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LIBRARY TRUSTEES COMMIT TO MOVING FORWARD DESPITE INTERNAL TURMOIL



The Montrose Library is an essential community resource, and voters will be asked to support a 0.8 mil levy increase next month. The Library's Board of Trustees say that internal issues have been resolved; however, a review of recent trustee board minutes reveals glaring omissions. Photo by Gail Marvel.

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-Unbeknownst to the community, the Montrose Regional Library District (MRLD) has gone through a summer of turmoil. Issues kept within the MRLD family and only recently revealed call into question the District's commitment to transparency just as they prepare to ask voters for a 0.8 mil levy increase.

For example, it was only recently discovered that on May 7, 2015 Library Director Paul Paladino gave 90 days' notice and tendered his resignation. The condensed version of the situation is taken from the MRLD official board minutes and from a conversation with Paul Paladino. A staff complaint bypassed the director and went directly to the board of trustees to which director Paladino took offense, -Paul said he felt that action and the continued insistence by the Board on investigating the claim without first turning it over to Paul to see if it could be resolved through proper procedures showed a lack of confidence in Paul's ability to manage the staff of the District. Several members of the Board maintained they had confidence in Paul and didn't see their actions as undermining the authority of Paul as

FALL INTO STYLE...HYPOXIA CELEBRATES A YEAR ON MAIN!

By Liesl Greathouse

DOWNTOWN-As the cold winds blow in and snow begins to dot the mountaintops, it's time to switch out the sandals and shorts for boots and jackets. Many clothing stores have already switched out Summer clothing for Autumn outfits, and Hypoxia on Main Street is no exception.

Hypoxia is a retail store offering, 'lifestyle clothing for those that live an active and outdoors life!'

Owner Debbie Blanchard said, —It was opened because people in the area asked for quality brands such as Kuhl, Patagonia, HornyToad, Lucy Yoga Wear, Eno Hammocks, Oboz Footwear, Birkenstock, Salomon, Baggallini, and Sherpani."

Debbie says that a common trend when it comes to Fall styles is the layering of clothing, and colors that focus on nature including greens, reds, and rust. The clothing styles that people are looking for are what you would expect for the season. —People want lightweight jackets, leggings, and lightweight bags," she explained.

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Bright, locally made hats are among the many beautiful and durable lifestyle clothing and accessory items available at Hypoxia, on the corner of Main and Townsend. Hypoxia celebrates a year on Main this month.

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SUNSET MESA FUNERAL DIRECTORS, COLORADO CREMATION WELCOME NEW MARKETING DIRECTOR JANINE BUSH!







local funeral home. She



Janine Bush is the new director of marketing.

ing, Bush is the perfect fit for taking the family of companies to the next level, Hess said.

-We love having Ja-

nine here!" she said. —She is going to be great—she is working on all of the things I have always wanted to do."

For her part, Bush brings fresh ideas and enthusiasm to her new position. Hove my job," she said. To work for such caring, compassionate people, I feel that I can make a difference, and that this is where I am supposed to be."

The business of funeral planning is surprisingly fresh these days, with technology that allows loved ones to remember the dearly departed on social media, and to access memorial information with a smartphone or other device.

People have been putting QR codes on tombstones, so you can scan and read their obituaries," Bush explained. —Ad though not everybody realizes this, Facebook even allows you to designate someone else as admin for your page after you go."

Pre-planning really does make everything easier, she added. Those with questions are welcome to come in Colorado Cremation for coffee and doughnuts from 9 to 10:30 a.m. every Thursday morning at 746 East Main Street. Colorado Cremation can also be reached at 970-249-1130.



Above, Colorado Cremation welcomes the community for coffee and doughnuts every Thursday morning from 9 to 10:30 a.m.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-In an industry known for solemn tradition, Megan Hess is making waves by combining new ideas and energy with old-fashioned customer service excellence. And though her family background is not in the funeral planning business, her heart is.

-This is my love and my passion," said Hess, who joined Sunset Mesa Funeral Directors in 2006 after working at another Mesa Funeral Directors Merchant Drive location, the acquisition of the adjacent Log Home brings additional capacity for receptions and open house events. Clients can now choose the setting that best meets their needs, Hess said. There is even a printing company, for personalization of caskets and other items.

later became an owner, and today owns and operates nine companies that can pro-

vide services to her customers. With the

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able.

—Our companies enhance each other," Hess said. —We can find just the right venue to meet a family's needs—with our outdoor memorial area, our Sunset Mesa Chapel and now Colorado Cremation, we will be able to fill needs just a little more."

Hess's new Director of Marketing, Janine Bush, is well known locally for her outreach skills. A former radio news professional with experience in sales and market-



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OPINION/EDITORIAL-COMMENTARY

JOURNALISM IS A BUSINESS; ASKING QUESTIONS IS OUR JOB

Mirror Staff Editorial

MONTROSE-We are experiencing an increasing pattern of executive directors, managers, trustees, and board members becoming offended and angry when questioned about their organizations and about decisions that are being made. The thought seems to be, —w are doing a good job, so please don't ask questions." Or, —We are all here for the right reasons, just let us do our job."

Whether the person asking the question is a concerned citizen, constituent, member, voter--or even a reporter--it is inexcusable for leadership in government agencies and non-profits to be defensive, belligerent and go on tirades when they are asked questions—even tough questions.

As journalists, our job is not to decide things for our readers, but to provide truthful, well-researched and documented stories that allow them to make informed decisions.

Popularity is never the goal of a true news organization; the truth can be very unpopular. However, a community decision based on feel-good promotional materials rather than honest reporting would seem to be counter to the very spirit of a free, well-informed society.

Interestingly, most of those who become indignant when they sense their decisions and authority are coming under scrutiny are the same folks marching in the antibullying parade—so we will remind you. As a small, local, startup business, we have risked everything—our livelihood, our safety, our reputations—for the sake of our community.

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NO FUNDS FOR GOLF COURSE EXPANSION YET, SWANSON SAYS



A golfer plays the first hole at Black Canyon Golf Course.

By Caitlin Switzer
MONTROSE-Though a six-year capital plan has been adopted for further development at Black Canyon Golf Course, it could be years before any changes are funded. At the Sept. 15 meeting of the Black Canyon Golf Course advisory board, it was noted that the 2016 golf course budget proposal includes \$280,000 for business operation; \$515,000 for turf maintenance, for a total



Plans are in the works for a seven-acre parcel north of the parking lot.

of \$800,000. Projected revenues are \$500,000 with an anticipated \$300,000 net loss.

Meeting minutes also note that a six-year capital plan has been adopted with—significant outlays projected over the six year period." Though Public Works Director John Harris suggested a general work

session presentation to —gt the word out," Montrose Mayor Pro Tem Rex Swanson denied that any actual changes are in the works. Swanson said that over the long term the plan is to develop a Par 3 course for youth on 7.2 acres located to the north of the current parking lot. Deed records show that the City purchased the parcel from Douglas P. and Steven DeJulio for \$87,500 in 2014. Neighbors have expressed concern over possible access to the parcel from Hillcrest, which is already heavily traveled.

-Until there is money we can't do anything," Swanson said. -But as a golfer I would like to see this happen for the benefit of our youth; I want this to be a family-friendly, youth-centered golf course."

For now, all that is taking place is routine maintenance, he said.

If I am on Council for another six years, I am not sure we can even fit it into our budget in that time frame," he said, —though I hope it would happen.

-The course is in good shape, and staff is doing a wonderful job. We are very pleased," Swanson said.

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CITY TO LOOK AT SWEEPING ZONING CHANGES; AWARD OF CONTRACT TO WIDEN WOODGATE ROAD!

Mirror Staff Report

MONTROSE-Five new City employees will be introduced when the City of Montrose convenes Monday for its regularly scheduled work session Oct. 19. Legal Assistant Christine Allen, Accounting Manager Ana Cañada, Street Division Worker Laura Hendricks, Utility Division Worker Thomas Whitby, and Civil Engineer Ben Zaugg are joining City Staff.

Work session items up for discussion will include a budget request from the Colorado Flights Alliance; and a construction contract for the widening of Woodgate Road to Haynes Excavation in the amount of \$1,216,374. The project is slated to begin Jan. 1, and will encompass 1.150 feet of roadway.

City Facilities Manager Mark Armstrong is recommending that the contract be awarded to Haynes following a competitive public bidding process that took place from Sept. 7 to Oct. 6.

Council will discuss the donation of two used police department vehicles valued at \$4,000 apiece to the City of Olathe, as well as sweeping changes to City zoning that

include elimination of the word -ehurches" and of the existing medical-residential

Items to be discussed in future work sessions include a Community Options Presentation; Historic plaque at proposed Morada Park location; Montrose Police Department third quarter report; Columbine Multi-use Trail Subdivision: five annexations to the City of Montrose: 2016 budget ordinance; Colorado Lottery Starburst Award presentation; a third quarter City budget review; a transfer of the Pour House Liquor License; and a transfer of the liquor license at RnR Sportsbar.

When Montrose City Council convenes for a regular meeting on Tuesday evening Oct. 20, City Manager Bill Bell and Assistant City Manager Rob Joseph will present the new My Montrose video series, and Council will hear a proclamation in support of National Save for Retirement Week. Consent Agenda items include disposal of three vehicles and a homemade trailer from the Police Department Impound Lot; and consider Resolution 2015-21, which authorizes the City Police Department to file a Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant through the Colorado Department of Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice for the purchase of two Surface Pro 3 laptops and equipment in the amount of \$4,064.56, to be used by the Montrose Police Department Victim Advocate and the Delta Police Department Victim Advocate to complete required paperwork pertaining to victim services. Resolution 2015-21 also authorizes the Montrose Police Department to request emergency funding in the amount of \$1,000.00 to assist victims of violent crime with their emergency needs as well as \$500 to purchase an ACCESS database license, training and maintenance needs to create, modify and perform upkeep on the Victim Services Access database. Council will appoint 11 to the Montrose Youth Council, and consider appointing applicant Anthony Russo to a vacant position on the City Planning Commission. Following a Sales, Use and Excise Tax Report and Public Information Officer Report, Council will convene to executive session for evaluation of the City Attorney



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FALL INTO STYLE...HYPOXIA CELEBRATES A YEAR ON MAIN! From pg 1



For the back to school crowd, brands including Salomon, Kuhl, and Patagonia remain popular choices.

Currently, to mark the transition of the seasons, Hypoxia is holding their end of season Summer sale, with all Summer items between 30-50 percent off.

With lots of new products coming in daily in preparation for the upcoming season, including new footwear, clothing and accessories, Debbie feels like it is Christmas every day. —New product coming in makes the store feel fresh and you just want to put on something warm and comfortable to take the chill away from the outdoors," she said. —AHypoxia, we enjoy the changing of the season, and so the store and its merchandise reflect [that]."

In addition to keeping themselves busy with Fall and the upcoming holiday season, Hypoxia has recently celebrated its one year anniversary. Over the past year, they have added several interesting brands, including Exofficio, which caters to people who travel and includes jackets with pick pocket proof compartments, and underwear for both men and women that are anti-microbial and can be easily hand washed. Customers will also find Bugs-away Clothing by Exofficio, for both men and women, that keep mosquitoes and other flying insects away. Those come in hoodies, shirts, blouses and tshirt models.

For people looking for more options for water storage, Hypoxia now offers more hydration brands such as Avex water bottles, Hydrapak, and EcoVessel (made in Boulder, CO). For a quick bite they offer





Hypoxia's sister store, D'Medici Footwear, above, also offers a vast selection of beautiful and affordable clothing and accessory items, including the region's best selection of quality shoes.

energy snacks by HoneyStinger, made in Steamboat Springs, which are all natural made with honey to boost energy naturally.

—These are all items we have opted to get based on customer requests," Debbie explained.

Next, in Spring 2016, they will also be adding running clothing from Salomon Clothing.

After a year on the corner of Main and

Townsend, Debbie still focuses on the core values of any good business: —W focus on great customer service and product knowledge," she said. —We offer great quality of product and we stand behind our product 100 percent." Hypoxia is located at 300 E. Main St in Montrose. They are open Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., and in December they will also be open the first three Sundays 11 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information, call 249-1622.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

METHODIST CHURCH PUMPKIN PATCH BRIGHTENS LIVES, COMMUNITY



By Rachel Boschen Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The iconic building stands on the corner of Park and South First Street in Montrose and hardly goes unnoticed to visitors and locals, but people are drawn to the image of the Methodist Church even more when its steps covered in bright orange pumpkins every October. The message is festive and homely, alluding to the small town aspect of our community.

What's more is that the pumpkins are for sale to raise money for the summer youth mission trips and were donated by an Olathe farmer who wishes to stay anonymous. The idea here stretches my imagination to see Montrose as a community where citizens can be trusted not to steal or smash from the 500 pumpkins adorning the steps of the church and to believe that our communities can come together for a greater good that can reach across the oceans.

The youth will be traveling to Belmopan, Belize to —eontinue to work on the United Methodist High School..." says Becky Clark, the director of youth and children's ministries at the church. The patch is open Monday through Friday 10 to 6 and Saturday and Sunday from 9 to 3.

The Methodist Church is also having a fall festival on October 24, purely to —igve back to our community children..."

The event is free and geared toward children up to fifth grade. They can play carnival games, get their face painted and bounce in the bounce house. Hot dogs are available as well, the only thing that costs money are pumpkins if they choose to buy one" says Becky.

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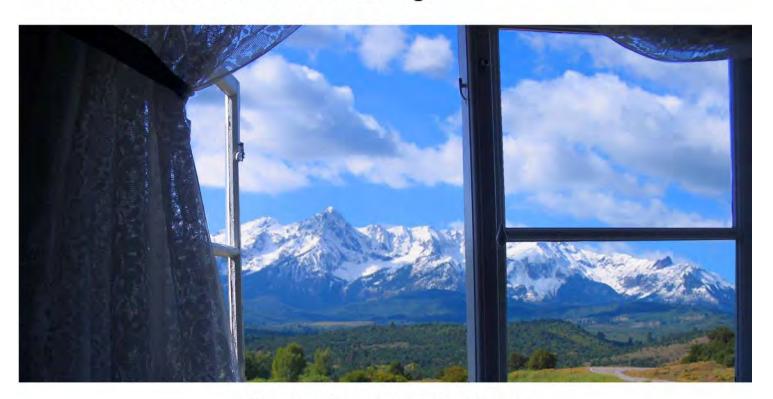
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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE BY SENATOR ELLEN ROBERTS

SHARING BEST PRACTICES IN A GLOBAL WORLD

My September finished with another round of interim committee hearings, including on data collection of police-initiated contacts, considering possible ways to improve statewide racial profiling data, and the final series of the water committee's public meetings in Walden, Greeley and Aurora on the proposed state water plan.

As chairwoman of the Colorado health insurance exchange oversight committee and as a member of the wildfire matters committee. I've also attended numerous hearings on these issues as well this interim. All of these interim committees will pick up again at the end of October to consider what, if any, new legislation will be proposed in the next session as committeesponsored bills. With the interim committee workload on a temporary pause in early October, I joined a two member, bipartisan legislator team to India, for a program with Indian legislators and academics, organized by the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) and the U.S. State Department in India.

Our focus in working with the largest democracy in the world was to share best practices and field questions on how U.S. state legislatures deal with the many challenges encountered in our positions. I particularly enjoyed the amount of time we spent with young Indians, some studying at the universities in political science, foreign relations and law and others already elected in the provinces in state government. I shared what we've been doing in Colorado with our legislative youth advisory council, known as COYAC, which nicely provided a springboard of U.S. youth-identified policy issues to discuss with their counterparts, halfway around the globe. We also met with young U.S. foreign service personnel and I was reminded of the valuable work they are doing on behalf of our country, serving in faraway places and, sometimes, in as dangerous locations as those serving in our military.

State-level legislators that we met with were interested in discussing logistics of getting into office and responding to constituent concerns and requests. Our agenda also included meeting with faculty in several universities and those working in non-governmental organizations, also referred to as the Indian –eivil society," to discuss states' efforts in civic engagement, electoral reforms and transparency in governance. India has the second largest population in the world with 1.2 billion people. Geographically expansive with a very di-

verse citizenry, they have a parliamentarian form of democracy and face many governance challenges shared in the U.S. There was keen interest in the U.S. national political scene, the upcoming 2016 presidential election and how that will impact the work at the state legislative level. I've worked with legislators in Algeria, South Africa, Mozambique, and now India. In this global economy enhanced by technological advancements, each U.S. state, including Colorado, finds competition and business opportunities around the world. Our academic institutions share students and faculty as well as the knowledge and skills that those institutions foster. We crammed much into the week of meetings and it was a great experience. I always bring home new thoughts and energy to what I work on at the Colorado legislature, especially in the areas of natural resources, the challenges of water scarcity and delivery and access to adequate rural healthcare. That Colorado chooses to have a part-time legislature enables me to volunteer my time in these efforts and I learn at least as much as I share. 2015 Legislative Session Contact:

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COMMUNITY LIGHTNING RODS Voices that spark conversations

"I CAN RESPECT ANOTHER PERSON'S POSITION"— SCOTT BEYER



Local business owner Scott Beyer. Courtesy photo.

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-The first interview question to Scott Byers was how long he'd lived in Montrose, —Forty years. No, no it's 42 years. Well now wait a minute, 46 years. Yes, it's 46 years. I graduated from MHS in1976 so you can go back from there."

After graduating from high school Scott worked in mineral exploration and traveled all over the country as a diamond core driller. In 1985 he and his former wife started the Montrose County Shopper and within two years Scott permanently settled back into the community.

Bitten by the printing-bug Scott purchased the existing Sir Speedy franchise, —I've always been a curious person. I thought about a print shop and wondered

how do you do this....and can I make some money at it?" Over the years through expansions and relocations the printing business grew, but not without issues, —The franchise model didn't work for rural Colorado, so I fulfilled my contract obligation and exited." In 1998 Scott's Printing moved to its present location at 315 South 12th Street.

Rather than participating in service clubs, Scott is attracted to business driven community boards and committees. He has served two terms on the Montrose Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) and four terms on the Montrose Chamber of Commerce Board. While on the

chamber board he served one year as chairman and was selected as Chamber Member of the Year. Currently Scott is on the city's Tourism Retail Advisory Council.

When asked if he'd ever considered running for an elected position he wasted no time in saying, —No. I get asked all the time to run, but I know better than that. I'm convinced you cannot have a business and be in politics. People get vindictive and try to ruin you. It's really sad. It is such a divisive situation that I refuse to play." Scott acknowledged there is a vocal minority in the community who gets a lot of attention. He laughed and said, —I'm too busy making money so these guys can yell and scream at each other." Scott however does not avoid politics, —That would be

like sticking your head in the sand. I try to build bridges and get people off high center. I take it upon myself to try to fix things."

In public forums Scott has no trouble confronting false statements, —Ilon't try to call people out, but I'm not afraid to call them out when I hear a lie. Our integrity makes us who we are." Speaking philosophically he said, —Things are what they are...polishing something and making it shiny doesn't change what it is."

With an interesting perspective of changing one's position on issues Scott said,

—I've never had a problem backpedaling when I learn information that changes my mind.

—It doesn't make me weak to say I've changed my mind. If you're wrong, why wouldn't you say you're wrong? I'd rather say I'm wrong and move on than dig myself deeper into a hole."

Scott feels respected in the community and considers himself to be a leader, —But I work in the background. I never want to take credit for anything — I don't care who gets credit, let's just make it happen."

Addressing community divisiveness Scott said, —We need to get back to the Golden Rule [Matthew 7:12]. We've forgotten how to be nice. You don't have to like everybody, but it serves no purpose to be mean. I can respect another person's position without agreeing with them. In our community it's all about winning. So, what did you win when you won?"

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LIBRARY TRUSTEES COMMIT TO MOVING FORWARD From page 1

Director" (May 8th minutes). The MRLD President asked director Paladino to reconsider his resignation.

On May 15th Vice-President Garvey chaired a meeting and stated the purpose was, —...todraft a questionnaire for employees to use to provide us with an assessment of the work situation at the library." However when staff member Amy McBride said, —..her understand[ing] was that this meeting [was] to address a midterm evaluation of the Director." Garvey rejected her understanding of the purpose of the meeting and reiterated that the meeting was about an employee survey. Bruce Grigsby stated, —..he resignation has not been accepted" (minutes).

For two to three weeks MRLD President Bobbie Sneed, Vice-President Tim Garvey and director Paladino met together to resolve the resignation issue.

During the May 21st meeting the board went into executive session to, —.discuss personnel matters, specifically, the status of the library director." Upon exiting the executive session a motion was made and seconded to, —.offer counter proposal to Paul as was developed in executive session. Motion passed. Paul officially accepted verbal proposal and the Board indicated their appreciation of his acceptance."

It is confirmed that this verbal proposal dealt with the withdrawal of Paul's resignation. However, there is no statement in the official minutes that the resignation was withdrawn.

Sometime after May 21st, trustees Linda Gann and Bruce Grigsby abruptly tendered their resignations. In all three cases the resignations were not tendered during meetings, but were submitted to MRLD Board President Bobbie Sneed. Paladino resigned in person, Gann and Grigsby resigned through email.

It should be noted that unless excused from a meeting, the minutes for the MRLD board meetings are taken by Executive Director Paul Paladino. The minutes then go to board secretary Anne Gulliksen, who in turn submits them to the board for approval.

Two glaring omissions in the approved board minutes for June 18th are the resignations of trustees Linda Gann and Bruce Grigsby. The only hint at the departure of Gann and Grigsby is tucked under Committee Assignments, —It was decided the remaining Trustees would just fill in committee assignments as necessary, usually functioning as a committee of the whole." While Paladino is given praise for his service and encouraged to withdraw his resignation, it does not appear that Gann and Grigsby received any such consideration.

Succeeding minutes up to and including Aug. 20th have no mention of Gann or Grigsby, whose terms would have expired in December 2017, nor is there comment

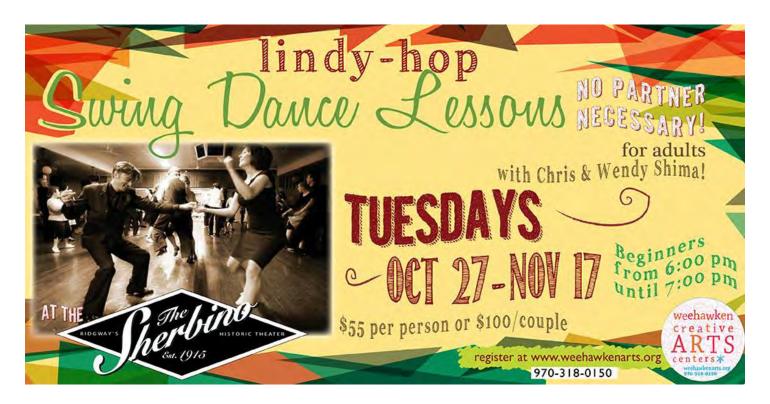
about finding their replacements. When asked, Paladino did not know the dates of the Gann and Grigsby resignations and although he had discussed the Gann resignation with board president Sneed, he had not seen the Grigsby email resignation.

From director Paladino's perspective the summer turmoil stemmed from a lack of through communication and a lack of understanding, —boking back it could be construed as healthy. There needs to be room to voice disagreement. There was pretty intense disagreement for a couple of weeks, but we set aside personal issues for the good of the community."

Paladino sees the internal library conflict as separate from the upcoming ballot issue, —We kept working on the ballot issue and it continued to move forward. Even though we had different opinions on timing, details and the amount of the mil levy increase, everyone agreed to the need for the ballot issue."

On Sept. 21st the Montrose County Commissioners appointed two new board members to fill the MRLD board vacancies. Trustees Sally Karo and Robb Ruyle took their seats Oct. 15, though Karo attended by telephone.

Two additional seats on the board of trustees will open in December. The cost to MRLD to put the issue on the ballot is \$25,000, according to information shared by Paladino at the Oct. 15 meeting.



REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

RIDGWAY HONORED AS COLORADO MAIN STREET OF THE YEAR!



Mayor John Clark, Community and Economic Development Coordinator Diedra Silbert, and volunteer Eve Becker-Doyle accepted the award on behalf of the Town. Courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror
RIDGWAY-Ridgway was named 2015
Colorado Main Street of the Year on
October 7th, by the State Department of
Local Affairs (DOLA). Mayor John Clark,
Community and Economic Development

Coordinator Diedra Silbert, and volunteer Eve Becker-Doyle accepted the award on behalf of the Town. Director of DOLA's Division of Local Government, Chantal Unfug, presented it at the Downtown Colorado Inc. annual conference in Durango.

Mayor Clark said, — am honored to accept this award for Ridgway. We're grateful to the State for recognizing the incredible work that our amazing staff and community volunteers have done to accomplish all that we have in the past year. I believe this is only the beginning for Ridgway. This award, as much as

anything, is a recognition of our potential to make our town an even more amazing place to live." The Town's Main Street program is an effort to revitalize Ridgway's downtown through asset-based economic development and community in-

volvement. The award acknowledges and honors the accomplishments of Ridgway's Main Street initiative in 2015: the engineered design of Ridgway's \$12.5 million highway and downtown infrastructure project, a survey of 70% of downtown businesses, hosting esteemed visitors, another banner year for the concert series, and promotion of community events, including Ridgway Creative District MoonWalks. Selection was based on submission of an application, a popular vote on Facebook, and a review of each Main Street community's efforts. Ridgway competed for the vote with Steamboat Springs, Victor, and Brush!. Despite the short voting period, the community and its supporters cast over 1000 votes for Ridgway, more than the number of residents, demonstrating strong community pride. Ridgway's own Lisa Issenberg designed and crafted the award. For more information, go to https:// www.facebook.com/TownOfRidgway? ref=hl or https://www.facebook.com/ Colorado-Main-Street-131336380283/ timeline/.

NON-PROFIT TRAINING COMES TO MONTROSE OCT. 19

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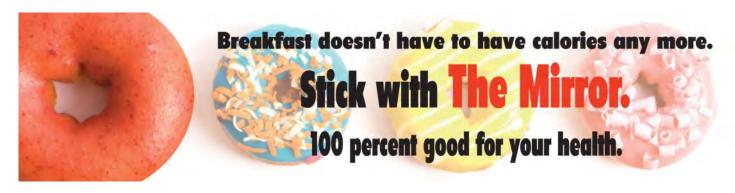
MONTROSE-Nationally-known consultant Andy Robinson will present a fundraising workshop in Montrose for nonprofits large and small, Oct. 19, from 9 a.m.-4p.m. at the United Methodist Church, 19 South Park Avenue.

Amy McBride of the Montrose Regional Library District has raved about Andy Robinson and his trainings: —It's not often that I've gone to a training and found myself years later relying on the information that I gained. But, in the case of Andy Robinson, I use his teachings on a regular basis as well as one of his books."

Robinson, author of *Mobilize Your Board to Raise More Money*, is considered one of the nation's most effective fundraising consultants. Sara Plumhoff, Executive Director of the Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley, is very supportive of this upcoming training. —Ay nonprofit organization, large or small, will come away from this workshop energized and with practical skills and usable knowledge," she says.

The workshop is made possible by the Community Resource Center and the Western Slope Nonprofit Council, a group of volunteer leaders from a six-county area including Gunnison County.

Their collaboration and sponsorship means that the fee is only \$85 per person for this full-day training. A limited number of seats remain; to register go to www.crcamerica.org/andy-robinson-training-series/. For more information, contact Sara Plumhoff, Executive Director, Montrose Community Foundation, 901-6575.



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MONTROSE CHAMBER RIBBON CUTTING...THE DETAIL CENTER!

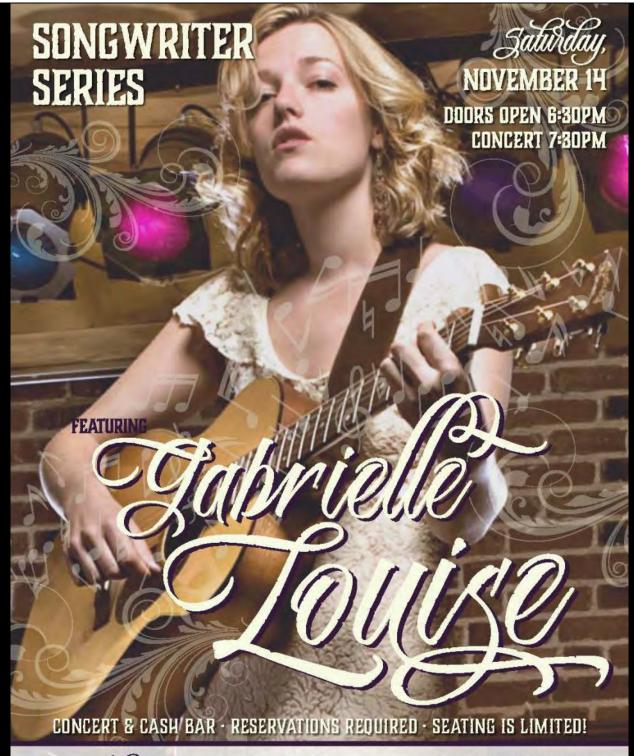


Special to the Mirror MONTROSE-The Detail Center, the new addition to The Mine Shack Car Wash, IS **OPEN!** The Chamber of Commerce celebrated the new full service facility with a ribbon cutting. The Detail Center will be open year round for all your vehicle cleaning needs. The Mine Shack & Detail Center is located at 2554 Woodgate Road.





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Montrose County Health & Human Services Director Kristin Pulatie.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-She manages a staff of 93, spends at least part of every day in meetings, and works directly with regional and state officials. With less than a year in the top job, she continues to build her own skills through training and education. Somehow though, Montrose County Health & Human Services Director Kristin Pulatie makes it look like a breeze. —The learning curve has been huge," acknowledges Pulatie, who was initially named Public Health Director and Interim Health & Human Services Director in late 2014, following the October 2014 resignation of longtime Montrose Health & Human Services Director Peg Mewes and the November 2014 departure of interim HHS Director Carol Friedrich for Ouray and San Miguel counties.

Along with a strong educational background and skills, Pulatie brought leadership skills when she arrived in Montrose in 2013 as Montrose County's Clinical Program Manager and later as special assistant county attorney for child support enforcement services. And though she had spent a decade in Chicago continuing her higher education and working as a health policy and advocacy manager and as a plaintiff's attorney for a private law firm, Kristin is originally from Arizona, so the pace of Western Colorado comes as no surprise to her.

The expertise of our program managers has made my job easier," she said. Hallow them to run their programs; they can come to me for support, but we have hired good people, and I don't want to get in their way.

Through her work on the state's public health association board, Pulatie has gotten to know public health professionals across

Colorado, and appreciates learning from —the people on the ground, doing the work."

Montrose County HHS's recent drivethrough flu shot clinic at Riverbottom Park was a true public-private partnership, with Walgreens Pharmacies providing flu vaccine and professionals to administer the shots.

Our Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Don Angell did the heavy lifting for us, with Teri Watkins and Kat Smith," Pulatie said. It brought everyone together—there was a city liaison, and the hospital came to observe—and it was a really fun way to practice for mass scale inoculations, in case we ever have to do them."

The drive-through clinic also enabled more vaccinations with fewer volunteers, she said.

With the winter radon season coming up, Pulatie reminds locals that radon test kits are available free at the Health & Human Services Building, located at 1845 South Townsend Ave. —Western Colorado has elevated levels of radon," she said. —It is a bigger deal in winter when the windows are closed, and in older houses with a basement—if you have someone sleeping downstairs in a basement, it's a good idea to get a test."

There are numerous options for mitigating radon, she noted; the key is to be aware of the risks in winter. According to the HHS 2014 Annual report, Radon, an invisible radioactive gas, is the number one cause of lung cancer among non-smokers. Radon is responsible for about 21,000 lung cancer deaths every year. About 2,900 of these deaths occur among people who have never smoked. Montrose County has one of the highest rates of indoor radon in Colorado. In 2014, 351 free radon test kits were distributed, nearly twice as many as in 2013.

And of course, in true public health professional form, Pulatie reminds everyone to wash their hands to avoid spreading germs, and to stay home of you are sick. —These are really simple fixes that can help you stay healthy all winter," she said.

Montrose County Health & Human Services is bringing information proactively to the public with the Health & Wellness Blog, and continues to welcome the entire community to come in for essential services. Pulatic credits County Media Relations Manager Katie Yergensen with providing numerous opportunities to get the word out, and Montrose County Health Educator Joanna Cortes for creating the

popular blog. Joanna is doing the work that she writes about, and the blog is meaningful because of that," Pulatie said. Our 2014 Annual Report is also a great document; it was redesigned by our public health intern, a nursing student from Iowa." Cortes also contributed to the report, which details all services offered through the HHS Department.

Pulatie believes that as HHS Director, empowering longtime staffers through training and promotion is essential, and so is bringing in new talent and ideas. She herself enjoys sharing information whenever possible, and looks forward to opportunities for speaking directly to the public.

Hhad a blast speaking at Heidi's (the Heidi's Deli Forum on Wednesday mornings)," she said. Ham open to suggestions—come to me with your new ideas, because I am all ears."

Among the County's new grant-funded initiatives are a work situation wellness initiative and Mental Health First Aid. —We have contracted with a mental health caseworker to help people recognize the signs of stress," Pulatie said, —and we will be hosting an on-site support group."

As she adjusts to her new role as head of Human Services, Pulatie is excited to attend director training with state officials this week and meet other state human service directors. Her role with Public Health has allowed her to take a statewide leadership role, and she looks forward to doing the same with Human Services.

—am still learning some of the more technical things," she said. —Our Social Services staffers connect people to services they need in our community. All of our staff are personally invested, and they go the extra mile every day."

Montrose County Government Affairs Director Jon Waschbusch noted that he was among the citizens receiving a flu shot at the clinic in Riverbottom Park last week, and that the level of customer service and efficiency is a hallmark of HHS these days. There were two dozen cars ahead of me in line, but I was out in ten minutes or less," he said. —Ano point was there any confusion or uncertainty. These are professionals, doing incredible, thankless work—it is truly, critically important. Health and Human Services is an essential role of government, because who else will do this? —am personally in awe of these folks, because they make a difference every day, from providing immunizations, to child welfare services," he said. -Kristin is young, extremely Continued on page 21

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...PLAN AHEAD FOR SAFE WINTER TRAVEL...

National Weather Service Grand Junction Office COLORADO-Winter Weather Preparedness Week continues through Saturday October 24th, as proclaimed by Governor Hickenlooper. Preparedness is a big part of this campaign. Before winter weather arrives in earnest, it is highly recommended that you prepare your car or truck for

winter travel.

A well-equipped vehicle has adequate tires, tire chains, tow rope, sand or cat litter for traction, shovel, tool kit, windshield scraper and brush, battery cables, first aid kit, flashlight, extra batteries, blankets and/or sleeping bags, extra clothing, candles, water- proof matches, jug of water, high calorie packaged food for quick energy, and an empty can to melt snow for drinking.

The best way to prevent treacherous winter travel is to avoid it. This can be done by staying informed about the current weather and road conditions as well as the latest weather forecasts. Information on road conditions in Colorado is available on the

web at www.cotrip.org or from the toll free warning. However, avalanche control number 1-877-315-7623. When calling from anywhere in Colorado, dialing 511 will also access the Colorado road reports. Additionally, a free smartphone application, CDOT Mobile, is available. Road conditions for neighboring states can be obtained on a link from www.cotrip.org.

If you should become stranded during a winter storm, stay with your vehicle and do not panic. If accompanied by others, take turns sleeping. Run the motor every hour for about ten minutes to maintain warmth, but keep windows open a little to prevent the buildup of carbon monoxide. Make sure the exhaust pipe is not blocked. Keep the car visible with brightly colored cloths tied to the side view mirrors, door handles, or external antenna. At night, turn on the dome light when running the engine. Exercise periodically by vigorously moving arms, legs, toes and fingers.

In the mountains, avalanches become a possibility in the winter, especially below steep slopes. Avalanches occasionally come down across roads, with little or no

work is performed on many avalanche prone roads in Colorado, making the roads safer to travel. Caution is advised when traveling along avalanche prone roads, especially during and shortly after a heavy snowstorm or during periods of rapid snowmelt.

Very strong downslope winds occur at times mainly along the front range of Colorado. These Chinook and Bora winds can have gusts exceeding 100 mph. Persons traveling in light weight or high profile vehicles should avoid travel during these strong wind events especially on north- south oriented roads. Roads which appear to be clear in the wintertime may actually be coated with a thin layer of ice, commonly known as black ice. This nearly invisible ice layer can cause you to rapidly lose control of your vehicle. Black ice is most common during the nighttime hours. If you detect black ice you should reduce your speed. Please follow these winter travel safety recommendations which could save your life





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

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well-educated, and passionate about public health and human services. When someone is passionate about their job, they are good at it."

Pulatie said that she especially encourages the public to visit the Montrose County Health & Human Services Facility, which houses a myriad of programs that benefit the whole community. —I want everyone to know that I am absurdly proud of my staff every day," Pulatie said. —They deal day in and day with the public, and they get the job done—they are well-trained, and professional. All different kinds of people come to our building and use our resources—my goal is to change the perception of what Health & Human Services means to our community.

—Cme on down, and we will give you a tour," she said. —We are open and welcome everyone—we serve everyone here, and we serve everyone well."

Montrose County Health & Human Services can be reached at 960-252-5000.

DMEA LAUNCHES NEW WEB SITE TODAY

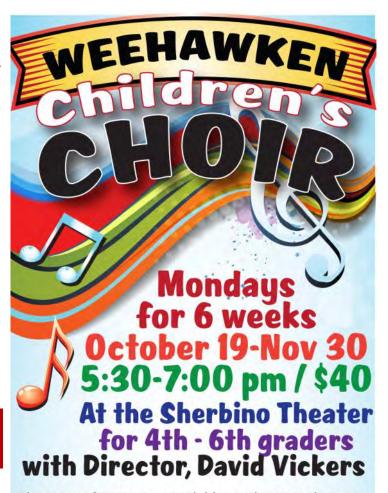
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REGIONAL-Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) is launching a redesigned website this month. The new site focuses on user experience. It offers a clean, modern design, easy navigation, and updated content. The new site should be fully populated by Monday, Oct. 19. "We know our website is an essential communication tool for our members. Our most recent member survey indicated that 62% of our members with internet access use our website. It was important for us to recognize the site's value and make sure it was functional, easy to use, and meeting the needs of our members," said Jasen Bronec, DMEA CEO.

Notable differences include a less cluttered look and user-friendly navigation. For example, members can quickly access the most frequently requested information through three large buttons on the homepage. Other features include full-site search functionality and a scrolling alert bar that can be used for emergency or breaking news updates."In just seven years, the number of members connected to the internet who use our website has increased significantly. It goes without saying that DMEA needs a professional and informative site for a large portion of our membership. The new site meets those expectations," said Bronec.

Visit DMEA's website at www.dmea.comhttp://www.dmea.com. Members can find information about the co-op's residential and commercial efficiency programs, safety, community support, history, and much more. Most importantly, members can also access their account 24/7 through SmartHub, DMEA's online account management tool. SmartHub allows members to pay their bill online

ment tool. SmartHub allows members to pay their bill online and view detailed energy consumption data. Yearly, monthly, and even hourly comparisons are available. Other SmartHub features include payment history, budgeting assistance, and tools to understand your data.



The vision of Ouray County Children's Choir is to discover the joy of singing; to make music with our voices and sing together. Choristers will gain knowledge of the rudiments of ear training, vocal production, music reading, diction and choral performance. The performance goal for the 2015 fall season will be to join with the Ouray County Chorus for their winter seasonal concert, A Celtic Christmas, on Sunday, December 6th at the Ouray County 4-H Center. The Children's Choir will be singing seasonal classics and original compositions. The cost per student is only \$40 for the entire fall session. The director, David Vickers, has worked with choirs of all ages and is currently the music director of the Ouray County Chorus.



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JOHNSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OFFERS AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM FOR BOYS IN GRADES THREE TO FIVE

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MONTROSE-Johnson Elementary School. **BOYS2MEN** is an afterschool program for boys in grades 3-5 that we are starting this school year at Johnson Elementary School. **BOYS2MEN** will have character education lessons and activities for the boys to participate in based on their interests. Activities will vary from session to session but will focus on physical and hands-on choices. Boys will sign up for their activities during the week before a session meets. Lessons and activities will be led by male teachers at JES, but male volunteers from the public are invited to come and lead or assist with an activity. A snack will be provided at each session for the boys.

Session Dates:

Sessions will meet on the following Fridays from 3:05-4:35 p.m:

Nov. 6 and 13

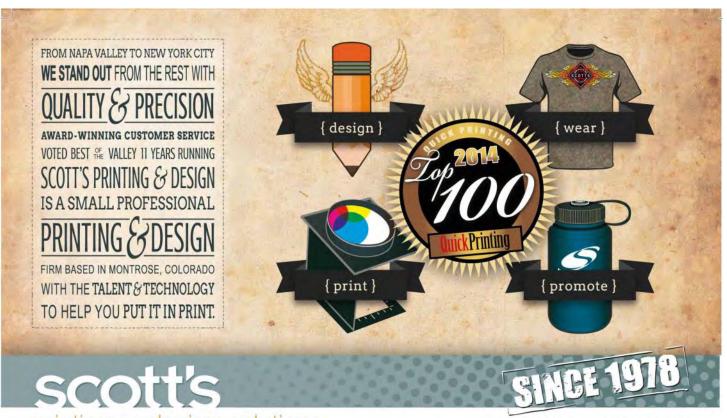
Dec. 4 and 11

Jan. 8, 15, 22, and 29

Feb. 7-Super Bowl 50 party (4-6 p.m.)

We are requesting donations of time and/or money for this program. Any businesses and men that are interested are welcome. Please contact Mr. Steck in room 311 or email andrew.steck@mcsd.org. You may also call Johnson Elementary School at 249-2584.

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WRITER GAIL MARVEL VISITS GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH



By Gail Marvel

My visit to Grace Baptist Church took place on Aug. 30, 2015. The church, having been without a pastor for many weeks, is close to making their candidate selection official. Acknowledging a summer slump for attendance the group numbered eight; however, late arrivals increased the number to 12.

The pulpit this day was occupied by Jerry Lingo who began, —It's good to be in the house of the Lord." He then joked about a Scottish preacher who preached to two or three people one day and the next day 10,000 people came to hear him speak. Mr. Lingo said, —There are only eight of us, but the Lord said where two or three gathered in my name I am with them. It's not about a building, it's about the people in the building."

Announcements included an update on the preacher candidate search, upcoming communion service, and schedule for fellowship events. Mr. Lingo said, —Times of fellowship are wonderful ... especially when food is involved." Putting a biblical stamp of approval on food and fellowship he said, —The Bible has many references to meeting around food!"

On the platform at the front of the audito-

rium two pianos sat silent, while prerecorded piano music served as accompaniment to hymns. Song selection from hymnals were, —Jesus Saves" and —And a Soldier of the Cross?"

The message came from the book of Jude, which contains only 25 verses. Mr. Lingo said, —We're going to read the whole book because it only takes five to six minutes. We [believers] can all read the same book, but have different understanding."

Putting the message in a historical setting Mr. Lingo said, —The church [established with the ministry of Jesus] was hidden from the Old Testament (OT) saints. What is a saint? It's a person who is sanctified and set apart. All laws were given to point man to Christ. They [OT saints] had to keep all the laws, not just the Ten Commandments and it was not humanly possible to keep all the laws." Man is not capable of paying for his own sins, —Only God could pay for the sins of mankind. Jesus was God in the flesh and His sacrifice on the cross was not just for the sins of the past, but when we sin today we have forgiveness."

Elaborating on sin in our lives Mr. Lingo said, Jesus satisfied God's requirement

for us that we might have salvation. There is no sin that God cannot forgive. Even though it [a sin] might come back into our minds, God has forgiven it as far as the east is from the west. Our stumbling blocks come from our own flesh, or from Satan."

Mr. Lingo cautioned that we are living in dangerous times where false teachings abound; —As a believer we are not to entertain sin, we are to walk in newness of life. Man can pull himself up by his bootstraps...but he doesn't get very high."

At the conclusion of the 45-minute service Mr. Lingo offered an invitation, —If you don't know Jesus we can show you some Scripture on how to be saved."

In parting comments Mr. Lingo said, —Don't be a —gonna" — gonna do this and gonna do that. Be a —doer." Purpose in your heart to do something for the Lord. When God puts that burden on your heart, do something about it. Be a missionary here, right now. There is power in the Gospel...share it with someone!"

Contact information: Grace Baptist Church 1020 South 5h Street Montrose, CO 81401 970-249-3794

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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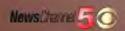
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HEAVY METAL POLLUTION DIVERTED FROM UNCOMPAHGRE RIVER



Main waste rock pile during removal at Vernon Mine in September 2015. Courtesy photo.

By Tanya Ishikawa
Communications Coordinator,
Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership
RIDGWAY-The Uncompahgre River
should be running a little bit cleaner this
fall after contaminated water flows from
abandoned mines were remediated this
summer. The Uncompahgre Watershed
Partnership (UWP), a nonprofit in Ouray
County focused on river restoration and
preservation, completed two mine remediation projects in close collaboration with
Jeff Litteral, a project manager for Colorado's Division of Reclamation, Mining and
Safety.

Heavy metal pollution from abandoned mines in the San Juan Mountains are a major source of contaminants in the Uncompandere. Though the river above Ridgway Reservoir is not used as a local drinking water source, it is an important agricultural, recreational, aquatic and wildlife resource. Water from the reservoir is also used for those purposes downstream as it runs through Montrose, Olathe and Delta, as well as for municipal water.

—UWP's remediation projects at three legacy mine sites in the Upper Uncompandere Watershed address metals loading and acidic mine drainage to streams that do not meet beneficial uses for aquatic life,

recreation, water supply or agriculture. Consequently they are on the EPA's Clean Water Act's list of impaired waters," explained Agnieszka Przeszlowska, UWP mine remediation project manager.

Funded by Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment grants, UWP began cleanup efforts at three mines last year. The first task, completed in July and October 2014, was to collect surface water samples and river insects from the Upper Uncompander River.

These samples will be compared to future samples taken after remediating the polluted flows to determine how much water quality improves.

The first site to be remediated was the Michael Breen Mine, where the polluted drainage from a collapsed mine entrance was flowing from the mine across Engineer Pass Road and into the Uncompanyer River. This high alpine portion of the river was found to contain toxic levels of cadmium, copper, zinc and manganese, which impair aquatic life.

UWP constructed a diversion ditch to reroute the mine discharge and reduce leaching of metals into the river in October 2014. Re-routing the water also eliminated pooling under the load-out structure, stopping destabilization of the structure.

This August, a one-acre area adjacent to the diversion ditch and former drainage area was re-vegetated with a mix of native seeds, and anchored by an early ground cover species, a soil amendment and aspen mulch. Chris Peltz of Silverton-based Research Services LLC assisted with the design of re-vegetation prescriptions and installation.

The second completed remediation project was at Vernon Mine, where two draining mine entrances were leaching significant amounts of copper into Gray Copper Gulch. Besides the copper levels, this stream has been identified as having poor water quality due to iron and a low pH, which impair aquatic life.

This September, construction crews removed approximately 1,000 cubic yards of waste rock from the Gray Copper Gulch valley floor, and hauled it uphill to a repository in a flat area away from hillslope runoff and drainage areas. Two mine entrances were closed off and a small diversion ditch was constructed to redirect drainage from one entrance. Strategic portions of the area were also revegetated with a high alpine mix, soil amendments and aspen mulch.

The third project is at Atlas Mill, an abandoned mill off Camp Bird Road above Sneffels Creek. Mine tailings from legacy operations have been deposited in the creek's floodplain, and erosion of the tailings and runoff during spring snowmelt contribute heavy metals, especially cadmium and zinc, to the stream, impairing aquatic life.

ŪWP is collaborating with the operators of Ouray Silver Mine, Inc., which is the property owner of areas within the project, and consulting with Western Stream Works LLC on project design to minimize erosion of tailings in the floodplain. Project implementation is planned for summer 2016.

-We all remember the recent and dramatically visible Gold Mine spill of three million gallons of polluted water into the Animas River.

Yet, every day hundreds of Colorado abandoned mines leak toxic heavy metals into our waterways – largely unnoticed and forgotten.

UWP is proud to have the opportunity to partner with the State of Colorado, private mine owners and contractors, and other stakeholders to begin to tackle this problem one step at a time," said UWP Board Member Scott Williams.



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CENTENNIAL 8TH GRADERS GET CRASH COURSE IN HYDROPOWER





Courtesy photos by Phil Sanchez. Intake: DMEA Smart Grid Supervisor, Mark Kurtz, explains the role of the intake structure and the importance of maintaining high water levels to achieve maximum power output. Powerhouse: DMEA Renewable Energy Engineer, Jim Heneghan, describes how water enters the powerhouse and turbine. He also explains how DMEA is able to operate the hydro plant remotely through an automatic control system. Tailrace: Students observe the water as it exits the powerhouse, noting that the water is relatively calm despite falling about 55 feet in elevation, because much of the energy has been expended to rotate the turbine.

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REGIONAL-Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) welcomed 200 eighth grade students from Centennial Middle School to the South Canal hydroelectric power plant on October 15, 2015. The field trip capped off a lesson in hydroelectric generation, bringing the textbook to life.

—The field trip provided the opportunity for our students to experience, in real life, what they were practicing in the classroom. We asked our students to select the best place for a hydroelectric dam by comparing the economic, social, and environmental impacts of three locations. They were also required to understand the various energy conversions that go into electricity production. The tour brought those questions and the solutions to life," said Meghan Waschbusch, 8th-grade science teacher.

Students toured four main features of the hydro plant: the intake, the battery house, the powerhouse, and the switchyard. DMEA staff members guided students through the tour, explaining the purpose of each station and the role it plays in generating electricity.

-DMEA was exited to provide the students with the opportunity to learn about hydroelectric generation in the local community. Programs like this help spark an early interest in science and renewable energy production," said Jim Heneghan, DMEA Renewable Engineer.

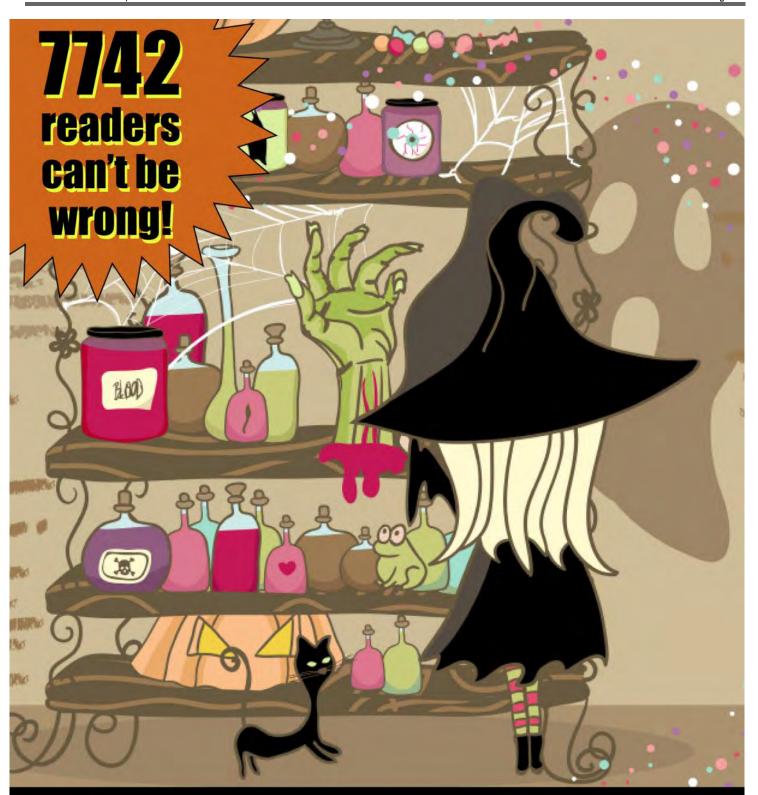
The South Canal Hydroelectric project is comprised of two small hydro turbines, totaling 7.5 megawatts. DMEA developed the project in partnership with the Uncompander Valley Water Users Association in 2012. Annually it produces approximately

27,000,000 kilowatt hours of electricity – roughly enough energy to power 3,000 average homes in DMEA's service territory. For more information about scheduling a tour of DMEA's South Canal hydroelectric project, contact DMEA at 1-877-



687-3632. Learn more about the project at www.dmea.com.





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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT-MONTROSE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J

Staff and Community:

I want to thank everyone in the school district and community for being supportive and welcoming to me upon my arrival.

Montrose County School District and the Montrose and Olathe communities are an excellent environment for our students to grow up and to learn. The opportunities are endless.

We, as a school district and community working together, will ensure that our students will be able to reach their potential and see their dreams come true! Since my first day in the office, July 30, until now, I have been collaborating with students, staff, and community for 77 days.

Here is my first 100 day report minus 23! Our community wants our schools to be first rate.

My vision is that the Montrose County School District will be the #1 school district on the Western Slope.

Our community wants our students to be high achieving, to the best of each students ability. We will enhance the consistency that already exists among all schools so that our teachers will utilize researched based educational tools that are proven to create increased student achievement. Our community wants increased collaboration among all public entities.

I am reaching out to our city government, police, fire, public works, Colorado Mesa University, and county government to create an environment that will promote community growth in jobs and an increase in student achievement and enrollment.

Our community is proud of who we are and what we have.

We, as the Montrose County School District, will promote the strengths of our school district. We are the number one source of information to our community.

We are the most powerful public relationS tool available to communicate with our community.

Our community knows that school facilities need to be addressed.

The School Board will explore the application process to obtain a Best Grant that could reduce the expenses to the taxpayer if a building project is deemed necessary.

Our community believes all-day Kindergarten is a valuable resource to build positive learning experiences that will support student achievement for a lifetime.

The Board will explore all-day Kindergarten opportunities for all children.

Our community believes that the Montrose County School District needs to academically challenge all of our students. The Montrose County School District is exploring the possibility of beginning a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) Academy.

The Montrose County School District is exploring the potential to collaborate with Colorado Mesa University programming for the Career and Technical Education Field.

The community believes that the school district must show accountability with tax-payer money by having a balanced budget. a.

The School Board will have a balanced budget in 2016-17.

During the regular School Board Meeting on October 13, 2015 the Board took action on the following items (see Board minutes for more detail):Foundation repairs at Northside Elementary School; Roof repairs throughout the school district;

Accepted the Gifted and Talented Grant; First reading on multiple Board Policies; Carl Perkins Grant was accepted.

Montrose County School District is an outstanding school district!

Together we will make the most of each opportunity to help each of our students to be successful in their special way.

I look forward to collaborating with each of the stakeholders of our school district! *Stephen Schiell*

Superintendent

Montrose County School District RE-1J

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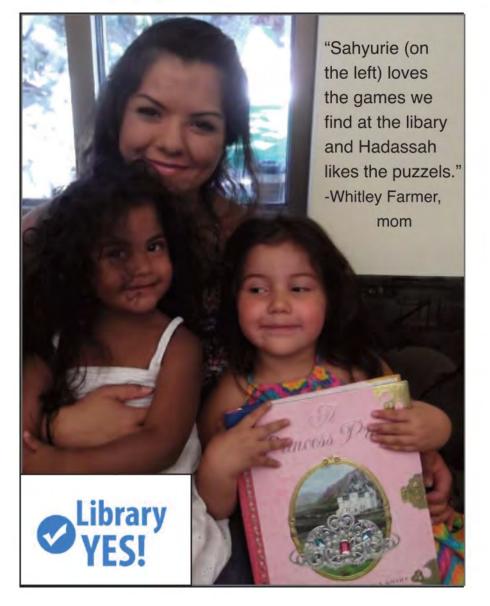


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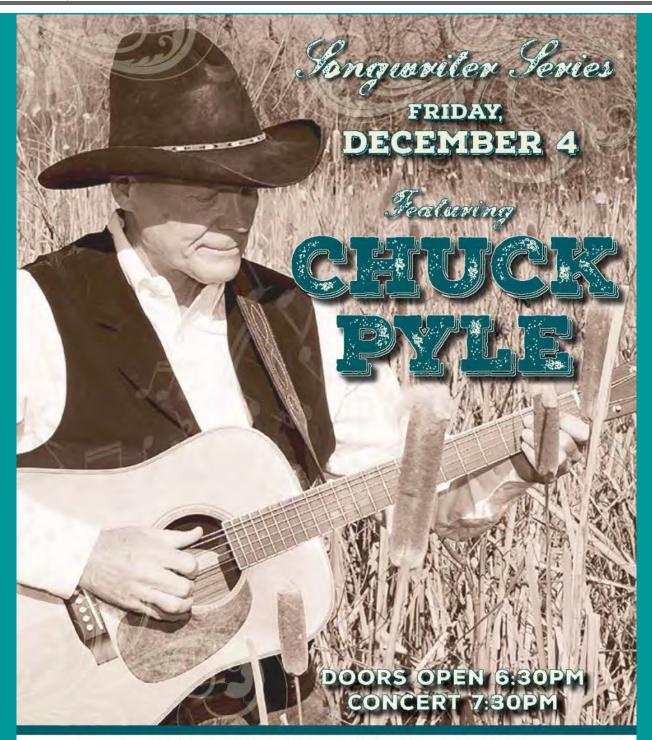
MONTROSE-Diners are finding new, locally sourced options in seven restaurants in Montrose since the launch of the Eat Local Eat Healthy initiative. A collaboration between the Valley Food Partnership and Montrose Office of Business and Tourism, Eat Local Eat Healthy seeks to connect restaurant goers with healthy meal choices made from ingredients sourced from Western Slope farms. To qualify for the program, restaurants must carry at least two Eat Local Eat Healthy entrees on the menu year round. These menu items can change but must contain a serving of vegetables, no trans fats or MSG, and have two ingredients (or a primary ingredient) sourced from a Western Slope producer. In 2015, Eat Local Eat Healthy welcomed The Bistro, Camp Robber, Colorado Boy Pizzeria, Daily Bread Bakery and Cafe, Horsefly Brewery, The Lobby Grille at Montrose Memorial Hospital and Remington's at the Bridges.

In most establishments, Eat Local Eat Healthy items are marked on the menus or special boards with the signature beet logo. Often the farm or origin is included as well. In fact over a dozen farms supply Eat Local Eat Healthy restaurants. Montrose Bistro chef and Owner, Nick Rinne says of the program —w participate in Eat Local Eat Healthy because we believe wholeheartedly in supporting the local community and a strong local economy by buying from local farms. By supporting local producers we are sourcing the freshest and most nutritious ingredients for healthier and tastier food." Eat Local options include items like Pasta Primavera with seasonal veggies from Mattics Orchards at the Lobby Grille, Caesar Salad at Colorado Boy featuring aquaponic-grown romaine lettuce from City Farm, and Spaghetti and Meatballs at The Bistro with grassfed beef from Dayspring Farm.

In addition to educating consumers on more nutritious options, the program values the connection between Montrose residents and visitors and to area farms and ranches. Historically Montrose and the surrounding areas have been significant agricultural areas. Today, many family farms continue that legacy, bringing fresh, nutritionally dense, and delicious fruit, vegetables, meats, cheeses and more to our local restaurants. To find out more visit eatlocaleathealthy.org or facebook.com/eatlocalmontrose or by calling Vlley Food Partnership at 970-249-0705.







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OCEMS RECOGNIZES BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH



EMS Crew Back Row L-R Mike McCoach, Mike Andrews, Randy Cassingham, Glenn Boyd; Front Row L-R Steve Stone, Kim Mitchell, Colette Miller, Joey Huddleston, Kit Cassingham).

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OURAY-The Ouray County Emergency Medical Service (OCEMS) is joining other EMS agencies, firefighters and Law Enforcement across the nation in recognizing Breast Cancer Awareness Month. This marks the second year OCEMS has participated in the awareness campaign.

During the month of October, OCEMS will show its support by allowing its employees and volunteers to wear an alternate uniform displaying the pink ribbon and logo, which is a custom design for the department. By participating in recognizing Brest Cancer Awareness Month Ouray County EMS is displaying the values outlined in its mission to -truly care for one another and prevent illness or injury whenever possible" by bringing both cancer and breast cancer awareness to the community.

Most of us have been touched in one way or another by this terrible disease. If participating in this program reminds one person to get checked and catch something early then it is all worth it. We want to bring continued awareness to remind men and woman to get checked through self-exams and mammograms," said Glenn Boyd EMT-I of Ouray County EMS.

OCEMS views this campaign as an excellent way to honor those who are fighting the battle, while remembering those who have lost it.

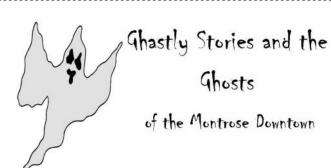
SAN JUAN WEAVERS GUILD TO HOST 38th ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE



A young girl learns to weave on a simple loom during a San Juan Weavers Guild demonstration in Hotchkiss. The guild's 38th annual Show and Sale will be Nov. 21 sale at the Holiday Inn in Montrose. Courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The San Juan Weavers Guild presents its 38th annual Show and Sale on Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Nov. 21, at the Holiday Inn Express, 1391 S. Townsend Ave., Montrose. The event includes hands-on opportunities to learn to spin and weave and sales of gifts and accessories for the home, friends, and family. Special exhibits of guild projects will be featured. Admission is free, and the public is cordially invited. For information, call (970) 249-2981 or e-mail irwin@rmi.net.



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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

HOT PINK HOT TUB ONLINE AUCTION TO BENEFIT BOSOM BUDDIES!



Bosom Buddies Board Members Patti Powel (left) and Francie Smiles (right) kick off the Hot Pink Hot Tub Online Auction with Paul Derence, owner of Hot Water Productions.. Courtesy photo.

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MONTROSE-If you've ever wanted a hot tub in your backyard, this is your chance to get one and help your local Bosom Buddies aka Breast Cancer Support Group of Southwestern Colorado.

Hot Water Productions is teaming with Watkins Manufacturing and Alpine Bank to donate a pink hot tub for an online auction to raise funds for Bosom Buddies. Just visit the Bosom Buddies' web-

sitewww.bosombuddiesswc.org and follow the link to enter a bid. The auction site will begin taking bids at 6am on Friday, October 16th. Bidding will be cut off on Sunday, November 15th at 10pm. The highest bidder can have a hot tub in their backyard by Thanksgiving.

—We hope to raise as much money as possible for our Bosom Buddies organization," says Paul Derence, owner of Hot Water Productions. —The retail price of the hot tub is \$3,495 and the starting minimum bid is only \$475. The entire amount of the highest bid will go to Bosom Buddies, 100%, so we hope to receive a big response."

Derence emphasized, —We understand that a pink hot tub may not be the best match to your existing décor, but the outside of the hot tub can easily be painted with any exterior latex-based paint to match the siding on your home or your existing patio. You could, also, build an enclosure around the spa to give it a built-in look."

Hot Water Productions and Alpine Bank have been long-time sponsors of Bosom Buddies and their annual walk. Watkins Manufacturing built a limited-edition Fantasy pink hot tub to create some fun and support October being Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Francie Smiles of Bosom Buddies, said —We see the Hot Pink Hot Tub Online Auction as a fun way to raise funds to help those affected by breast cancer who live in southwestern Colorado."

This is a quality four-person hot tub which can be plugged into any standard 110 volt 15 amp electrical outlet," said Derence. Just fill it with a garden hose, plug it in and relax without the hassle of any special electrical or plumbing hookups."

The Watkins Manufacturing Drift-style hot tub features 17 jets to massage away your stress and tension. It also offers an open-barrier bench to perfectly seat four people for socializing with family and friends. —In addition, this hot tub comes

with a built-in cascading waterfall and multi-color LED light to create a backyard oasis you can use year-round. A gray spa cover is also included," adds Derence. Hot Water Productions has offered to deliver and install the hot tub free of charge within the Montrose city limits. Any delivery based outside of the Montrose city limits is available and the fee varies depending upon on the location. There is also an optional \$150 service available which includes filling the spa and getting it operational, but the homeowners can also choose to do this procedure themselves. Smiles added, —Fundraising is critical for Bosom Buddies so we can help the local women and men diagnosed with breast cancer. We have no administrative costs as our members are an all-volunteer group. It's important to know that all funds raised are spent to support the residents of southwestern Colorado." Bosom Buddies offers financial assistance for a variety of breast cancer medical procedures including mammograms, ultrasound, and surgical consultations for applicants who qualify. Educational assistance is available to breast cancer survivors and to the immediate family members of any parent or guardian diagnosed with breast cancer. Hats, scarves, wigs, bras and prosthesis supplies are also provided for those in treatment. In addition to financial assistance, the group also provides emotional assistance through their weekly support meetings which are Wednesdays, at 12 noon at the Bosom Buddies office at 645 South 5th Street in Montrose. Anyone dealing with effects of breast cancer is invited to attend. For details and instructions on how to enter a bid in the Hot Pink Hot Tub Online Auction, visit www.bosombuddiesswc.org.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

CPW ANNOUNCES NEW CAMPING FEES EFFECTIVE NOV. 1

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DENVER - To assure the continued high quality of Colorado's State Parks, Colorado Parks and Wildlife announces increases to basic, electric, full hook-up and cabin/yurt camping fees at the 33 parks where camping is available, effective Nov. 1. This is the first increase in camping fees since 2010. Our wonderful state parks require a large amount of maintenance, and rising costs of utilities, equipment and personnel has made this fee increase imperative, said CPW Statewide Parks Pass and Reservations Coordinator, Devon Adams.

The change was approved by the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission at its September meeting. Depending upon the type of site, fee increases range from \$2 to \$10 per night.

Yurts and cabins incurred the greatest

hike, but CPW notes the experience for campers provides a cost-effective getaway.

Some of Colorados most pristine sights and panoramic views are found at state parks that offer cabins and yurts, some still as low as \$70/night, adds Adams. It is a great deal and no wonder our most popular camping sites fill up six months in advance.

CPW has more than 3,900 campsites available, many including electrical hookups and close-by restroom and shower facilities, plus 50 cabins and yurts located throughout the state at elevations ranging from approximately 3,800 to 9,400 feet. More information is available at https://cpw.state.co.us/placestogo/parks/Pages/ParkMap.aspx. Almost 300 campsites are ADA accessible.

The current camping fees will not change

for those who have already made future reservations.

Most camping fees range from \$10 - \$28, not including the reservation fee and park pass. Every vehicle entering the park, including RVs and towed vehicles, must have a park pass for each day. Annual park passes are \$70, and most daily parks passes are \$7.

Check out http://cpw.state.co.us/ buyapply/Pages/Reservations.aspx or call 303-470-1144 for more information.

Some discounts are available to permanently and totally disabled Colorado residents and residents 64 years of age or older, Sundays to Thursdays, with appropriate documentation. The CPW Communication Center is prepared to answer all your camping and reservation questions, call 303-297-1192.

EIGHTH ANNUAL CHILI BOWL FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT ART PARTNERS

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Same great event, different location! Please join us for the annual Chili Bowl Fundraiser benefiting Art Partners on Saturday, Nov. 28, 2015 hosted by The Lark & Sparrow Historic Venue 511 East Main Street from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. it's a tasty, fun, and unique way to support Partners kids. Purchase a bottomless bowl of chili from 11 am - 2 pm. The bowl is yours to keep! Bowls starting at \$15 and vegetarian chili will be available. The chili will be donated by local restaurants, chefs and folks who are proud of their chili. VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE!

Another fun way to help is by painting a bowl at Amazing Glaze (219 E. Main St. Montrose) by November 18th to donate to the fundraiser. You will receive a 15 percent discount.

We will also be collecting non-perishable

food items to be donated to Sharing Ministries to help meet their needs this holiday season. Please join us... for the chili, for the fun, for support of Partners kids!

For additional information on this event, please contact:

Partners 315 South 7th Street Montrose, CO 81401

www.partners-west.org

Lissette Riviere (970) 249-1116 Follow us on Facebook @ Partners of Delta Montrose and Ouray.

The Partners Chili Bowl Fundraiser will be at Lark & Sparrow Nov. 28.

Purchase a bottomless bowl of chili from 11 am - 2 pm. The bowl is yours to keep! Bowls starting at \$15 and vegetarian chili will be available.

Courtesy photo Brad Switzer.





REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

EIGHT COLO. LIBRARIES PILOT CPW'S PARK PASS, BACKPACK CHECK-OUT PROGRAM!

Special to the Mirror

DENVER - Eight Colorado State Librarys in collaboration with Colorado Parks and Wildlife prepare to pilot the Check-Out Colorado State Park Program beginning this October.

Check-Out Colorado State Park Program is an initiative offering residents the ability to reserve and check-out one of two, seven -day, hang-tag, park passes for entrance into all 42 state parks along with an adventure backpack, provided by Osprey, that is filled with park information and educational activities.

This program puts us on track with the Governors initiative to encourage Coloradans, particularly children, teens and the underserved, to develop deeper connections with the natural environment that sets Colorado apart as a special place, said CPW Director Bob Broscheid.

The park pass with backpack can be checked out for up to seven days and may be renewed according the participating libraries renewal policy.

We encourage all Coloradans to explore and learn through their libraries, said Colorado State Library Development Director, Sharon Morris. This pass and backpack program gives residents the opportunity to literally check out Colorado State Parks and discover the wildlife and beauty of our state.

The pilot showcases Colorados quality state parks system and improves resident accessibility, goals common to both CPW and Colorado State Library.

We are excited to partner with another state agency in a way that enhances the goals of both agencies, adds Morris. Based on annual visits of selected libraries, the goal may be within reach.

The estimated exposure, based on annual visits to libraries in Grand Junction, Rifle, Paonia, Aurora, Brighton, Denver, Las Animas and Trinidad, exceeds eight million. Libraries will provide quarterly reports based on user feedback to CPW to identify the usage of the State Park Pass Program at each location and patron experience.

The pilot is slated to continue through March 31, 2016, and if successful, will follow with expanded roll out of the CPW State Park Check-Out Program, in April 2016.

Participating pilot libraries include: Aurora Public Library, Central Library, 14949 E Alameda Pkwy, Aurora, CO 80012, 303-739-6600; Anythink Libraries, Brighton Branch, 327 E Bridge St, Brighton, CO 80601, 303-405-3230;

Delta County Libraries, Paonia Branch, 23rd St, Paonia, CO 81428, 970-399-7881;

Denver Public Library, Green Valley Ranch Branch, 4856 Andes Ct, Denver, CO 80249 720-865-0310; Garfield County Public Library, Rifle Branch, 207 East Ave, Rifle, CO 81650;

970-625-3471, Las Animas/Bent County Library, 306 5th St, Las Animas, CO 81054, 719-456-

Mesa County Public Library, Grand Junction Main Library, 443 N. 6th St, Grand Junction, CO 81501, 970-243-4442; Trinidad Public Library, 202 N. Animas St, Trinidad, CO 81082, 719-846-6841.

For more information go to http://cpw.state.co.us/Pages/
LibraryBackpack.aspx. Users are encouraged to post pictures to Instagram and Twitter: #CheckOutColorado.

The Colorado State Library is a division of the Colorado Department of Education. 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.



Hold the Date! Upcoming Business and Cultural Events

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 Uncompanare 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 Uncompangre 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 Montro se 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. 19-Nationally-known consultant Andy Robinson will present a fundraising workshop in Montrose for nonprofits large and small, Oct. 19, from 9 a.m.-4p.m. at the United Methodist Church, 19 South Park Avenue. The workshop is made possible by the Community Resource Center and the Western Slope Nonprofit Council, a group of volunteer leaders from a six-county area including Gunnison County. Their collaboration and sponsorship means that the fee is only \$85 per person for this full-day training.

A limited number of seats remain; to register go to www.crcamerica.org/andy-robinson-training-series/. For more information, contact Sara Plumhoff, Executive Director, Montrose Community Foundation, 901-6575.

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. 23 - 24—Grand Junction's Highline State Park Monster Mash-Meet Friday at 5 p.m. in the campground between campsites 9 and 12, and at 7 pm, venture into the darkness to the Day Use Area for a spooky, but kid-friendly, Halloween movie spooktacular. Meet Saturday at 4 p.m.in the campground between campsites 9 and 12. On Saturday there will be a campsite decorating contest and hay rides. For more info, contact the friendly spirits at Highline Lake State Park at 970-858-7208, or ask a question via email at https://district.org/highline.park@state.co.us. All programs are free, but each vehicle entering the park must have a valid pass on the windshield. A seven dollar vehicle pass can be purchased at

the park. For more information about Highline Lake State Park, visit www.cpwstate.co.us/placestogo/Parks/highlinelake.

Oct. 23-24-Ghostly stories and ghosts of Montrose Downtown...\$6 per person. Call to reserve space, as tour size is limited. 249-2085.Meet at 6 p.m. Montrose County Historical Museum, 21 North Rio Grande.

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. 29-30-Ghostly stories and ghosts of Montrose Downtown...\$6 per person. Call to reserve space, as tour size is limited. 249-2085. Meet at 6 p.m. Montrose County Historical Museum 21 North Rio Grande

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@friendsofridgwayschools.orgor 970-626-5468.

Oct. 30 — 31 — Grand Junction's Highline State Park Monster Mash-Meet Friday at 5 p.m. in the campground between campsites 9 and 12, and at 7 pm, venture into the darkness to the Day Use Area for a spooky, but kid-friendly, Halloween movie spooktacular. Meet Saturday at 4 p.m. in the campground between campsites 9 and 12. On Saturday there will be a campsite decorating contest and hay rides. For more info, contact the friendly spirits at Highline Lake State Park at 970-858-7208, or ask a question via email

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Oct. 31-Niceness to play Halloween at Ridgway's Sherbino Theater. Doors open at 7 p.m. Goodtimes Music Company opens. \$15.

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. 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.

Nov. 14-Songwriter Series at Lark and Sparrow, 511 East Main, with singer/songwriter Gabrielle Louise. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. 870-615-7277 or www.thelarknsparrow.com.

Nov. 21-San Juan Weavers Guild 38th Annual Show and Sale, Holiday Inn Express Montrose. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free, and the public is cordially invited. For information, call (970) 249-2981 or e-mail irwin@rmi.net.

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Turn of the Century Saloon Doors open at 7:30-ish

\$10 and 2 non-perishable items for the local food bank

Live Dance Music with the stupid band (come and meet the band)

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Above, City crews work to fix a fire hydrant near Centennial Middle School last week,,,at left, Kenny from Boy Scout Troop 491 braved rain and cold to sell popcorn for his Troop fundraiser at the Downtown City Market on Sunday, Oct. 18.







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