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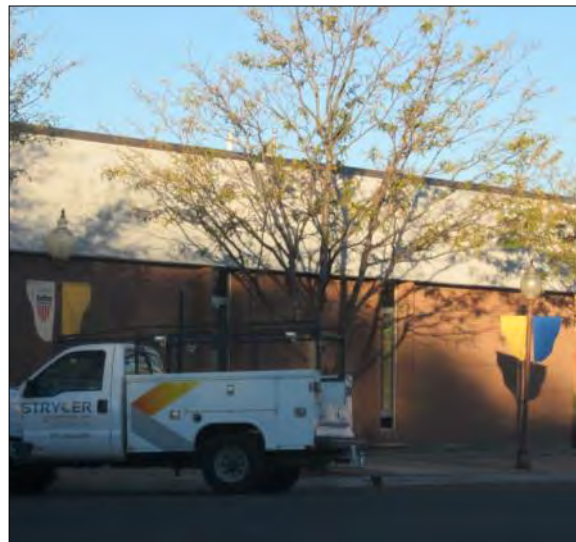
NEW DOCUMENTS CAST DOUBT ON CITY TIMELINE, REASONS FOR \$500K SOLE SOURCE WAIVER

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Despite a heartfelt plea from a local contractor, Montrose City Council approved a \$500,000 construction contract without a public bid process on Tuesday, Oct. 6, citing a short timeline. However, documents that have surfaced since the meeting, including an early copy of the *Independent Contractor and Professional Services Agreement*, indicate that the agreement between the City and Stryker & Company was already in the works Aug. 18. And in a second communication from City Facilities Manager Mark Armstrong dated Aug. 31, Armstrong requests that Stryker provide his relevant dispatch center experience for use in pursuing a sole source waiver for the job.

Representatives from Ridgway Valley Enterprises requested at the Oct. 6 Council meeting that Council table its consideration of the Sole Source Waiver to award a design building contract to Stryker & Company, Inc. for construction of the Western Colorado Regional Dispatch Center (WCRDC) at a guaranteed maximum price of \$505,943.66, including 10 percent owner's contingency. During the public hearing, Ridgway Valley Enterprises"

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New documents reveal that the City's contract with Stryker & Company was in the works for weeks before the Council meeting of Oct. 6, at which the \$500K construction contract was awarded through a sole source waiver.

TRUNK OR TREAT!

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Once again, two wildly popular Trunk or Treat events will return to Montrose for Halloween. On South Townsend in the KFC parking lot, Black Canyon Classics will host a Trunk or Treat Oct. 31 from 5 to 8 p.m., "or until the candy runs out." Last year, close to 500 kids showed up, organizer Bob Brahler said. "We really like to see the kids dressed up and everything," he said.

At the Montrose County Fairgrounds, Crossroads Victory Church is once again welcoming families to Friendship Hall for Trunk or Treat from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Last year, about 5,000 people showed up for the event, which is now in its third year, said Crossroads Victory Church Youth Pastor Phil Wortz.

"This year, if we can get enough cars we can expand into the beef barn and sale barn," he said. "We're aiming to have at least 100."

There is no registration fee for the businesses who bring a vehicle, he added. "There is [a form on our web site](#) that you can fill out

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Expect this year's Trunk or Treat at the Montrose County Fairgrounds to be bigger and better than ever, organizers say.

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CRESTED BUTTE MOUNTAIN RESORT UNVEILS UMBRELLA BAR, 2015 SKI PASS DEALS!



Crested Butte Mountain Resort opens for the season Nov. 25, and everybody skis free! Courtesy photo.

By Caitlin Switzer

CRESTED BUTTE—Like the region's two other ski resorts, Crested Butte Mountain Resort could not be more excited for the

2015-2016 ski season. New at CB for 2015-16 is the Umbrella Bar at Ten Peaks, a \$1 million capital improvement project complete with a 2,000 square-foot deck and 360-degree views. Best of all, the 35-foot Umbrella Bar and adjoining food cabin will be accessible to skiers of all abilities, said Crested Butte Marketing Communications Manager Megan Collins.

Especially welcome are the new flushable toilets, made possible by a newly-installed water line.

"It's gonna be awesome," Collins said. "Umbrella bars are popular in Europe. The umbrella is retractable, with glass windows. This is the best beach on the moun-

tain—right at mid-mountain for the longest amount of sun.

"And flushable toilets! We are SO excited!"

Crested Butte continues to glade trees in the East River area as well, Collins said.

"Intermediate skiers can have the tree experience, with more room to maneuver," she said.


Opening Day is Wednesday, Nov. 25, and this year's theme is "Pirates," Collins said.

"Everybody skis for free!" she said. "Montrose, you better drive over for a free day of skiing and events, music and prize giveaways!"

The best pirate accent just might win a prize, she added. CB has a variety of passes for sale this season in addition to the traditional annual pass, including the anytime pass, getaway pass, and college quad card.

Reps will be in Montrose at the Sports Authority from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Nov. 21-23, Collins said.

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Karen Connor

Montrose-Delta League of Women Voters

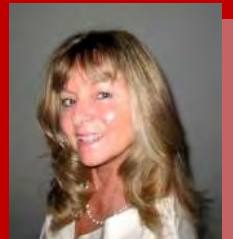
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TEACHER OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS SOUGHT!

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The Montrose Education Foundation, Inc. is seeking nominations for the 2016 Montrose County School District RE-IJ Teacher of the Year. The

award, now in its fourteenth year, recognizes licensed classroom teachers for the significant contributions they make to their schools, district, and community. The program is modeled after the Colorado

Teacher of the Year Program.

One teacher from each of the three levels (elementary, middle school, and high school) will receive the award. Nominees are individuals who: Inspire students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn; Have the respect and admiration of students, parents, community, and colleagues; Play an active and useful role in the community as well as in their school; and Demonstrate high levels of academic achievement by their students.

Nominations may be made by a student, parent, community member, or colleague. A nominee must hold a Colorado teaching license and be employed by Montrose County School District. The deadline is November 9, 2015. The application packet is available at www.montroseeeducation.org. Each nomination will be reviewed by the Montrose Education Foundation, and those nominees who meet the selection criteria will be introduced at the American Education Week reception hosted by the Foundation on Thursday, November 19, 2015. Winners will be announced on March 22, 2016.

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NEW DOCUMENTS CAST DOUBT ON CITY TIMELINE From pg 1

Katee McCollum asked Council to reconsider the decision to award the contract through a sole source waiver, citing the City's own requirements and expected construction industry practices.

"The standard procedure is a public bid process," McCollum said, noting that sole source waivers are intended for circumstances in which a good or service can be obtained from only one source. "I know of at least three local companies interested in bidding this job."

She noted that a bid for furniture for the second community Dispatch Center was put out for bid, resulting in a savings of public funds, and that when spending taxpayer dollars a public bid process is the proper way to award a contract.

McCollum also asked how a three-month old company such as Stryker & Company could possess the experience cited in a Sept. 30 memo from City Facilities Manager Mark Armstrong to Council: *"The design team consisting of Stryker & Company Inc., Bighorn Engineering and Motley Architecture was chosen to provide these professional services based on their immediate availability, experience in constructing dispatch centers in this region and successful past projects with the City of Montrose."*

According to documents filed with the Colorado Secretary of State, Stryker & Company [filed its Articles of Incorporation on](#) July 6, 2015.

Prior to starting Stryker & Company, Scott Stryker was McCollum's partner at Ridgway Valley Enterprises. Ridgway Valley Enterprises General Manager Steve

Putnam also spoke before Council.

Calling it a very tough decision given his long association and friendship with Stryker, Putnam said, "We have families to feed just as they do. Please do the right thing and open this up for public bid."

Councilor Kathy Ellis noted that "it feels like our hand is forced."

Councilor Bob Nicholson cited his own "expertise" in construction contracting and the "cash reimbursable" nature of the deal with Stryker & Company, before commenting that the situation amounts to "an emergency." Another company owned by Scott Stryker, Valley Disaster Services, has been performing remediation work at the former Police Department Building which was flooded several months ago during a roof repair. "Frankly, they are already on site," Nicholson said. "I don't think it behooves the City to interrupt our Dispatch Center planning to go through a two-month planning and bidding process."

Stryker was asked to address Council, and stated that the award was handled as it was because of a tight timeline, the "team

spirit" his company brings to the project, and a shared project supervisor with the Police Department remediation project. "We are three months old but we are totally bonded," Stryker said, rubbing his chin. "And we have a longstanding relationship with the City of Montrose."

Putnam commented that it should not be one company or another, but about the transparency of the competitive process, and a lack of complete information conveyed in conversations with City Manager Bill Bell. "How do you know this is a competitive bid?" he asked. "We are also fully capable of performing this project, but were never given the opportunity to bid."

City Manager Bill Bell responded to concerns as well, stating that Putnam had taken his comments "out of context."

"There's no procurement violation here," Bell said, also citing the "emergency nature of the project." "...Council has exempted themselves from the procurement process in the past; this is nothing new." The award was then approved by Council in a unanimous vote.

OURAY COUNTY ARTS HOSTS ANNUAL MEETING

Special to the Mirror

RIDGWAY—Oct. 24-Notice of Annual Meeting-Ouray County Arts Association. Public and members invited to share in refreshments and learn about the organization and how you might fit in. Saturday, Oct. 24, 10 AM. Ridgway State Park Visitors Center. Hwy 550, Ridgway. Information: 626-9737.

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MONTROSE-Altrusa of Montrose is offering a new event this November 7 to raise funds to benefit our community and others with connections to the people of Montrose. The Altrusa Autumn Affair will be held in the beautifully-restored Lark & Sparrow Historic Venue at 511 E. Main Street from 5:30 to 9 p.m. The evening will feature live jazz by The House Blend, delicious appetizers and desserts catered by The Bistro, and a silent auction with a fun twist.

Along with gift baskets and centerpieces, the auction will include two special collections of gift cards and gift certificates from local merchants for a wide range of goods and services. The winning bidders on these baskets of gift cards can use all the cards for themselves or can give some away as gifts for others.

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Altrusa of Montrose volunteers for Bosom Buddies at their annual walk/run, organizes and donates books for Seasons Readings, provides a children's library for

CASA, offers awards for teaching excellence at our local schools, contributes to Adult Basic Education, provides books to every First Grade student in our district (in a joint project with the Montrose Library and Rotary), helps sponsor the Montrose Community Dinner (Thanksgiving), donates Love Hug Bears to MMH to give to young patients, grants scholarships to local students, and has provided assistance to many organizations such as HopeWest, Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity, Dolphin House, Passage Charter School, Montrose Botanic Gardens, and many more.

Tickets are available through October 31 for \$35 each; starting November 1, the price goes to \$40. Tickets may be purchased at Fabula, 317 E. Main, during regular business hours, or from Brown Paper Tickets online at <http://altrusa.bpt.me>. Brown Paper Tickets charges a small processing fee for each ticket sold.

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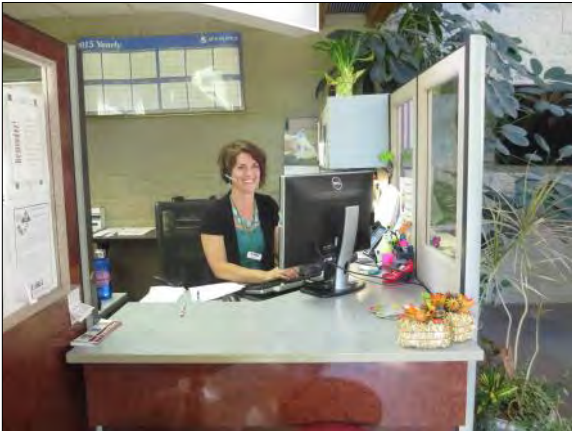


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COMMUNITY LIGHTNING RODS

Voices that spark conversations

AT HOME I'M DEFINITELY SECOND IN COMMAND: DOUG GLASPELL



*Montrose Citizen Doug Glaspell.
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Interview by Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-Doug Glaspell attended college in Greeley before going to work for IBM in Boulder. During his 30-year career with IBM he worked in construction management and managed facility safety and security. After retirement Doug spent seven years in the furniture restoration business, "I felt like I was too young to retire completely."

During his college years Doug participated in Young Republicans and while living in Trophy Club, TX, a community of under 5,000, he was elected to four two-year terms on city council; one year as mayor pro-tem. He said, "I've always dabbled in local politics, but municipal government is time consuming. I attended two or three meetings a week and my wife Sandra finally said no more. You get to a certain age and have to ask, do I really want to tie up that much of my life? There is a time com-

mitment if you really want to do a good job."

Over the years Doug has served on a variety of committees including the fire department, golf course green and the airport advisory board. Currently he is on the Montrose City Planning Commission and the 7th Judicial District's Victims Assistance Law Enforcement (VALE) program, "I've never been really happy about sitting down and getting old."

The Glaspell's moved to Montrose 10 years ago and immediately Doug began attending city council and county commissioner meetings. He said, "I attend about 75% of their meetings — it's the cheapest entertainment in town!"

For a year and a half Doug was a trustee on the Montrose Hospital Board; however an overlooked stipulation in a Colorado statute kept him from holding dual appointments on other county boards. "The statute allows for dual appointments in towns like Olathe, but not in cities like Montrose."

Doug considers himself a concerned citizen who is interested in the local activities and in voicing his own opinion. "Some people ask me questions because they know I'm involved." After reading a notice in the paper about a Project 7 water board meeting Doug decided to attend. He said, "They were tickled to have me there, but they asked, 'Why are you here?' They couldn't believe anyone would read public notices. I went to a couple of their meet-

ings and it was interesting. It's too bad, but no one turns out to meetings except to complain."

While Doug does not seek to be a leader, he occasionally finds himself in leadership positions. "When you look at the community you might see some mover-shakers, but they're not stepping up. It goes back to people being involved." Making a thought-provoking observation Doug said, "In service organizations it's the real-estate people that are the main focus; they are the mover-shakers. I think it's unfortunate to load a board up with only one type of person ...and two of our county commissioners are in real-estate."

As to whether he feels respected in the community Doug said, "Well I think so... no one has told me to go hide and stay away. When I approach elected officials they may not always agree with me, but at least they act like they're interested in my thoughts."

As one who speaks up at public meetings and writes letters-to-the-editor Doug said, "I try to make informed decisions...but sometimes I speak out about things I'm not educated about."

Doug considers life experience and being involved in the community as credentials for voicing opinions. However, wife Sandra tries to keep him in check, "When I leave the house she'll say, 'Remember your name is Glaspell and we have to live here!'" At home I'm definitely second in command."

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Special to the Mirror

AVON - Alan Himelfarb, Executive Director of Starting Hearts, a Colorado-based non-profit dedicated to saving lives through CPR/AED education and AED placement, has announced that the organization has been selected to compete in Revlon's LOVE IS ON \$1 Million Challenge. "We are so honored to be accepted by Revlon to compete in this wonderful contest to raise awareness about women's health issues related to heart disease, cancer, and diabetes," says Himelfarb. "With only about 100 nonprofits selected across the nation, we are privileged to have this opportunity." Revlon states, "Revlon's mission is to spread LOVE. With the Revlon LOVE IS ON Million Dollar Challenge, it is our goal to inspire compassion and ignite the spirit of giving to important women's health causes."

The Revlon LOVE IS ON Million Dollar Challenge is an online fundraising competition created to help charities, dedicated to leading women's health issues, raise as much money as possible over the course of 6 weeks. Throughout the challenge, Revlon will be donating \$1.4 million to competing organizations. The organization that raises the most donations for their cause, between Sept. 21st at 12pm ET and Oct. 29th at 1:59:59pm ET, will win an additional ONE MILLION DOLLAR donation from Revlon for their cause. The runner-up will receive \$250,000 and there will also be weekly bonus challenges totaling up to an additional \$150,000."

Himelfarb adds, "Imagine if we actually won the \$1 million prize. We could significantly advance our mission to make the

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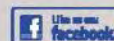
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OPINION/EDITORIAL-LETTERS

LET CITY OFFICIALS DO THEIR JOBS WITHOUT KIBITZING

Dear Editor:

By definition an "attempt to expose corruption". "A futile attempt" to find something where there is nothing. All with the idea of pinning something, anything, true or not, on a highly effectual City Manager and the Council that establishes City policies. Everything and everybody is wrong or at fault. All senior and middle management displease Ms. Morganstern!

Her research is comprised of listening to unsubstantiated third party chatter and for lack of a better word, gossip.

It is gossip since no one of sound mind believes such innuendo just because she has said it. On the slim chance that she could be right I did the research on the subjects she brought up and this is what I found.

The Dispatch Center debacle began with an exorbitant fee increase laid upon all users by the county followed by the county's abject refusal to explain (account for the need (where the money went or was to go). The county absolutely refused to account for the money or to relinquish its demand for „veto“ authority over the board's decisions. All the rest of the discussion (Bell, the Council, the police chief and otherwise) is unadulterated rubbish. Rightfully, reasonable action was taken by the City to lead the way out of the intransigence of the county morass and into accountable democratic governance of the dispatch center.

On this issue, an offer made to everyone in Ms. Morganstern's public meeting by the Police Chief to speak with anyone and everyone concerned about the Dispatch Center. It has been almost three weeks and there have been no takers. So much for sincerity of the demands. I guess getting the facts does not matter. Let's all throw hissy-fits in total ignorance.

Street signs. Whatever the alleged issue, there are only two reasons for street signs. First to enable the use of addresses for mail deliveries and to visit friends. The second is to enable police, fire and rescue services to find a citizen in need. Who really gives a flying flip about logos. Street signs are by nature, ugly. Not decoration for the corner. Anyway until you are ten feet away the logos all just look like someone spilled paint. Personally I would hope we do not pay extra to have the logos.

An audit of personal records by Mr. Dee Laird shows that there were some 8 employees (exclusive of police candidates) terminated in the immediate past FOUR years. That is nowhere near 60 as Ms. M alleges. Why could Ms. Morganstern have not collected such information herself before spewing her totally false and off-the-wall vitriol?

Mr. Harris "not living in Montrose"? What does it matter? I sure hope the city is issuing him a 1099 for the use of the car. Maybe Marge you ought to take a look at public records regarding that.

Eighty acres purchased for the city? Really. Did you research this or did you get it from the third server at the Chinese buffet? This may well be so. But so what? If our city ends up having no use for the land or just needs money in the future it is most likely to sell for more than was paid. Actually Marge as former „chairperson of the Parks Advisory Committee“ you should know that parks take land. Just where do you think the land for parks, pavilions, golf courses and botanical gardens come from. What about roundabouts and wider streets. This 80 acre bit is highly suspect and quoted by you without foundation or an apparent attempt to tell the whole story.

The monetary charges for open records.

Ideally this would not be necessary but the fact is a few bad actors have spoiled it for all of us. We should not be paying clerks to be reference librarians for the public. If the public wants records they should pay whether the public is a private citizen, an attorney, a business or another governmental agency. It makes one look everywhere before dropping off an open records request and demanding others do it for them. It stops unreasonable and/or spurious requests.

By the way, every entity, government or private, subject to open records act requests have implemented similar fees for just that reason and it has worked marvelously well.

You state that the city, county and state received sales tax revenue and this is true. State 2.9%; County 2.05% and City 3.0% for a total of 7.95% and a .3% pass thru for the new fat farm. There isn't a tax our residents do not like. You could be asking questions like "Why does the county collect a 2% sales tax AND our property taxes as well. Or why there is a PIF. Or why are Montrose City and County the only such entities in Colorado to collect a sales tax on food? These are some real issues.

I would suggest, Ms. Morganstern that you find some real issues if you want to upset applecarts.

We have a fine council. Five people with brains and the ability to reason with issues and with each other. Councilors who apparently issue clear and concise guidance to their manager who is capable of implementing their policies.

This is the first time in the fifteen years I have lived in Montrose that this has been so. In the words of President Reagan, let us "trust but verify", but lets let them do their job without your inane kibitzing.

Bill Bennett, Montrose



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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

MONTROSE COUNTY SHERIFF RELEASES STATEMENT RE: DISPATCH

To the Citizens of Montrose County:

MONTROSE—"Given the inaccuracy of the statements made by Councilman Bob Nicholson and City Manager Bill Bell in the October 7th edition of the Montrose Daily Press regarding the City of Montrose's perceived need to create a second 911 dispatch center, I feel compelled to respond. I have never stated in writing or otherwise that the Sheriff's Office would not provide dispatch services to the City of Montrose or other users. The assertion that I informed the city in writing that services would not be provided after January 1, 2016 is false.

Mr. Nicholson and Mr. Bell conveniently omitted that my letter of September 15, 2015 stated that "the Montrose Regional Dispatch Center will no longer provide dispatching services to the City of Montrose Police Department **unless further arrangements are agreed upon**". The City has notified the dispatch center of their intent to discontinue service. Therefore, it is necessary to come to a service agreement that stipulates what further service is necessary during the construction of the City owned and operated dispatch center. In the interest of transparency I am providing the actual letter that was given to Montrose Police Chief Chinn on September 15, 2015.

Prior to the City Council meeting on Oc-

tober 6th, I had already received letters from the Montrose City Attorney's Office and the legal counsel for the Montrose Fire Protection District requesting that we meet to arrange dispatching services for 2016. These letters are dated September 30th and are also attached to this statement for public review. It is worth noting that the letter from the City references discussions between the Sheriff's Office and the Police Department that were already underway with regard to continuation of service. It is my absolute intent to provide such services as we do under the current agreement.

Earlier this year, Councilwoman Kathy Ellis requested that I provide the true costs associated with operating the Dispatch Center without the County subsidizing the City's dispatch services. Those costs for the City would have been \$707,272. The City Council and Manager took this information and presented it as the cost that the City would actually have to pay for continuing to contract with Montrose County Sheriff's Office for dispatch services. In reality, the actual cost to the City would have been \$539,284 for 2016.

This information is verifiable through documentation that was supplied to all agencies. I invite the public to make their own determination on the City's selective use of information with regard to supporting their decision to build a second dis-

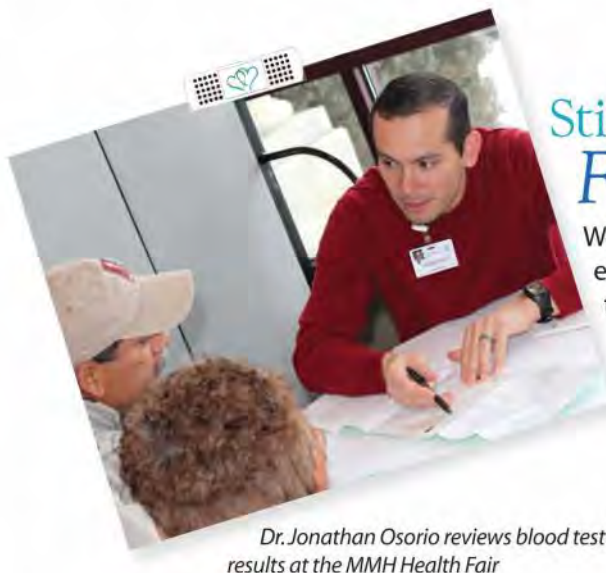
patch center.

The recent statements regarding the Sheriff's Office discontinuing service as of January 1, 2016 are an obvious attempt by the City of Montrose to justify their highly unpopular decision to award a no bid/sole source contract of \$505,943.00 for the remodeling and internal construction of the City owned dispatch center. This amount does not include the \$205,000 purchase price of the building being converted to the City dispatch center located at 439 South 2nd Street. With reported expenditures on dispatching equipment and services totaling an additional \$879,000 (see September 2 Montrose Daily Press) the City has already spent over 1.58 million dollars on the second dispatch center.

It is a shame that political motivations are taking precedence over public safety. As the elected County Sheriff I'm going to be speaking plainly on this issue as it is my sworn duty to protect and serve the public. I have not and will not let personal agendas or egos prevent me from providing ALL taxpayers of Montrose County with the public safety services that they deserve. As always, I'm open to discuss this issue with any citizen in Montrose County. I can be reached directly at (970)252-4037 or by email at rdunlap@montrosecounty.net

Sincerely,

Sheriff Rick Dunlap



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TRUNK OR TREAT!

From page 1

out to take part. Kids love seeing the different types of vehicles—the Sheriff will be coming, and possibly the Montrose Police. In the past we've had State Trooper vehicles, and fire trucks. All you need to bring is candy and your promotional materials."

Deadline for signup is Oct. 27, he said.

The Trunk or Treat event offers free advertising for those who bring a vehicle and participate, Fairgrounds event coordinator Cynthia Harlowe said. "It's such a great event to be part of," she said. "We are going to decorate again this year, and the Montrose County Fair & Rodeo Royalty girls will be there once again to hand out candy."

The event is held indoors, where it is warm, and safe for kids, she added.

"Last year was huge," she said. "People dress up, and where else can you get so much candy?"

Crossroads Victory Church sponsors Trunk or Treat as a Halloween alternative, Pastor Wortz said.

"Trunk or Treat is open to everybody, because we want to be that type of church in our community," he said, "doing outreach work and blessing our community."

"We see this as an opportunity to make a safe, family-friendly event," he said. "The streets here can be dark—not all a well lighted. Come here, and have a good time! And there's so much candy!"

"SHERB NERDS" KICKS OFF OCT. 28 AT THE SHERBINO THEATER

Special to the Mirror

RIDGWAY-The "Sherb Nerds" fall and winter session of trivia nights is coming up on Wednesday, October 28th, at The Sherbino Theater. *Sherb Nerds* features several rounds of trivia questions with varying topics such as history, film/TV, science, music, and geography. Teams may have up to 6 people, with a variety of prizes up for grabs throughout the night. A cash prize will be awarded to the first place team at the end of the night. "Sherb Nerds" trivia nights will be monthly on Wednesdays from 7-9pm, (doors at 6:30/ trivia starting at 7:00pm). 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 for the winning team of each night, and all other proceeds will benefit the Sherbino Theater. YOUTH WELCOME!!!

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CITY AUDITOR SUGGESTS IMPROVED INTERNAL FINANCIAL CONTROLS



For the second year, the City's auditor has asked for improved internal controls.

Mirror Staff Report

MONTROSE-For the second year, City of

Montrose Auditor Tim Mayberry of Holscher, Mayberry & Company suggested that the City of Montrose improve its internal financial controls. Mayberry, who also performed the City's audit for 2013, discussed the City's [2014 annual financial audit](#) with Montrose City Council on Oct. 6.

Mayberry stressed that there will be no Federal audit this year due to a drop in Federal monies coming to the municipality, and that the City has "nothing to be worried about."

However, Mayberry asked that preparation for the audit process be taken "out of Shani's office."

City Finance Director Shani Wittenberg "apparently gets very busy and doesn't get to everything we need her to get to," Mayberry said, adding that cross-training of staff would be a solution.

He also encouraged the City to build the

Trash and Recycling fund back to a healthier balance.

"You are not in business to make money, but to make the best use of resources," he said.

"You're not going to ding us for starting a dispatch center, are you?" Councilor Kathy Ellis asked.

"I won't get into the politics of it," Mayberry said. "But we will have some discussion related to the accounting."

The City paid a total of \$8,862,571 in salaries in 2014, according to the audit, which notes also that the General Fund's largest revenue source is the Sales and Use tax collected by retail businesses that do business within the City's boundaries, whether by the delivery method or place of business.

Sales and Use tax revenue collected (3%) in 2014 was \$14,356,594. [For the full 2014 financial audit click here.](#)



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Experiencing the (local) Church

WRITER GAIL MARVEL VISITS ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE—My visit to St. Paul's Episcopal Church took place on Sept. 28, 2014. With nine of us in attendance for the 4 PM service, the stage was set for an informal and casual gathering.

Worship music consisted of hymns interspersed with collective and responsive readings. Reverend David Vickers played accompaniment on the guitar, as well as presiding over the service.

The first part of the service focused on the discussion question, "In a life of faith what truly matters?" The Scripture used to help answer the question, which was read in unison by the group, was Psalm 25:1-8; Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; and Philippians 2:1-13.

Reverend Vickers used the example of telling people you're going to do something, and then feeling guilty for letting them down when you don't follow through. "If we say we are Christians and then don't live up to it, what does that say about us?"

Two extra-biblical readings were included in the worship service. One was from Anselm of Canterbury, appointed Archbishop of Canterbury (1033-1109); and the other from medieval spiritual writer and English mystic Julian of Norwich (1342-1414). While both readings contained theological insight, there was no time to re-

flect on the content or to measure the thoughts against Scripture.

The second part of the service was a blend of biblical teaching and a business meeting. An issue that was to be discussed during the upcoming Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Colorado was whether or not to approve a resolution to support the proposed, "Charter for Compassion." Reverend Vickers presented the issue to the congregation in order to get their thoughts, which he would then convey to others at the convention.

The "Charter for Compassion," promoted by religious scholar Karen Armstrong, is a document that attempts to restore the Golden Rule to the global stage. Although the principle teaching of the Golden Rule is found in many world religions, the Christian reference is located in Matthew 7:12, "...do to others what you would have them do to you..." (NIV).

The text of the document attempts to define compassion for a modern, inclusive world. Armstrong introduces her, "Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life," and Reverend Vickers noted that number 12 may be the hardest step, "Love your enemies." To get a better understanding of the document the audience gathered around Reverend Vickers' laptop computer and watched a promotional video, which was then followed by discussion.

In general the audience supported adopting the resolution, however one member was concerned that the resolution might not go beyond the Episcopal Church. "Resolutions that have no teeth don't go anywhere. If we approve the resolution and it goes through, it needs to be national [not just state]."

The Holy Eucharist was available and open to all worshippers. Each participant received a piece of bread broken from a single loaf, which represents the body of Christ.

The wine, served from a single goblet, represents the blood of Christ.

Reverend Vickers concluded the service challenging the congregation to ask themselves the hard question, "What is the cost of compassion to me?" He illustrated the high cost by referring to situations dealing with contagious diseases such as Ebola and Hepatitis C.

The St. Paul's Episcopal Church shares their facility with two other congregations. The Community Spirit Church (UCC) meets Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m.; along with the Quaker Silent Worship Group, who also meet at 10:30 a.m.

Contact Information:
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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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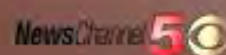
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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

WEEHAWKEN CREATIVE ARTS ANNOUNCES FALL/WINTER PROGRAM OFFERINGS

Special to the Mirror

REGIONAL-Children and adults will new programs to look forward to, being offered through Weehawken Creative Arts for the upcoming fall and winter season.

For children in grades four through six Weehawken has teamed up with, David Vickers, the director of Ouray County Chorus, to bring children's choir back to the community!

Starting on Oct. 19th, Weehawken Children's Choir, will run from 5:30-7 pm at the Sherbino Theater. This will be a six-week program that meets weekly on Mondays (except for the Monday on the week of Thanksgiving), with a cost of only \$40 per child. The fall/winter session of Children's Choir will end with a final performance in collaboration with the Ouray County Chorus' winter seasonal concert, A Celtic Christmas, on Dec. 6th.

The vision of the Weehawken Children's Choir program, and instructor David Vickers, is to offer an opportunity for children to discover the joy of singing; to make music with their voices and sing together.

In this program, Choristers will gain knowledge of the rudiments of ear training, vocal production, music reading, diction and choral performance. The director, David Vickers, has worked with choirs of all ages and is currently the music director of the Ouray County Chorus.

Along with a new children's program, Weehawken is offering two different adult dance opportunities. Country Dance Lessons with instructor Deb Aspen, for ages 16 and up, and Adult Swing/Lindy Hop for beginners with instructors Wendy and Chris Shima, for ages 16 and up.

Dust off those dancing shoes, or try something new, with either of these adult class offerings. Country Western Dance lessons will be held at the Weehawken Dance Studio in Ridgeway, Colorado, starting on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Instructor Deb Aspen will lead, teach, and demonstrate the basics and the footwork of Country Western Dancing. This is a four-week program that offers an approachable and fun way for adults to learn a new form of movement art and dance.

Classes will meet on Saturdays from November 7th-Nov. 28th from 5:30-6:30 pm. The cost for the entire session of lessons is \$50 and no partner or previous experience is needed to register.

Adult Swing/Lindy Hop will be held at the Sherbino Theater on Tuesdays from 6-7 pm, starting on Oct. 27th. Taught by Chris & Wendy Shima, this adult dance class demonstrates the basics and essentials for the original form of swing, the Lindy Hop. Lindy Hop is a versatile dance that can be used to dance to big band, jazz, bluegrass, country, rock 'n roll and pop, plus it's easy and fun to learn. No experience or partner is necessary, however, a couple that registers does receive a \$10 discount (\$100/couple).

Adult Swing/Lindy Hop will run from October 27th-November 17th on Tuesdays and costs \$55/individual.

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YEA! Classes will be held at Colorado Mesa University

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MMH MEDICAL STAFF HONORS DR. JAY, COMMUNITY LEADERS GLADWELL AND HOGANSON AT FALL CLINICS



Dr. Michael and Mrs. Tamara Jay. Courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The Medical Staff of Montrose Memorial Hospital honored Dr. K. Michael Jay, General and Vascular Surgeon, and community leaders Don Gladwell and Nancy Hoganson at this year's 44th Annual Fall Clinics event. The "Physician of the Year" is chosen based on the on-going contribution to quality medical care, medical staff and hospital activities, community service activities and years of service. The Community honorees are chosen for outstanding service to the Hospital and community.

Dr. Mike Jay was recognized for bringing many firsts to the surgical services and

trauma programs at Montrose Memorial Hospital and for the excellent care he has provided to many people in the Montrose Community. He and his wife Tammy have been generous donors to the Montrose Library, San Juan Healthcare Foundation and HopeWest Hospice.

He is a past Chief of Staff at Montrose Memorial Hospital and past Chief of Surgical Services. While Dr. Jay graciously accepted the recognition of his peers, he offered his thanks to the nursing staff at Montrose Memorial Hospital for their part in the excellent care of his patients.

Don Gladwell served on the City Council, Montrose Memorial Hospital Board of Directors, MADA and helped start a Latin American Club at Montrose High School. He was Mayor of Montrose when the Montrose Pavilion was built and worked on many community boards to help initiate positive changes in the community.

He and his wife Jan are now actively involved in the Hearing Loss Association of American and are Cochlear Americas volunteers. They have learned and now teach about devices that significantly impact

those with hearing aids and cochlear implants.

Nancy Hoganson was recognized for her leadership at HopeWest Colorado. She was celebrated for her professionalism and selflessness in assisting patients and families struggling with grief and health issues.

About Montrose Memorial Hospital (www.MontroseHospital.com)

Montrose Memorial Hospital is a 501(c)3 nonprofit healthcare system serving Montrose, San Miguel, Ouray, Gunnison, Delta, Hinsdale and San Juan counties.

The health system offers a 75-bed hospital and an extensive range of inpatient & outpatient health care services, including cardiology, oncology, minimally invasive surgery, laboratory, medical imaging/radiology, Mountain View Therapy, Level III Trauma Center and the family birthing center.

The health system partners with regional providers on joint ventures to meet local healthcare needs, including CareFlight air ambulance service and Black Canyon Surgical Center.

Montrose Memorial is the second-largest employer in Montrose County, with more than 600 employees and 100 physicians who represent 23 medical specialties. The hospital has received patient satisfaction ratings exceeding 90 percent since 2010.

Valerie Meyers' Weekly Monday



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ACADEMIC BOOSTER CLUB STUDENTS OF THE MONTH!

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE—Since 1983, the Academic Booster Club has collected and returned between \$7,000 and \$10,000 annually to schools and students by giving grants to teachers, students, parents, administrators and support staff to promote positive academic experiences in our community. Academic Booster Club (A+BC) has awarded more than \$225,000 in grant money since its inception! Each month, A+BC selects one student from each school in the RE-1J district to be a Student of the Month. These students are recognized at a quarterly awards ceremony. A+BC has been doing this for more than 30 years!



Weldyn Allen
MHS, Grade 12



Tatum McHugh
Columbine, Grade 8



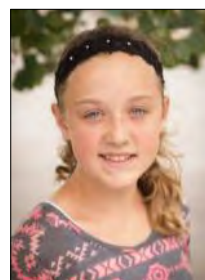
Rafael Nieto
OHS, Grade 12



Olivia Guseman
Pomona, Grade 5



Nicole Riley
Passage, Grade 11



Morgan Brack
Centennial, Grade 6



Michelle Jaracvaro
Bautista, OHS, Grade 10



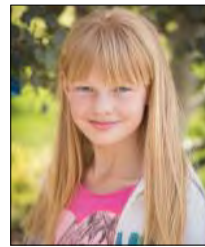
Melissa Meraz
Ramirez, Northside,
Grade 5



Marissa Francis
Oak Grove, K



Logan Righter
Peak, Grade 7



Lilly Moore
Pomona, Grade 4



Leonor Nieves Chavez
Northside, Grade 4



Kenshiro Tirona
Peak, Grade 11



Karla Ramirez
Vista, Grade 12



Juan Carlos Enrique
Olathe, Grade 7



Jazmine Booker
Olathe, Grade 4



Jarett Whitcomb
Johnson, Grade 5



Fynn Lintz
Oak Grove, Grade 1



Clara Fisher
Olathe, Grade 5



Ciana Beller
Johnson, Grade 5



Cian McPhail
Cottonwood, Grade 4



Catie McKinney
MHS, Grade 12



Aylin Ramirez
Olathe, Grade 8



Ashley Ortega
Centennial, Grade 6



Alex Radovich
Cottonwood, Grade 5



Aaron Dietrich
Columbine, Grade 8

**CONGRATULATIONS
ABC CLUB STUDENTS
OF THE MONTH!**
Students will be honored
in a ceremony at 7p.m.
Oct. 12 at Oak Grove Ele-
mentary School.



MIRROR IMAGES... ANTI-BULLYING FUNDRAISER!



The Pumpkin Decorating event featured family activities and music by the fantastic Bar D Wranglers of Durango.

Locals gathered at Higher Ground Horsemanship on Spring Creek on Saturday, Oct. 10 for the annual pumpkin decorating event, a fundraiser for the anti-bullying efforts of "Before You Hate Think of Cait." The group was founded in memory of beautiful MHS student Caitlyn Haynes, pictured above, who took her own life after terrible bullying in school. The event raised more than \$7,000 in donations from businesses and individuals or the non-profit.



REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

OLATHE, NATURITA TOWN COUNCILS SUPPORT LIBRARY DISTRICT MILL LEVY INCREASE

Special to the Mirror

REGIONAL-The Olathe Town Council and Naturita Town Council recently passed unanimous resolutions in support of Ballot Issue 5A to temporarily increase the property tax mill levy for the Montrose Regional Library District.

On Sept. 22, 2015, the Naturita Town Council passed its resolution, stating that “libraries play a vital role in community development and serve as strong community partners,” and that “the entire community benefits from having sound public institutions such as the Montrose Regional Library District being able to operate at full service levels.”

In its resolution, passed on Sept. 28, 2015, the Olathe Town Council acknowledged that, “libraries are community assets, places for opportunity, education, self-help, and lifelong learning,” and that the “libraries operated by the Montrose Regional Library District are important community centers...that are narrowing the ‘digital divide’ by providing no-fee public computer and internet access.”

“We are excited to gain support from the elected officials of Olathe and Naturita,” said Library YES! co-chair Emily Schneider.

“If Issue 5A passes, we look forward to restoring weekly bookmobile service to

Olathe and returning to full staffing levels at the Naturita Community Library.”

Ballot Issue 5A asks voters to approve a temporary property tax increase to return the Montrose Regional Library District to full funding. This 0.8 mill increase will disappear after ten years.

For every \$100,000 in residential property value, the increase means \$6.37 per year in additional taxes. For business property, it is an annual increase of \$23.20 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation.

Library YES! is a group of community leaders that formed for the passage of Ballot Issue 5A. It is an Issue Committee registered with the Colorado Sec.

PEAK ACADEMY STUDENTS LEARN “CHEMISTRY OF LIFE”



Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Peak Academy biology students are working on a unit called “The Chemistry of Life”, under the direction of Mr. Doug Eccher.

In conducting an inquiry based nutrition lab, students identified which organic macromolecules (carbohydrates, lipids, and proteins) were in unknown food samples and whether the carbohydrates were monosaccharides or polysaccharides. In a blended learning environment, students can work on courses online and do labs in person and/or do the lab simulations online. Courtesy



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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS



LOCAL RUNNERS SHINE AT UTAH'S ST. GEORGE MARATHON!

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Thanks to Jon Waschbusch for this photo of the three Montrose residents who ran the St. George Marathon in St. George, Utah on Saturday Oct. 3! All three finished quickly enough to qualify for the Boston Marathon. From left to right are Meghan Waschbusch, Bryan Gieszl, Christa Gieszl. Impressive!

A black and white photograph of a woman with short, light-colored hair, smiling and playing a piano. She is wearing a dark jacket over a patterned top. The piano keys are visible in the foreground.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

HOPEWEST OPENS NEW CENTER FOR HOPE IN MONTROSE



HopeWest Executive Director Nancy Hoganson welcomes guests to the grand opening of the new Center for Hope on Sunday, Oct. 11. Photos by Jack Switzer.

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-HopeWest, a local nonprofit hospice and palliative care organization, welcomed the community to the grand opening of their Montrose office, the Robinson Center for Hope, fully supported by philanthropy from the Montrose community and many others throughout the Western Slope and across the state of Colorado.

The Center for Hope is designed to house a growing team of 34 clinical and administrative staff members and provide space for community programs such as grief counseling, education and volunteer training. The grand opening for the Center for Hope took place Sunday, Oct. 11.

"This Center would not be possible without the generous support of the local community," said Christy Whitney, President & CEO of HopeWest. "It was been incredible to watch the Montrose community

come together to support HopeWest and the Center for Hope.

The new Center for Hope is a dream come true for our community and will be a huge support for our staff, enabling them to make a true difference for both patients and families during a very difficult time of their lives."

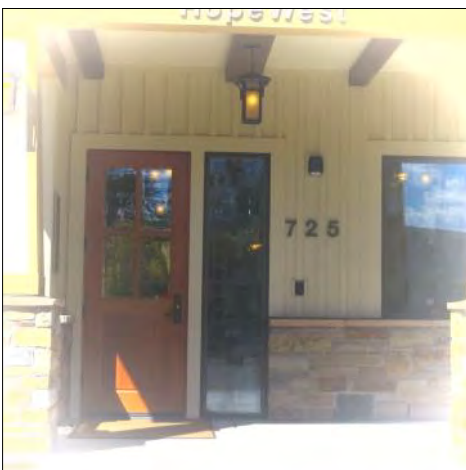
The Craftsman-style office was created to be warm and inviting for all those who visit the 9,300 square foot building with two levels as well as a basement. On the

main level, guests are welcomed into a lobby area with clinical offices on either side. Upstairs are rooms for adult grief counseling, children grief counseling, a lending library with an array of books on grief and a community room for volunteer training and educational presentations. The basement provides ample storage room for medical equipment and fundraising event supplies.

Highlighted with elegant features, the Center for Hope showcases a donor recognition wall acknowledging 20 years of cumulative donations as well as outdoor features. Inscribed bricks and granite slabs surrounding a sculpture honor the hundreds of donors that invested over \$3 million dollars to make the Center for Hope a reality.

"Because of everyone's support, HopeWest will now be able to serve more patients and families, help more children and adults through their grief journeys, provide more advanced training and education for volunteers and enhance communication within the organization," said Nancy Hoganson, Director of Community Relations at HopeWest in Montrose. "Our staff couldn't be more grateful."

The Center for Hope is located at 725 S. 4th Street in Montrose. The building is open to the public and normal office hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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ONGOING-

THE OURAY COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM has begun fall hours. The museum will be open to the public Thursday through Saturday until Saturday, Nov. 14. Following Nov. 14, the museum will be closed for the season and will reopen in April, 2016. Hours are 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Admission, \$6 per adult, \$1 for children ages 6-12, free for children under 6. The museum is located at 420 Sixth Avenue in Ouray. For more information, call (970) 325-4576.

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.

FREE FAMILY LAW CLINIC-LAST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH, Montrose County Courthouse (Leslie German self-help center) at 1200 North Grand, Noon to 1:30 p.m. Sponsored by Uncompahgre Volunteer Legal Aid and the 7th Judicial District Bar Association. Call 970-249-7202 for information.

FREE JAM SESSION AND SING ALONG, Mondays from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Montrose Pavilion Senior Center.

FREE LEGAL ADVICE NIGHT-SECOND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH, 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Region 10 Enterprise Center, 300 North Cascade. Sponsored by Uncompahgre Volunteer Legal Aid and the 7th Judicial District Bar Association. Call 970-249-7202 for information.

MONTROSE FARMERS MARKET— Every Saturday from 8:30 a.m. -1pm, Centennial Plaza.

FIRST FRIDAY STROLLS MONTROSE DOWNTOWN —Monthly from 5:30 p.m.-8p.m. Artist Demonstrations, Free Wine Tastings, and in-store promotional events!

MONTROSE HISTORICAL MUSEUM—"Montrose County Historical Society Presents" is held at 7 pm on the first Wednesday of each month in the Pioneer Room of Friendship Hall, 1001 N. 2nd St. The public is invited to free programs based on topics of regional history. For more information please call 249-2085.

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

AARP DRIVER SAFETY COURSE-Save on insurance, keep up on newer traffic laws, and learn defensive driving techniques. For details and schedule for Montrose and Delta, contact John 970-856-6924 or 970-424-1778.

TAIZE-STYLE SERVICES OF MUSIC, PRAYER AND MEDITATION on Scripture are offered on the first Thursday of the month, except June, July and August, at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. All are welcome. Montrose United Methodist Church.

MONTHLY-

Oct. 12-Academic Booster Club Students of the Month for September to be honored at Oak Grove Elementary, 7 p.m.

Oct. 14-Heidi's Brooklyn's Deli Forum (1521 Oxbow Drive) presents a water panel, 8 to 9 a.m. Coffee is \$1.

Oct. 14-Olathe Community Fall Festival and College Planning Night, Olathe Middle High School, 5 to 7 p.m.

Oct. 15-League of Women Voters 2015 Ballot Issues Forum, Noon and 6:30 p.m., Montrose Library Community Room.

Oct. 16-17-Headless Horseman of Sleepy Hollow live on-stage radio production at the Wright Opera House, 7:30 p.m. The Wright Opera House. 970.325.4399. phone <http://thewrightoperahouse.org>.

Oct. 17-Great Community Giveaway at Lions Park, 602 N. Nevada. 10 a.m. to Noon. For more information or to volunteer, call 970-252-0908.

Oct. 16-18-Telluride Horror Show, Telluride Colorado.

Oct. 16-17-Live radio broadcast, Headless Horseman of Sleep Hollow, Wright Opera House, Ouray. 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12, \$5 for students. <http://www.wrightoperahouse.org/>

Oct. 18-Fundraising high tea at Montrose manor Bed & Breakfast, 1 to 5 p.m. Reservations needed by Oct. 14. Cost: \$50.00 per person(\$25/ticket will go to CHH) Credit Cards accepted w/\$2.50 processing fee For reservations call(970) 240-6960 or(602)524-107460169 LaSalle Rd., Montrose, CO. fo@montrosemannorbandb.com.

Oct. 18-Poetry Workshop with Rosemary Wahtola Trommer, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Ridgway. \$90 class fee. For info visit www.weehawkenarts.org. 970-318-0150.

Oct. 20-Montrose Chamber Business 2 Business Expo, Holiday Inn Express, 4 to 7:30 p.m. Free to the public. Call 970-249-5000 for booth rental information.

Oct. 21-Chipeta Chapter of the Colorado Archaeology Society, October Presentation. 7 PM, Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2015 First Methodist Church, Montrose, Park Ave. and South 1st. Free to the Public. Contact: Carol Patterson 970-252-8679.

Oct. 22—Sherb Talks, Wild Women on Wheels. Doors open at 7 p.m. Sherbino Theater in Ridgway.

Oct. 24-25-Scarecrow Days at the Montrose Botanic Gardens!

Oct. 24-25-Archaeological Dating Methods, a 15-hour class will be presented by Colorado Assistant State Archaeologist Kevin Black in Montrose Oct. 24th and 25th. The class is part of the Program for Avocational Archaeological Certification (PAAC) offered by History Colorado and the Colorado Archaeological Society. This class is an introduction to archaeological dating methods both past and present. To sign up for this class please contact PAAC Coordinator Beverly Kolkman at bk7753@msn.com.

Oct. 24-Lark & Sparrow Masquerade Ball (511 East Main) 8 p.m. Call 970-615-7277 for ticket info or visit www.larkandsparrow.com.

Oct. 24—Montrose United Methodist Church "Fall Festival" from 10 a.m. — 2p.m. this event will be held on S. 1st street. There will be free hotdogs games/ activities for children families and youth. There will be Pumpkins for sale in our pumpkin patch.

Oct. 24-Notice of Annual Meeting-Ouray County Arts Association. Public and members invited to share in refreshments and learn about the organization and how you might fit in. Saturday, Oct. 24, 10 AM. Ridgway State Park Visitors Center. Hwy 550, Ridgway. Information: 626-9737.

Oct. 28-Sherbino Theater in Ridgway presents "Sherb Nerds" Trivia Night. \$5, Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Oct.29-Family Night with Dinner and Halloween & Autumn Movies, Thursday, October 29, at 6 to 8 p.m. at Ridgway Elementary School Eagle's Nest, 1115 W. Clinton St., Ridgway. A whimsical selection of Halloween and Autumn-themed animated shorts for children of all ages. Tickets \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids. Hot Dog & Chili Bar, Drinks & Snacks Available. Info: info@friendsofridwayschools.org or 970-626-5468.

Oct. 31-Annual Stupid Band Halloween Dance, Turn of the Century Saloon, \$10 admission and two non-perishable food items for Sharing Ministries. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 5-7-Ouray High School presents "Zombie Prom" the musical. 970-325-4505 for info.

Nov. 1-Sherbino Theater "Living Room Lounge," 6 to 9 p.m. Featuring stories and music by vocalist Deb Barr.

Nov. 10-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.

Nov. 14-from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. will be the United Methodist Women's Craft Bazaar! This event will be all over the building on 19. S Park Ave.

KEEPING MONTROSE COUNTY ON THE ROAD...

THE MOST IMPORTANT ROAD IN THE COUNTY IS IN FRONT OF YOUR HOUSE!



Montrose County Road and Bridge Division Director Joe Budagher has a degree in construction management and practical, hands-on experience in all phases of the work.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—When Joe Budagher was recently named Director of Montrose County's Road and Bridge Division, he brought a wealth of practical skills to the job. Budagher originally began working with the County as a cost estimator, planner and scheduler, later moving into a permanent position as road bridge superintendent. "I still do the estimating, planning and scheduling," said Budagher, who holds a degree in construction management. "Now I do the financials and budgeting too; I really like it."

Budagher credits his dedicated staff of 50 with making his job easier. "We have five foremen on the Montrose side of the County, and an assistant superintendent and foreman on the West End," he said. "Our crews work hard, and they have great ideas on how to improve our roads. It is a pleasure working them—we are blessed to have such talented crews. They blow me away."

Montrose County has 1,488 miles of roads, with some of those receiving staggering amounts of traffic each day. Spring Creek, for example, serves 4,000 vehicles on a daily basis. Some roads, on the other hand, see as few as 30 cars per week.

"I am excited about the direction of the Road and Bridge Division," Budagher said. "We are fixing more and more roads—we have done close to ten miles this year. More asphalt paving, more improvements—my focus is that I want to continue improving and paving more roads in Montrose County. That's exciting for me."

Some roads require only an overlay, others require a full-depth reclamation, he said. By handling problems as they arise, preferably within 48 hours, Budagher believes that the County can maintain the health of both major arterials and smaller, collector roads. And by learning for himself every task that he asks crews to do, Budagher believes that he can do a better job of leading the division. "If I don't know something myself, I can't teach anybody," he said. "I have learned the work order system, and lots of other things—I want to be more hands-on."

Over the coming year, Montrose County Road and Bridge has 6.32 miles of roads scheduled for re-paving, 15 miles of chip sealing, and 115 miles scheduled for mag chloride application. Two concrete box culverts will be put in place as well.

"We try to do two to three culverts a year," Budagher said. "We have replaced our wood structures, but many of the culverts we have are steel. By replacing them with concrete box culverts, they will last for years and years."

The County outsources some jobs to private contractors, he noted, and the awards are always made through a public, competitive bidding process. Each day brings unique opportunities and challenges, he noted. The Road and Bridge Division has an annual budget of 8 to 10 million, and is

responsible not only for maintaining local roads, but for the majority of roads in the Uncompahgre National Forest, a National Forest covering 955,229 acres in parts of Montrose, Mesa, San Miguel, Ouray, Gunnison, San Juan, and Delta Counties. Montrose County maintains Forest Service roads there as well as County roads.

And when it snows, the crews up are out at any hour of the day or night ensuring that drivers can travel roads safely to their destinations.

"The miles we plow could go from Salt Lake City and back," Budagher said. "We are working in five or six different zones. When the snow is above two inches, we are sending trucks out, any time of the day or night—It doesn't matter if it is a holiday—two years ago, we were out on Christmas."

"The crews are just fantastic," he said. "They enjoy working in the mountains so much, and in such a beautiful County. They are all excited to do this work—it is very uplifting."

"I can't say enough about our crews." Montrose County achieved a Road Rating and Grade Summary of 2.27 in 2013, and had targeted a rating of 230 by 2016. However, that goal has already been accomplished—the County earned a Road Rating and Grade Summary of 2.38 in 2014.

Montrose County is fortunate to have someone with such diverse skills and leadership ability, County Governmental Affairs Director Jon Waschbusch said. "Joe has been in the field, and now he helps us with the big picture and with County leadership," Waschbusch said. "He has been on site, and now he's in the boardroom."

"His focus is on roads and bridges and structures related to them; and on getting more miles done for a broader return on the dedicated road and bridge sales tax. Joe strikes a balance between tools available, and return on investment."

"He is also very approachable," Waschbusch said. "We know that the most important road in the County is the one in front of your house; we encourage people to come and talk to Joe."



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Clockwise from top, Montrose Indians practice before the Homecoming Game Oct. 9; a tractor prepares a field on Spring Creek Mesa Saturday; Micki Kintner and Jack Switzer pose with an invitation to the Montrose United Methodist Church's Fall Festival, scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 24. The event will feature free hot dogs, games, activities and a bounce house!



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