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STEPPING UP FOR VETS BY STANDING DOWN WRC Creates 'One Stop Shop' for Veteran Needs

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Veterans have stood for American freedoms since the days of the Revolutionary War. Now it is time to stand up for them—and bringing resources to our local warriors is the mission of the Welcome Home Montrose Warrior Resource Center (WRC) at 11 South Park Avenue. With Veteran's Day acknowledgments taking place throughout the community this week, the WRC continues to play a practical role in bringing warriors together, and bringing together the things they need at a central location. -Here at the Warrior Resource Center you will find a group of veterans of all eras, ages, and services that have sacrificed for all of us, and you could not find an organization that is more proud and grateful for these heroes," Veteran Kirk Shiflett said. Shiflett joined the WRC team this year as executive assistant.

This month as temperatures drop, community support is more essential than ever. Shiflett notes that among those stepping up to help are <u>Alpine Bank</u>, which will be taking all Community Card Credits accrued in November and donating them to local Veteran organizations including



The most recent Stand Down for Veterans event took place at the Warrior Resource Center at 11 South Park Avenue in Montrose on Oct. 15. Courtesy photo.

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A ROAD RUNS THROUGH IT... BOCC refuses to Vacate E81 Road Despite Locked gate



Delta County farmer Roger Bentley addresses the Montrose BOCC during the Nov. 2 public hearing.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE COUNTY-With a packed room in attendance, the Montrose County Board of Commissioners (BOCC) heard on Nov. 2 from those on both sides of an issue that has neighbor pitted against neighbor over public access to a rural Montrose County road. The agenda item listed as E81 Road Vacation, a proposal put forth by the County as to whether to vacate a portion of the E81 Road on property currently owned by Larry and Lorell Cotten, was moved to the end of the day's agenda because of the strong turnout and expected length of time involved. The road also provides access to Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands.

Landowners Larry and Lorell Cotten of Monte Vista, who have placed a lock on the gate on the road, disputed the idea that the road was ever a Montrose County Road in the first place. They spoke of the family's history in the

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Olathe business offers
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PROMOTING HEALTHY HEMP FOR PETS AND PEOPLE



Kris Otto, owner of RxCBD, is based in Olathe and creates homemade CBD infused edibles for pets and their people. Courtesy photo.

By Liesl Greathouse

OLATHE-As more is learned about natural solutions to health issues in both humans and animals, many discoveries are popping up. One such discovery is the usefulness of CBD (Cannabidiol), which provides all the health benefits of hemp without any of the 'high'. A local business, RxCBD, is working to educate people on this interesting ingredient for a healthy life, while also creating a delicious way for both pets and people to take it.

Kris Otto, owner of RxCBD, is based in Olathe and creates homemade CBD infused edibles for pets and their people. Their animal products are Benny's Healthy Hemp treats (for dogs) and Anna's Healthy Hemp treats (for cats). Both are unique dietary treats designed to support the health and wellness of your pet. These yummy little chicken noodle soup flavor treats contain industrial hemp oil that is rich in CBD.

CBD has been shown to provide relief from stress, anxiety and pain in animals as well as humans, Otto said. In animals, it has been linked with prolonged lifespan, reduced anxiety and an overall improve-

ment in the life of a pet. It is also believed to help with a number of aggression disorders, noise phobias, canine dementia, the urge to spray (in felines) and a number of other problems that often plague our pets. It interacts naturally with the immune and nervous system of pets, making them more confident, more relaxed and healthier across the board. As industrial hemp is naturally rich in these substances (and especially CBD), while having virtually zero

THC, it has no side effects and your pet will not get high by eating Benny's Treats. –It's not Pot!" Kris added. –That's why I can ship it elsewhere, because it is not illegal [to ship elsewhere]."

The treats are also perfect for pets with special diets, since they contain no wheat, corn, soy, gluten or artificial ingredients, she said.

CBD works to benefit the whole body, anxiety, pain, increases circulation, healthy all around. It can help with inflammation, arthritis, aggression disorders, and stimulate appetite for animals when they are sick. One of the biggest benefits of CBD is the main reason it was discovered in the first place: to help with seizure activity.

Kris has been in the baking business her whole life, and she also has degrees in Microbiology and Biochemistry, which set her up for a good understanding of the whole field of health and wellness. Her main reason for getting into the field she is currently focusing on is because of her father. -My dad's old and was having all the side effects and horror stories [related to] prescription drugs," she explained. -He was on pain killers because of a broken hip

and my mom and I were caring for him. He was getting the dementia that people get when they are on pain killers a lot. It was so horrible. I knew there had to be another option."

That led to finding the very new field of CBD. Because it is so new, there are not many user friendly options, so Kris set out to make it be easy for her dad to take. -It was something to help my dad and it has also helped his Restless Leg Syndrome," she explained. She used her baking skills to make cookies that are infused with CBD.

So Kris started to offer her CBD-infused baked goods for people, but she also had a pet treats business online for 15 years, so she transitioned that into her CBD animal treats as well. -----offer them for the same reason as for offering human products: to help those needing help," she explained. - have had a lot of animals with anxiety around thunder or gun shots. I have tried every natural product, but did not want to do drugs. With giving my dog CBD treats, I saw the results and thought 'oh my gosh'. We were outside in the garden and heard a rumble thunderstorm moving in, and normally my dog would be trying to break through the door, but instead was just laying there with no issues. There have been a plethora of wonderful stories [from customers] that you can't deny."

Some of those many customer comments that have been received for the treats include, -My dog, Mardi, is no longer freaking out during thunderstorms!" and, -My cat is an uptight girl- hissing at strangers and sometimes me. A CBD treat was like a 'chill pill' for her. Both of us are happier."

Kris also loves to use her business to help others by sponsoring organizations and donating treats to them. One such place is a rescue in Illinois that rescues German Shepherds, then train the dogs to help victims of PTSD. —The treats help the dogs with training and makes the dogs more adoptable," Kris said.

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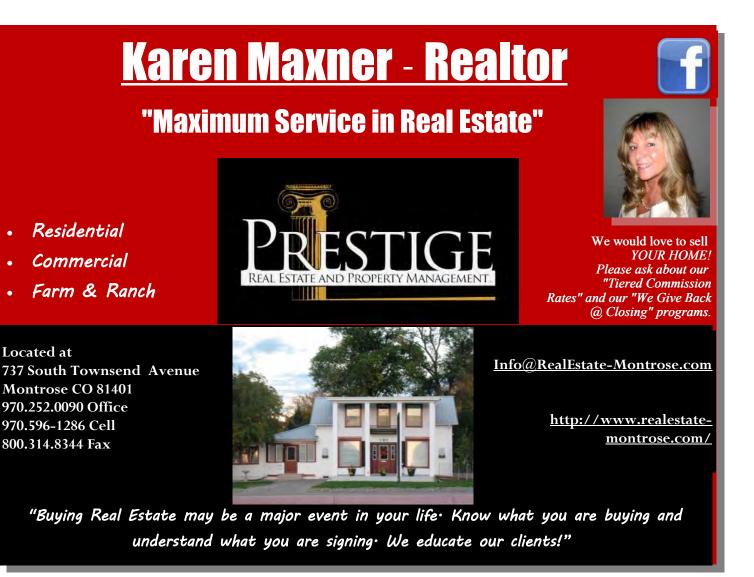
-Sometimes the animals are scared and do not seem friendly or adoptable. The treats help the dogs use their own natural system to center and ground themselves, so they can be more themselves, not lash out at people, and have more chance to be adopted. The rescue trainers have had fantastic luck with dogs who have nerve issues, as the treats help the dogs become focused, and the trainers are able to communicate to them better."

With the variety of people across the country that purchase the treats, what is her favorite part? —The stories that I get," she said. —I-ship enough product that I do not hear from every customer, but the stories that I do hear are literally life changing for people and pets. Many of them have been looking for a solution for so long and have tried so many things."

One such testimonial brings things back into perspective as to how CBD can benefit pets: -Thank you for what you do! Our Weimaraner, Dakota, has had issues with seizures for two years. Dakota has been seizure free, and has no anxiety about having a seizure since he started taking Benny's Healthy Hemp! He has been taking his Benny's treats since the end of June, and since then he has been much more playful and active. Previously, at 10 minutes, he would want to go inside because that is when he would have a seizure. Long story short, he now pouts when we play retrieve and 'find it' for only 30 minutes. Thanks again!" For more information, call 650-0208 or visit RxCBD.co or Bennyshealthyhemp.com. It is a good idea to consult your veterinarian as well to be sure your pet is healthy enough for CBD.



Kris Otto created her CBD-infused baked goods for people, but after seeing results transitioned them into her CBD animal treats as well. Courtesy photo.



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TAKING FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY SERIOUSLY Montrose County Manager Ken Norris



"We are becoming more efficient," Montrose County Manager Ken Norris said. The County is three-quarters of the way through its annual budget process, and is down 16 full-time positions this year—not through layoffs, but through attrition.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Expecting out of town guests for the holidays? No need to head out of town in search of fun--Montrose County Manager Ken Norris has a suggestion for entertaining visitors right here in the heart of Montrose. -Go to the County web site, and look at the fairgrounds events calendar," Norris said. -We have everything from craft shows, rodeos and outdoor events, to gun shows-we really have something for just about everybody." The Montrose County Fairgrounds reflect the diversity of the local community, with year-round opportunities to showcase what makes Montrose the hub of West Central Colorado. And plans for an indoor arena will raise the profile of this already popular venue, Norris said.

-The arena is an extension of the Fairgrounds," Norris said. -It is complementary to the (Cattlemen's) Pavilion and to Friendship Hall—it will help us bring in wintertime events. The arena will be multipurpose, for use by ag events, rodeos, and 4H clubs—but also by a number of other activities. We can hold car shows there, Moto Mayhem...everything imaginable."

Now in the design stages, the arena has been planned for years and is included in the County's budget, which has remained flat this year through careful planning.

The project will benefit local people, and accommodate many different uses, Norris said. –This is great for people, and great for economic development," he said. –We can host three or four day events, and have thousands of people come in and spend the week here.

-They shop in our stores, and stay in our hotels," Norris said. -It's good for everybody."

When Norris talks about the economy, it is from the perspective of a seasoned business professional who knows the local community. Because when Norris was hired to head the County, he was not recruited through a nationwide search. The longtime local holds degrees from Colorado schools--his BS degree in Mechanical Engineering is from Colorado State University and his MBA degree from the University of Colorado. He also has a strong track record here in Western Colorado-Norris has served as vice president of engineering and executive vice president of Colorado-Ute Electric Association, as Manager of Engineering for Russell Stover Candies and Facilities Director for Montrose County. He has served as a director of Delta-Montrose Electric Association for 12 years and has served on at least 15 other boards of directors.

He also has friends and family right here, so the massive success of this season's Moto Mayhem events comes as no surprise to Norris. —There are a lot of gearheads and hot rodders here," Norris said. —They love to get out the wrenches and do some shade tree mechanics. So Moto Mayhem has pretty much filled the grandstands since the first event; we look forward to hosting many more."

Norris, who takes pride in the strong skills and expertise of County personnel, believes that leadership begins at the top. -Hike all of the challenges I get to deal with," he said, -and I like the people I get to deal with—the staff and the Commissioners. Our Commissioners are smart, opinionated, and they get good results when they discuss and debate ideas. I have worked with _rubber stamp' boards in the past, and it is not good."

The BOCC is supported by a depth of knowledge and experience on the part of staff, he added. —I-would put the capabilities of our staff against anyone I have ever worked with," he said, —in terms of educational background, level of experience, and good judgment. We are very lucky to have a top notch staff, though it is not always visible to the public. Go department by department, division by division—our folks are very well qualified for the jobs they hold, which goes to the benefit of the taxpayer.

-The smarter and better qualified our staff, the more efficient we can be," he said.

Fiscal responsibility is a goal that Norris takes very seriously. The County is threequarters of the way through its annual budget process, and is down 16 full-time positions this year—not through layoffs, but through attrition. —We are becoming more efficient," Norris said. —We we lose an employee, the first question we ask is whether to replace them, or spread the workload to our existing staff.

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local area for four generations, though the parcel that the road crosses was acquired in a 2005 land swap with neighboring landowners the LeValleys.

-It falls to us to repair road damage," Larry Cotten informed Commissioners. -There is a lack of respect for the right of way, we desire to know who is coming and going, and we feel the need to keep our cabin secure."

Mr. and Mrs. Cotten asserted that those with business interests in the area have other access.

Access to that portion of BLM lands is from highway 92 and the E80 Road," Lorell Cotten said. We aren't denying anybody any access."

-The 1957 USGS Map shows the road terminating where it does now," Cooper said.

The road was on a County list of maintained roads until 1992. However, -removal from management does not mean giving up rights," Cooper said. -Public tax dollars were spent on that road."

A citizens group represented by Mike



Landowner Larry Cotton addresses the Montrose BOCC during the Nov. 2 road hearing.

Shambra presented the BOCC with a petition signed by 250 opposed to vacation of the road. –Public access shouldn't be denied," he said.

Citizen Betty Oglesby noted that the road has been used continuously for more than 75 years by locals, and the length of time needed to access the area via a different route could cause delays for EMS providers.

-Before the Cottens acquired the property from Levalleys in 2005, the road had been used by locals for years," she said.

Local farmer Roger Bentley pointed out that the presence of a cattle guard located 100 yards past the locked gate on the E81 Road.

-Historically this has been a grazing area," Bentley said, and suggested that facts should take precedence over emotions. Citizen Roger Brown called the Cottens' locked gate -a bit of a land grab." -(Vacation of the road) would substantially increase the value of their property," Brown commented. -Ham opposed to abandoning public property."

Montrose County Plow Driver Marion Palmer stated that the locked gate made it problematic to turn a plow around on the road during snowstorms, and that the gate had not been locked prior to 2005.

The hearing closed at 11:30 a.m., and Commissioners voted to deny vacation of County Road E81 based on the facts presented. Commissioner Glen Davis thanked all who had attended. —When we make decisions, we have to rely on the information presented to us by the people who work for the County," Davis said. —... that's a County Road, and we are going to look at it as a County Road."

-We cannot support vacating the road based on the evidence," BOCC Chair David White said.

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including the Warrior Resource Center in Montrose. The bank is also donating lapel pins imprinted with the United States flag. Montrose Medicine will work to make the Holidays brighter for vets, with a giving tree. The items and quantity on the giving trees will be based on veteran's needs, Shiflett said. By printing out cards containing items on the WRC - wish list" and clipping them to trees at the clinic and its partner offices, patients, guests, staff and clients will be able to take a card, purchase the item listed, and bring it back in to be donated to a local veteran and his or her family.

The Warrior Resource Center is also helping 44 local veterans who are in need as winter approaches, with the Stand Down for Veterans events Shiflett said, noting that the original Stand Down for homeless veterans was modeled after the Stand Down concept used during the Vietnam War to provide a safe retreat for units returning from combat operations. At secure base camp areas, troops were able to take care of personal hygiene, get clean uniforms, enjoy warm meals, receive medical and dental care, mail and receive letters, and enjoy the camaraderie of friends in a safe environment. Stand Down afforded battle-weary soldiers the opportunity to renew their spirit, health and overall sense of well-being.

-That is the purpose of the Stand Down for veterans in need, and achieving those objectives requires a wide range of support services and time. The program is successful because it brings these services to one location, making them more accessible," Shiflett said. The most recent Stand Down for Veterans event took place at the WRC on Oct. 15. While a total of 175 veterans were served, 44 of those and their families faced serious needs.

Eighteen different service providers and 36 volunteers worked more than 226 hours to make it happen, Shiflett said. -One veteran's wife even knitted caps to be given out," Shiflett said. - This is a one-stop-shop for veterans to get the things they need." Shiflett said that Welcome Home and the Warrior Resource Center wish to express a huge thank you to all who stepped up, with special thanks to the following:



Montrose Medicine will work to make the Holidays brighter for vets, with a giving tree. Courtesy photo Welcome Home Montrose.

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DMEA ISSUES FIRST VARIABLE SPEED DRIVE REBATE

Special to the Mirror

REGIONAL-Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) recently issued the first variable speed drive rebate in the cooperative's history. Randy Meaker of Montrose installed a 50-horsepower variable speed drive pump on his irrigation system, which resulted in a \$2,350 rebate from DMEA. For Meaker, the rebate was just icing on the cake when compared to the environmental benefits he hopes to achieve.

-There is such a high demand on water, that I believe it is our job as a community to be more resourceful and efficient. I also hope this method of irrigation will inspire others to join me in preserving soil health for generations to come," said Meaker.

Pumping water is often a major expense for area farms and ranches. Traditional irrigation pumping systems are designed to meet the maximum demands of flow and pressure. This means the pumps run at one speed and require a set capacity of energy to operate. As the name implies, variable speed drives can adjust speed, and therefore electricity consumption, to match the required workload.

–Variable speed drives control the speed of a motor, and ultimately, the amount of electricity used by that motor. You don't always need to run a motor on full throttle, which means that motor doesn't always require the maximum amount of energy to power it. Unlike traditional motors, variable speed drives provide the flexibility to adjust and save," said DMEA Energy Services Supervisor, Phil Zimmer.

Meaker coupled his variable speed drive installation with a new premium efficient motor for an additional \$525 rebate. In total, DMEA paid back \$2,875 to Meeker for his efficiency efforts.

DMEA offers a variety of efficiency rebates for both residential and commercial members, including Energy Star appliances, interior and exterior lighting, heating and cooling systems, heat pumps, motors, variable speed drives, and refrigeration



Randy Meaker of Montrose, left, installed a 50-horsepower variable speed drive pump on his irrigation system, which resulted in a \$2,350 rebate from DMEA.

measures. For a full listing of rebates visit <u>www.dmea.com</u> or contact DMEA's energy services department for more information: Phil, (970) 240-1217 or Rod, (970) 240-1258.



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COMMENT SOUGHT ON MONTROSE-NUCLA-CAHONE TRANSMISSION LINE ROUTE



The existing transmission line crossing of the Dolores River Canyon. Courtesy photo.

By Caitlin Switzer

REGIONAL- When Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association proposed upgrading the Montrose-Nucla-Cahone Transmission Line that dates back to 1958, the proposed plan was to follow the footprint of the old line-with two potential diversions from that route. The final plan will be based on the newly released Environmental Assessment, as well as feedback from the public and from local agencies.

In addition to traversing an area in the Dry Creek Basin that has been designated

as critical habitat for the Gunnison Sage Grouse, the existing line crosses the Dolores River Canyon on one of the longest wooden structures in the nation, a crossing that covers more than a mile and which is difficult to access and maintain due to steep slopes.

-The line is critical to continued electric and telecom reliability, and to broadband access," Tri State Generation and Transmission Association's Transmission Siting & Environmental Planning Manager Karl Myers said. - Tri-State is com-

mitted to protecting the environment and building the appropriate infrastructure—we don't see those as mutually exclusive."

The line is nearly 60 years old and infrastructure is sloughing at the Dolores Canyon crossing due to soils. However, Tri-State would prefer to keep the line as is in Dry Creek Basin if possible due to the expense and complexity of moving.

-We are willing to move it, but we are not convinced it is the best use of funds," Myers said. -Our preference is to build the line where it is, except for the Dolores

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Canyon Crossing, which is safer and more accessible. The public will help inform the decision makers; we will have to address the comments that are raised.—what are the pros and cons. This is what the public process is all about.

-In the end we will either move ahead with the alternatives, or make a selection and modify the proposal."

According to a news release issued by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the proposed project uses the existing 115kV 100-foot right-of-way and access roads to the greatest extent possible while amending the existing right-of-way from 100 feet wide to 150 feet wide with about 240 miles of access roads. The project as proposed includes newly constructed lines made primarily of wooden H-frames, about 25 feet taller and 10 feet wider than the existing infrastructure. The Montrose and Cahone substations (both on Tri-State property) would be upgraded as well.

What is not in question is the importance of the project to the region.

-If we don't rebuild, we can guarantee there will be major problems, as the poles are old," Myers said. - They have been eaten by woodpeckers, and could collapse."

Tri-State Public Affairs Manager Drew Kramer noted that it is always a good time to remind people about the essential nature of electrical infrastructure to everyday life. -It's easy to forget," Kramer said. -Like a lighthouse, you only know what can go wrong if it goes away."

Because multiple agencies and entities are involved, the public will help to inform the process, Myers said. According to the newly released Environmental Assessment, the BLM invited 21 agencies and 25 tribes) to participate in the Tri-State MNC Transmission Improvement EA as cooperating agencies. Seven agencies are participating in the NEPA process as Cooperating Agencies with the BLM: SJNF, GMUG NF, San Miguel County, Montrose County, Dolores County, and the Colorado Energy Office.

A public meeting featuring the project is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 16, at 5 p.m. at the Dove Creek High School (525 N. Main St.). To review the project documents, go to your local library or visit http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/ district offices/southwest/

TriState230kVRebuild.html.

Submit written comments regarding the project by Thursday, Dec. 3, 2015, to the Bureau of Land Management, Attn: Gina Jones, 2465 S. Townsend Ave, Montrose, CO 81401, via email to

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MONTROSE YOUNG PROFESSIONALS WARMING UP THE COMMUNITY



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MONTROSE– While the need for cold weather outerwear has never been greater, it has also never been easier to meet this vital need in our community. The Montrose Young Professionals (a committee of the Montrose Chamber of Commerce), invite area residents to join them in an effort to ensure that no one goes without a warm coat this winter.

The Fourth Annual Montrose Young Professionals Coat Drive kicks off November 16 and runs through December 18. Montrose Young Professionals is collecting clean, gently used warm coats, hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, and even blankets. The collected items will be distributed and delivered to people in need. The coat drive program provides an easy way for individuals and families to make a difference in the lives of their neighbors by simply passing along coats, jackets, and other items that are no longer needed.

Montrose Young Professionals invites you to bring your clean, gently used coats and other cold weather outerwear November 16 until December 18 to the following drop-off locations: Montrose Chamber of Commerce (1519 East Main Street), Alpine Floral (1414 Hawk Parkway, Unit G) and Dalby, Wendland & Co.,P.C. (501 East Main Street). The process is simple: you drop off your extra items and the Chamber of Commerce and Montrose Young Professionals takes care of the rest! All donated items will be given to a Montrose resident for distribution to local people in need, this donor requests to remain anonymous. Montrose Young Professionals is a committee of the Chamber of Commerce. The purpose of Montrose Young Professionals is to connect, empower, and engage the young professionals of Montrose by providing educational, social, and philanthropic activities that include community and civic involvement to help actively shape the future of Montrose. For more information, please call Ashley Pietak at the Chamber of Commerce at 970-249-5000 or email at <u>mont-</u> roseyp@montrosechamber.com.

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BUNCO MADNESS COMES TO MONTROSE!

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MONTROSE-Nov. 13th will be the night of Bunco Madness in Montrose with the first Western Slope BUNCO Tournament. There will be 10 simultaneous Bunco games going on! It will be held at the Holiday Inn Express Montrose from 6-9:30pm. 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 and to roll certain number combinations with the dice. The winners get prizes (provided by local businesses) for accomplishments such as the highest score, the lowest score, and the most "buncos". Prizes will also include best team theme costumes and wildest hairstyle. All players will be eligible for door prizes and extra prize tickets are available for purchase. Snacks will be provided at each table and there will be a cash bar and other refreshments, food and desserts from area restaurants (including the Camp Robber) 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. This event is being sponsored by the Montrose Daily Press and Land Title of Montrose. For those who have never played Bunco before, there will be a practice session and review of the game from 5:30-6pm. Current Bunco players will be there to assist all new players.

RIDGWAY NOEL NIGHT TO BE FRIDAY, DEC. 4

Special to the Mirror

RIDGWAY-Ridgway Noel Night will be Friday, Dec. 4th 2015 5-9pm. Many businesses in Ridgway will stay open late and have holiday treats, drinks, and/or discounts. We will have a Light Parade to begin the festivities. Any person or group may participate; just light up your vehicle, self, bicycle, animal, etc. and walk (or ride, skip, and march) through the short parade route encompassing downtown. Inexpensive battery-powered light packs can be purchased online or at stores. Have fun and get creative! To join the parade, meet at 4:45pm, Dec 4, on Railroad St next to Town Hall. For questions or to participate, contact Pam or Diedra at Town Hall 970- 626-5308.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL-COMMENTARY

CITY OF MONTROSE "PARTNERSHIPS" AT ODDS WITH BEST INTERESTS OF BUSINESS, COMMUNITY

In full disclosure Gail Marvel is a former Montrose City Councilman (2008-2012). By Gail Marvel

Mirror Editorial Team

MONTROSE-Partnering and partnerships in Montrose have taken on a new and disturbing trend. Rather than working together, leaders are looking for ways to work around their partners and in so doing they pit people and organizations against one another. Examples are emergency services entities being forced to choose between the city and the sheriff's office dispatch center, the city's no-bid contract which pitted local business against one another, and a city council member who brazenly recommended clients back away from one local business.

Even the proposed expanded broadband has entities partnering on paper and in public, yet positioning themselves to become the coveted service provider for the community through use of public funding.

Just recently the Montrose Chamber of Commerce appears to be pitted against Montrose Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) as the city contracted with the chamber to serve as a pass through organization for a city incentive.

Although MEDC is recognized by the State of Colorado as the local economic development organization, the city chose to undermine MEDC's role and asked the chamber to become the pass through agency. In this instance it is not simply a matter of driving a wedge between two organizations, but rather dividing the community members who sit on these respective boards.

In 2011 Bill Bell was hired as the Montrose City Manager. During the interview process the complexity of diverse groups and organizations in the community was discussed and Mr. Bell assured interviewers that he could, and would, work with all organizations.

Three years into his tenure Mr. Bell's sensitivity was pricked (council meeting 6/16/14) and he wrote in an email to the board of MEDC and said, –Unfortunately, due to the spiteful, misleading and hurtful nature and intent of Sandy's comments tonight, I will be unable to work with MEDC as long as Sandy is part of this organization, and for that I do apologize." (Sandy Head is the MEDC Executive Director).

A group known as -Montrose Business Resources Partnership" received an email from City Manager Bell (5/14/15) which said, -Hello all. I must apologize, but I meant to include MEDC and Sandy on the list of original partners on my email. I will just be open and honest with you all and say that I don't understand why county commissioners are attending our partnership meetings. I think it is bringing a negative tone to our potential partnership." It is curious that the email ends with, —...**o**r potential partnership," but it is clear that Bell wants to exclude the county and he feels that he holds authority and influence over the members of this partnership group.

The reality is that the city manager and the city council do hold sway over community organizations since municipal government can bestow, or withhold, tax dollars.

Currently many organizations are forced to ingratiate themselves to the city because they've been made to feel indebted and they perceive the city to be the economic driver.

The city council and staff, with the support of a few people in the community, want the city to be run as a business.

It should be noted that the role of a business is to be revenue generating, but the role of municipal government is to serve constituents (health, welfare and safety).

City staffers--including Mr. Bell--were hired for their credentials and expertise in municipal government and not in running a business, which makes their collective lack of business experience troubling.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL-LETTERS THERE IS HOPE FOR OUR CLIMATE

Dear Editor:

There is hope. That is the message being brought forth as we go forth in preparation for the upcoming Paris climate talks in December. There is a powerful global movement for change in our approach to global climate issues. Awareness of the environmental, social, and economic advantages of our transition to renewable or sustainable energy resources is becoming recognized on a global scale.

There are world-wide examples of new technologies, social acceptance, and collaborative efforts. Clean energy is on the march, a low-carbon economy is becoming a reality on the ground, and many voices are now calling for action from their leaders. There is hope in all these things, including the rapidly falling cost of renewable energy, the important global voices (like the Pope speaking of our moral imperative), greatly expanded investment opportunities, and the transition away from political polarization. With unanimity among scientists, economic interests perking up, and across-the-isle politicians waking up, we do have hope for a healthy and sustainable planet for the children of the future.

Now the ask is for everyone to get familiar with the need to reduce our carbon footprint, call for action from our leaders, and encourage significant leadership from our representatives at the U.N. climate talks in Paris in early December. *Wayne Quade, Montrose*

SHOOTING DOWN LIBRARY INCREASE, ALLOWING SECOND DISPATCH CENTER MAKES NO SENSE

Dear Editor:

Bill Bell told City residents that the unnecessary duplication of a dispatch center would cost the City nothing. [Incidentally, Bill Bell is also responsible for allowing only City residents to vote on the Rec Center thus guaranteeing that it passed, which we will be paying for for years!] The truth is that whenever you buy groceries, clothes, vehicles, go out to dinner, etc. in the City of Montrose you are paying via sales tax for all projects including the second dispatch center. I have read only two letters to the editors in the Press and the Montrose Mirror of folks being upset about this \$1,700,000 dollar Bill Bell/Council dispatch center and costing \$700,000 ongoing each subsequent year....why are City residents not screaming about this? Five feckless City council members and one City Manager made this decision; there is no accountability because no one voted on this boondoggle!

Depending on your spending habits my guess is that each of us contributes on average at least \$10 **PER WEEK** to the City via sales tax; last Tuesday the voters shot down an increase in our real estate taxes of somewhere in the neighborhood of \$10-\$20 **PER YEAR** to enhance a library necessary for an educated, intelligent public. No reasonable explanation for allowing a duplication of services in the form of a second dispatch center exists and shooting down a needed increase in library funds makes no sense! Thank you for reading!

Marge Morgenstern, Montrose

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COMMUNITY LIGHTNING RODS Voices that spark conversations

I'M HAPPY TO SHARE WHAT I AM LEARNING: DON GLADWELL



Don Gladwell. Courtesy photo.

Interview by Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-Don Gladwell was a junior banker in California before moving to Montrose 43 years ago, -I-started looking at Colorado because I'd hunted here one year and I fell in love with the western slope." Don went to work for the First National Bank which was locally owned by Pixler, Townsend and Dutcher. Don said, -They were my mentors and my friends. I admired them and wanted to follow in their footsteps. They were all wonderful families and I can't say enough good about them."

In spite of numerous bank branding changes, Don's career lasted more than 20 years, -Hound I fit in less and less as the bank changed names." After leaving the banking business Don held a variety of jobs including driving for Telluride Transit, working as a car salesman for Flower Motor, and co-owner of Arrowhead Ranch Realtors. He said, -got to pick and choose what I wanted to do and I had a lot of fun doing it because I didn't depend on it for a living...but banking was my last *real* job." Don fully retired in 2012.

Don's community involvement includes serving on city council for six years, one year as mayor (1990); a member of the Montrose Lions Club, Project 7 Water Board and the Montrose Chamber of Commerce. Recently Don was honored at the Montrose Memorial Hospital's 44th Annual Fall Clinics event for his 16 years of service (nonconsecutive) on the hospital board. He said, -It was rewarding to have people standing on their feet cheering me and thanking me for my service. It took my breath away to get that recognition."

As a leader Don describes himself as a team player. If m one who looks at both sides of the issue; not to polarize, but to find solutions. I want to make sure that everyone at the table participates. If you took time to come to a meeting I want to hear from you."

Don has never gotten on a board with an agenda to change the organization, -<u>I</u>^eve always wanted to participate and get involved with something positive. I think I offer common sense and guidance on a board."

Bewildered by the current community atmosphere Don said, —The library referendum was just defeated, but we found a way to approve a rec center. How can we approve a rec center and turn down the library and schools? The community needs to step up and reassess priorities. We need to look at the needs of the community."

Preparing for retirement Don and wife Jan decided to buy a travel trailer, but the very next day Jan fell while walking their dog and hit her head on the sidewalk. Don said, —Twenty-two years ago Jan lost hearing in her left ear due to an auto accident, but when she got up from this fall she was immediately and totally deaf. Our life changed that day...we no longer had need for a travel trailer."

Don finds himself in the early stages of being an advocate for the hearing impaired and is now educated in cochlear implants and audio induction hearing loops for rooms and buildings. —This is not what I planned for for my retirement, but I'm happy to share what I'm learning. I hope to approach the city council to see if they will loop the council chambers and make it possible for people with hearing devices to attend meetings."

Don is associated with the Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) and advocates for anyone suffering hearing loss. Don can be reached at 970-249-9854, or jdongladwell@gmail.com.

HONORABLE MENTION

To all U.S. veterans...thank you...

To the Town of Ridgway and the Ridgway Chamber of Commerce, congratulations on the success of the LOT tax ballot issue...

To Ridgway Chamber Administrator Gale Ingram, kudos for doing a fantastic job for your community on a very small budget...

To my sister Shelley Neth...Happy 60th!!!

To Welcome Home Montrose and the Warrior Resource Center, for serving those who have served our nation.

"PLAN ON A TIGHT BUDGET," BELL INFORMS DEPT. HEADS WSCU STUDENTS SHARE PROGRESS ON ENERGY FELLOWSHIPS



The City of Montrose has pushed its budget process back by one month, and department heads have been warned of belt tightening, officials say. Mirror file photo.

Mirror staff report

MONTROSE-Prior to hearing from Western State Colorado University (WSCU) Students working on City energy fellowship projects and a presentation on the 2016 budget by City Manager Bill Bell, Montrose City Council welcomed Dennis Lankes of Telluride to its Nov. 3 meeting. Lankes is a partner in the firm Abrams, which is preparing a video series on behalf of the City.

-This video represents the progress being made," Lankes said, as he introduced the second, very similar, video in the series of -My Montrose" videos. The format featured a number of speakers including City Councilor Bob Nicholson, Board President Barbara Bynum and Executive Director Ken Sherbenou of the Montrose Recreation District, and local contractor Todd Haynes.

-This one is more polished and finished; it represents the 30,000 ft. view," Lankes said.

The City of Montrose Community Leaders Fellowship (WSCU) Mid-Project Report by graduate students working on energy-related projects included *Exploring Alternative Fuel Vehicles* by Murtaza Naqvi and *Net-Zero through Photovoltaic Solar Arrays* by Alyssa Vogan.

-The City is interested in being leaders in

sustainability, so I conducted an analysis of the City fleet," Naqvi said, and explained the progress he has made to date. Naqvi said he intends to conduct a cost benefit study based on vehicle use and fuel types as the city constructs its new public works facility.

-I am grateful to be part of a fellowship with such a progressive council," said Vogan, who is working on the resilient and sustainable communities track. She discussed possible sites for City solar arrays, and spoke about the need to hold a competitive bid process and the benefits of generating power through photovoltaic arrays. -This allows you to sell power back to your customers at a fixed rate lower than DMEA's rate," she said.

Vogan will manage the RFP and contractor selection process for a new ground mounted solar array to be placed at one of three sites currently under review.

City Director of Innovation and Citizen Engagement Virgil Turner said that with the City generating its own power, consumers —wuld still be buying electricity, but at a lower rate and with the ability to project costs," Turner said.

-We don't know from year to year what DMEA's contract with Tri-State (Generation & Transmission Association) will look like. When we purchase local power, it stays in our economy." Councilor Rex Swanson, who chairs the non-profit All Points Transit, asked if the fleet analysis project would include All Points as well busses owned and operated by school bus contractor First Student. – give you both an A+," Swanson said.

City Manager Bell noted that the City has pushed its budget process back by one month, and that department heads have been warned of belt tightening.

—boking forward, plan on a tight budget," Bell said, noting the creation of two new and expensive city initiatives, the Black Canyon Golf Course, which required deferred maintenance according to Bell, and the ongoing multi-agency broadband initiative.

Bell also spoke of changes to the way employees are compensated.

-We need to be more like private industry," said Bell. -So we are taking a hybrid approach to wages and compensation, and doing merit bonuses and pay incentives on an annual basis."

Essential City services such as the police department and the trash and recycling services are operated on bare bones funding, he noted.

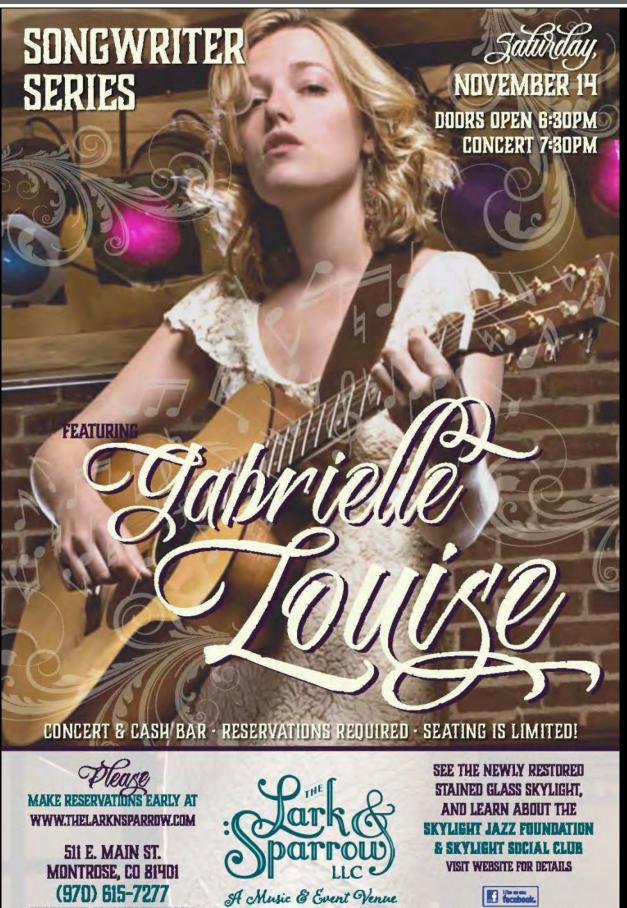
Following approval of Ordinance 2362 which provides and appropriates funds for defraying the expenses and liabilities of the City during fiscal year 2016; Council approved an agreement with NEO Fiber of Glenwood Springs to complete a Broadband Business Strategy and Financial Plan for the City of Montrose, for \$85,000; and approved the award of a \$1,216,374 construction contract (\$1,186,374 to Haynes Excavation and \$30,000 payable to Delta-Montrose Electric Association) for the Woodgate Road Widening Project.

Council also approved the appointment of Public Works Director John Harris as the Municipal Representative to the Gunnison Basin Roundtable for a five-year term.

During public information officer report, Bell said that fall leaves can be bagged and placed curbside for pickup by City crews. –We have bags at City Hall for \$1," he said. –If you don't buy ours, use clear bags."

Bell also noted that a ribbon cutting will take to celebrate completion of the East Oak Grove Road widening project at 10 a.m. on Nov. 12.







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HOSPITAL BLOOD DONOR GIVES 11TH GALLON

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--A moment 40 years in the making: Montrose resident Avery Campbell recently donated his 11th gallon of blood to Montrose Memorial Hospital.

Avery gave blood for the first time during his service in the Navy four decades ago. A Montrose resident since 1970, he now comes to the hospital every eight weeks to give more. When asked why he continues to donate, he says he knows he's helping somebody out there—and he feels better for doing it.

Having started the habit in 1975, Avery is a repeat donor: the most precious kind because they have an established track record of safe blood for donating.

Blood donations are important to the hospital. Donated units are used for patients in need, such as those undergoing surgery or being transported by air ambulance.

For the amount of blood the hospital is currently receiving through generous donations like Avery's, the likelihood of it being used for a patient is high.



A moment 40 years in the making: Montrose resident Avery Campbell recently donated his 11th gallon of blood to Montrose Memorial Hospital. Courtesy photo.





MONTROSE COUNTY MANAGER KEN NORRIS From pg 1

-We work smarter, and we are trying to get opportunities to grow." throughout our culture, at all levels. When we have an opportunity to cut back, we ask those questions first."

One day each month is dedicated to new employee orientation, he said. -Through our orientation, we try to get our employees in a positive, productive state of mind. I realize that they are the future of Montrose County, and are empowered to make the County of the future what it will be.

-tell my new employees to think out of the box; you are going to make mistakes on a lot of things if you are doing a lot of things," Norris said. -You can't mess anything up that we can't fix, so be creative and try lots of different things, and always be aware of ways to improve what you are doing."

When faced with a tough decision, Norris recommends asking some simple questions. Does it make common sense? Would you, as a taxpayer, be happy with what you are about to decide?

Montrose County Government Affairs Director Jon Waschbusch believes that because he is a local, Norris is better equipped to run the County than someone from elsewhere. The -gow your own" philosophy also applies to promotions, Waschbusch said.

-Ken really looks internally to fill open positions," Waschbusch said. -if you have somebody, you know them and you know what you've got. If you want to grow your organization, you have to give your staff

No matter the experience or skill set of a manager, those qualities are negated when the individual proves to be incapable of managing human beings, he said.

-Ken has incredible experience, but he also cares for our employees, and has improved morale,' Waschbusch said. -It is evident in everything he does."

And because Norris comes from an engineering background, he brings a very practical approach to planning. -Ken always asks, _do we have a business plan and engineering plan?"

Waschbusch said. -You al-

ways need a business plan, but in most cases you need an engineering plan too. Ken is a real, relatable person-he likes to turn the wrenches, and he has got an old Jeep and an old Camaro. He goes camping on weekends like the rest of us, and he wants to hear how your weekend was.

-He knows the community, and the community knows him-and boy, does that come in handy."

-try to care for my employees to the maximum extent that I can," Norris said. + and we like coming to work," Norris said. have always found that employees will do what they want to do. If they are well taken care of, they want to work hard and be



Friendship Hall at the Montrose County Fairgrounds, shown during this weekend's Montrose Woman's Club craft bazaar, offers something to do all year round, Norris said.

productive. If you let them know you are looking out for them, they want to do a good job and cut expenses. It all goes back to the bottom line of what is good for our citizens.

-There are people who know how to manage, and they will always be successful," he added. -When you find somebody like that, it is a delight to put them in and let them go.

-We have a high level of enthusiasm, -We put in a lot of hours here, because a lot of jobs take hours to accomplish. We like to do the work."



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US 550 RED MTN. PASS CRIB WALL REPAIRS COMPLETE FOR SEASON ONE

Special to the Mirror

OURAY & SAN JUAN COUNTIES – The Colorado Department of Transportation and contractor Rock & Company have completed work for the season on US 550 Red Mountain Pass. The project, which began last July, is repairing/reconstructing five crib walls (retaining walls) below US 550 on Red Mountain Pass. The estimated total cost of this work (from design through construction) is \$5.7 million. This is a two-season project that wrapped up early this year (the estimated season-one completion date was November 15, 2015), and will likely resume in mid-April and run through late June 2016, weather permitting.

The work consists of repairing and replacing crib walls at the following work sites:

Site 1 MM 79.5 to MM 79.4 – Just south of Red Mtn. Pass summit, 9 miles north of Silverton (RESUMES SPRING 2016) Rock excavation and blasting, retaining wall construction (spring/summer 2016 impacts will be single-lane, alternating travel through the work zone).

Site 2 MM 88.5 to 88.6 – Approx. 4 miles south of Ouray near the snow shed (COMPLETE)

Excavation, culverts, retaining wall construction, minor paving.

Site 3 MM 89.5 to MM 89.7 – Approx. 3 miles South of Ouray (COMPLETE) Excavation and roadway stabilization that includes installation of a concrete –eap" or slab over the crib wall, drainage improvements and paving.

This stretch of US 550 receives an average annual daily traffic count of 2,164 vehicles a day. The repair project will improve the safety and integrity of the highway by reinforcing these under-highway slope-side walls.

PROJECT INFORMATION: For updates or to ask questions, the public may call the contractor's project information line at (970) 209-3332. To sign up to receive project information and/or lane closure updates on state highways in the area of your choice, visit CDOT's website at <u>www.codot.gov</u> and choose the envelope

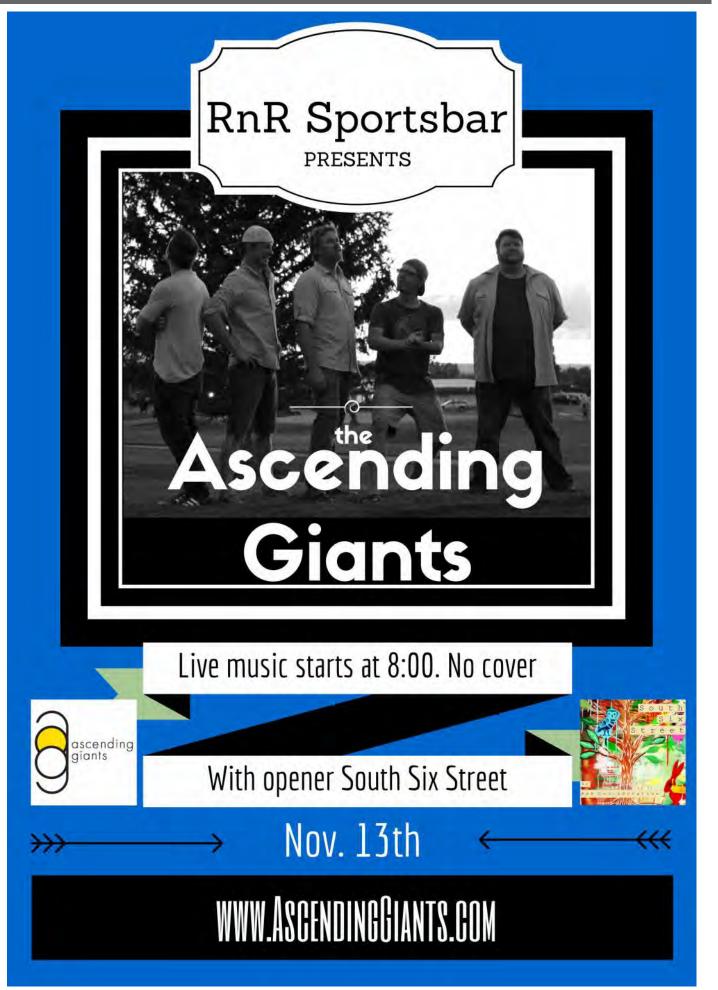


icon at the bottom of the page. Or, to see CDOT's lane closure reports for projects statewide, visit <u>www.codot.gov/travel/</u> <u>scheduled-lane-closures.html</u>. A brief on all upcoming projects (titled —Smmer Construction Books" or soon —Traffic Watchers") in CDOT's Region 5 (SW Colorado) is posted here: <u>https://</u> <u>www.codot.gov/programs-projects/</u> <u>projects</u>.



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WRITER GAIL MARVEL VISITS WORD OF LIFE FELLOWSHIP



By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-My visit to Word of Life Fellowship (Olathe) took place on Saturday evening, Sept. 5, 2015. However, beginning Sept. 13th the congregation moves their worship time to Sunday evenings. This facility also hosts a Spanish speaking Four Square Church and colorful banners with Bible verses written in Spanish hang throughout the auditorium.

Pastor Jim Greenfield, who attended Rhema Bible Training College, also pastors a church in Silverton and the Word of Life Fellowship is an outreach of the Silverton church. Pastor Greenfield and his wife, Judi, commute weekly in order to meet their commitments to both congregations.

As I entered the cozy auditorium, rather than incense and flowers, the smell of coffee and homemade peach cobbler permeated the air. This evening there were less than 20 people in attendance, seven of whom were children. The small platform held a keyboard, guitar and drums — although the drums were not played this day. The service began with a time of testimony which was a blend of good news and blessings; a student's safe arrival at a college in Florida and a hunter filling their tag. Praise songs displayed on the wall included, -HNever Knew," -Here I Am," -You Are the One," and one hymn, -Nothing but the Blood of Jesus."

Following congregational singing a lengthy segment of instrumental music was played as the pastor, praise team and worshippers said words and phrases of adoration, —Praise You Lord, Glorify Your Name, King of Kings and Lord of Lords, Thank you Jesus," etc. The auditory level of the comments was not intrusive; however, the sheer number of constant phrases seemed to fall into the category of chanting.

The sermon text John 6:41-63 and Ephesians 1:19-20 was read by Pastor Greenfield. He said, —The words of Jesus are Spirit words. It is the Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead. We are raised up with Christ and this same power is at work in us — working in you and working in me." The pastor emphasized that it is not a mind over matter, but Spirit over matter, –He [Jesus] makes alive your mortal body."

Describing the Word of God as spiritual food the pastor said, -Just obey God and you will have life. The Word of God is medicine to your fever. How do you feed on the Word of God? The Holy Spirit anoints the Word, feed on the Word."

Pastor Greenfield knitted his message together using Old Testament and New Testament passages referring to manna from heaven, the Passover Lamb and the resurrection. He said, –Jesus [after the resurrection] sat down with his disciples, ate and drank. It was a sign that the Kingdom of God has come. Our citizenship is in heaven; on earth we are aliens."

Communion followed the message and Pastor Greenfield said, —This is the highest form of worship because it was instituted by Jesus. When we take communion we are receiving spiritual food. Some people put their own slant on communion, but we have to be careful to say what the Bible says. Natural food is for the natural body, spiritual food is for the spiritual body...it works in us spiritually."

This congregation practices open communion. The elements, a thin wafer and white grape juice, were picked up by participants at the front of the auditorium and taken back to their seats where they were taken in unison.

The pastor reminded worshippers, –We are being affected by the spiritual world around us and the Spirit of God lives in us. Your body is the temple of God." *Contact Information: Word of Life Fellowship* 500 Main Street Olathe, CO 81425 970-596-1453

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.

APPLICATION PERIOD OPEN FOR DMEA SCHOLARSHIPS \$22,000 Available for Local Students

Special to the Mirror

REGIONAL--Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) is now accepting applications for their 2016 academic scholarship program. Applicants must be dependents of a DMEA member and planning to enroll in or be enrolled full-time in an accredited college, university, or vocational school. Applications are available online at <u>www.dmea.com</u>. The deadline to apply is Friday, January 29, 2016.

As a not-for-profit rural electric cooperative, DMEA operates according to seven guiding principles. One of those principles is Education, Training, and Information, which states —Coperatives provide education and training for members, elected representatives, managers, and employees so they can contribute effectively to the development of their cooperative." DMEA's scholarship program recognizes the importance of this principle and the role education plays in improving the lives of its members.

DMEA's 2016 scholarship opportunities include:

\$1,500 to one graduate from each of these schools: Cedaredge High School, Hotchkiss High School, Olathe High School and Paonia High School;

\$1,500 to two graduates of Delta High School

\$1,500 to three graduates of Montrose High School

\$1,500 to one student in each county attending a non-traditional school, such as homeschool, VISION, VISTA and/or charter schools

\$1,500 to one student to attend Colorado Mesa University Montrose

\$1,500 to two students to attend Delta-Montrose Technical College \$500 to two students from across the service territory, sponsored by Tri-State G&T \$1,000 to one student from across the service territory, sponsored by Basin Electric Power Cooperative

DMEA awards all scholarships based on academic performance, extra-curricular and community activities, futures goals, and an assigned essay. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. Applications must be received by close business (5:00pm) on Friday, January 29, 2016. Return completed applications to: DMEA Scholarship Committee Attn: Phil Sanchez PO Box 910

Montrose, CO 81402

Applications may be submitted electronically <u>phil.sanchez@dmea.com</u>.

For more information visit <u>www.dmea.com</u> and review the scholarship information and application located under the community tab, or contact DMEA Communications: Phil Sanchez, (970) 240-1207, <u>phil.sanchez@dmea.com</u> and Becky Mashburn (970) 240-1263, <u>becky.mashburn@dmea.com</u>.

MONTROSE COMMUNITY BAND TO HOST FREE CONCERT AT PAVILION ON DEC. 13

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Join the Montrose Community Band on Sunday, Dec. 13th at 3 p.m. at the Montrose Pavilion Auditorium for a free concert. The band will take you to an Old Fashion Christmas with songs including Sleigh Ride, Christmas Festival, Joy to the World and a narrated version of "Twas the Night Before Christmas. The Jazz Band will start the concert off and the Oak Grove Elementary School music students will also take the stage to show off their holiday musical talent. For more information vis-

it <u>www.montroseband.com</u> or call <u>970-</u> <u>596-1188</u>..

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CURECANTI MEDICAL SOCIETY ACCEPTING SCHOLARSHIP APPS

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The Curecanti Medical Society is accepting applications for four scholarship awards. Applicants, of any age, who are currently enrolled in a health sciences program are eligible to apply. Preference will be given to applicants from Montrose and Gunnison Counties who intend to return to their local communities to utilize their education and training. The scholarships are open to any high school graduate, nurse, medical student, therapist, hospital employee, or anyone seeking additional health sciences training. Contact Julie Disher at 240-7394 or jdisher@montrosehospital.com to obtain an application. Applications will be accepted through November 15. Award recipients will be selected by the Scholarship Committee of the Curecanti Medical Society and announced in December.

DON'T COOK NOV. 10: TAP NIGHT TO BENEFIT COMMUNITY HEART & HANDS!



Special to the Mirror MONTROSE-Tap Night at the Horsefly Brewing Company on Tuesday, Nov. 10th

from 6-9pm will benefit the Montrose middle schools Innovation After School Program. The Horsefly Brewing Company will donate \$1.00 from every pint or soda sold on November 10th to this community project. So, don't cook that night! Come out and enjoy good food and drinks along with friends and support a local organization at the same time.

Community Heart & Hands (CCH) mission is to -*empower stewardship through* programs designed to support personal independence, improve quality of life, and enhancing community engagement". CHH is a registered non-profit. We operate on a very low overhead primarily with volunteer staff. All registered volunteers receive liability insurance coverage while volunteering. CHH runs several programs including: the Handyman Program which provides simple handyman services to low -income and disabled, the Montrose middle school students Innovation After School Program; and the Montrose Main in Motion summer downtown festivals. We are seeking new volunteers and Board members. If you need any additional information, please contact us at 249-9639 or stop by our office at 121 N. Park Ave., suite C, Montrose.

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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 <u>alpinephotoclub@aol.com</u>.

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 Uncompany 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 Uncompany Volunteer Legal Aid and the 7th Judicial District Bar Association. Call 970-249-7202 for information.

MONTROSE FARMERS MARKET— Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 33 South Cascade Avenue.

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-

Nov. 10:--Centennial Middle School's 20th annual assembly starts at 9:00 a.m. in the Centennial Middle School Gym (1105 South 5th Street). *Honoring all who served in times of war* - *in times of peace*. The guest speaker is Chief Paul Jocelyn, US Navy. Performances by the Centennial Middle School choir and band, and a flag presenting ceremony by the Montrose Navel Jr. ROTC.

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. 10-Community Tap Night at Horsefly Brewing Co., 6 to 9 p.m. Benefit for Community Heart & Hands Foundation.

Nov. 11: Montrose High School's Veteran's Day assembly starts at 9:50 a.m. in the Lloyd McMillan Gym (600 South Selig Avenue). The guest speaker is Gary R Gratton. Gary is a Vietnam War Veteran and is currently the Commander of the Disabled American Veterans and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Montrose High School band and choir are performing *American the Beautiful*. At the end of the assembly the band is performing the *Armed Force Salute*.

Nov. 11: --Olathe Middle/High School's assembly starts at 9 a.m. in the Olathe Middle School Gym (410 Highway 50). With Respect, Honor and Gratitude, Thank you Veterans. The guest speaker is U.S. Navy Commander Steve Stevenson. The Olathe High School band is performing the Star Spangled Banner, The Legacy of Heroes and Star & Stripes. The Olathe High School choir will perform In Flanders Field. At the end of the assembly the band is performing the Armed Forces March.

Nov. 13-14-Telluride Mountain Film on Tour at the Montriose Pavilion, presented by Uncompany 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 <u>www.ocpag.org</u> 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. 26-21st Annual Thanksgiving Friends Celebration, Friendship Hall.

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.. <u>53582 Falcon Rd., Olathe, CO 81425</u>. Wine tasting and specials. For more information Call Mitch <u>970-901-5919</u>. Dec. 4-Delta Parade of Lights, A Colorado Christmas, 6 p.m.

SEASON OF GIVING – TOY & FOOD DRIVE

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REGIONAL-Cherry Creek Radio and Alpine Bank are teaming up to support and sponsor the 2015 Sharing Ministries Toy and Food Drive for Montrose and Delta counties. Please consider donating unwrapped toys for girls and boys from age's newborn to 12 years of age or donate nonperishable food items that can contribute to a Holiday dinner for a family in need. This Toy and Food Drive will start on Friday, Nov. 13 9am-6pm and Saturday, November 14 9am-4pm at the Happy New Merry Thanksmas event at the Montrose County Fairground and Friendship Hall. After the kick-off event, donations may be dropped off at the following locations: **Sharing Ministries**

Monday – Friday 7:30am – 12:30pm 121 North Rio Grande Avenue; Montrose, CO (970) 240-8385

Alpine Bank Locations in Montrose Monday – Friday 7am-6pm Saturday 9-noon 2770 Alpine Drive; Montrose, CO (970) 240-0900 1400 East Main Street; Montrose, CO (970) 249-0400

Alpine Bank in Delta

Monday – Friday 9am-5pm Saturday 9noon 1660 Highway 92; Delta, CO (970) 874-0922 Toy donations will be collected until Dec. 4 to allow for time to sort and deliver the gifts to family in need. Food donations can be donated through Dec. 18. **About Sharing Ministries** Sharing Ministries is a non-profit, nondenominational, faith-based Food Bank in Montrose, Colorado. Our mission is to obtain food from various sources and distribute it at no cost to those in need — in Montrose as well as other communities on Colorado's Western Slope.

In the past 18 years we have proudly served Montrose and surrounding counties as a leading non-profit 501c3 organization by providing supplemental food to families and other non-profit organizations serving

children and seniors. About Cherry Creek Radio

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Montrose Woman's Club vendors packed Friendship Hall Saturday with great bargains to kick off the Holiday Season. At left, CJ Brafford of the Ute Indian Museum in a remarkable hat; above, D'Medici Footwear owner Debbi Blanchard and daughter Jaime Walsh with an array of shoes to tempt everyone.



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