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HEROIN USE EXPLODES IN CITY OF MONTROSE! **Deadly Drug Has Claimed Two Lives This Year**



Drug Task Force members have been successful in finding Heroin for purchase since mid 2015, and Montrose police have even begun to encounter the drug while on patrol, Montrose Police Chief Tom Chinn said.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Prior to 2015, Montrose Police officers had little or no contact with the hybrid opiate Heroin and its users. In 2016, the local Heroin problem is so pronounced that MPD officers are now encountering the drug on patrol, Montrose Police Chief Tom Chinn said.

"I have been working in law enforcement here a long, long time," Chinn said. "I can remember three cases or less of possession over the past 40 years, maybe one confirmed overdose in the past ten years. "But in July of 2015, our Drug Task Force officers bought 2.8 grams of Heroin-we had tried to buy before but had been unable. In August, we bought 3.5 grams...even our patrol officers are running into it occasionally, which means it is out in the open."

Chinn believes that the ready availability of marijuana in Colorado has brought an increased number of hard drug users to the state.

"Some people believe any illegal drug is OK to use," he said. "And when our patrol starts seeing it, it is more prevalent than we have any idea."

Montrose is fortunate not to have allowed retail marijuana in, he said, noting

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ENTREPRENEUR BUSY DOING WHAT HE LOVES!

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-He used to enjoy riding ATV's with friends on his days off, and spending time outdoors. Success comes with a price, however-days off have become scarce for a busy Montrose entrepreneur.

For Luis Guillermo Cadena of Montrose, running a busy and popular grill means being there, even when he is not flipping burgers or slicing fresh potatoes for the day's fries. Cadena started the Shanty 2 restaurant seven years ago, but has worked in the region far longer than that. He originally came to Montrose because of his parents, who worked at the Russell Stover Candy Factory. "Before I opened at this location, I was in Ridgway, and before that in Telluride for 13 years," he said. "I was the second chef at Los Montanas."

The Shanty 2 sees a steady influx of customers most days, with daily lunchtimes and weekends the busiest of all. Among the things that set the Shanty 2 apart are the old-school milk shakes, made fresh with

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Shanty 2 owner Luis Guillermo Cadena loves to cook, and enjoys the chance to socialize with his customers at the busy eatery he started seven years ago.

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OBT PRESENTS COUNCIL WITH BLURRY, OVERCAST VIDEO OF OURAY, LIMITED STATISTICS Montrose Purchases State Brand Channel, will Compete for Visitors with Snowmass, Aspen, Vail



Montrose OBT unveiled its video of **Ouray at City Council March 15.**

Mirror Staff Report

MONTROSE- Megan Hess of Signature Events presented a thank you to local law enforcement officials at the Montrose City Council meeting of March 15. Hess recently hosted a well-attended Thin Blue Line event at her business, to honor those who risk their lives each day to enforce the laws of the land. At Council, she presented thank you's to the Montrose Police Department, Montrose County Sheriff's Office, and the Colorado State Patrol. In a year when three local law enforcement officers have lost their lives, "We want to bring awareness, and support our local law enforcement officers even more," Hess said.

Following Hess on the evening's agenda was City Office of Business & Tourism Director and Assistant City Manager Rob Joseph, who spoke for an hour and a half about the progress made with the threeyear-old OBT.

Joseph began by showing a somewhat blurry video created by the Abrams Proximity team, shot inexplicably under gray skies, featuring the City of Ouray and accompanied by frantic music.

The intent is to feature day trips available to Montrose visitors, Joseph said. He shared a lengthy "brand promise," spoke about assembling the six-member OBT

team (Joseph, Jennifer Loshaw, Stacey Ryan, David Spear, Kelly Rhoderick and Lynn Vogel), and reflected on creating a congruent "OBT culture." Josh Freed of Abrams was credited with suggesting a lifestyle focus. "We want to make sure Montrose is known for its lifestyle," Joseph said. "Our guiding philosophy is exemplary hospitality."

OBT Marketing Director Rhoderick spoke about purchasing a brand channel on the Colorado Tourism Channel this year, featuring Montrose. "Like Vail, Snowmass and Aspen, we will be part of that," she said, noting that the process will include a video to be created over the next year. "This is the most exciting purchase I have made so far," she said. Joseph informed Council that Montrose will also be represented at Chicago's Union Park station, via marketing with a "fun, cool vibe." Staffer Stacey Ryan will spend the next year working on and promoting the Black Canyon centennial.

"There's lots and lots of things going on," Joseph said. "We are partnering with our local museums, the Ute Indian Museum and Museum of the Mountain West. We are positioning Montrose as a community where people can recreate and relocate.'

Joseph read at length a number of endorsements received by the OBT over the past year, and shared some numbers.

"We have had 600 to 700 people download the App, and we have had 82,000 page views," he said.

"We greeted 2,400 locals last year, and we logged 1,200 volunteer hours. The number of actual visitors increased from 2,610 in 2014 to 4,454 in 2015.

"Thank you for the numbers," Councilor Rex Swanson said. "Good presentation."

Following a short recess, Council approved the evening's Consent Agenda, including Resolution 2016-05, which authorizes the Montrose Police Department to file a two-year, \$54,263 Victims of

Crime Act (VOCA) Grant.

Council passed Ordinance 2366 on first reading, an ordinance that repeals and reenacts the City's zoning regulations and Official Zoning Map. Among many changes is elimination of the medical residential district and the word "churches," as well as inclusion of renewable energy production as a use by right in residential areas.

In other business Council approved Ordinance 2365 on first reading, an ordinance that imposes a 70 cent surcharge on service users of the Montrose Emergency Telephone Service Authority (METSA); and approved an ordinance authorizing the release of a dedication of real property to Gregory Fulks and Benjeana Hadley. Resolution 2016-06 appointing Chief Tom Chinn to the to the METSA Board of Directors was approved; as well as Resolution 2016-07, a general resolution affirming the provision of incentive payments, exemptions, or refunds, as appropriate, to all new businesses under the Rural Jump-Start Program.

Following a Sales, Use and Excise tax report that revealed a drop in some revenue streams for the first quarter of 2016, City Manager Bill Bell reminded Council about the City's expanded recycling program, which will include e-waste, fluorescent lights, green waste and tires, though not glass.

"People like our new system," Bell said. The program goes into effect April 4, and a single collection will be available to City residents at Sunshine Peak Apartments April 29-30.

Council also approved purchase of three Hustler Super Z mowers from Spradley Barr Ford Lincoln of Greeley for \$30,497.94 total; the purchase of three Ford F250 standard cab trucks from Spradley Barr Ford Lincoln of Greeley for \$78,837 in total; and the purchase of one John Deere 310S backhoe loader from Honnen Equipment for \$98,164.

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BOCC DIST 1 CANDIDATE ED ULIBARRI WILL ATTEMPT TO PETITION ONTO THE BALLOT

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-Montrose District 1 County Commissioner candidate Ed Ulibarri, who failed in his bid to be on the ballot for the primary election, has decided to petition onto the ballot.

Mr. Ulibarri has until Tuesday, April 5th to obtain 835 valid signatures on his petition. The qualifiers for circulating and signing the petition are: Petitions must be circulated by registered Republicans; Signers must be registered to vote Republican not Independent or Democrat; Signers must have lived in the area for 29 days.

Ulibarri, who is still working on paperwork, knows the petition process is an uphill battle, "Most of the people I know have eight-hour a day jobs. They don't have time to circulate petitions." Ulibarri feels the caucus was stacked with Keith Caddy supporters. "That's just the way the

political game is played. But what about people who aren't active and don't get involved in the [political] process...who represents them?" Referring to Caddy, Ulibarri said, "I really don't know him. Whether or not I get on the ballot, he [Caddy] still has to earn my vote. He needs competition and there need to be debates to find out who he is and what he stands for." Ulibarri, a life-long resident, has served 10 years on the Montrose City Council. "If I'm elected as county commissioner I can work with the city, but I won't be a mouth piece for the city." Ulibarri can be reached on his cell phone at 970-209-3909.



BOCC Candidate Ed Ulibarri, who garnered 21 percent of the vote cast at the Montrose County Republican Assembly on March 12th, lost his bid to be on the Republican primary ballot. Ulibarri, above, answered questions as he collected signatures near the Montrose Post Office March 18.

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ANGELL NAMED 2015 CEMA WEST REGION MANAGER OF THE YEAR



Courtesy photo (L to R: Don Angell, CEMA President Mike Chard).

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MONTROSE- Emergency Manager Don Angell started working for Montrose County in 2014 and has made a big impact in just two short years. Angell earned the Colorado Emergency Management Association (CEMA) distinction of 2015 West Region Emergency Manager of the Year last week in Colorado Springs.

Angell was nominated by the West Region Emergency Managers. "He has quietly and diligently worked behind the scenes building relationships and educating his partners on the importance of a strong emergency management program, and working together as a team," said Scott Morrill in the nomination letter to

the CEMA Awards Committee. The letter also recognized Angell's efforts in conducting trainings and exercises to include an airport emergency exercise, full-scale immunization clinics, and countless Incident Command System (ICS) courses to

ensure all regional responders have the appropriate knowledge.

In his brief time at the county, Angell has also updated the emergency operations

plan, initiated several memorandums of understand (MOUs) with responding agencies for mutual aid, and set-up and equipped the county's emergency operations center.

"Don has been a great asset to not only the Montrose County Sheriff's Office, but to the county and region as well," said Sheriff Rick Dunlap.

"Emergency preparedness is very important; through Don's knowledge and expertise, the residents of Montrose County can rest assured that if a need arises, there are plans in place to deal with any emergency."

"I am very fortunate to work in Montrose County and with the agencies that we have to support our community members and our surrounding counties," said Angell.

"I am proud to report that the west region is one of the strongest regions in the state for emergency preparedness and response for our citizens."

Additionally, the western slope continued its winning streak at the conference as Jeff Wright, Delta County's Emergency Manager, also received kudos from CEMA bringing home the "Rookie of the Year" award.



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with ice cream in the traditional way. "My waitresses do the shakes," Cadena said. "Sometimes it can get a little hectic. But we make it happen!"

A love for cooking was what first inspired him to become a chef, and a passion for customer service keeps Cadena going, despite long hours and plenty of hard work. "We cut four buckets of potatoes every day," he said. "Right now, I am cooking Wednesday through Saturday, and on the other days I come in and pay bills, run errands and things."

Guillermo, who is single and 43, does not have family to help with the work at the Shanty 2. His daughter lives in Dallas and his son works at a local Subaru dealer. Still, he enjoys his life and takes great pride in knowing that his customers return again and again. "I like cooking, I like the challenges, I like to please my customers, and I like to socialize," he said. "I love cooking burgers the most, because they are like pizza—you can put anything you want on them; you just have to do it right.

"I love to cook, and I love to do things right," he said. "Maybe that is why I am succeeding.

"I am not one of those guys who is focused on people's money—I focus on people's satisfaction. To me, if a customer leaves happy then I am happy."

Shanty 2 is located at 411 North Townsend Avenue in Montrose, and serves breakfast and lunch. The number is 970-252-0999.

GOLDEN CIRCLE SENIORS CELEBRATES TWO YEARS OF MEALS FOR HOMEBOUND SENIORS

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MONTROSE-March 17 marked the second birthday of the Golden Circle Seniors meals for homebound seniors program. Over the past two years, Golden Circle volunteers delivered 9,845 meals to participants.

These meals were prepared by The Gravy Boat, the food service provider Golden Circle was able to hire due to the receipt of a Daniels Fund Grant.

More than 130 individuals participated in the program since its inception. These homebound seniors select which meals they want delivered, and pay what they can afford. Golden Circle Seniors Meals pays the provider \$5 per meal.

A subsidy provided through Golden Circle's Adopt-a-Senior Program covers the shortfall.

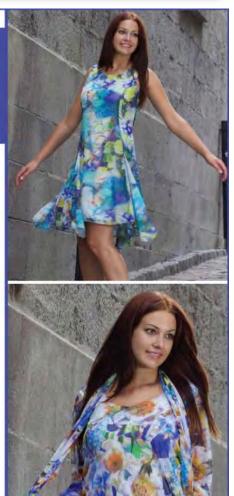
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REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES ADVANCE: ASSEMBLY DELEGATES GOT IT RIGHT

Dear Editor:

From my point of view, the two candidates for Montrose County Commissioner that received the most votes at the assembly are the leading candidates for Montrose County Commissioner District One and Three. Both Keith Caddy and Roger Rash personal lives, characters and desire to serve all the people of Montrose County are obvious and refreshing. I just had to write and say thank you to both of them for who they are and for stepping forward and running for Montrose County Commissioner. Too often I have asked myself why do we not have better candidates that want to better the county and serve the best interest of all of us. These two men will serve the public in the best way. They promise to be totally accessible. They promise to be dedicated and informed County Commissioners. People that know both Keith Caddy and Roger Rash say without reservations that both come without strings attached. I feel that they truly respect the citizens of Montrose County and will work for us. They will respect our views and input and make intelligent decisions. Their personal standards are high and I believe they will hold themselves accountable to the highest standards that we all can be proud of.

Paul S Gottlieb, Montrose

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

CITIZENS' CLIMATE LOBBY SEEKS TO TRAIN ADVOCATES

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MONTROSE-Do you want to become a more effective advocate for climate solutions? Citizens' Climate Lobby has solutions for developing relationships with members of Congress and local media. This is a national and international non-partisan grassroots organization that strives for a livable world for the future by empowering citizens to exercise their citizenship to the maximum extent. A local chapter has been founded. More inspiration can be found at <u>citizensclimatelobby.org</u> Local contact is Jen Sager at jen-fortheworld@gmail.com 970-765-8285.



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Above: A DMEA lineman works on a distribution line in the early morning hours near Austin, Colorado.



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that Durango has suffered an increase in hard drug usage and related crimes in recent years.

According to <u>Colorado Department of</u> <u>Public Health & Environment</u> statistics, Montrose County saw four drug-related deaths in 2014, and seven alcohol-related deaths. Of the four deaths attributed to drug use that year, all were white, non-Hispanic individuals between ages of 25 and 44. Nationwide, the statistics reflect the same trend: according to the Centers for Disease Control, as of 2013, non-Hispanic white persons aged 18–44 had the highest rate of Heroin-related fatalities (7.0 per 100,000).

So far in 2016 there have been two deaths in Montrose County specifically attributed to Heroin use.

Montrose County Coroner Thomas Canfield did not mince words when asked about the rise in Heroin-related fatalities.

"I am very concerned about the presence of Heroin in our community," Canfield said.

"There have been two deaths already this year. This is a lethal drug, very powerful. People experiment with it, and they overdose. There is no quality control, and you have no idea of the strength. Unlike a prescription drug, where you would know the strength and how to take it, Heroin is a very lethal drug.

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The Center for Disease Control notes that the United States is currently experiencing an epidemic of prescription opioid misuse and overdose. Increased prescribing and sales of opioids—a quadrupling since 1999— helped create and fuel this epidemic, the web site states. <u>CDC also notes</u> that in recent years the U.S. has seen a steady increase in the number of drug-poisoning deaths involving Heroin.

Here in Montrose, expect to see violent crime rise along with Heroin use.

"Even though Montrose is a small town and still a safe town, lock your doors," Chief Chinn said.

"Put anything of value in your house, out of sight. Because with any type of drug, whether it is Meth, Heroin, or Cocaine, addiction to those is great. People need to support their habits; and if they are addicted they probably have no full time job.

"You just need to be careful," he said. "Locks are made for that very reason."

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WRITER GAIL MARVEL'S CLUB CONNECTION

THE WEDNESDAY MORNING HEIDI'S BROOKLYN DELI FORUM!



On March 2nd about 40 people attended the Heidi's Forum to hear MEDC Executive Director Sandy Head's presentation on economic development in Montrose County. Photo by Gail Marvel.

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-The Heidi's Forum started in 2008 and was organized by Dr. Ted Dickinson, former Montrose surgeon and Jim Austin, former Montrose City Manager. The goal of the organization was to provide information to attendees about Montrose and the surrounding area. The forum format was selected to allow speakers to present information and for attendees to ask questions.

The group says it is non-political and speakers are restricted from soliciting contributions or volunteers. Programs cover a vast range and variety of topics including government agencies (city and county); the school district and recreation district; the hospital and other service providers. The forum strives to provide the latest economic development information for all sectors that impact the Montrose community.

Membership is free and the group currently has 350 plus on the email list. Members are notified each week via email about the upcoming program and speaker (s) and the average attendance at meetings is 35-50 people. Dr. Dickinson and Mr. Austin led the forum until the unexpected death of Dickinson in 2012. Although the meetings continued, adjustments in leadership were made and retired Montrose School District educator Kathy Heavers stepped into the role as a facilitator with the caveat that more facilitators were needed.

The group is currently organized with eight community leaders meeting quarterly to plan programs they think will be of interest to the community. Five facilitators then rotate throughout the month and each is responsible for introducing guest speakers, keeping the meeting on time and facilitating the question and answer period.

On March 2nd Sandy Head, Executive Director to the Montrose Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) was the program presenter. Ms. Head began with the community history of MEDC, who in 2017 will celebrate their 60th anniversary as an organization. "At the State level we [MEDC] are considered the contact [entity] for economic development in Montrose County."

Head acknowledged the ebb and flow of

relationships and partnerships between MEDC, the county and the city. "The county was key in what we did last year. My goal is to get back to a better relationship with the city. We need to turn partnerships into relationships."

Recently the State contacted MEDC about a prospective company and Head had two days to turn around the material and answer their questions. Unlike government entities, MEDC is able to put a package together and respond quickly to inquiries and requests. However, bringing a project to fruition takes time and determination. Head said, "Not everyone succeeds. In the case of Extra Aircraft some in the community think of it as a boondoggle. The company did not relocate to Montrose, but I stay in contact with them. They are certified globally and still taking orders [for aircraft]. Extra Aircraft did not receive one penny [incentives] from our community.'

MEDC does not always offer financial support to businesses who want to come to Montrose, "We are here if they need us. We write letters, locate property, help find housing...we bridge gaps."

Head gave brief updates on the economic importance of broadband, rail and agriculture. In a recap of the recent incentives offered to Mayfly, Head said, "The average wage in Montrose County is \$38,200. When a company like Mayfly comes in with an average wage of \$46,000 a year it brings a lot of money into the community."

Scott Voorhis of Heidi's Brooklyn Deli provides the venue at no cost to the group with the stipulation that coffee is \$1 and ordering breakfast is optional. While the forum meeting itself ended promptly at 9, there is always the meeting after the meeting and folks can carry on with the discussions.

Contact Information: Heidi's Forum Meets every Wednesday, 8:00-9:00 a.m. Heidi's Brooklyn Deli 1521 Oxbow Dr. #105 Montrose, CO



'WE ARE A COMMUNITY SCHOOL' : NORTHSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



By Liesl Greathouse

MONTROSE-As the times change, schools have to adapt and change as well. One such school is Northside Elementary in Montrose, which is working to expand key components of the educational experience in order to make it better for every student who attends.

One of the main focuses that will be coming up at the school starting next year will be part of the district-wide emphasis on STEM based learning programs. "We have a program that we are excited about that encourages cranial and collaborative work," explained Northside Elementary School Principal Carrie Clark. "There are growing job opportunities around STEM related fields, so STEM is a big target. Next year will we will be integrating the program, then the following year will be about refining it, and the third year will have all the other elementary schools using the program as well. The district has the same vision and direction [regarding STEM in our schools]."

In addition to a program based around problem solving and a new math curricu-

lum, Clark is excited about a new writing program called Every Child A Writer (ECAW). "We had planned on our [writing] teachers going to a training in Grand Junction, but then our primary teachers wanted to be part of it as well," she said. "The representative for the program changed the location to Montrose and we now have 12 teachers going to it and that's exciting."

"The teachers are jazzed and we are taking baby steps," Clark added. "We can't always do it well the first time, so we will do the work to make changes as needed. I am so impressed with our staff and their passion for kids."

Clark's favorite part of her job as principal actually includes several elements. "I love working with the staff on challenging issues and solving them," she said. "The kids are a delight and I love enjoy getting to know the families. It's a challenging job and I have to wear a lot of hats, but we make it work with what we have. We want growth and we want to improve."

A big thing that Clark wants to address is the power of perception. "We have been one of the lower performing schools for several years and the perception is that it is because we are not good at teaching," she explained. "I would like people to know that we have a dedicated, hard-working staff who work with the whole child to help them be well rounded."

She added, "We make changes, look at what we are doing, what needs to change and what can we do different here. We are a community school. The staff is connected to each other. They work across and within grade levels and the staff is so caring to the kids."

Clark emphasized the fantastic support the school gets from the community. "We can't do it without our volunteers," she explained. "They bring in food for our backpack program and school supplies. They are in the classroom helping the kids and the kids love seeing them. We even had a man volunteer to build us a couple walls that we needed."

Another team that helps the school is the Parent Accountability Committee. "They are very dedicated and big in the community," Clark said. "They help raise money for professional development and support our academic needs. They are made up of a small group of parents who do whatever they need to do."

"We are overwhelmed with the support of the community, both from people who do have kids here and those who do not," Clark added. "This is a community school that is embraced and you do not find that [support] very often [in other areas]."

For more information on Northside Elementary School, call 249-2554.

CITY OF OURAY RELEASES STATEMENT ON THE LOSS OF POLICE OFFICER SCOTT MILLS

City of Ouray Statement

OURAY-The Ouray community is saddened by the loss of Officer Scott Mills. Scott was a great law enforcement officer, sergeant, commander, and leader with nearly two decades of law enforcement experience. He was also a great man. His calm personality was one of his greatest attributes. He was easy to speak with, instilled confidence, and always maintained control of the situation and served among the best and brightest of law enforcement. He worked closely with our school and community in building relationships, and played his bagpipes at many of our events. The legacy that was built in his short time with our community will be in place for years to come.

Scott and his wife Sandy have become valued members of our town and we have been grateful that Ouray was the place they chose to call home. Our deepest condolences are extended to Scott and Sandy's family and friends. The incredible response from the public and the law enforcement community has been a powerful reminder of how strongly we value those who do so much to protect and serve all of us. Scott has made an unforgettable impression on our community and we feel honored to have known him. Services will occur on Tuesday, March 22nd at 11:00 AM at the Grace Community Church in Montrose. A procession will follow and then the family will have a private internment. Funeral arrangements are being handled under the Direction of Sunset Mesa Funeral Directors.

SMPA DONATION BENEFITS SILVERTON SAN JUAN FIRE AND RESCUE AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES!



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SILVERTON-For 123 years, the Silverton San Juan Fire and Rescue Authority has been a vigilant protector of the residents of San Juan County. The communitysupported organization is completely made of volunteers and it responds to emergencies of all kinds in the rugged mountain areas.

Although the Fire Department is primarily an emergency services organization, it also supports the local community in other ways. Their mission is to sustain the health and wellness of their community by providing excellence in fire protection, safety, rescue events and support for neighborhood programs. They are involved with numerous community events that happen in Silverton and San Juan County.

In 2015, the Fire & Rescue completed a new fire station on Greene Street in Silverton. The new facility replaces a cramped old station house located just to the south. "We had just outgrown the old station," said Fire Chief, Gilbert Archuleta, a 39 year veteran of the Fire and Rescue and namesake of the new building. "This new station gives us room to house all of our fire equipment." The new facility will also allow the department to save on the cost operations. "We're bringing our vehicle maintenance in-house," said Archuleta. "We've got two new tool boxes; now we just need to get the tools."

As a member-owned cooperative, San Miguel Power Association (SMPA) is always looking for opportunities to support worthy community causes like this. A \$400 donation will go toward the purchase of new tools that can fill those boxes, and allow the fire crews to make full use of their new building by performing emergency vehicle maintenance themselves. "I know what this department does for the community and the surrounding areas," said SMPA Director, Terry Rhoades. "I'm glad to be able to make this donation on behalf of SMPA because I know it will be paying back the community for years to come."

San Miguel Power Association, Inc. is a member-owned, locally-controlled rural electric cooperative with offices in Nucla and Ridgway, Colo.

It is the mission of San Miguel Power Association to demonstrate corporate responsibility and community service while providing our members safe, reliable, cost effective and environmentally responsible electrical service. SMPA serves approximately 9,600 members and 14,000 meters and supports local communities with \$300,000 annually in property taxes and \$400,000 in energy efficiency and renewable energy rebates.

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FIREARMS, AMMUNITION AMONG ITEMS STOLEN IN NORWOOD BURGLARIES – SUSPECTS AT-LARGE

Special to the Mirror

NORWOOD – San Miguel Sheriff Deputies are looking for individuals responsible for two burglaries south of Norwood this week in which multiple firearms and ammunition were stolen from two unoccupied homes.

The incidents are believed to have occurred some time between March 7th and March 11thin the Lone Cone Road residences. At least eight firearms were stolen from the homes, as well as ammunition, a hunting bow, and items including a flatbed trailer, Artic Prowler "camo"-colored UTV, a flat screen television, fishing equipment.

Sheriff Bill Masters said "This is a serious crime and now we have suspects at-large who are likely heavily armed." Deputies were called Saturday (March 12th) by one of the homeowners after he learned from his home caretaker that his home had been burglarized. The caretaker also noted a tractor on the property had been used.

Upon investigation, Deputies believe after the suspects burglarized the first home, they drove to the second home and burglarized it, and at some point the vehicle may have gotten stuck in snow and mud. The suspects then probably walked back to the first house, took the tractor and drove it to the second house to use it to move the car.

The investigation also led Deputies to evidence on scene of rear damage to the vehicle, which enabled Deputies to trace the vehicle. Deputies believe it is a 20052009 Land Rover LR3, possibly silver or white, again with rear damage. It should also be without seatbelts, as they were found in a pile, possibly used to move stolen items. The stolen flatbed trailer is described as faded blue in color with a wooden bed and short, steel-sided rails.

Sheriff Masters said, "While there is no immediate threat on public safety, we would like the community's assistance in alerting us if they see the vehicle or any of the stolen property described."

If you see a vehicle or flatbed trailer fitting these descriptions or have any information about these burglaries, please call Sheriff's Deputies at 970-728-1911. Sheriff Masters cautioned, "Do not approach the suspects as they could be armed with high powered rifles."

CITY TO HOST HILLCREST DRIVE INFORMATION SESSION

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The City will host an informational session on Tuesday, April 12, to present the results of intersection studies for Hillcrest Drive at Miami, Sunnyside, and Niagara Roads. The informational session, to be held in the City Council Chambers, will begin with a presentation at 5 p.m., followed by a one-on-one discussion period lasting until 6:30 p.m.

The technical report, produced by Calibre Engineering, evaluates how these intersections operate under existing and projected traffic loads through 2036 and provides alternatives for improving their level of service and safety. The session will also include a review of citizen input that the City has already received and concerns that are being addressed.

Construction of improvements at the Hillcrest and Sunnyside intersection is scheduled to take place in 2016.



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UPCOMING CONCERT FEATURES MUSIC FOR CLARINET, CELLO, AND PIANO

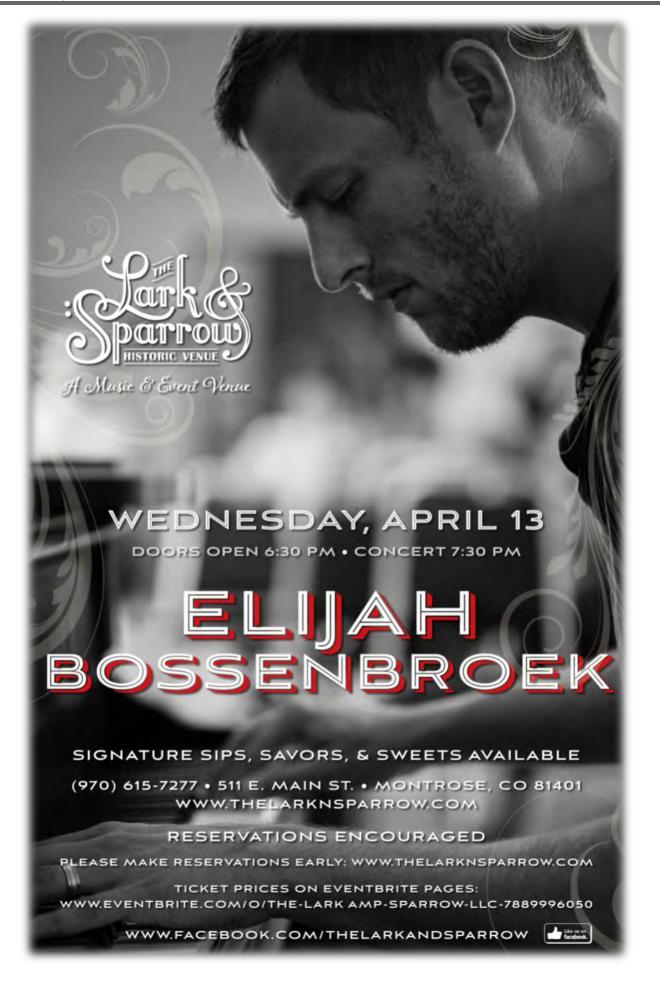
Special to the Mirror

REGIONAL-The Western Slope Concert Series will present two concerts of music for clarinet, cello, and piano on Saturday, March 26 at 3 at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 536 Ouray, Grand Junction, and on Sunday, March 27 at 3 at the Montrose Pavilion. Tickets are available online at <u>www.JunctionConcerts.com</u>, and at Roper Music in Grand Junction and the Montrose Pavilion. All seats are reserved, and start at \$9 in advance and \$12 at the door for adults.

With Jun Watabe, clarinet, Michael Samis, cello, and Kathryn Mientka, piano, the program will include unusual works for the trio as well as solos and duos. Featured composers will be Aaron Copland, George Gershwin, and Cesar Franck.

_This is a performance not to be missed! Get your tickets early. Call (970) 241-4579 for more information, or buy tickets online at <u>www.JunctionConcerts.com</u>.





MOUNTAIN STATES RANCH RODEO TO HOST JINX MCCAIN HORSEMANSHIP PROGRAM

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Mountain States Ranch Rodeo announces it will host the Jinx McCain Horsemanship Program's first Colorado Rendezvous in Montrose this September. The JMHP is a skills development and mentoring program for wounded and disabled veterans from all military branches. MSRR is hosting this event in partnership with the Alpine Bank, Semper Fi Fund, Welcome Home Montrose, J and Ray Outfitters, Toads Guide Shop and other area businesses.

Bringing this program to Montrose came through the efforts of JMHP Foreman, Col. John Mayer, USMC Retired and MSRR's Doug Roberts. Mayer and Roberts first connected in July of 2015 while on a cattle drive near Sheridan, Wyoming. Roberts along with friend and cowboy poet Waddie ship Program. On Saturday Sept. 10th, Col. Mitchell performed for the JMHP vets around a campfire one evening. "After that night, I knew we have to do more for our veterans" says Roberts. "Spending time

with these courageous men and women, learning of their experiences in combat and the challenges of coming home was a life changing experience." Working together, Col. Mayer, Roberts and a group of Montrose business friends set about creating the Colorado Rendezvous.

After a scouting trip to the western slope last fall, the Colorado Rendezvous quickly began coming together. On Sept. 9th, MSRR will host a fundraising event fea-

turing a barbecue dinner, auction, and performances by western troubadour Brooke Turner and buckaroo poet Waddie Mitchell. One hundred percent of the proceeds will benefit the Jinx McCain Horseman-Mayer and his group will join in the fun at the Mountain States Ranch Rodeo Finals. Afterwards, JMHP vets will participate in a multi-day backcountry horse packing



Mountain States Ranch Rodeo 2015. Mirror file photo.

clinic with Larry Franks, owner of J and Ray Outfitters. Upon completion of the packing clinic, those veterans will pack another group of vets into Black Canyon for a Gunnison River fishing trip facilitated by Tim Kenney of Toads Guide Shop.

For more information about the Jinx McCain Horsemanship Program and the Semper FI Funds visit www.semperfifund.org.

CSU TO HOST 2016 AG OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY FORUM FOR PRODUCERS

Special to the Mirror

REGIONAL-Producers know their costs of producing crops and livestock continue to be high while market prices are going down. As profits decrease or there are losses, producers may have difficulty securing operating loans or have to take money from the savings they accumulated over the past few years of good prices. What are they to do?

Colorado State University Extension will host an outlook and strategy forum in Montrose on Tuesday, March 29th from 8 to 11am at Friendship Hall (1001 N. 2nd Street). Producers participating in the forum will learn about the outlook for commodity prices, production costs for area commodities, current Farm Service Agency programs, and various strategies for being profitable when prices are low.

Dr. Stephen Koontz, CSU agricultural marketing expert, will present current outlook information for commodities common to the Tri River area. Koontz is well known throughout Colorado and the U.S. for his knowledge of the domestic and world factors that drive market prices for such things as corn, wheat, cattle, oilseeds, and hay. He is also familiar with imports and exports.

Brent Young, CSU agricultural and business management economist, will discuss the costs and returns for various commodities. He will also explore strategies, including new crop insurance products, that a producer might use to change his production and marketing to better match his individual costs with forecasted market prices. USDA Farm Service Agency personnel will talk about the FSA programs available to producers in Colorado.

Registration is free. People wanting to participate in the program may contact Brent Young or register at the door. For more information about the forums, please contact Brent Young at 970-522-7207 or brent.young@colostate.edu.



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PARTNERSHIP PROJECT BEGINS TODAY: SH 62 RAMP UP RIDGWAY!

Special to the Mirror

RIDGWAY-The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and the Town of Ridgway will break ground on a partnership project to make roadway and drainage improvements in downtown Ridgway on Monday, March 21. The project's estimated total cost is \$12.5 million, with Ridgway contributing \$2 million, made possible through a 2014 ballot initiative passed by voters, as well as a grant Department of Local Affairs. CDOT has contracted the work to American Civil Constructors (ACC).

The work will reconstruct SH 62 to and enhance some local streets in Ridgway's downtown Historic Business District, including the following:

Reconstruction and major storm water drainage improvements along SH 62 from the US 550 junction west to Amelia Street (approximately .75 mile)

Minor widening of SH 62 between the US 550 junction and Laura Street to add a center turn lane for safer left turns Asphalt surfacing of some downtown streets (please see map on project web site) Pedestrian sidewalks along SH 62 and downtown streets

Storm water drainage improvements along downtown streets

Improved parking and new parking lots

Downtown furnishings (benches, bike racks, etc.), decorative low-level lighting and landscaping

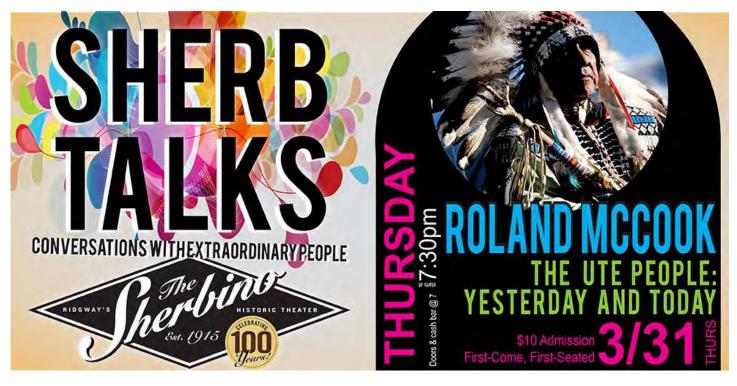
Crews will kick off construction by building a public parking area at Hartwell Park during the last week of March to accommodate overflow that may be prompted by construction. April will see construction on Cora, Clinton and Lena streets with concurrent operations on SH 62. This portion of the work will be heavily focused on drainage, earthwork and curb and gutter and will continue until mid-June. In mid-June crews will move their focus to Laura, Railroad and Charles streets while continuing work on SH 6www.coloradodot.info2. The first season is expected to wrap up in mid-October 2016, dependent upon weather. Following a winter suspension of work, the project will resume, weather permitting, in March of 2017. In the second and final season, work will focus on landscape, irrigation and site amenities with an expected construction completion by June 2017.

TRAVEL IMPACTS - Standard construction hours are Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., with exceptions for extended holiday and festival weekends, including Telluride Bluegrass Festival in June and the Blues and Brews festival in September. ACC crews will make every effort

to maintain two lanes of travel along SH 62 during construction activities. However, motorists should anticipate traffic slowing and some single-lane alternating travel through the first season. Much more will be known about specific travel delays and impacts once work is underway. Please note there will be a wide-load restriction on SH 62 during summer construction. Watch for specific details on pedestrian and bicycle travel in upcoming notifications. Information updated weekly regarding these restrictions and any safety critical traffic holds can be found in CDOT's weekly lane closure reports: https:// www.codot.gov/travel/scheduled-laneclosures.html.

The Town of Ridgway has a busy spring and summer season with festivals, concerts and the Farmer's Market. A calendar of events can be found at the town's website at<u>http://www.town.ridgway.co.us/</u> calendar.html.

STAY INFORMED: The best way to receive regular updates about the construction progress is to sign up at CDOT's website <u>https://www.codot.gov/projects/</u> <u>sh62rampupridgway</u>. If you have questions or comments, please contact the project team on the project information line at 970 -430-0933 or write them at <u>SH62Ridgway@accbuilt.com</u>.



TELSKI SEES SECOND SKIER DEATH IN LAST 10 DAYS

Special to the Mirror

TELLURIDE – A man was killed while skiing with family at the Telluride Ski Resort Saturday afternoon.

George A. Nolan, 69, of Greenwood, South Carolina was skiing with his daughter-in-law on the Coonskin ski run (single black diamond) just after 3pm Saturday. She told Sheriff Deputies he was skiing slightly behind her but then passed her, one ski missing, sliding head-first on his side.

A Telluride Ski Patroller told Sheriff Deputies she was riding Lift 7 when she saw the man sliding at a high rate of speed, both skis off, down from the top of the Coonskin pitch and ultimately into multiple trees.

Telluride Ski Patrollers were immediately dispatched and on scene within minutes. Ski Patrol told Deputies upon arrival the man was pulseless and breathless, and CPR was immediately initiated. A Telluride ambulance was dispatched to stage at the bottom of the ski run. However, Ski Patrol's resuscitative efforts were not successful.

Sheriff Bill Masters said "We are deeply saddened by this tragic loss and our thoughts are with the family."

An investigation involving the San Miguel Sheriff's Office, Telluride Ski Patrol and the San Miguel County Coroner's Office is underway. No foul play is suspected.

Mr. Nolan was wearing a ski helmet at the time of the incident.

He is survived by his wife, two sons and a brother. He turned 69 March 14th. This is the second skier death at the Telluride Ski Resort in the last ten days. A 49 yr old man from Colorado Springs died March 9th skiing in the Gold Run area of the resort.

The San Miguel Sheriff's Office, located in Telluride, Colorado and established in 1883, serves 7,800 residents and countless visitors across the 1,288 square miles of San Miguel County. Sheriff Bill Masters has been serving as the county's elected Sheriff since 1980.

COMMUNITY SPIRIT UCC SPONSORS HOLY WEEK LABYRINTH WALK

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Labyrinth walking is an ancient spiritual practice with deep roots in Christianity. It's an open-ended and gentle time of prayer, seeking insight, healing, or release, or simple centering.

Community Spirit's 36' labyrinth will be set out in the sanctuary on--

Wednesday, March 23 from 1-5 pm and 6:30 to 8 pm

Thursday, March 24 from 1-5 pm and 6:30 to 8 pm

Friday, March 25 from noon to 3 pm Members of the community are invited to walk the labyrinth as many times as they wish. One need not be Christian to be enriched by this experience. (For those who wish, holy communion will be available during the Thursday evening hours.)

Prayer candles will be set out for those seeking to dedicate prayers. "Companion stones" bearing words like "healing," "clarity," and "peace," will be available to hold in the hand for anyone wishing to focus their time on the labyrinth. Donations will be gladly accepted to assist with labyrinth rental. Community Spirit UCC is located at the corner of 6700 Road and Sunnyside in the St. Paul Episcopal Church building. Use the main entrance; the sanctuary will be on your right.

A short video introduction to labyrinth walking is posted on the church's Facebook page. Please contact Rev. Karen Winkel at 970-275-1725 for more information.



STUDENTS CHOOSE TO BUILD HOMES WITH HABITAT FOR SPRING BREAK

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Habitat for Humanity of the San Juans hosts a group of 18 young men from the UC San Diego Sigma Chi Fraternity, and four students from the University of Arkansas March 20-26, 2016 via the Collegiate Challenge program. Collegiate Challenge supports local affordable housing organizations by giving up their typical college spring break trips to do something different--building homes! First Presbyterian Church of Montrose will be housing these two groups the duration of their stay. These 22 students will primarily be working with the Habitat construction team to complete the framing of home #51. main things, the first of which is experi-Danielle Goldman, Development Intern for HFHSJ says "These two groups are extraordinary for forfeiting their spring break trips to the beach and helping us build homes!"

ty says, "Four years ago a brother in our Fraternity gathered a group of guys to go build houses for the Collegiate Challenge program and we have continued that tradition ever since.

"We all believe in the value of this program and how much it means to those we help out, and on top of that we get to have an incredible experience ourselves. That is what keeps us coming back to build for Habitat for Humanity year after year. This year is shaping up to be one of the best trips we have gone on so far, and all of our group is anxious to get out to Colorado and build. We are all very excited about three encing the culture of Montrose, Colorado and taking in the beautiful scenery of the Rockies. The second is being able to spend a week with some of our closest friends on a great trip that will ultimately help others Ricky Ward from the Sigma Chi Fraterni- in the end. And the last thing we are excit-

ed about is being able to build the framework of the houses and learn great life skills, have fun, and work hard all in hopes of benefiting others."

Jill Kallenberger, a junior from the University of Arkansas shares, "A group of my friends and I participated in a volunteer spring break program last year and were eager to do so again this year. When we read the description for the collegiate challenge in Montrose, CO we knew this was something we wanted to be a part of. Habitat for Humanity is a wonderful organization and being part of collegiate challenge is a great way to support their mission. We're very excited for the opportunity to serve and get to know the community of Montrose and can't wait to see what the week has in store." If you or someone you know is interested in helping Habitat build homes please contact Danielle Goldman Danielle@buildinglives.org

RIDGWAY CLIMBER TO SPEAK TO UVA

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-On March 28, 6-8:30 PM Danika Gilbert of Ascend Climbing talks of her experience hiking mountains of Afghanistan. Where Brew and Bogy Club at the Black Canyon Golf Course. Free, donations to Ascend welcome. Sponsored by the Uncompangre Valley Association.





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CRC 2016 NONPROFIT LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT PROGRAM COHORT ANNOUNCED

Special to the Mirror

DENVER–Community Resource Center (CRC) has been administering its prestigious Nonprofit Leadership & Management Program for 26 years, and CRC welcomed 21 new and emerging nonprofit executive directors to Denver on March 3rd to commence this year's program.

This nine-month program expands participants' leadership capabilities and management techniques. Participants cultivate meaningful professional relationships by engaging with classmates at bi-monthly professional development sessions as well as a group retreat to the Breckenridge Outdoor Education Center. The complete list of talented leaders that comprise the 2016 cohort can be found below. Recipients of a generous scholarship provided by Anschutz Family Foundation are also noted. This scholarship supports the participation and inclusion of leaders from across the state.

Amy Ben-Horin, Co-Founder and Executive Director of Ute Springs Experiential Learning Center and a 2015 graduate felt that: "The skills, knowledge and connections I gained through the CRC program have helped align my newer nonprofit with best practices in the field. And with the help and guidance of the [Community Resource Center] staff along with my cohort of Executive Directors, I know that Ute Springs Experiential Learning Center is on

the path to accomplish great things with integrity!" Graduates of the program join a network of over 700 established leaders from across Colorado.

These individuals and their experiences offer invaluable resources to participants. Graduates of the program provide each other with opportunities for professional development and networking to further their development as leaders.

If you or a colleague is a graduate of the Nonprofit Leadership & Management Program, please contact Rebecca Gorrell, Director of Education & Leadership Development, at <u>gorrell@crcamerica.org</u> to become involved in the Leadership Alumni Network.

Name	Organization	Location
*Lizeth Chacon	Rights for All People	Aurora
*Dan Georgopulos	Hands of the Carpenter	Lakewood
Marley Hamrick	Face-to-Face Colorado	Denver
*Tanya Mote	El Centro Su Teatro	Denver
*Sherie Munoz	Children First of the Rockies	Longmont
Dawn Parker	HILLS, Inc.	Lakewood
Amy Westby	SAGE Global Education	Fort Collins
Heather Willson	Philippi Center, Inc.	Aurora
*April-Dawn Knudsen	Boys & Girls Club of South Park	Fairplay
*Jori Archer	Wray Community Learning Center	Wray
*Richelle Greenwood	Cooperating Ministry of Logan County	Sterling
*Amanda Arnold	Moffat County United Way	Craig
Diana Dahl	Middle Park Medical Foundation	Kremmling
Meghan Francone	Reaching Everyone Preventing Suicide	Steamboat Springs
Kellie Gorman	Yampatika	Steamboat Springs
*Emily Krall	BookTrails, Inc.	Steamboat Springs
*Ryan Anderson	Tu Casa, Inc.	Alamosa
*Justin Garoutte	Conejos County Clean Water, Inc.	Antonito
*Liza Marron	San Luis Valley Local Foods Coalition	Alamosa
*Brian Rosino	District ONE	Walsenburg
Rachel Landis	Fort Lewis College Environmental Center	Durango

HONORABLE MENTION

To the family, friends and community members devastated by the loss of Neal Scott Mills of the Ouray Police Department, killed in a motorcycle accident March 14. Sgt. Mills, MHS Class of '83, was known for his courage, generosity and his skills as a bagpiper...he is so greatly missed by so many.

And to our neighbor Eric Bauer, glad to see you out and about!

And to you, for reading!

CONTROLLED BURN IN DELTA GOES OUT OF CONTROL!



The fire charred six to seven acres before it was brought under control.

Report and photos by Gail Marvel

DÉLTA – Ôn March 17 Delta County Fire Protection District 1 was dispatched to a controlled burn that got out of control.

The fire, located below Sweitzer Lake State Park and north of the Delta-Montrose VoTech School, charred six to seven acres before it was brought under control. According to Station Manager Shannon Crespin the call came in at 11:40 a.m. and crews returned to the station at



about 1:30 p.m. Crespin said, "We has six trucks and 15 firefighters on site. The wind wasn't bad, but a little breezy. There's not a lot out there [fuel for the fire] and the fire burned mostly cattails and brush."

The burn was only one of many plumes of smoke seen throughout the valley.





March 21 ~ 1:00-2:00 pm

The Basics: Memory Loss, Dementia and Alzheimer's

Alzheimer's disease is not a normal part of aging. If you or someone you know is affected by Alzheimer's disease or dementia, it's time to learn the facts. This program provides information on detection, possible causes and risk factors, stages of the disease, and treatment.

March 28 ~ 1:00- 2:00 pm

Understanding and Responding to Dementia-Related Behavior

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CONNECTING MASONS AND SCOUTS...WAYNE QUADE HONORED



In scouting fellowship Wayne Quade (front, second from front right) is surrounded by representatives of Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Masons who were former Boy Scouts. Photo by Gail receive the award. Marvel.

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-After three years of secrecy in the nominating process, 32nd Degree Master Mason Wayne Quade is awarded the prestigious Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award. It was only a week ago that Quade learned he was not only

nominated, but would receive the award. Fellow Mason Bill Kledas said. "Wayne is a really active guy and to pin him down we had to tattle-tale ahead of time to make sure he would be there for the presentation."

The criteria for the award is based not on years of service, but rather accomplishment and

dedication. Quade is the 14th person in Colorado to

Daniel Carter Beard brought Scouting to Amer-

ica and the award honoring him is given to "...members of the Masonic Lodge who act as role models and provide dedicated service to the young men in the Boy Scouts of America (BSA)." While the nominee is vetted through the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, the Grand Master Mason of Colo-

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rado, Robert D. Elsloo, made the presentation to Quade.

As a second grader Wayne Quade joined Cub Scouts and scouting has been in his blood ever since. He attained Eagle Scout and Silver Beaver, and at 75 years-old he is still active in Scouts, where adults are referred to as Scouters. Quade wears many hats in the BSA, including Council Outdoor Ethic Advocate and Hornaday Advisor.

A retired forester, Scouter Quade describes the BSA as the largest youth movement and the largest peace movement in the world. "Scouts are the same around the world. They transcend all cultures, religions and languages."

During a special Mason's meeting on March 15, 2016 Quade was presented the award and honored by friends from both organizations. Both the Masons and the Boy Scouts dress in regalia and the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award can be worn with the Boy Scout Community Award Square Knot.

HEIDI'S BROOKLYN DELI FORUM WELCOMES T.R. REID: PRESENTATION ON COLORADOCARE. **AMENDMENT 69 ON MARCH 23**

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-On Wednesday, March 23 the Heidi's Deli Forum will host the ColoradoCare Western Slope Tour with T.R. Reid, author, lecturer and documentary filmmaker. Mr. Reid will be speaking about the proposed initiative on the November 2016 Colorado ballot, ColoradoCare Amendment 69.

Come early for a seat at this one! We meet from 8 am to 9 am at Heidi's Brooklyn Deli every Wednesday. Heidi's is in the Oxbow Center on South Townsend Ave. Coffee is a dollar and breakfast is available. Heidi's Brooklyn Deli is located at 1521 OxBow Drive in the Oxbow Crossing Shopping Center in Montrose.

Thanks for reading the Montrose Mirror...Fresh news for busy people! Reach us by phone at 970-275-0646 or via email at editor@montrosemirror.com.

ASSOCIATION OF MONTROSE CHURCHES HOLY WEEK SERVICES

The Association of Montrose Churches invites you to attend Holy Week Services the week of March 21st to March 25th. The services will be held at 7:00 a.m. each morning and will conclude around 7:30 a.m.

A continental breakfast will be served following each service.

The services will be hosted by the following AMC churches:

Monday, March 21

1st United Methodist Church

19 South Park Avenue

Tuesday, March 22

First Church of the Nazarene

705 South 12th Street

Wednesday, March 23

All Saints Anglican Church

2057 South Townsend Avenue

Thursday, March 24

Church On The Hill

62985 Highway 90

Friday, March 25

Cedar Creek Church

3rd and South Townsend Avenue

A free will offering will be taken each day to benefit the Association of Montrose Churches Rent and Utilities Assistance Fund.



OBITUARIES

MILTON W. TRUMBLE 1939-2016



MILTON W. TRUMBLE, 76, passed away January 24, 2016 at Montrose Memorial Hospital surrounded by family. Milton was born on November 7, 1939 in Gallup, New Mexico to Grant and Thelma Trumble. Milton is survived by his wife Betty of 54 years. Two daughters, Laurie (Curt) Lacey of Brighton, CO. and Shelly (Stace) Johnson of Ten Mile, TN.; a brother, Jerry Trumble of Olathe, CO.; two sisters, Betty (Bill) Workman of Grand Junction, CO. and Sherrie Nordin of Idaho; and many beloved nieces and nephews. He was the proud grandfather of two grandsons, Bo and Josh Miller and two great-grandsons, Milton and Elwood, who were the light of his life.

Milton joined the Navy in 1956 and served in the Seabees (Mobile Construction Battalion) until he was discharged in 1966. He then joined the Iron Workers Local #24. He worked on the Morrow Point Dam and then moved to the Denver area and worked on many construction projects over the next 40 years. Milton retired in 2006 and moved to the Olathe area.

Milton loved family get-togethers and was known for cooking on his cooker for all his family, friends, and neighbors.

He loved going to all the wrestling, football, and baseball events of his nephews.

Milton was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers: Jimmy, Clarence, and Harvey, and one sister, Gwen Welter.

Family and friends gathered for a week after his death in a celebration of his life. He will be greatly missed.

MARCH DEATH NOTICES

MR. ROBERT EMANUEL SANCHEZ, 81, passed away at Valley Manor Care Center Monday, March 14, 2016. Funeral arrangements are being held under the direction of Sunset Mesa Funeral Directors, (970) 240-9870.

MISS KIM FIFIELD, 56, passed away at San Juan Living Center in Montrose Monday, March 14, 2016. Funeral arrangements are being handled under the direction of Sunset Mesa Funeral Directors, (970) 240-9870.

MR. NEAL "SCOTT" MILLS, 51, passed away in a motorcycle accident Monday, March 14, 2016. Funeral arrangements are being handled under the direction of Sunset Mesa Funeral Directors, (970) 240-9870.

MRS. LOUISE WERTZ, 88, passed away at her home in Montrose Tuesday, March 15, 2016. Funeral arrangements are being handled under the direction of Sunset Mesa Funeral Directors, (970) 240-9870.

MS. LOUISE DAVIS, 87, passed away at her home in Olathe Tuesday, March 15, 2016. Funeral arrangements are being handled under the direction of Sunset Mesa Funeral Directors' Colorado Cremation, Inc., (970) 249-1130.

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OBITUARIES NEAL SCOTT MILLS 1964-2016

Ouray Police Sergeant, Neal "Scott" Mills, age 51, was tragically killed in a motorcycle accident on Monday March 14th, 2016.



NEAL SCOTT MILLS was born on December 8, 1964 in Phoenix, Arizona to loving parents, Neal Charles and Susan Elizabeth (Pew) Mills. At age 8, Scott and his family moved to Montrose where he raised 4-H steers, enjoyed fishing with cherished childhood friends and hunting. Scott played baseball and participated in the High School Rodeo Association as a Bronc Rider. Following graduation from Montrose High School in 1983, Scott joined the United States Air Force where he served for 6 years as an Electrical Lineman. After being honorably discharged from the military, Scott moved to Los Alamos and worked closely with his dad,

mom and sister in the family jewelry business. Scott began his career in law enforcement by attending the police academy in Santa Fe, New Mexico. He joined the Los Alamos police department where he served his beloved community for 16 years. In 2010, he felt called by the Lord to guard the streets of Albuquerque where he served for 2 years before returning to Los Alamos as a Lieutenant in 2012. In 2013, Scott retired from the Los Alamos police department as a Commander and moved to the beautiful mountains of Ouray, Colorado where he became a Patrol Sergeant for the Ouray Police Department until his End Of Watch March 14, 2016.

Scott will be remembered as a kind, loving and generous man who cared deeply for others, always placing their needs above his own. As he moved through the ranks of law enforcement he took pride in serving his community and showed compassion and kindness to all those he came in contact with.

Aside from his love of Law Enforcement, he also had a passion for playing the bagpipes and was a man deeply devoted to the Episcopal Church. Scott so loved the world as the Lord designed it and he shared that love with those around him. Scott was a Master Mason, a member of the BPOE, a talented photographer, and an avid outdoorsman.

Scott and his wife, Sandy, were high school sweethearts who were reunited 26 years later. After seven wonderful years together, Scott surprised Sandy with a marriage proposal and they were united forever in marriage on Valentine's Day 2016.

Scott is survived by a loving family including the love of his life, Sandy Mills

of Ouray Colorado; Son Ryan (Nikole) Mills, their children Keona and Tyler of Priest River Idaho; Daughters Kira (Thomas) Witmer, their children Logan and Autumn; Paige (Andrew) Houlton their children Kyrina, Marissa, and Thomas: Sandy's children, Harlan Watkins, Jessica (Lane) Varner and grandson Reece Robert Scott Varner, of Delta Colorado; Parents Neil and Susy Mills of Tucson, Arizona; Sister Amy Patterson of New Mexico and nieces Jennifer and Sarah. Scott is also survived by his in-law's Harlan and Sharon Bingham of Olathe Colorado; Sister in-law Tina (Bart) Greenhalgh and children Wade Greenhalgh, Berdell (Lacey) Greenhalgh, Amber (Bo) Wertz along with their children Morgan, Moriah, Macklynn, Kash and Brazen.

Funeral Services are scheduled to honor the life of Scott Mills on Tuesday, March 22, 2016: a police motorcade from Sunset Mesa Funeral Directors, 155 Merchant Drive, Montrose to Grace Community Church, 16731 Woodgate Road, Montrose beginning at 9 A.M. A public funeral service is scheduled for 11 A.M. at Grace Community Church. Interment with military honors will immediately follow the funeral service at Grand View Cemetery, 16204 Hogback Road, Montrose.

Memorial funds have been set up for the family of Sergeant Scott Mills at Citizens state bank of Ouray and on Go-FundMe.com (Fallen Officer Scott Mills family). Please send condolences to Scott's family

at <u>www.SunsetMesaFuneralDirectors.com</u> Arrangements are being handled under the care and direction of Sunset Mesa Funeral Directors (970) 240-9870.

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Hold the Date! Upcoming Business and Cultural Events

ONGOING-

LARK AND SPARROW VENUE-Fridays beginning in February-Every Friday from 4:30 to 7 pm : Sparrow's Social Hour, Live @ 5 ... Music by Local Artists in Sparrow's Library. 7:30 pm : Lark's Skylight Jazz Club. Live Jazz Weekly : The House Blend Combo & Guest Artists. Every Third Friday : Cabaret "Open" Stage.

SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE @ THE GALLERY • MUSIC BY YOUTH, Second Saturdays from 7 to 9 p.m. at Healthy Rhythm Community Art Gallery in Sampler Square.

MONTROSE WINTER FARMERS MARKET 10 am - 1pm Location: Behind Straw Hat Farm Kitchen Store 514 S. 1st Street (Every other week through April 23) Feb. 27; March 12, 26; April 9, 23.

THE ALPINE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB meets every second Tuesday at St. Mary 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 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.

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.

SNOWSHADOW GYM-Zumba classes with Maria Gonzalez week nights 5:30 to 7:30; Swing dance with Kevin Mears Mondays 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. 535 S. First St. Snowshadowgymniastics@yahoo.com.

MONTHLY-

March 23—Public forum- at 5:30 pm at the Holiday Inn Express, the League of Women Voters of Montrose County, serving Montrose and Delta counties will sponsor a public meeting about ColoradoCare Amendment 69, an initiative on the November 2016 Colorado ballot. Writer and filmmaker T.R. Reid is the featured speaker.

March 24-Colorado Parks and Wildlife is offering a free "Turkey Hunting 101" class, 6-8 p.m., March 24 at the CPW office in Montrose, 2300 S. Townsend Ave. The class is limited to 25 people. To sign up, go to the Montrose office, or call 970-252-6000. For more information about turkey hunting in Colorado, go to:<u>http://cpw.state.co.us/thingstodo/Pages/</u>turkey.aspx.

March 25-Night of Hope. Before you Hate think of Cait. Montrose High School, 6 to 9 p.m.

March 25-7:30 p.m. - "Rabbit Hole", a slice-of-life drama, explores something all of us have experienced--the loss of a loved one and how we cope with that. Ticket information for the Magic Circle Theatre play can be found online at magiccircleplayers.com or by phone at (970) 249-7838, or in person at the Magic Circle Theatre box office, 420 S. 12th St., Montrose, beginning March 8 from 2 to 5 pm, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

March 26-27-The Western Slope Concert Series will present two concerts of music for clarinet, cello, and piano: on Saturday, March 26 at 3 at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 536 Ouray, Grand Junction, and on Sunday, March 27 at 3 at the Montrose Pavilion. Tickets are available online at <u>www.JunctionConcerts.com</u>, and at Roper Music in Grand Junction and the Montrose Pavilion. All seats are reserved, and start at \$9 in advance and \$12 at the door for adults. With Jun Watabe, clarinet, Michael Samis, cello, and Kathryn Mientka, piano, the program will include unusual works for the trio as well as solos and duos. Featured composers will be Aaron Copland, George Gershwin, and Cesar Franck.This is a performance not to be missed! Get your tickets early. Call (970) 241-4579 for more information, or buy tickets online at www.JunctionConcerts.com.

March 26-Kevin McCarthy Jazz Trio at the Lark & Sparrow Venue, 511 East Main St. in Montrose. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Call 970-615-7277 for info and reservations.

March 26-The City of Montrose and the National Park Service will host a premiere of the upcoming PBS series "Heart of the World: Colorado's National Parks," on Saturday, March 26, 2016, at the Montrose Pavilion, 1800 Pavilion Drive. Part 3 of the series, entitled "Life", will be screened starting at 6 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m. Admission is FREE. Attendees will hear remarks from City of Montrose Assistant City Manager and Office of Business and Tourism Director Rob Joseph, and Park Superintendent Bruce Noble before the showing. Filmmaker Chris Wheeler will also be on hand to talk more about the making of the film. The screening of this series is part of a year-long celebration of the Centennial of the National Park Service. More information about upcoming events can be found at www.nps.gov/blca and www.findyourpark.com.

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March 28 6-8:30 PM Danika Gilbert of Ascend Climbing talks of her experience hiking mountains of Afghanistan. Where Brew and Bogy Club at the Black Canyon Golf Course. Free, donations to Ascend welcome. Sponsored by the Uncompander Valley Association.

March 31-Join the Sherbino Theater and Roland McCook for the Sherb Talk, "The Ute People: Yesterday and Today," on Thursday, March 31st. Doors are at 7 pm, with the talk starting at 7:30 pm, and a \$10 cover at the door.

April 1-Ridgway's Sherbino Theater welcomes Durango Funk All-Stars from Durango, Colorado for a night of funk and fun. The music from Durango Funk All-Stars is all improvised, making each show unique and memorable. Doors at 7:30 pm, with music starting at 8 pm, and a \$10 cover at the door.

April 2-The Montrose Woman's Club is sponsoring their annual Flea Market at the Montrose County Fair Grounds, Friendship Hall on Saturday, April 2, 2016 from 8 am to 4 pm. There will be 100+ tables full of new/used items. Breakfast and lunch will be provided by Big Head BBQ. There is no admission charge and all proceeds from this event go to local charitable organization here in the Montrose. If you would like to be a vendor, please call Paulette Wells at 249-6381.

April 12-The City of Montrose will host an informational session on Tuesday, April 12, to present the results of intersection studies for Hillcrest Drive at Miami, Sunnyside, and Niagara Roads. The informational session, to be held in the City Council Chambers, will begin with a presentation at 5 p.m., followed by a one-on-one discussion period lasting until 6:30 p.m. Construction of improvements at the Hillcrest and Sunnyside intersection is scheduled to take place in 2016. Any questions regarding the project or the meeting may be directed to City Engineer Scott Murphy at (970) 901-1792.

April 13-Elijah BossenBroek to perform at the Lark & Sparrow Venue, 511 East Main Street in Montrose. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. concert at 7:30 p.m. Call 970-615-7277 for info and reservations.

April 15-16-Delta Area Chamber of Commerce Spring Expo, Bill Heddles Recreation Center in Delta. 80+ vendors! Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 23-Annual Stupid Band Earth Dance! Turn of the Century Saloon in Montrose.

April 28-Leader Training - Healthier Living Colorado-This four-day class is for the person wanting to make a difference in the lives of those with chronic conditions! Participants will: illustrate following the Leader Manual content and process; recognize how to handle problem people appropriately; use positive reinforcement techniques with group members; apply strategies to encourage group participation and use effective modeling strategies. *PDA requirements. A CEU from COAW is equal to 10 contact hours (PDAs).* Cost: \$650 *Scholarship funds are available.*Montrose County Health and Human Services (1845 S. Townsend Ave.), Apr 25, 2016—Apr 28, 2016, 8:30 AM—5 PM Registration: Contact Pam Allen at 303-984-1845 or pam@coaw.org.



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Clockwise from top; Partners Mentoring held a sled outing at the Grand Mesa on Sunday, March 20; horses graze in a pasture East of town Friday, March 18; outside the Montrose Gun Show at Friendship Hall March 19.

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