the best costume. This year, a prize will also go to the team with the most bribes, Smith said. This year's costume theme is "favorite character from history." No matter what the theme is, "A lot of people come as 'I Love Lucy' every year," Smith noted.

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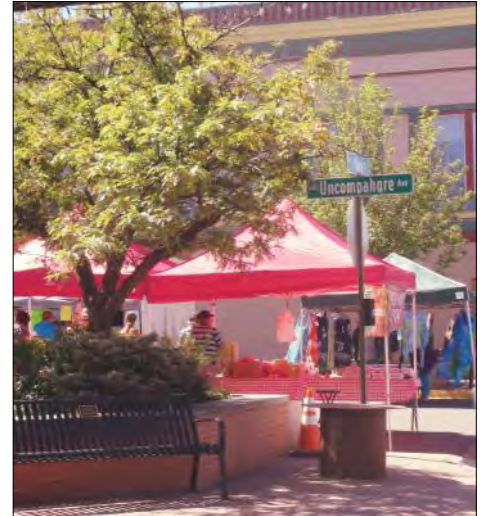
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### FARMERS MARKET ANNOUNCES 2015 FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL AND FARM FRESH FUNDRAISER LUNCHEON!

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-The Montrose Farmer's Market is excited to announce its 2015 Fall Harvest Festival and Farm Fresh Fundraiser Luncheon. This special event is a fun Festival celebrating our local community and the abundance of the harvest season! On Saturday Oct. 10 the Market will have a variety of family friendly activities taking place including a pumpkin decorating contest, face painting, horse rides, games and a small petting zoo. The Farm Fresh Luncheon fundraiser from 11 am -1pm helping to support the market will feature an assortment of delicious food items and desserts highlighting local seasonal ingredients for a suggested donation of \$6. Live music on the Plaza by local guitarist "Stosch" and Good Times Music Company will be jamming between 10 am – 2 pm. Everyone is invited to come out and support the Farmers and Artisans whose hard work helps to keep the Local Food and Farming movement alive in Montrose and put healthy local foods on the table.

This free event is open to the public and is held to help to raise awareness of the MFM and its importance as a gathering place for our community to shop, play, and get to know their local growers! This fun and delicious event will take place at the Farmers Market on Second Saturday Oct. 10, between 8:30 am – 2 pm in beautiful downtown Montrose off Main Street and S. Uncompahgre and extending into the plaza on South 1 St. MFM is one of the oldest Markets on the Western Slope celebrating its 37 year in Montrose. Operating as a non -profit under the fiscal sponsorship of the Valley Food Partnership their mission to support local farmers both large and small to keep agriculture alive while promoting healthy eating and making local food accessible to everyone! Market is open year round on Saturdays through Oct. 31 from 8:30 – 1 pm and open from Nov. 7 – April 2016 indoors behind Straw Hat Farms store every other Saturday 10 am – 1pm. For more information go to their website



*The Montrose Farmers Market.  
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### CPW'S RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP TRACKS NATURE WITH A SMARTPHONE

#### *Special to the Mirror*

DENVER - Colorado Parks and Wildlife visitors, volunteers and staff began entering observations of plants and animals into the State Parks NatureFinder project, hosted by the free smartphone application iNaturalist, July 13, at Colorado State Parks thanks to efforts by CPW's Resource Stewardship program.

Several hundred observations have been added since the project launched, said Colorado Parks and Wildlife's Matt Schulz, the forest management coordinator. We are excited about connecting people who are passionate about our parks with the wildlife and plants that make each park unique and special.

Previously the program had experimented with a variety of ways to track wildlife sightings using everything from handwritten reports and Microsoft Office documents to visitor center whiteboards and online databases.

The change to this simple, user-friendly technology is welcome.

We considered several ideas, but the benefits of States Parks NatureFinder in en-

gaging the public to help all of us learn more about biodiversity in our parks is substantial, added Schulz.

Users can post photos and sounds or view the observations of other park visitors. iNaturalist uses a crowdsourced identification system to help observers identify the exact species they have seen. The application, iNaturalist, is managed by a non-profit organization and allows CPW to house their own project, called [State Parks NatureFinder](#), within the site.

The project is also accessible via the web at [www.inaturalist.org](http://www.inaturalist.org). The [State Parks NatureFinder](#) project allows CPW to track species presence, numbers, animal activity, and most importantly, the ability to see which species use the different habitats within each park.

Check out this [quick guide](#) to get started. View examples, screen shots of the app, and several State Parks NatureFinder photos [here](#).

CPW's Resource Stewardship Program exists to support state parks on all natural resource and cultural resource issues including surveys for individual species,

habitat assessments, resource management, and park development planning. Resource inventories have traditionally been accomplished through partnerships with universities, non-profits, or private consultants. Inventory data feed directly into comprehensive resource plans for each state park that provide tools for managers to use in park management decision processes.

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

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Allen Bachmann	Erin Cooper	Mesa Herder	Idania Moreno-	Katelyn Skees
Cameron Baird	Ashley Cox	Keigen Huffer	Garcia	Macaria Yoselin
Cassandra Beer	Allyssa Dixon	Salvador Jaime	Kaitlyn Neubaum	Soto
Gabrielle Brown	Lauren Franz	Colby Kennedy	Shannon O'Meara	Emerald Spindler
Jordan Budagher	Grace Gerhard	Taylor Kettell	Elena Ramirez	Micah Thole
Allison Burwell	Jonathan Goodwin	Hannah LaPena	Kendrick	Kyria Trujillo-Davis
Karla Carreon	Evan Graff	Genevieve	Richardson	Mason Weig
Briar Cary	Jared Gray	Lesniewski	Dominique Ridgel	Kelsey Woerner
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Katie Casebier	Alexandria Hanley	Glen-Michael	Ang Sherpa	Sydney Warner
Daniel Culver	Justin Hawkins	Mihavetz	Lydia Silva	
Jessica Ennis	Sarah Jackett	Kevin Montoya	McKenna Sjoden	
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Ellarie Anderson	Lindsey Davidson	Natalii Gomez	Felipe Magallanes	Annika Sheya
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### SCARECROW FUNDRAISER PLANNED FOR BOTANIC GARDENS

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MONTROSE-Calling all businesses, families and individuals to create a scarecrow for public display at the gardens. Dates: October 24-25 • Scarecrow may be traditional or non-traditional • Visit [www.montrosegardens.org](http://www.montrosegardens.org) for additional information and entry form. Creativity and fun encouraged!

This event is a fundraiser with a silent auction of donated scarecrows to benefit the Botanical Gardens. No entry fees will be charged. Contact: Anne at [jabritton401@gmail.com](mailto:jabritton401@gmail.com) or Linda at 941.224.9555.

### ABC CLUB CEREMONIES HELD SEPT. 21 AT MHS AND SEPT. 23 AT OHS

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## ARTS AND CULTURE

## ZIKR DANCE ENSEMBLE RETURNS TO OURAY



*Zikr is Denver dance luminary David Taylor's latest venture and one of the most exciting new dance companies in Colorado and the nation.*

*Special to the Mirror*

OURAY-The Zikr Dance Ensemble returns to Ouray on Friday, Sept. 25 at 7 pm at the Wright Opera House, sponsored by Ouray County Performing Arts Guild. Zikr is Denver dance luminary David Taylor's latest venture and one of the most exciting new dance companies in Colorado and the nation.

Using the finest ballet-trained dancers from Colorado's front range, Zikr transports its audiences through time and space to preserve and present a spectrum of works that are based upon, or living repli-

cas of, transcendent dance rituals from many different ancient world cultures throughout history. The dances in performance are supplemented by stunning slide projections, enveloping the audiences in an experience that transcends time and place bringing everyone to a place of awe, inspiration and appreciation.

In just six short years, Zikr has established itself locally, regionally and nationally as a leading dance company that is not to be missed. Carissa Chen with 303

Magazine described the experience as, "a spiritual journey leaving you rejuvenated,

intrigued, mind blown and, of course, beyond impressed."

The Zikr Dance Ensemble's 2015 season performance program is entitled "Invocation."

The program will feature Artistic Director David Taylor's latest creations, "The Lady of the Lake", a lush contemporary ballet based on Arthurian legends and Christian mysticism, and "Sadhu", a stunning new contemporary work to the music of Philip Glass and based on the holy men of India and Tibet.

Another premiere will be the "Four Prophets", an historical sacred dance work by legendary sacred movement creator G.I. Gurdjieff, and five other pieces.

Tickets are \$18 for adults and just \$5 for students 16 and under. They may be purchased online at [www.ocpag.org](http://www.ocpag.org) or at the door the evening of the performance.

This family event is also underwritten by a generous grant from The Telluride Foundation.

**NASHVILLE ARTISTS TO PLAY  
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*Special to the Mirror*

Sept. 26--7 to 10 p.m. Join the Sherbino Theater in Ridgway for an intimate evening of Grammy Award winning music from Gordon Kennedy and singer/songwriter/story telling duo Chris and Jan Harris (Rodeo and Juliet) from Nashville. This seated performance will cost \$20 at the door and will also feature a sneak preview of a film-documentary they are co-producing on the life of John Billings, "The Grammy Man," the maker of The Grammy Awards. Doors and cash bar are at 7 pm with the music beginning at 7:30 pm.



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# WEST CENTRAL WOMEN OF INFLUENCE...KATHY HEAVERS

## PUT IN THE TIME IT TAKES TO DO IT WELL, AND TO DO IT RIGHT



**Kathy Heavers.**  
Courtesy photo.

*Interview by Gail Marvel*  
MONTROSE—Growing up in rural Brighton, CO, Kathy Heavers is a third-generation Coloradoan and the oldest of four siblings. When asked if she got her leadership skills from her parents she laughed and said, “No, my

parents played bridge. I remember my mom accusing me of being bossy, so it must be part of my personality.” During high school and college Kathy was always looking for opportunities to lead. She said, “Now, at least in my own mind, it’s more about organizing, facilitating and serving where there is a need.”

Right out of college Kathy was hired as an English teacher at Montrose High School (MHS). “When I received a call for the position I didn’t even know where Montrose was. I just put a map on the seat beside me and drove to the interview.” Kathy was hired in 1969 and retired in

May of 2015 — a 45 year career. She said, “I stayed because the students were responsive, respectful and we had a rapport. I loved what I was doing.” In 2005 Kathy had the distinction of being named Colorado Teacher of the Year. While many people are impatient to get out of school Kathy said, “This is the first year since I was five years-old that I’m not going back to school!”

In the career field of education Kathy feels she has always had equal opportunity and was treated no differently than her male counterparts. However, in the mid 1970’s she turned down an administrative opportunity when the immediate supervisor wanted assurances that she would not get pregnant anytime soon. “He didn’t want to invest time and training in me to then quit [my job].” Interestingly the man who was finally hired for the position lasted only two months.

As for her style of leadership, Kathy is a consensus builder. “I involve all the parties and bring everyone along. Everyone has a voice and once they express their voice we can come to a consensus. After we reach consensus people need to say what role they are going to play in accomplishing it. It’s a simple thing to do to make people feel they are important and have a part.”

Kathy has a sense of overwhelming re-

spect from the community. “In Montrose it doesn’t matter who you are, what kind of a car you drive, or how much money you have ... you can be involved in the community.” Kathy however, is not inclined to run for elected office. “I want to look at positives. Many people you hear from [as an elected official] are people with complaints. I don’t choose to get involved at that level.”

A few years back Kathy took up the challenge to stop a rezoning in her neighborhood. Against heavy community objection the planning commission moved forward and approved a B1A zoning with restrictions. Kathy said, “It was a real eye-opener for me. Even though you think you are right, you don’t always win. It was a huge thing for me and one time when I really learned a lot.”

One of the facilitators for the Heidi’s Forum that meets every Wednesday morning, Kathy said, “We have no political agenda, we just present information that we think is important to Montrose.”

Kathy’s leadership insight: “Know the importance of involving others and sharing responsibility. You need to be organized and detail minded — organization is huge for making things run more smoothly. Put in the time it takes to do it well, and to do it right. Be prepared to be a good listener.”



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

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## MIRROR IMAGES...WESTERN COLLECTIBLES SHOW



*Crowd scenes and artifacts from the Western Collectibles Show at Friendship Hall Sept. 19.*



### Solutions Wellness Center welcomes Therapist Linda Stanger!

Linda Stanger recently relocated to Montrose from Pennsylvania and joined Solutions as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW). She is passionate about her work with young children, teens and families. Solutions has created a play therapy space specifically designed for Linda to work both with children and their parents. Linda is well-known for her extensive experience and success using Parent-Child Interaction Therapy.

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### 'ONE STEP CLOSER TO HELP AND HOPE' OCT. 10, 2015 23RD ANNUAL WALK/RUN



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#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-Montrose Memorial Hospital is proud to present the **23rd Annual "One Step Closer to Help and Hope"** 5K Walk and 5 & 10K Run on Saturday, October 10th. The walk/run begins at 9 am with registration beginning at 8 am at the Montrose Pavilion. The cost for the event is \$30.00 before the event and \$35.00 the day of the event. Registrations on the day of the event will include a T-shirt while supplies last. Otherwise, your shirt will be mailed to you after the event. **New this year, for your convenience, you may register on line**

at [www.bosombuddieswc.org](http://www.bosombuddieswc.org) or registration forms are available at Montrose Memorial Hospital, City Markets, Safeway, KUBC/ KKXX, and at the San Juan Cancer Center. ALL money raised during these events stays in Western Colorado to help individuals who have been touched by breast cancer. If you are unable to attend and would like to send a donation to this year's annual fund raiser, please mail it to Bosom Buddies, P.O. Box 1263, Montrose, CO 81402

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## MIRROR IMAGES...ON THE ROAD!



*REGIONAL-At left, Montrose Attorney Brad Switzer shared these photos of the San Juan River South of Pagosa Springs...and Red Mountain Pass during morning commuter time.*

*Thanks for reading...reach the Montrose Mirror at 970-275-0646!*

## HONORABLE MENTION

*To Sophia DiCamillo...turning one on Sept. 26. Follow this brave baby's story on Facebook...TeamSophia...*

*To Montrose High School cross country superstars Ian Meek and Evan Graf...continuing to lead the pack!*

*To the Haynes family, for turning heartbreak into hope... "Before You Hate Think of Cait."*

*And to my nephew Jesse Jacob and hip hop band Write Minded...back in the studio this week, another home grown Colorado group set to go worldwide...*

### WESTERN COLLECTIBLES DRAW CROWDS TO FRIENDSHIP HALL



*Shoppers turned out early for the Western Collectibles Show & Auction at Friendship Hall Saturday, Sept. 19. The show featured everything from bits and spurs to Native American artifacts, Western artwork, saddlery and tack.*

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### BLM PLANS INDIAN CREEK PRESCRIBED BURN

#### *Special to the Mirror*

**GUNNISON**— The Bureau of Land Management's Gunnison Field Office plans to begin a prescribed burn in the Indian Creek fuels treatment project area as early as Tuesday, September 22 or as conditions allow. The prescribed burn will treat about 125 acres of sage and ponderosa pine.

The prescribed burn, located 21 miles southwest of Gunnison, will reduce hazardous fuels adjacent to private development and improve wildlife habitat for elk and deer. The Indian Creek prescribed burn also reintroduces fire to a fire adapted ecosystem and will help restore healthy forests, species diversity and natural processes to the landscape.

An environmental analysis and detailed burn plan outline the parameters for this prescribed burn. The burn plan contains specific criteria regarding weather condi-

tions and air quality that must be met to help ensure control of the burn as well as to minimize the potential smoke impacts to local communities," said Randy Chappell, Fire Management Officer. The BLM has obtained a Smoke Permit which identifies atmospheric conditions under which the prescribed burn can be implemented from the Colorado State Air Pollution Control Division for this project.

Once initiated, this prescribed burn may take up to three days to complete. Fire crews will be onsite during the burn – as well as monitor the burn area following completion of the burn - to ensure public safety. While smoke may be visible in the area at times during the burn, most of the smoke will lift and dissipate during the warmest part of the day. Smoke may be visible in the area for several days after the burn is completed as vegetation in the inte-

rior of the burn continues to smolder.

For information on wildfires and restrictions in the area, call the Southwest District Fire Management Information line (970.240.1070), visit the MIFMU website ([http://gacc.nifc.gov/rmcc/dispatch\\_centers/r2mtc/](http://gacc.nifc.gov/rmcc/dispatch_centers/r2mtc/)), or follow us on Twitter ([https://twitter.com/SWD\\_Fire](https://twitter.com/SWD_Fire)) and Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/BLMMontroseFireUnit>).

*The Southwest District Fire Management program covers the BLM Colorado's Southwest District and the Gunnison Field Office (BLM), the Uncompahgre Field Office (BLM), and Tres Rios Field Office (BLM) in the Colorado counties of Archuleta, Conejos, Delta, Dolores, Gunnison, Hinsdale, La Plata, Mesa, Mineral, Montezuma, Montrose, Ouray, Rio Grande, Saguache, San Juan and San Miguel.*

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# OPINION/EDITORIAL

## AT WHAT COST ENVY?

### Mirror Staff Editorial

MONTROSE—On Sept. 20, 2015, guest columnist Bob Nicholson, who is also a member of the Montrose City Council, wrote an editorial that was published in the Sunday issue of the *Montrose Daily Press*.

Councilman Nicholson touted the accomplishments of the current city council and of City Manager Bill Bell, who was hired in July 2011. Mentioning the reduction in work force, early retirements and bruised feelings Nicholson said, "...it was an imperative act to solidify the future of the City. For example, we have restored budgets associated with maintenance and capital projects, and we can now rebuild roads, utility lines and buy new rotors for the sewage treatment plant."

The question from the community should be, "*Why do budgets associated with maintenance and capital projects have to be restored?*"

The City found funds to purchase the Black Canyon Golf Course and to build the Proximity Center (\$150,000), but according to Nicholson it is only recently that, "...we can now rebuild roads, utility lines and buy new rotors for the sewage treatment plant."

Borrowing from one fund to pay for another project is not new and most recently the city council approved moving money out of the water reserve to pay for the startup cost of a second dispatch center. Incoming revenues from other entities who join the city in the project will be used to

replenish and repay the water fund.

From the city council and city staff perspective, a second dispatch center will not cost the city any more than current dispatch fees required through Montrose County. While the city as an entity may not pay more, city residents live in both the city *and* the county and tax dollars will be required to support two dispatch centers.

A parting thought from Mr. Nicholson: "For now, suffice it to say that while these changes have been hard and painful, today, our City government is the envy and model for other cities around the state."

Constituents might prefer rebuilt roads, utility lines and rotors for the sewage treatment plant over envy.

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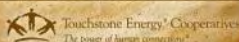
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# Experiencing the (local) Church

## WRITER GAIL MARVEL VISITS TABERNACLE OF LIFE PENTECOSTAL CHURCH



*By Gail Marvel*

The sign outside the Tabernacle of Life Pentecostal Church lists Sunday school at 10 am, followed by worship at 11 am. However, when I arrived prior to 11 the worship in song and testimony was just winding down and the praise team, accompanied by a keyboard, guitar, and drums, was on the tail end of their last praise song. The charismatic worshippers, with arms and hands raised heavenward were saying, —Yes Lord! Praise the Lord, Hallelujah, That's right! Praise His Name and Thank you Lord!”

My visit took place on July 19, 2015 and the pastor's wife met me at the door, handed me some church tracts and ushered me into the sanctuary. My pew-mate introduced herself and welcomed me to the service.

The service began by taking up the offering which was prefaced with the prayer, —Bless those who can give and those who cannot give.” Ten children were dismissed for Sunday school leaving about 15 adults to hear the sermon.

Absent any platitudes Pastor James Thomas jumped right into a prelude to the sermon, —What held Jesus to the cross wasn't the nails... it was love. The love he had for you and me is why he stayed on the

cross. The Lord looked down from the cross and forgave them. They didn't know what they were doing. We wouldn't have had redemption, or our sins forgiven, if Jesus hadn't stayed on the cross.”

The pastor believes that Jesus forgave those who took part in the crucifixion before the first nail was driven, before the first stripe on his back and before the first slap. Pastor Thomas said, —We have to be like that. We claim we want to be like Him, but the first thing we do is pray that God will get us out of those things [sufferings].”

The pastor reminded worshippers that when they look at the Holy Ghost they are looking at the Spirit of God. He said, —We people become calloused, we're not as sensitive as we should be... It bothers me that people get to a place where they are not feeling like they used to. The Holy Ghost is as powerful today as ever.”

During the reading of the sermon text (Matthew 3:1-12) which speaks of John the Baptist preaching repentance, three worshippers stood in reverence to hearing God's Word spoken aloud. Pastor Thomas structured his sermon to go from the baptism of repentance, to the early church described in the book of Acts and then transitioned into application and observa-

tions in the church today.

The pastor said, —Sometimes the flesh overrides the Spirit. I can't stand here and tell you that my flesh has never overrun the Spirit. I still have to repent all the time. I don't know any preacher that should be put on a pedestal.” The pastor differentiated between baptism of repentance and baptism of the Holy Ghost. He said, —People say, —Why do you Pentecostals go back to the book of Acts?” Because it is the book of the Apostles. Some people would rather read Matthew 28 than Acts 2:38. In the first and second chapter of Acts when the Holy Ghost was poured out they were baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.”

Of believers today Pastor Thomas said, —God's fire is still burning in the hearts and lives of his people. Fire is needed, it represents purification ... it burns up the dross in our lives. People pray God will take them out of a trial, out of the fire. We should be asking for more fuel to be added to the fire!”

*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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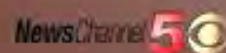
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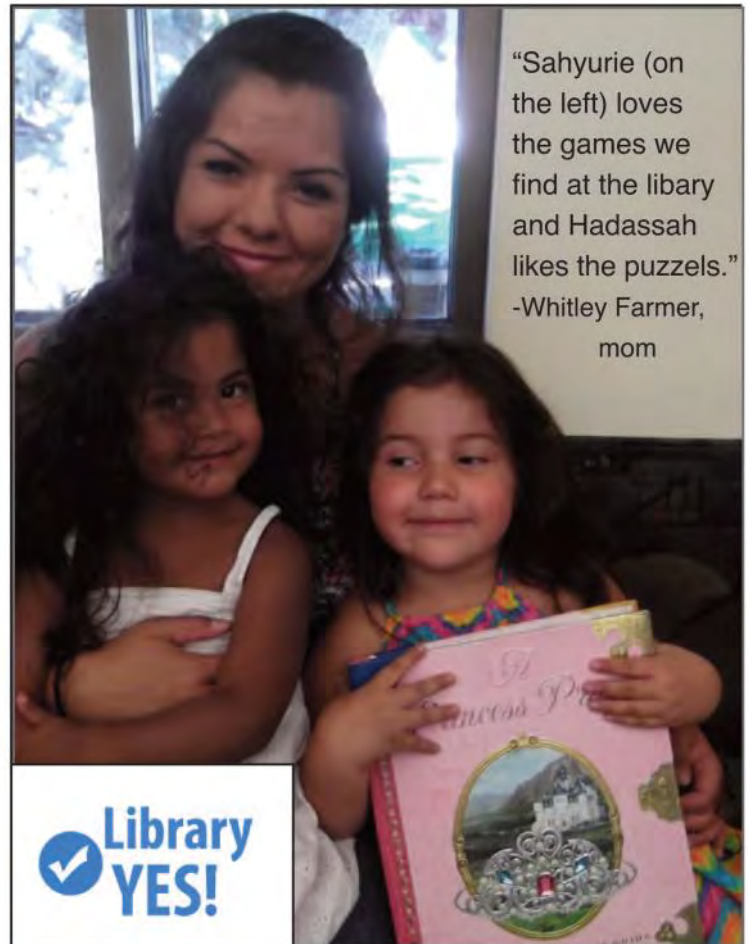
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MONTROSE-Donations of used art supplies are needed--and would be GREATLY APPRECIATED!--for sale at the Farmer's Market on Sat., Sept. 26: Montrose Center for the Arts fundraiser! (materials for all art media). Please contact Fran LeBlanc for pickup: [livlots4@gmail.com](mailto:livlots4@gmail.com). SUPPORT MCA: Attend the next planning meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 22, 7 p.m., at the UCC Church, 611 S. Hillcrest! And check out our Facebook page!



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### A PASSION FOR SERVING OTHERS: CHAPLAIN AT VALLEY MANOR CARE CENTER BEGAN AS A VOLUNTEER



*A passion for helping others turned into a full-time career for Chaplain Scott Myers. Courtesy photo.*

#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE -- A passion for helping others turned into a full-time career for Chaplain Scott Myers. Myers path to becoming a minister began as a volunteer. In 2010, Myers began giving his time as a volunteer with Volunteers of America's Senior Community Care program making home visits to participants. During this time, Myers said he truly learned to trust in the Lord to supply his needs.

"I heard God's call, which is why I started volunteering," Myers said. "About 14 months later, Valley Manor asked if I would become their community chaplain. I was previously employed at Valley Manor in the maintenance department and around 2005 I became more and more interested in ministry and spreading God's word."

Many people may not know that Volunteers of America is a national church. Ministers serving with Volunteers of America are drawn from every Christian denomination and are encouraged to serve as active members of other churches. This understanding of ministry derives from the

foundation of Volunteers of America as both a church and an "auxiliary" to the universal Christian church with a special mission of service as decreed by the founders. To be accepted as spiritual leaders in the ministry of service, Volunteers of America ministers must meet requirements for theological study and spiritual formation.

"We have an application available for any employee, volunteer, board member or other constituent who wishes to become a minister with us," Regional Director of Operations,

Craig Ammermann said. "Each accepted applicant has a course of study for a nine month period beginning in October and with successful completion of the course is officially commissioned at a church service in June at our national conventions." Ammermann became a Volunteers of America minister in 2013. Minister applicants are paired with an existing minister to act as a mentor throughout the course.

"In 2011, I decided to become a minister with the Volunteers of America church. Harry Quiet, the president of ministry services for Volunteers of America in the Washington, D.C. headquarters office became my mentor. Harry came to visit me here at Valley Manor and was always there for me when I needed guidance," Myers said.

After becoming a commissioned minister, Myers quickly applied his skills to creating a Bible study schedule for Valley Manor residents. The group began with four and has grown to 14 regular attendees in a short period of time.

"It's incredible," Myers said. "The residents will forgo an afternoon nap to join the Bible study. We read verse by verse, chapter by chapter. I want to take as much time as is needed to help them understand each passage. And I love it when they ask questions because then we truly begin to discuss the word of the Lord."

Myers sees the positive effect of spiritual counseling on a daily basis.

"We now have a resident leader who will help others to their room," he said. "The concept of love your neighbor as you love yourself is taking effect. It's amazing to see the greater sense of peace in this individual."

His plans don't stop with Bible study. Myers wants to concentrate on end of life counseling and support.

"I've seen people change when faced with end of life situations. Many choose to accept Jesus as their savior at this time. I want to provide choices and comfort in those last days, answer their questions and give them hope for eternal life," he said.

Myers said there are two messages he likes to share frequently: that Jesus is still healing today and that positive things happen to positive people.

"If you're in a good mood, you're going to have a good day," he said. "And others will feel that positive energy."

Myers was invited to an ordination conference in April of this year at Duke University in Durham, NC. Volunteers of America sent him to take part in a workshop where various professors from across the country discussed theology. His goal is to become an ordained minister either through Volunteers of America or through another course.

### WRIGHT OPERA HOUSE TO SHOW "UNBRANDED" OCT. 7

#### *Special to the Mirror*

OURAY-As part of its 'Almost Every Wednesday Night' movie program, the film 'Unbranded', which won the Audience Award at Telluride Mountainfilm, will be back in Colorado on October 7th at the Wright Opera House for a one time screening and silent auction. "Our movie program has been quite successful this year," says Nancy Nixon, president of the Friends of the Wright Opera House, the nonprofit organization that owns and is restoring the Wright. "We've had several very high

quality independent films attract large crowds this year, and we hope that Unbranded will top them all and attract a strong showing from local ranchers in our community."

Unbranded will show on Oct. 7th at 7 pm at the Wright. Tickets are \$15 and are available online. Proceeds will be applied to the restoration of the facility.

**About the film-Four young Cowboys** hatch an outrageous plot to adopt, train, and ride a string of wild mustangs 3,000 miles from Mexico to Canada through the

wildest terrain of the American West. The trip became an epic journey of self-discovery, tested friendships, and iconic landscapes that included runaway horses, a sassy donkey, perilous mountain passes, rodeos, sickness, injury, and death.

The Audience Award winner at Telluride Mountainfilm and Hot Docs Film Festival, Unbranded is a soaring tale of danger and resilience, an emotionally charged odyssey that shines a bright light on the complex plight of our country's wild horses.



Ridgway's Third Annual  
**"PAINT-IN-THE-PARK"**  
*Plein Air Event*



Sponsored by Public Art Ridgway Colorado (PARC) & the Weaver Family Foundation

**PLACE:** Dennis Weaver Memorial Park, Ridgway, Colorado  
**DATE:** Saturday, October 3  
**TIME:** Paint from dawn until 3:30 pm

**ALL ARTISTS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE**  
**No Entry Fee**

12:00 pm - Complimentary riverside picnic lunch for all participants  
4:00 pm - Judging of paintings:

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PARC will frame and donate the winning entries to the Town of Ridgway  
Pieces will be part of a permanent collection in Ridgway Town Hall

4:30 pm - Wine & cheese reception/celebration

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Artists please RSVP by Wed. Sept. 30th - call Lupita's Bizarre Bazaar at 970-626-5050  
Questions and Instructions -- call Rick at 970-275-8866



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# OPINION/EDITORIAL-LETTERS

## WHY IS IT ALWAYS "MY WAY OR THE HIGHWAY?"

Dear Editor:

Ms. Morgenstern wants to change the City Council because they dumped the Parks Advisory Committee of which she was the self-appointed chairwoman. Why must it be this way? Apparently the lady's cause (the committee) was obsolete. There is no reason that because something is begun (and has been useful) that it must go on forever or because it has always been done one way, that it must or should continue that way. Do we mow the grass all winter because we did it all summer? Is there not another cause in Montrose worthy of her energy, experience and devotion?

This idea that this committee was 'grandmothered-in' (pun intended) is absurd. It fosters bureaucratic perpetuation, growth, inefficiency, expense and government constipation. It costs money. Oh yes, the committee members served for free but not all the attendant employees did. Their time costs money and the unneeded 'advice', meetings and disruption all cost money. Why cannot we as a community agree that all assets (time, money and effort), are finite, that there is only so much of everything and efficient use is paramount to achieve a better city for all.

It is rather pleasant to see that our city fathers (and mothers) thought it prudent to lop-off this syst, to streamline their operation, to save tax money. I trust that they saved nothing and just applied the savings where the need was greater.

The first rule of holding an elected (or appointed) position is that once you assume the position you represent the entire electorate. People motivated by only single issues do not do that and generally lose interest when 'their' issue goes away. We do not elect our council by party affiliation, where our home is located, personal agendas or what park is close by are all secondary issues supposedly subservient to what is best for the whole community. I say, "Out, out with grinding the personal axes!"

Our city has five counsellors. Discussion is done by five, mature, educated minds. Hopefully these are truly representatives of ALL the people. Decisions emanating from those discussions need three votes for adoption. We should be able to respect 3 to 2 votes on city decisions when the decisions of the county on issues that financially dwarf the city's are done by a 2 to 1 majority. And the 'minds' on council seem to be working fairly and well on the 'common good' principle.

Good candidates can come from all walks of life, in all colors, religions and political parties. They turn bad when they pragmatically promote their parochial issues with mindsets that are obstinate to the views of others. They turn bad when their origins supplant their reasoning abilities (common sense) on issues of the 'common good'----either by themselves or of their peers.

Representatives that do that, if in the minority of a board, will inevitably snipe at other members if they 'lose' the vote on 'their' pet issue. Should not be so. When you are on a board, elected or appointed, you must be above 'your issue'. You may strongly argue for your position but when the vote is taken the issue is decided and one must accept that the stronger argument, the better viewpoint and that the more reasonable solution prevailed. For the good of the whole. If you prevailed you will gladly hail the decision, if the opposite is true.....well. It is like a foot race, when you come in second there is no appeal. Nor should there be. You did your best. Suck it up, button your lips and enjoy the fact that you did your best. Move on to the next race (issue), not endeavor to degrade the opposition's victory with criticism and vitriol. Public decisions should not be personal desires.

Apparently Ms. Morgenstern's education and life's experiences have not taught her that. She was defeated on the position she took about the Parks Advisory Committee issue and now wants vengeance. A personal vendetta? The reader may decide---but an elected board is not the place for that mentality; a mentality that will not serve our city well.

William Bennett  
Montrose



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## Hold the Date! Upcoming Business and Cultural Events

### ONGOING-

**"SOUVENIR" OPENS THEATRE SEASON AT MAGIC CIRCLE-**"Souvenir", A Fantasia on the Life of Florence Foster Jenkins, is a musical comedy showing at Magic Circle Theatre on Sept. 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, and 26, at 7:30 p.m., with Sunday matinees Sept. 13 and 20 at 2 p.m. Magic Circle Theatre is located at 420 S. 12th St. For information: 970-249-7838 or website at: [www.magiccircleplayers.com](http://www.magiccircleplayers.com). Box office hours: Tuesday through Thursday, 2 to 5 p.m.

**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](mailto: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 21<sup>st</sup>, Tuesday Aug. 18<sup>th</sup>, and Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>!!

**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. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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-

**Sept. 21**-World Affairs Council of Western Colorado welcomes journalist T.R. Reid to Grand Junction's Avalon Theater, 7 p.m. The event is free to students and members of WACWC. An admittance fee of \$10 will be charged to nonmembers.

**Sept. 22**-Montrose Center for the Arts planning meeting, Hillcrest UCC at 611 S. Hillcrest. 7 p.m.

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

**Sept. 22**-National Voter Registration Day-The League of Women Voters will be in the Montrose library/CMU foyer to assist eligible voters with Online voter registration Monday, 9/21: 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday, 9/22: 10:30-12:30 & 1:30-5 p.m.

**Sept. 24**-Coffee with Your Co-op! San Miguel Power Association will be at Tracks Café and Bar, 670 Mt. Village Boulevard in Mt. Village from 9 a.m. to 11a.m. Coffee and pastries are free.

**Sept. 25-26**-Makers Market at Montrose Elks Lodge, 5 to 9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

**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](http://www.sneffelsfiberfest.com).

**Sept. 25**-In conjunction with the Ridgway Creative District, the 3rd Annual Sneffels Fiber Festival, and Weehawken Creative Arts, the next Ridgway MoonWalk will take place from 6 to 9 PM at Resource Art Gallery & Co-op (540 Sherman St. in downtown Ridgway). Light refreshments and beverages provided. Please join us for a celebratory and fun evening of creativity! Go to [www.sneffelsfiberfest.com](http://www.sneffelsfiberfest.com), [www.ridgwaycreativedistrict.com](http://www.ridgwaycreativedistrict.com) or [www.facebook.com/RidgwayMoonWalks](http://www.facebook.com/RidgwayMoonWalks) to learn more.

**Sept. 25**-6 to 9 p.m., Opening Reception for Woven, Threads of Community. Ridgway's Resource Gallery, artwork on display through Oct. 23. Call 970-626-5308 for info.

**Sept. 25**-The Radio Room proudly presents The Navigators, recording live in the KAFM Radio Room, Friday, Sept. 25, 2015, 7:30 PM. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door and may be purchased by calling (970) 241-8801, Ext 0 or online at [www.kafmradio.org](http://www.kafmradio.org). The Radio Room is located at 1310 Ute Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501. Doors open at 7 p.m.

**Sept. 25**-The Zikr Dance Ensemble returns to Ouray on Friday, September 25 at 7 pm at the Wright Opera House, sponsored by Ouray County Performing Arts Guild. For further information, please contact David Taylor at [davidtaylor.zikr@hotmail.com](mailto:davidtaylor.zikr@hotmail.com) or Ouray County Performing Arts Guild at [ocpaginfo@gmail.com](mailto:ocpaginfo@gmail.com).

**Sept. 26**-Third Annual Sharing Ministries Street Dance, Centennial Plaza. 3 to 9 p.m. Featuring the Stupid Band, with openers Ghost River Band and the Lugnuts.

**Sept. 26**-Montrose Natural Market Gluten Free Food and Vitamin Fair! Gluten Free lecture by our Nutritional Health Coach starting at 10 am; fair from 11-2pm.

**Sept. 26**-Sushi Night at the Western Hotel in Ouray, \$39 per person, with Chef Yaz. Reservations required; call 970-325-4645 or email [office@tanyishikawa.com](mailto:office@tanyishikawa.com).

**Sept. 26**--7 to 10 p.m. Join the Sherbino Theater in Ridgway for an intimate evening of Grammy Award winning music from Gordon Kennedy and singer/songwriter/story telling duo Chris and Jan Harris (Rodeo and Juliet) from Nashville. This seated performance will cost \$20 at the door and will also feature a sneak preview of a film-documentary they are co-producing on the life of John Billings, "The Grammy Man," the maker of The Grammy Awards. Doors and cash bar are at 7 pm with the music beginning at 7:30 pm.

**Sept. 27**-MontroseCommunity Band Concert, Montrose Pavilion 7 p.m. Admission is free. "Out of This World."

**Oct. 2**-Comedy Night at the Sherbino Theater in Ridgway. Comedians Rio Hillman and Jordan Dunn. \$5. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.

**Oct. 3**-Third Annual Paint in the Park Plein Air Event, Dawn until 3 p.m. Dennis Weaver Memorial Park in Ridgway. No entry fee; all artists welcome! \$600 in prize money to be awarded. RSVP by Sept. 30 by calling 970-626-5050. For information call Rick Weaver at 970-275-8866.

**Oct. 7-8**-DMEA Member Appreciation Days, from 10 am to 3 pm at the Read Service Center, 21191 H75 Road, Delta, CO, and on Oct. 8, from 9 am to 4 pm at the Montrose Headquarters, 11925 6300 Road, Montrose.

**Oct. 7**-Resource Fair for Families of Children with Disabilities to be held from 10 AM to 7 PM at the Montrose Fair Grounds. There will be free food, adaptive technology suggestions, and information available to all families of children with special needs who attend.

**Oct. 10**-Sixth Annual Pumpkin Decorating Event, 58380 Jig Road. Donations are encouraged and appreciated. Benefit for "Before You Hate Think of Cait." 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Free pumpkins for kids, hot dogs and chile, chuckwagon dessert. Bobbing for apples, Music by Bar D Wranglers. 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

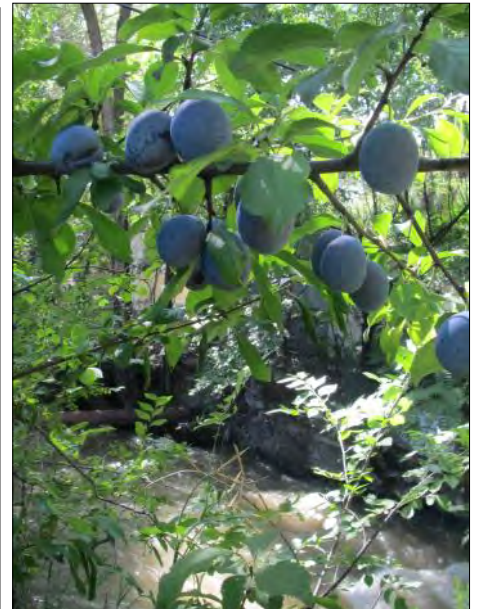
**Oct. 10**-Montrose Farmers Market Harvest Festival, featuring music by Stosch, Good Times Music Co.. 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Farm Fresh Luncheon Fundraiser 11a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Oct. 10**-SoBo Four to perform at the Lark and Sparrow. Reservations required. [www.thelarkandsparrow.com](http://www.thelarkandsparrow.com). Doors open at 6:30 p.m., concert begins at 7:30 p.m.

**Oct. 10**-23rd Annual "One Step Closer to Help and Hope" 5K Walk and 5 & 10K Run on Saturday, October 10th. The walk/run begins at 9 am with registration beginning at 8 am at the Montrose Pavilion. The cost for the event is \$30.00 before the event and \$35.00 the day of the event. Registrations on the day of the event will include a T-shirt while supplies last. Otherwise, your shirt will be mailed to you after the event. **New this year, for your convenience, you may register on line at [www.bosombuddiesswc.org](http://www.bosombuddiesswc.org)**



# CDPHE TO LOOK INTO WASTE SITE ALONG CEDAR CREEK



## Mirror Staff Report

MONTROSE-On Sept. 17, 2015, Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE) opened an investigation into the illegal dump site bordering Cedar Creek, which feeds into the Uncompahgre River, and which is located on the grounds of the San Juan Trailer Park operated by the Great Homes Company of Grand Junction. Calls to City Manager Bill Bell and Mayor David Romero have not been returned.

*Photos are of Cedar Creek where it crosses under Main Street and of the waste site in the San Juan Trailer Park that borders the Creek.*



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*The River Stone Jazz Trio entertained the crowd at Ridgway Chamber Business After Hours hosted by Friends of the Ridgway Schools at Ridgway Elementary School last Thursday. The trio is made up of saxophonist Yasuo Ishikawa of Colona, drummer Chris Goplerud of Ridgway and bassist Mike Enriquez of Rico, who also perform with other bands in the area. Photo by Tanya Ishikawa.*

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