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"BIG COUNTRY BUILDS BIG SPIRITS" **Horsemanship Program for Vets looks at Montrose**



Semper Fi Fund/America's Fund Jinx McCain Horsemanship Program riders crossing the upper Stillwater River, Montana during the Montana Rendezvous Clinic August 2015. Courtesy photo.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE- Imagine a well-trained team of veterans packing into the Black Canyon of the Gunnison on horseback with rafts and flyfishing gear, or heading out to a local ranch for a day of branding, driving cattle, or other cowboy tasks.

—Big country grows big spirits," says John Mayer, a 33-year military veteran who now serves as foreman of the Jinx McCain Horsemanship Program, which is part of the [Semper Fi Fund](#). The horsemanship program provides confidence-building horsemanship clinics to wounded, critically ill and injured service members and their families, and gives them the opportunity to learn basic horsemanship and more advanced skills including the competitive aspects of horse and rider, Mayer said.

—We focus on building horsemanship skills primarily through conducting cowboy activities," Mayer said. —Clinics we've conducted in the past include cutting horse training and competition; rodeo type events such as barrel racing, pole bending, and tie-down and team roping; mounted shooting; team penning and sorting; and cattle branding and drives on historic ranches throughout

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MONTROSE TO MOAB TRAILS TO TAKE RIDERS THRU HEART OF WEST END **One of many diverse projects for Montrose County's Government Affairs Director**

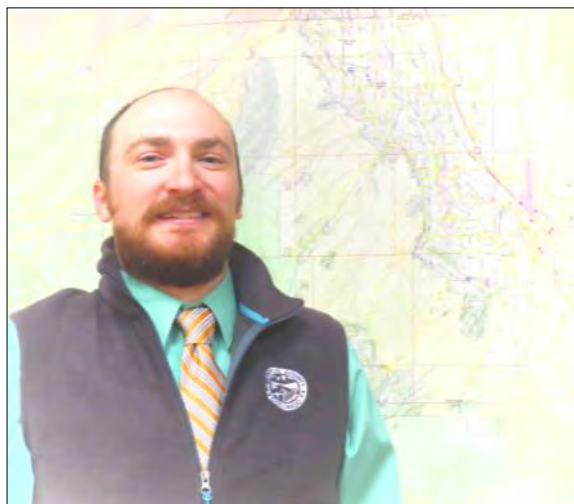
By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE- When the Montrose to Moab project is complete, it will represent a direct—and breathtaking -- connection between Montrose County and neighboring Utah, with landscapes that rival the most sought-after recreational trails in the nation.

The Montrose to Moab project also represents the culmination of a process that has coordinated permitting; right-of-way negotiations with adjacent landowners and the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT); coordination with counties and user groups in Utah; creation of a parking and staging area in the Shavano Valley; directional signage and logos; and coordination with Montrose County GIS staff to create interactive maps and a mobile app for trail users. The project makes use of old mining roads as well, to provide a back country experience for today's users. And for Montrose County's Government Affairs Director Jon Waschbusch, it's all in a day's work.

—The goal is to designate

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Montrose County Government Affairs Director Jon Waschbusch spends his days reading and analyzing diverse maps and documents, providing legwork and homework for projects like the Montrose to Moab Trails.

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MONTROSE'S SIMON REPTON TAKES GOLD AT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS OF WINGSUIT FLYING



Wicked Wingsuit flyers at the USPA National Championships. Courtesy photo by US-PA/Rick Winkler.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—It's hard to imagine Simon Repton losing his cool, and it's not just the James Bond-style British accent. Repton, a Montrose business owner and consultant, just earned a gold medal in one of the most dangerous sports on--or off-- the planet. In his spare time.

From Sept. 28-Oct. 4, Repton took part in the first-ever USPA National Championships of Wingsuit Flying at Chicagoland Skydiving Center in Rochelle, Illinois. While there, he captured the gold medal in the acrobatic event. According to a news release issued by the [United States Parachute Association \(USPA\)](#), Repton and his team, Wicked Wingsuits, are now the first-ever national champions of acrobatic wingsuit flying. Repton, 41, has completed more than 1,100 skydives, including 800 in a wingsuit.

Flying in Chicago in Autumn added to



From left to right are Simon Repton, Chase Wheeler and Travis Mickle. Courtesy photo by USPA/Rick Winkler.

the challenges in an already difficult event. —With aviation activities you are always at the mercy of the weather," Repton said. —It was especially windy there, which affected our competition. We did one jump the first day, and I crammed seven jumps into the second day.

—Landing in really strong winds can get a bit dodgy."

According to the USPA, wingsuit flyers wear technologically advanced suits that are specially designed to increase their horizontal glide across the ground, allowing them to soar like birds through the sky at horizontal speeds approaching 200 mph. The Championship acrobatic flying event includes teams of three skydivers—two performers and a camera flyer—playing a thrilling game of aerial tag while gliding across the sky.

Though he gets none of the fanfare or financial incentives accorded to other world class athletes and gold medal winners, Repton is appreciative of the chance to participate in a very exciting sport.

—This is a niche event, and people inside the community know there are different ways to demonstrate skills in base jumping, flocking, and doing acrobatics," he said. —People who don't skydive see photos on Facebook, and they think it is real

cool. I know we will never have the following that golf or Nascar has, but I don't do it to be famous.

—I enjoy talking about it."

Repton began skydiving in 1998, and tried wingsuiting a decade later. He has never looked back.

—Wingsuiting really is better," he said. —With skydiving, you are mostly falling; you can affect the rate of your fall, but you can't make a significant change...

With wingsuiting, you start to talk in miles." Repton said that he has flown six miles back to a drop zone wearing a wing suit.

—I flew above the interstate, racing cars," he said. —The sensation of movement and speed can really trigger emotions."

Fear, of course is one of them. —It is scary for sure," he said. —There are times I find myself waiting on line, and I wonder, what am I doing here? Especially in Chicago, when we did training jumps. But there is an upside to that; when you stop being scared, you start being complacent. So I do everything I can to manage the risks.

—I have been just as scared skiing in some areas, especially with people around," he said, —and driving on the Interstate at night."

Repton and his wife Priscilla own a Montrose-based wingsuit rental company, [Wicked Wingsuits](#), and hope to eventually create a "drop zone" in Delta, where they own a hangar. Repton is not in a hurry. His career as a computer business systems consultant requires travel and focus. However, he envisions a time when he can provide a place for locals and visitors to learn and practice their skydiving skills. —These things do take time. But the only thing missing here is a place to practice in our own back yard," he said.



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MONTROSE WOMAN'S CLUB TO HOST HOLIDAY BAZAAR!

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MONTROSE-Montrose Woman's Club is a service club that was established in 1949 and it continues to earn monies through two large fundraising events at Friendship Hall. One is the annual April flea market and the other is the upcoming Holiday Hobby and Craft Bazaar to be held Nov. 6th and 7th at Friendship Hall. This Bazaar is the largest and longest running in Montrose. All monies are raised by selling vendor spaces and then every dollar is given back to the local community through charitable non-profit organizations that are voted on by the Club's membership. This year's event will host vendors from Montrose, Grand Junction, Cedaredge, Gunnison, Ouray, Rye, Cortez and other distant cities. This event offers antiques, fine collectables, wood crafts, fine jewelry, Christmas decorations, food, knitted/crocheted items from clothing to bead jewelry, soaps, lotions, home decorations and more. An excellent way to shop for yourself or for Christmas gifts. We even have hourly door prizes!

Monthly luncheon meetings of the Woman's Club are held at noon on the third Monday of each month, September through May, at the Lion's Park Clubhouse. All Montrose Woman are invited to attend. For more information, please call Lexy Stevenson at 970-275-3336.



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MONTROSE CHAMBER RIBBON CUTTING



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MONTROSE-New Chamber members Baymont Inn & Suites celebrated their new hotel brand with a ribbon cutting. The Baymont Inn & Suites is located at 1655 East Main Street and can be reached by calling 964-4071.

GMUG NFS VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT AUCTION TO BE NOV. 11-17

Special to the Mirror

DELTA-The annual vehicle and equipment auction for the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests will be held Nov. 11-18th. Vehicles that have been replaced and/or are surplus will be auctioned off through a bid system online. The vehicles being auctioned for the Forest are available for viewing at the North Delta administrative site *by appointment only*. Information on on-line bidding and vehicles included in this auction during the scheduled timeframe is available at <http://gsaauctions.gov/index.htm>. For an appointment to view the vehicles, contact Legean Walker at 970.874.6681.



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FREE STATE PARK ADMISSION FOR MILITARY, VETERANS ON NOV. 11

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DENVER-Colorado Parks and Wildlife offers all military men and women free admission to Colorado's state parks on Veterans Day, Wednesday, Nov. 11.

CPW is proud to honor our veterans and military members this Veterans Day, said CPW Spokesman, Matt Robbins. Free access to Colorado's State Parks is our way to say thank you, and provide a special place for those who serve this great country to

relax, renew and reflect.

Boating, fishing, camping, hiking and wildlife viewing are just a few of the activities to enjoy, adds Robbins. Use the Park Finder at <http://cpw.state.co.us/placestogo/parks/Pages/ParkMap.aspx> to locate a park near you. To obtain free admission to a state park, veterans, active duty military personnel (including active duty, Reserve and National Guard members) and their families must show: A valid active, reserve

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VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA OPENS NEW ASSISTANCE SITE IN DELTA FOR CONNECT FOR HEALTH

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MONTROSE - Volunteers of America announces the opening of their new non-profit Assistance Site in downtown Delta for Connect for Health Colorado. The office is located in The Brown Building at 550 Palmer Street in Suite 103. Open Enrollment and renewals start November 1st and will last until January 31st, 2016. Marie Guillen is a bilingual Certified Health Coverage Guide and will be in the office Monday – Thursday for Open Enrollment to assist Delta County residents in finding the best insurance to fit their needs and their budget.

Connect for Health Colorado is the only place to apply for financial assistance to help reduce the cost of health insurance. For more information, or to make an appointment for Open Enrollment, call 970-252-0660 – health coverage guides are available to answer questions and provide assistance to those who are looking to enroll for 2016.

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HORSEMANSHIP PROGRAM FOR VETS LOOKS AT MONTROSE From pg 1



Semper Fi Fund/America's Fund Jinx McCain Horsemanship Program riders receive orders before gathering cattle on the Searle Ranch in Monument. Courtesy photo.

the west."

After learning of Mayer and his work, Montrose business owner Doug Roberts was among those humbled at the spirit of the warriors who had stepped forward to serve. Now, Roberts is helping to bring the Semper Fi Fund's Jinx McCain Horsemanship Program to Western Colorado, as a way of giving back to the wounded warriors who have given so much.

"The Jinx McCain program hold events all over the country, in Mississippi, Arizona, Wyoming, San Diego," said Roberts, owner of New West Marketing in Montrose. "Here in Montrose, what we are looking at would be a packing seminar, a multi-day training that would create a mission that they can do together."

"These are patriots," Roberts said. "No matter what we do, it will never be enough."

Roberts, who head the Association of Independent Oil Distributors (AIOD), said that his organization has been so impressed with the work being done by Semper Fi and the horsemanship program that they have donated \$20,000 to the cause. Roberts is also working to facilitate a program in this region, with a local outfitter.

Mayer believes the Jinx McCain program is a natural fit for West Central Colorado, which has a history of ranching and agriculture.

"I love that Southern part of the Western Slope in Colorado," he said. "It's so beautiful. I even went to the Ridgway Ranch Rodeo this year, and it was just amazing."

Mayer said that he hosts events for veterans — wherever he can find horses, "and is deeply grateful to Roberts for connecting him to people who can help bring the program here."

"Getting out on a horse means putting away the cell phones and the trappings of the city," he said. "It's hard to do that

East of the Mississippi."

Excellent instruction is essential to the success of the program, he said.

"We bring in top instructors, working cowboys, and expert horsemen and women to teach horsemanship skills and guide us through the more technical aspects of each activity," Mayer said. "No matter the seriousness of the wound, illness, or injury, or whether the warrior is an 'old hand' at riding or just starting out, we'll do our best to fit each wounded warrior with the right horse and equipment for a safe, enjoyable experience."

"Our participants benefit physically and mentally by working with the horses, learning new athletic skills, and sharing in the experience with fellow service members," Mayer said.

Also essential are the right equine partners. "You've got to have good horses to put these guys on," Mayer said. "Most of these veterans are young guys and gals who have graduated from high school, and they go into the service and get banged up. They are searching for a purpose, and they miss the brotherhood. The beauty of our

program is that we bring them together, and give them a challenge to overcome, like learning to ride a horse, and then a mission, like moving a herd of cows."

"The best clinics happen when we are sponsored by a horse association or club, or by a ranch that has enough horses and tack to outfit our riders," Mayer said.

Because post-9/11 service members all enlisted knowing full well that they were going to War, "You can't have 'em just trot around an arena," Mayer said. "If you love horses, you love cows. We love cowboy activities, so we go to ranches for sorting and branding, and we also go to the wilderness to learn new skills like packing."

"We want to go into the Black Canyon," he said. "Do a pack clinic, and then have them pack in rafts. The only way to get rafts in is to bring them on mules. And we could have another group fly fish the Canyon." Mayer said that he is currently working out the schedule for upcoming events. Community members who would like to be involved or contribute can contact Mayer at 830-992-9581, or email him at John.mayer@semperfifund.org.

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Pictured are Altrusans Stephanie Keller, Jeanne Kuchynka, Margaret Goodhue, Diane Winger and Rose Price (Literacy Committee Chair).

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MONTROSE-Literacy is a core focus of Altrusa International, and the local Montrose club chose a new project this autumn to commemorate International Literacy Day. Following research and discussion with CASA's Director, Carlton Mason, Altrusa's Literacy Committee became

tion serving abused and neglected children who have been removed from their homes and find themselves in the courts and child welfare system through no fault of their own. CASA helps to break the cycle of child abuse and neglect through advocacy and interaction, and the local office serves Montrose, Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale,



Books and bean bag chairs donated by Altrusa. Courtesy photo.

aware of the need for children's books in their facility. CASA – Court Appointed Special Advocates – is an organiza-

sorted books and delivered them, along with the chairs. Altrusa members and CASA staff were on hand for the library dedication.

The books will be read in the library and also be given to children wanting to keep the books.

Since the dedication, Mason has reported the children and their families are enjoying the books and some of the books have been taken home. The book collection was supplemented by Thomas and Stephanie Keller, who donated books from Hastings, and to Freddie Hancock of Montrose Manor who also donated books.

Ouray, and San Miguel Counties.
A section of the CASA building was sectioned off for a new children's library and shelving and signage was added. Altrusa of Montrose purchased \$1,150 in new books for children ages 2-14 plus two bean bag chairs for the area. The Literacy committee tagged and

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GLENWOOD SPRINGS— Alpine Bank was recognized on Oct. 16 at the 16th annual Environmental Leadership Awards for outstanding environmental achievements that help keep Colorado a desirable place to work and live.

In partnership with the Pollution Prevention Advisory Board and the Colorado Environmental Partnership, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment presented the 16th annual Environmental Leadership Awards at the Wings Over the Rockies Air & Space Museum Oct. 16 in Denver.

The awards recognized 160 Colorado organizations with gold, silver and bronze designations for voluntarily going beyond compliance with the state and federal regulations and for their commitment to continual environmental improvement.

Matt Teeters, Alpine Bank Union Station president, and David Miller, Alpine Bank Green Team chairperson and senior vice president, represented the bank at the event. —It was very gratifying joining more than 500 other Colorado environmental leaders to share ideas and experiences on ways to reduce resource use and save money while protecting our lifestyle,” said Miller.

Alpine Bank was acknowledged as a Gold Leader – the highest possible level. First achieving gold designation in 2008,



Matt Teeters, Alpine Bank Union Station president, and David Miller, Alpine Bank Green Team chairperson and senior vice president, receive a Gold Leader award from Lynette Myers, Environmental Leadership Program manager, at the 16th annual Environmental Leadership Awards. Courtesy photo.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL-LETTERS

TRUNK OR TREAT NOT SO SAFE FOR SMALLER KIDS

Dear Editor:

I would like to say that the Trunk or Treat is a great idea. Unfortunately we did not have a good experience. I brought my five kids over there thinking it would be a great experience for them. We didn't mind waiting in line, we expected that. It seems to me that the people who organized it did try to make it as organized and what not for everyone there. What we noticed is that the adults and kids have a problem with manners. I expect that younger kids will push and shove to get to the candy as they are overly excited and parents chasing after them. What upset us was our youngest was getting pushed and shoved so much that he was pushed out of my arms a couple of times. Thankfully I felt the pushing and him slipping and was able to get him low enough to wear he wouldn't get hurt. We had teenagers and parents pushing us so much that we were afraid one of our kids was going to get severely hurt and decided it was best that we left. There was one group of kids that could see that we were trying to get our kids through and pushed and shoved their way passed us. They were I'm guessing around 10-12 years old, they

gave us these looks like we were in the wrong. The elbowed my two year old a couple of times, after that started happening I told my husband this is too dangerous for our kids and we needed to leave before we ended up with one of them in the ER from being trampled. As we were making our way out to the "exit" door we heard several teenaged, pre-teens and parents saying that it was easier to go through it backwards. This caused even more pushing and shoving in my opinion. I think that they should have had one or two lines coming in and one exit, yes it would have been slower, but probably safer. There were people coming in from every direction and it was causing confusion. I also think that maybe there should have been an area for the older kids to go Trunk or Treating might have lessened the congestion in the building. I know that I would have given my 12 year old my cell phone so I could have called him to locate him if there had been something like that set up. I feel bad for my kids as I thought this event would be fun and safe for them and it wasn't, we spent the time we could have taken them door to door trick or treating getting

pushed and shoved and trying to make sure they didn't hurt. Next year we will be going door to door so the kids can have fun. I don't know what areas to take them too, but I'm sure even if they don't get a lot of candy, much like this year, they will have more fun doing that. I would like to ask parents to please teach your children manners, and remind them to use them. Remind them that pushing and shoving is not ok, especially pushing and shoving little guys. Parents also remember our kids not only learn from what we tell them, but from our actions as well and the actions of their friends. Little kids get overly excited and during something like this will push and shove trying to get to what they want, but parents should try and keep with them and remind them that the behavior is not cool. I truly do appreciate the effort put forth by the churches and volunteers to make the event happen, I appreciate the kids and parents who use their manners. I certainly hope everyone had a safe and happy Halloween, and not everyone had the experience that we did.

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Yvonne Meek. Courtesy photo.

Interview by Gail Marvel

MONTROSE- Yvonne Meek, owner of the newly opened Lark & Sparrow Venue, moved to Montrose in 1996. Although Yvonne did not work fulltime in any one position, she has always contributed to the family income with part-time and temporary jobs. Yvonne said, “I’ve worked as a secretary, bookkeeper and in the hospitality industry. Part-time work allowed me to have the flexibility to continue to do music.” For a time Yvonne was a church worship leader and she still has a passion for that role. However, she also identifies with being a Christian feminist which leaves her at odds with the traditional church. She said, “Today I consider myself de-churched. I was created to sing, to worship God — and I miss that part of my life in fellowship with the community.”

Main in Motion was Yvonne’s first dive into community involvement. “I served a few years on their board in different roles. For a couple of years I organized the placement of vendors.” The change of direction for Main in Motion coincided with Yvonne’s opting to take a break from the organization, “I needed time away from involvement.”

Yvonne readily acknowledges that she often finds herself in the middle of controversy, “I don’t start controversy...it’s just when I see injustices and inequality I have the urge to speak out.” Someone once told Yvonne that she didn’t have any respect for authority, “I do have respect for authority. If the police tell me to behave properly, I will. But, I will challenge authority when I see injustice and inequality.” While she considers herself a rule-follower, Yvonne said, “It depends on who is making up the rules and if the rule applies to everyone. I may not always like the rule, but I can follow it.”

Today Yvonne has a seat on the board of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), but before being allowed on the board she sat through a 45 minute interview with city council. She said, “I think they were cautious. I’d worked at the Pavilion and at the Chamber of Commerce when there were some issues where I again found myself in the middle of controversy...but I learn something from every situation, so it’s a refining process.”

Currently high on Yvonne’s list of concerns is the city investment of \$150,000 in Abrams Strategic Group for the Proximity Space. She said, “Abrams is a private company. There are a lot of private downtown businesses that would like to have a \$150,000 facelift.”

When Yvonne throws herself into a project she is committed 100 percent, “I don’t want to run things, but I want things to run smoothly. I sometimes put on a tough exterior in order to protect the scared little girl inside.” When controversial issues come up Yvonne wants to make sure she is on the right side of the issue. “Get educated, but I’m also observant. When I become aware that something is wrong I feel compelled to speak out. When a situation requires an intense response, I respond accordingly. I don’t want to be in a street fight; I want to find solutions and trying to fix what is wrong.” Since becoming a downtown business owner, Yvonne has garnered a different type of respect, “People are paying more attention to what I have to say. In their eyes I am no longer just a musician. Many business owners are busy trying to make a living, but if we don’t attend meetings, we can’t weigh in and someone else will be making the decisions for us.”

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MONTROSE TO MOAB TRAIL TO TAKE RIDERS THRU WEST END From pg 1

motorized routes that users can take from the Shavano Valley to Moab,” Waschbusch said. “We have all these old mining roads in the West End that are in native condition and seldom traveled. ATV riders, dirt bikers and jeepers really enjoy them because they are narrow and rough and traverse incredibly beautiful country. So we have been working with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the Forest Service, Western Slope Four-Wheelers, Uncompahgre Trail riders and groups on the Utah side to piece a route together.”

“There has been some permitting work, but we didn’t need to build anything,” Waschbusch said. “We have this incredibly beautiful rimrock canyon country that already has a ready-made route through it. The route takes people through the heart of the West End.

“We have the same scenery and geology as Moab,” he said, “But there is nobody there.”

Eventually, the project will have a designated brand that can be marketed across Colorado and across the nation, a gift that will benefit generations to come.

As Government Affairs Director, Waschbusch is charged with a diversity of responsibilities ranging from land use, natural resources, and water planning to providing backup outreach support for County Media Relations Manager Katie Yergensen, now on maternity leave. Waschbusch joined the County as a planner in 2005, and still keeps his AICP certification active.

Over the years, “I think I have done a project with every division of the County,” Waschbusch said. “I led the Master Plan project for four years—ultimately the project was not completed by a consultant, but by staff.” While finishing his Master’s Degree in Public Administration from the University of Colorado at Denver, Waschbusch assisted the Sheriff’s Office

with geospatial targeting of patrol resources. He has worked to administer contracts for the Montrose Regional Airport, and continues to support the planning department as needed.

“We pride ourselves on honesty,” he said, “Because planning involves people’s time—and money.”

With just under one million acres of federal lands in Montrose County, the community is culturally, socially and economically tied to those lands and any impacts to them. “That is what makes Montrose Montrose,” Waschbusch said.

Economic Development in Montrose County is also one of the responsibilities of Government Affairs.

“I administer our tax credit agreements,” Waschbusch said, noting that one local business, Montrose Forest Products Company, has invested \$5.65 million into its facility in one year. “We were able to negotiate a credit, so that next year they will get a tax credit of around \$34,000. That means tangible money, staying in the business, that they can use for whatever they want.” Montrose Forest Products employs 80 full time workers, and brings money to the community from outside of the area through direct and indirect employment, he added. Another recent success is the relocation of the TravelRecon company to 95 Merchant Place. Montrose County provided the last mile of broadband to the company’s building, which now employs 17.

Waschbusch assists County staffer Marc Catlin with Water Management, and provides the County’s Road & Bridge and Public Lands divisions with permitting. He also oversees Justin Musser and the County’s Weed Mitigation efforts.

“Justin was named 2014 Weed Manager of the Year,” Waschbusch noted. “He does an outstanding job; there is a huge tie between invasive weeds and our economy. These weeds can ruin rangeland, and throw

ecosystems out of balance.”

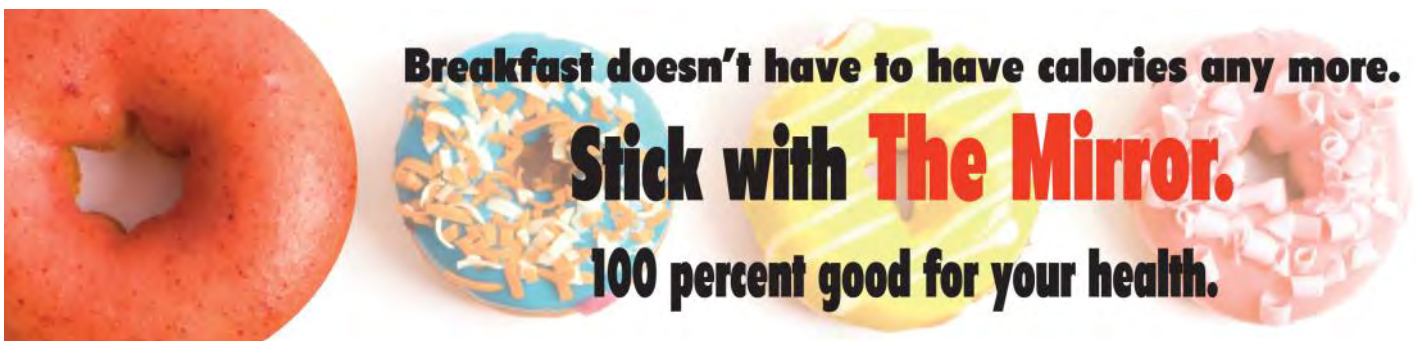
Waschbusch is also exploring administration of scholarship funding provided through the State; and supports the BOCC with legwork and analysis of relevant state and federal legislation. He serves as the County NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) representative, and tracks revisions to the Clean Water Act and requirements of the Colorado Roadless Rule. In a County that includes pieces of four national forests, four BLM field offices, a National Park, two national conservation areas and a proposed third (Curecanti), the work is an essential element of local governance.

Though his work requires extensive reading and analysis of voluminous documents, Waschbusch sees his true role as that of building relationships.

“What I have found in this job is that all organizations are made up of people,” he said. “The antidote to bureaucracy is knowing who to call to cut through red tape.”

The recent opening of the popular Buzard Gulch trailhead at Spring Creek Canyon is typical of the County’s efforts to partner with user groups and federal agencies. The County is also partnering with federal agencies to support the BLM’s Iron Spring and Columbine Campgrounds in the Uncompahgre National Forest. “The BOCC has stepped up to cover septic and water hauling, and campground hosting,” Waschbusch said. “It is a small expense to help keep these facilities open to the public; we know that locals use these campgrounds.”

Accustomed to wearing many hats, Jon has enjoyed filling in for Katie Yergensen with media relations chores over the past two months. However, he definitely looks forward to her return. “I have liked filling in,” he said. “But I am really excited for Katie to come back!”



COUNCIL TO VIEW SECOND OF VIDEO SERIES, AWARD WOODGATE CONTRACT



Montrose community leaders joined representatives of the University Technical Assistance Program at the University of Colorado Denver, Colorado Center for Community Development (CCCD) for a wayfinding seminar at the Montrose Pavilion on Oct. 29. The CCCD is providing design assistance under a grant from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA). Sessions focused on city districts, businesses, and destination assets, with public input invited. Wayfinding signs direct locals, newcomers, and visitors to key attractions and locations in the city. This initial planning phase of the project will yield a conceptual plan that provides a basis for future mapping, engineering, and implementation plans to be developed later.

Wayfinding is a "user-friendly navigational system that helps market a community's assets and unique brand," presenters noted.

Mirror Staff Report

MONTROSE-When Montrose City Council [convenes for a regular meeting](#) on Tuesday, Nov. 3, they will view the second installment in the "My Montrose" video series created by Josh Freed, Dennis Lankes of Telluride and Abrams Co. Consent agenda items include minutes of special and regular Council meetings. Consent

agenda items also include the donation of two (2) used Police Patrol vehicles and equipment to the Town of Olathe, Colorado. This item was discussed at the October 19, 2015, work session.

Following approval of Consent Agenda items, Council will consider a City of Montrose Community Leaders Fellowship (WSCU) Mid-Project Report by students

including *Exploring Alternative Fuel Vehicles* by Murtaza Naqvi and *Net-Zero through Photovoltaic Solar Arrays* by Alyssa Vogan.

Council will also consider Ordinance 2362 on first reading, an Ordinance of the City of Montrose, Colorado, providing and appropriating funds for defraying the expenses and liabilities of the City of Montrose, Colorado, during the fiscal year beginning Jan. 1, 2016; an agreement with NEO Fiber of Glenwood Springs, CO to complete a Broadband Business Strategy and Financial Plan for the City of Montrose, for an amount not to exceed \$85,000; award of a \$1,216,374 construction

contract (\$1,186,374 to Haynes Excavation and \$30,000 to Delta-Montrose Electric Association) for the Woodgate Road Widening Project; and the appointment of Public Works Director John Harris as the Municipal Representative to the Gunnison Basin Roundtable. Following a public information officer report by City Manager Bill Bell, Council will adjourn.

CITY CONSIDERS IMPROVEMENTS TO EAST MAIN AT HILLCREST, 2016 ANNEXATIONS AT WORK SESSION

Mirror Staff Report

MONTROSE-Discussion items planned for the [Montrose City Council Work Session Nov. 2](#) include a presentation by Community Options, and a plaque to be placed (in lieu of a planned park) at the historic Morada Chapel location. Council will also consider a staff request to acquire a future multi-use trail land strip for the Columbine Multi-Use Trail Subdivision, and 2016 City of Montrose Additions, including parcels to be annexed at Taviwach Ponds; the Field north of the Black Canyon Golf Course Clubhouse; the Sunset Mesa Western Slope Uncompahgre River/Former Trudell piece; and the Chipeta entrance to the Sunset Mesa Sport Complex. According to a staff memo, all parcels are all adjacent to the City limits and within the IGA Referral Area with Montrose County. Annexation of these properties would allow future administration of these lands under city regulations. All of the subject properties are planned for existing

or future parks or open space type uses, and will help improve City park and open space services to the public. These parcels have also been part of the implementation of various City plans, and encompass a total of 71.05 acres.

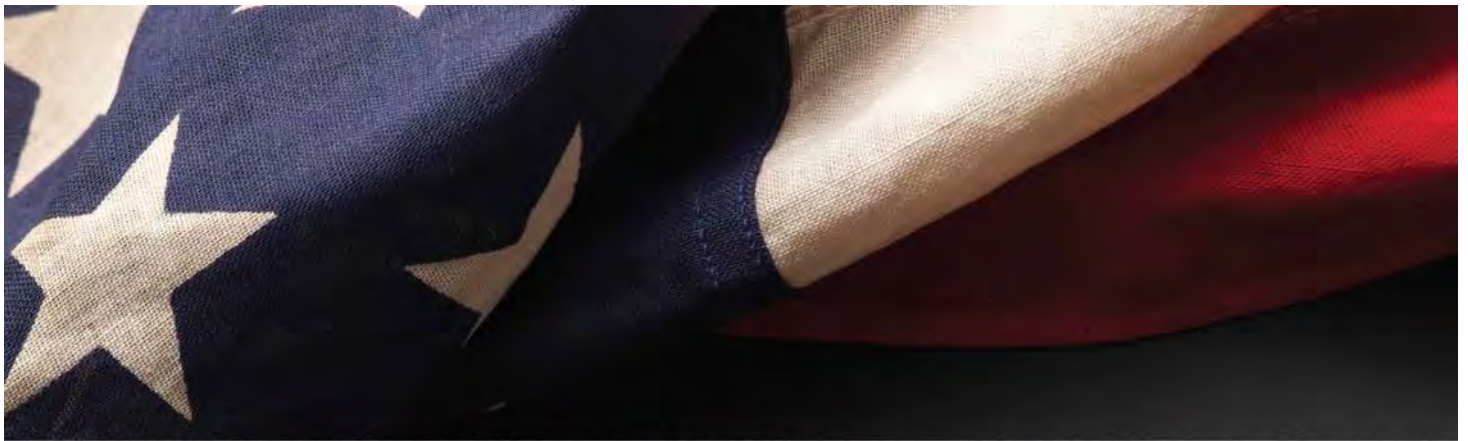
Also on the Work Session agenda is consideration of a Community Development Block Grant Contract for a Center for Mental Health Expansion, and Public Works Department Equipment Purchase Recommendations by Public Works Director John Harris.

Council will consider a resolution that authorizes the City to submit an Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance Grant application requesting \$210,588 for beautification of the East Main/Hillcrest "Gateway." Funds are being requested to install a marquee; landscaping (including trees), decorative and cobble rock, and irrigation improvements along both sides of Main Street for approximately 500 feet east of the Main/Hillcrest intersection;

curb, gutter, sidewalk and an ADA access ramp along the northeastern corner of the intersection; and stormwater improvements. The City will match the grant with \$210,588 in City funds.

Included in the work session packet are Montrose Police Department letters of support and third quarter police report and minutes of the Montrose Downtown Development Authority (DDA) for the meeting of Sept. 21.

Future City Council Work Session topics include: Intergovernmental Agreement with Montrose Recreation District, Nov. 16; Municipal Court Presentation; Nov. 16; Colorado Lottery Starburst Award Presentation, Nov. 17; Third Quarter Budget Review, Nov. 17; Pour House Liquor License Transfer, Nov. 17; Two Sisters Gastro Pub Change of Location, Nov. 17; RNR Sportsbar Liquor License Transfer, Nov. 17; Mail Ballot Election Plan, Nov. 30; History Colorado, Dec. 1; Youth Council Report to City Council, Dec. 15.



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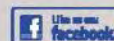
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MONTROSE COUNTY DEMOCRATS ORGANIZING FOR 2016!



Precinct organizer Cheryl Gibson prepares to reach out to registered Democrat voters in Montrose County.

Mirror Staff Report

MONTROSE-They may not have achieved the endangered status of the Sage Grouse,

but here in Montrose, registered Democrats are definitely outnumbered. According to the Colorado Secretary of State, there were 4,113 active, registered Democrats in Montrose County as of Oct. 1, compared to 10,774 active, registered Republicans.

So as the 2016 election year approaches, local Democratic party organizers are gearing up to re-energize the Montrose base with grassroots, personal outreach, precinct by precinct.

In coming months, registered Democrats can expect a call or visit as party volunteers reach out to let them know they are not alone.

The message is one of solidarity, local part chair Jayne Bilberry said.

"Yes, there is a Democratic Party in Montrose County!" she said.

—As we approach the end of 2015 and are a year out until the presidential election,

the local party has not been idle. The Montrose County Party is implementing the statewide strategy of "Turning The OFF Year ON."

—We are out in our precincts having powerful face to face conversations with our Democratic neighbors," Bilberry said.

—It is important to strengthen the very foundation where we live in our community and build relationships with those voters that have the same beliefs and values. As county Democrats build the political infrastructure, we are building to win.

—We accomplish that strategy with long term commitment and hard work from our dedicated MCDP volunteers."

Those who would like to reach the Montrose County Democratic Party may visit www.montrosedemocrats.org or find them on Facebook/Montrose County Democratic Party.



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EIGHT LOCAL GROUPS RECEIVE GRANTS FROM WELLS FARGO



Local recipients of grants from the 2015 Wells Fargo Community Assistance Fund. Courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE— Local recipients of grants from the 2015 Wells Fargo Community Assistance Fund have been announced by Lita Sargent, Wells Fargo's business relationship manager for Montrose. Eight locally based non-profit organizations received the donations totaling \$6,500.

—Working together to help those in need is at the heart of our community and what makes Montrose such a great place," Sargent said. —There are many small, local, grassroots organizations here that play an important role in keeping Montrose a strong, vibrant community. As part of our overall commitment to the community, we

want to show these fine organizations we appreciate their efforts on behalf of all of us." The following local organizations received a 2015 Wells Fargo Community Assistance Fund grant:

Altrusa of Montrose
Christ's Kitchen
Common Ground Montrose
Haven House of Montrose
Hispanic Affairs Project
Montrose High School Soccer Booster Club
Montrose Rotary Club — Shoes for Kids Program
The Dolphin House Child Advocacy Center

Statewide, more than 200 qualified, community-based non-profit organizations in Colorado will receive funding from Wells Fargo through the Wells Fargo Community Assistance Fund in 2015. Eligible organizations must be certified 501(c)(3) and have an annual budget of \$350,000 or less.

The Wells Fargo Community Assistance Fund was started in 1993 to provide greatly needed support to small, non-profit groups that don't have the resources to compete with larger organizations for community support dollars. Since its inception, more than 4,200 grants in excess of \$4.3 million have been awarded.

(more) The Wells Fargo Community Assistance Fund is part of the company's overall community support efforts. In 2014, Wells Fargo donated \$7.1 million to 1,000 non-profit organizations across Colorado, and team members logged more than 30,000 volunteer hours.

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SETH ASHTON JOINS ALPINE BANK WEALTH MANAGEMENT TEAM



Seth Ashton.
Courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror
GLENWOOD SPRINGS— Alpine Bank Wealth Management announced today the recent hire of Seth Ashton as a wealth management officer. Mr. Ashton is new to Alpine Bank Wealth Management,

but not new to the business of client management and development.

A veteran of the financial services industry, Mr. Ashton brings 10 years of banking experience that includes all aspects of comprehensive wealth planning.

As a former private banker, he combines banking, investment and insurance expertise to best serve the clients' wealth management concerns. Mr. Ashton graduated from Colorado State University with a

Bachelor of Arts in economics. He serves clients primarily in the Grand Junction region.

"I am excited to join Alpine Bank Wealth Management," said Mr. Ashton. "I am looking forward to meeting new clients and developing solutions to help them achieve their individual financial goals."

Outside the office, Mr. Ashton enjoys studying to become a CFA® and spending time with his wife, son and two daughters.

LIBRARY INVITES KIDS AND FAMILIES TO TECH PETTING ZOO

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MONTROSE—The Montrose Library invites kids in fourth through eighth grades and their families to learn about exciting new "maker" technology at the Montrose library on Nov. 10. The "tech petting zoo" is a drop-in program where young people and their parents can explore cutting-edge technology such as Arduinos, Raspberry Pi's, 3D printers, and various programming languages. Come prepared to have your questions answered by volunteers from the Montrose Makerspace and to get some hands-on experience with some of the devices and software you have been wondering about! The event will be in the Marguerite H. Gill Children's Story Hour Room. Come anytime between 5 and 6:30 pm.

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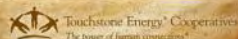
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WRITER GAIL MARVEL VISITS COLONA COMMUNITY CHURCH



By Gail Marvel

COLONA—My visit to Colona Community Church took place on Sept. 6, 2015. Worshipers in this quaint church, most of whom are retirees, numbered under 50. At the front of the auditorium the American and Colorado flags stood on either side of the podium and the platform held a harp and two pianos, one of which was an old upright. While several welcomed me as a visitor, Karla gifted me with a handmade beaded bookmark and proudly told me that Pastor Dean Freed, who is 89 years old, has been preaching for 65 years.

The congregation was abuzz with people visiting and when they showed no sign of letting up Pastor Freed said, —As much as we need to get started, I just hate to break up fellowship.”

The worship serviced opened with a reading of Psalm 142 and then the congregation recited the Lord’s Prayer. Hymns were sung from hymnals and included the selections, —I Will Sing of My Redeemer” and —My Jesus, I love Thee.”

Announcements were a mixture of blessings, recent prayer needs, health issues, travel mercies, the ongoing attacks on law

enforcement, and the recent rains. One man shared his thankfulness for donated firewood. He said, —Firewood is just like gold to us!”

Pastor Freed began the message, —Did any of you ever change your mind about something?” As hands in the audience raised he said, —Well then, I’m among friends!” Toward the end of the week God redirected the pastor’s sermon topic from that of —Forgiveness” to the —Life of Christ.” Although the pastor did not have a specific Bible text in mind, he was equipped with random thoughts, tidbits and verses relating to the life of Christ.

Speaking to the importance of the four Gospels, Pastor Freed said, —It would be a tragedy if we did not have the Gospels. The Gospels are a little sketchy and not a complete biography [of Christ], but all the important stuff is there. Did Jesus practice what he preached? It was more important that he preached what he practiced.”

Analyzing the Gospels the pastor related that one-half of the books of Matthew and John are dedicated to the last week of Jesus’ life. By comparison, the book of Mark dedicates one-third, and the book of Luke

one-fourth. In the book of Matthew, Jesus is portrayed as the King of Kings; in Mark he is the Perfect Servant; in Luke the Son of Man, and in John he is the Son of God.

In a brief study of the relevance of numbers used in the Bible Pastor Freed said, —The number seven is perfection, the number three is the Godhead [Father, Son and Holy Spirit], and the number four is the earth.”

The first Sunday of the month communion is served. Pastor Freed said, —Communion is very simple. Jesus talks about only two things, the bread and the juice. He didn’t talk about the goulash or the soup being served. In its simplicity we show [remember] the Lord’s death until he returns.” Pastor Freed instructed worshipers to hold the emblems until all are served, —Don’t go ahead of others.” Music played on the harp accompanied the serving of communion.

With little fanfare the pastor ended the service, —That’s all for today!”

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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.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

MOTORISTS REMINDED TO SLOW DOWN FOR WILDLIFE AS DAYLIGHT-SAVING TIME RETURNS

Special to the Mirror

COLORADO - As Nov. 1 brings an end to daylight saving-time, Colorado Parks and Wildlife reminds Colorado motorists of the higher risk of being involved in a wildlife-related accident.

According to the Colorado Department of Transportation, November sees more car accidents involving wildlife than any other month.

"It's going to be obviously most dangerous at dusk and dawn," said Colorado Parks and Wildlife District Wildlife Manager Cody Wigner. "This time of year the days are getting shorter and people are commuting to and from work at those times."

Visibility is poor when many of our big game animals are most active. Deer are extremely vulnerable to being struck this time of year because this is their peak mat-

ing season. They are more mobile, easily distracted and more likely to be crossing roadways.

According to transportation studies, motor vehicle accidents involving wildlife rank as the third leading cause for crashes behind speeding and inattentive driving. These statistics include severe property damage, injuries and fatalities.

While some collisions may be unavoidable, motorists can reduce the likelihood of an accident by taking the following precautions:

--**Slow Down!** Driving more slowly increases reaction time and reduces the chance of a collision.

--**Stay Alert** while driving at dusk and dawn. This is when many of Colorado's wildlife are the most active and are likely to be crossing roadways.

--**Scan Ahead** and watch for movement

along roadsides. When driving at night, watch for shining eyes in headlights. Always look and be prepared for more than one animal.

--**Obey traffic signs** and watch for **wildlife warning signs**.

Wildlife-related accidents can happen anywhere in Colorado; however, drivers should be especially cautious when traveling through forests and agricultural land, as well as the following "high-risk" areas: Interstate 70 (Floyd Hill, Mt. Vernon Canyon and Eagle)

US 285 (Morrison)

Highway 160 (Durango to Pagosa Springs and Durango to Mancos)

Highway 550 (north of Durango and from Montrose to Ouray)

Interstate 25 (Castle Rock to Larkspur)

Highway 82 (Glenwood Springs to Aspen)

Highway 36 (Boulder to Lyons)

Highway 93 (Golden to Boulder)

Drivers involved in a wildlife/vehicle collision should report the accident to the Colorado State Patrol by calling *CSP (star key and 277).

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

DELTA HOSPITAL OPENS HOTCHKISS FAMILY CLINIC

Special to the Mirror

DELTA-Delta County Memorial Hospital is meeting the demand for primary care by opening DCMH Family Medicine – Hotchkiss clinic on Nov. 2nd, located at 365 Bridge St. in Hotchkiss. “DCMH is responding to the need for a family medicine clinic requested by Hotchkiss area families,” commented hospital CEO Jason Cleckler.

Dr. Ryan Marlin, a board-certified family medicine physician who has been with DCMH Family Medicine (formerly Delta

Family) for the past seven years, and is a resident of Hotchkiss, is one of two providers. The other provider is Adam Zerr – Certified Family Nurse Practitioner who was with the previous Hotchkiss Clinic, and most recently has been practicing out of DCMH Family Medicine in Delta. Zerr is also a North Fork resident.

DCMH Family Medicine – Hotchkiss will be open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 872-3800 for appointments, Fax number is 872-4949.

A Grand Opening is planned for Wednes-

day, Nov. 11th from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. with an opportunity to meet Dr. Marlin, Adam Zerr and the clinic staff over coffee, cookies and apple cider at the new clinic location at 365 Bridge St., in Hotchkiss. Delta County Memorial Hospital currently offers physical therapy, occupational therapy and home health services at the Bridge Street location. DCMH will be offering laboratory blood draws at the Hotchkiss clinic Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to Noon and at the Paonia Voc-Tech Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

BUNCO MADNESS TO SUPPORT INNOVATION AFTER SCHOOL!

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Come roll dice 4 Kids! Nov. 13 will be the night of Bunco Madness in Montrose with the **first ever** Western Slope BUNCO Tournament. It will be held at the Holiday Inn Express Montrose from 6-9:30 pm. From 5:30-6 pm there will be pre-event dice throwing and game instruction for people who have not played. Players' tickets are \$20 each. BUNCO is a social dice game involving 100% luck and no skill (there are no decisions to be made),

simple scoring and a very simple set of rules. The object of the game is to accumulate points by rolling certain number combinations with the dice. The winners get prizes for accomplishments such as the highest score, the lowest score, and the most buncos.

Prizes will also include best team theme costumes (at least 4 players) and wildest hairstyle. There will also be a bucket drawing for door prizes. Prizes can be viewed starting at 5:30 pm. Snacks will be provided

at each table and there will be a cash bar and other refreshments, food and desserts from area restaurants available for purchase. This event is a benefit for the non-profit Community Heart & Hands and the Innovation After School Program for middle school-age students in Montrose. Sponsors include the Montrose Daily Press and Land Title Company of Montrose.

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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-

Nov. 3-The Telluride Institute's Talking Gourds Poetry Club hosts two poets from the Uncompahgre Valley -- Carol McDermott and Vanda Harris -- on Nov. 3 at 6 p.m. at Arroyo's in Telluride. Call 970-729-0220 or visit the Gourds website <talkinggourds.weebly.com> for more info.

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

Nov. 6-7-Montrose Women's Club Holiday Hobby and Craft Bazaar, Friendship Hall.

Nov. 6-8-"Mary Poppins" brings to the Magic Circle Theatre stage the magic and music of the Walt Disney film that is based on the stories of P. L. Travers. Ticket information: 249-7838, or online at www.magiccircleplayers.com or visit the box office at 420 S. 12th St., Montrose, Tuesdays through Thursdays, 2 to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday shows are 7:30 p.m., Sunday matinee is 2 p.m.

Nov. 7 - Altrusa Autumn Affair - 5:30-9 pm at the Lark & Sparrow - live jazz, catered appetizers, silent auction. Tickets available from Fabula or online <http://altrusa.bpt.me> - \$35 through Oct 31; \$40 starting Nov. 1.

Nov. 7-David Nunn & the Bad Habits at the Sherbino, doors open at 7:30, music starts at 8 p.m. \$5 cover.

Nov. 10-Centennial Middle School Veterans Day Assembly, 9 a.m.

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. 10-Montrose Library Tech petting Zoo for Children and Families, 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the Children's Room.

Nov. 13-14-Telluride Mountain Film on Tour at the Montrose Pavilion, presented by Uncompahgre Valley Association and Community Options. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., show begins at 6:30 p.m. Free admission; Donations gratefully accepted.

Nov. 13-15-"Mary Poppins" brings to the Magic Circle Theatre stage the magic and music of the Walt Disney film that is based on the stories of P. L. Travers. Ticket information: 249-7838, or online at www.magiccircleplayers.com or visit the box office at 420 S. 12th St., Montrose, Tuesdays through Thursdays, 2 to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday shows are 7:30 p.m., Sunday matinee is 2 p.m.

Nov. 13-Bunco Madness! Holiday Inn Express, 6 to 9:30 p.m. Benefit for Innovation After School. Call 249-9639 for info, tickets are \$20.

Nov. 14-from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. will be the United Methodist Women's Down Home Country 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. 15-will be a special day for families — Ouray County Performing Arts Guild presents the 3rd of a series of events for young families and funded through a grant from the Telluride Foundation. "Objectivity": A unique mix of dance, theater and object manipulation——transforming the stage into a magical world of motion. Our human experience is intertwined with the objects around us. Movement artists Jennifer Aiken and Peter Davison reveal shared aspects of life through virtuosic interactions with objects, and each other. "Objectivity" combines classical and contemporary dance with elements of vaudeville, pantomime, and spoken word in a performance that is engaging for all ages. The afternoon begins at 2:00 at the Ridgway Secondary School gym and there is no admission charge, although donations will be gratefully received. For more information see www.ocpaq.org or call 970-626-2970.

Nov. 16-17--Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) will host two member forums next month that will highlight the co-op's programs and services designed to help members reduce their energy use. The forums are scheduled for Monday, Nov. 16, 7 p.m. at Orchard City Town Hall, 9661 2100 Road, Austin, CO, and Tuesday, Nov. 17, 7 p.m. at Hotchkiss Memorial Hall, 175 N. 1st Street, Hotchkiss, CO. Free dessert and refreshments will be served. All members who attend will receive a \$10 bill credit.

Nov. 20-22-"Mary Poppins" brings to the Magic Circle Theatre stage the magic and music of the Walt Disney film that is based on the stories of P. L. Travers. Ticket information: 249-7838, or online at www.magiccircleplayers.com or visit the box office at 420 S. 12th St., Montrose, Tuesdays through Thursdays, 2 to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday shows are 7:30 p.m., Sunday matinee is 2 p.m.

Nov. 21-International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day. Program from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at ReMax Alpine View, 2730 Commercial Way, Montrose. Program includes screening of "Family Journeys: Healing and Hope After a Suicide."

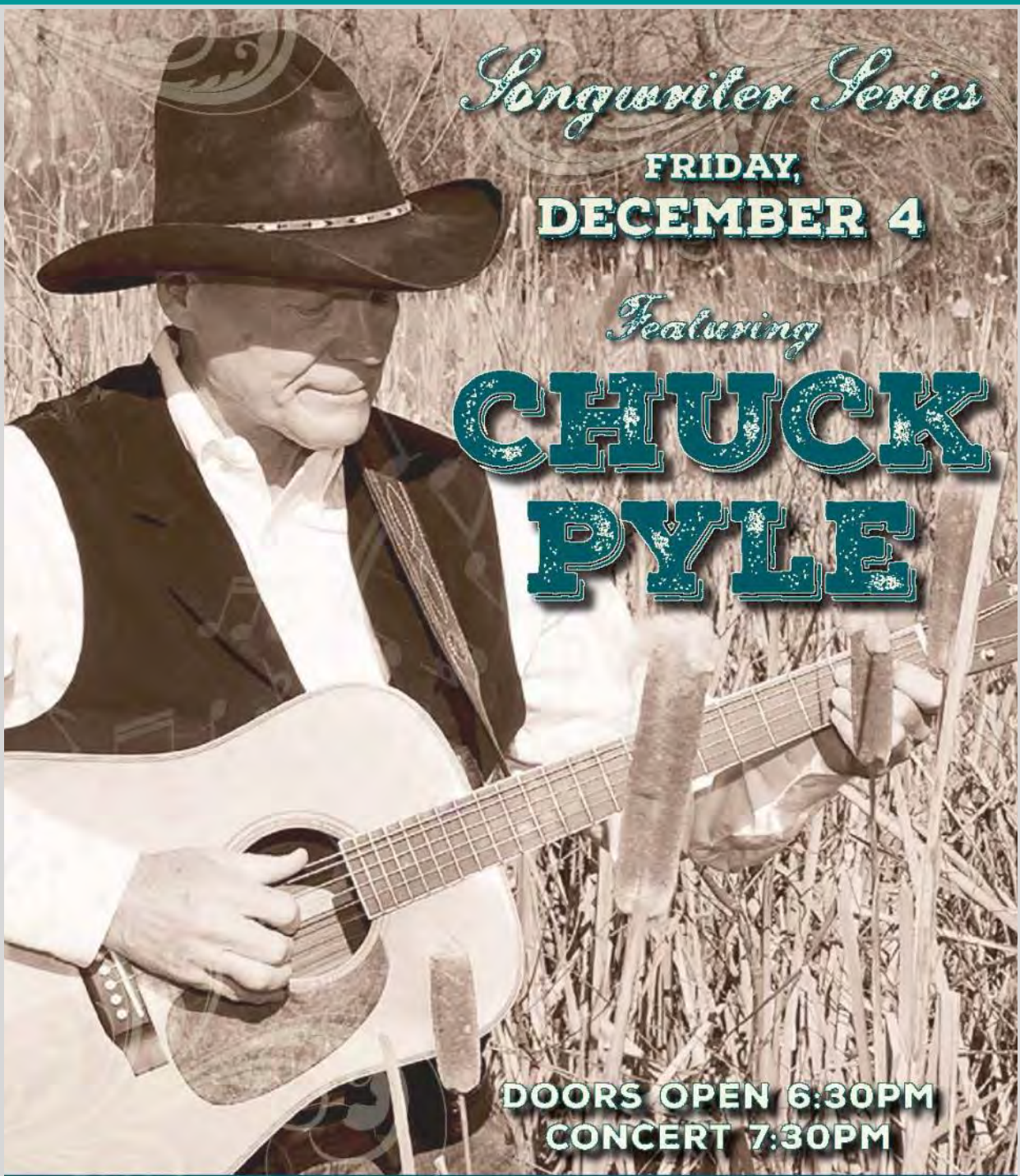
Nov. 21-San Juan Weavers Guild 38th Annual Show and Sale, Holiday Inn Express Montrose. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free, and the public is cordially invited. For information, call (970) 249-2981 or e-mail irwin@rmi.net.

Nov. 21-Del-Rose Chorus Annual Show "Colorado Adventure" Sweet Adeline Style, 3 pm at Delta Christian Church 1600 and I Rd, with Afterglow following after the Show, 970-256-9763 for Details.

Nov. 27-28-Basement Boutique Craft Show, Montrose Pavilion. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Nov. 27-28-"Mary Poppins" brings to the Magic Circle Theatre stage the magic and music of the Walt Disney film that is based on the stories of P. L. Travers. Ticket information: 249-7838, or online at www.magiccircleplayers.com or visit the box office at 420 S. 12th St., Montrose, Tuesdays through Thursdays, 2 to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday shows are 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 28-Garrett Estate Cellars Winery Open House, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.. [53582 Falcon Rd.](http://53582FalconRd.com), Olathe, CO 81425. Wine tasting and specials. For more information Call Mitch 970-901-5919.



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