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## Fresh News for Busy People-Weekly on Mondays!

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#### RENTS RISE, RENTAL NUMBERS DROP...HOT STATEWIDE MARKET IMPACTS AREA RENTALS!



The Montrose real estate market is tight, thanks to an increasingly hot Front Range market. Rents are rising nationwide, and Colorado is no different, experts say.

By Caitlin Switzer

REGIONAL- Looking for an affordable, well cared for home to rent? If the local market is any indication, better give yourself some extra time. "Overall, the real estate market is tough right now," Montrose County Housing Authority's Carol Kemp said. "You will want to have your deposit ready, do your legwork, and establish relationships with property managers."

Rents are rising nationwide, and Western Colorado is no different, she said. The Montrose County Housing Authority is awarded 178 Federal vouchers each year, 14 VASH vouchers to house homeless veterans, and 108 state vouchers. Nevertheless, "We have closed our wait list, and we are not issuing vouchers for the next eight months," Kemp said. "We are leased to the max."

Strong relationships with local landlords and with companies like Area Best Management have been essentially to keeping applicants housed, she said. "We cultivate our relationships," Kemp said.

Once names are placed on a wait list, those who qualify may be given preference, and are moved up

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#### **APRIL IS COLORADO CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH!**

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Here's what you need to know for April, Colorado Child Abuse Prevention Month: 1-844-CO-4-KIDS. That's the number to report anything you have witnessed, or suspicions you may have that a child is being abused.

"You don't have to have all the facts, and you can remain anonymous," Montrose County's Stephanie Holsinger said. "Everyone is on high alert right now, and we need to maintain the momentum. There are so many different ways that you can help."

Kids don't always speak up because they do not wish to get loved ones in trouble. "They don't know how to reach out for help," Holsinger said. "If you report, it's not the end of their lives. And it could be the end of the trauma they face."

To honor Colorado Child Abuse Prevention Month, Montrose County's Child Welfare team will share the prevention line phone number and encourage people to report anything they see that could indicate a child is being abused. "We also Continued on page 5



Miss Colorado Kelley Johnson and child advocates from across the state marked the beginning of National Child Abuse Prevention Month on April 1 with a special event at the State Capitol. Courtesy photo.

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## Gail Marvel's Craisin' in Style

#### COLLECTOR SPOTLIGHT: BOB AND PEGGY BRAHLER



By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-Bob Brahler said, "I've always liked the 1957 Thunderbird. I bought one in 1972 for \$1,000 and drove Regis Philbin in the Hollywood Christmas Parade."

Bob and Peggy's current 1957 Starmist Blue Ford Thunderbird is an automatic with a 312 V8 engine. The two passenger convertible was restored about 15 years ago. Bob said, "I paid a lot more for this T-Bird than the first one!"

The Brahlers have owned the Thunderbird for two-years, "The car originally came from California, but we found it in Eckert and negotiated on the price for a couple of years." Bob has the original bill of sale listing the 1957 price at \$3,298.

In the area of restoration there are a couple of things Bob still wants to do, "It doesn't have the original radio and those are pretty hard to find. I also want to put in a swing-bar for the convertible top to go down behind the seats."

Currently the T-Bird odometer reads 63,000 miles, "But I'm not sure that's correct. It may have already turned over." The Brahlers, who are members of the Black Canyon Classics, have other classic cars, but this one is special. Bob said, "We're definitely keeping this one."

> Watch for more of Gail's Cruisin' in Style series...coming soon! To reach the Mirror contact us at 970-275-0646 or via email at editor@montrosemirror.com



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as units become available.

If an applicant is using a housing choice voucher, the rental unit must also pass inspection and be deemed safe and sanitary.

Area Best Management, a company that specializes in rentals, has seen the number of available and suitable local properties

"It is a strong market with a low vacancy rate," Area Best Staffer Miriam said. "We currently are running less than one percent vacancy rate. When we receive notices, we have immediate inquiries.

"Typically these new listings are rented within the week. We are seeing an increase in rental rates and the amount of inquiries for rentals as well. The spring and summer months have typically been our busiest times throughout the year so we are ready for these upcoming months."

Property Management and who has worked in the property management industry since 1977, said that the market has really tightened up.

"There's almost nothing available," he

"We manage 400 units, and we have one open mobile home, an apartment coming open in May, and a house opening up in

"They will rent right away," Alexander said. "People come in to see us, and boom! If we have a rental, they'll take it."

Alexander also said he has no idea why local properties have become so scarce, though experts statewide have pointed to an increasingly tight Front Range real es-

"There's not a lot of building going on here," he said, "and there aren't a lot of Ben Alexander, who owns Colorado West employment opportunities. I have no idea why things are so tight right now!"

And yet, housing is among the most essential ingredients for a safe and healthy

The non-profit Housing Colorado asserts that decent, safe affordable housing is the foundation for vibrant and successful communities with strong educational, economic development, community development, and healthcare programs.

The organization's web site states that affordable housing should cost no more than 30 percent of a household's gross income, and that Housing issues affect everything from a child's ability to succeed in school, to working class families struggling to pay monthly rent, to business owners trying to retain staff, to seniors, veterans, and those with disabilities consumed with housing costs and unable to focus on their health needs.

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### ECLECTIC ENTREPRENEUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT MONTROSE EDAY LUNCH

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MONTROSE – An eclectic entrepreneur whose ventures have ranged from sports teams to ski resorts to agribusiness to nuclear fusion will be the keynote speaker at the Colorado Mesa University – Montrose Campus Entrepreneurship Day.

George N. Gillett, Jr, is the founder and chairman of Booth Creek Management Corporation. His many businesses have included Vail and Beaver Creek ski resorts, the Miami Dolphins, Harlem Globetrotters, Montreal Canadiens and NASCAR's Gillett Evernham Motorsports.

He started his career in marketing and management consulting, initially with McKinsey & Company.

A sports enthusiast since childhood, by the late 1960s Gillett was business manager and minority partner of the Miami Dolphins. He then became owner and CEO of the Harlem Globetrotters and later established Globetrotter Communications, a national radio group.

In the 1970s, he entered the meat packing business with Packerland Packing Co., in Green Bay, Wisc., and formed Gillett Broadcasting, which owned network-

affiliated television stations in major U.S. markets.

Later, Gillett acquired interests in other food businesses, including Corporate Brands Food America, Iowa Beef Processors, Swift & Company, Coleman Natural Foods, one of the world's leading producers of natural and organic proteins, and Wheat Montana, a forerunner in the realm of top quality, farm fresh specialty grains.

In 1985, he acquired Vail Associates as owner and operator of the ski resorts in Vail and Beaver Creek.

In 1996, Gillett formed and built Booth Creek Ski Holdings which, at its peak, owned and operated eight unique ski resorts within two hours' drive of major metropolitan areas.

Gillett has owned the Montreal Canadiens National Hockey League team, and the Bell Center arena in Montreal as well as being a 50 percent owner of the Liverpool English Premier League Football Club.

In August 2007 he acquired the NASCAR team formerly known as Evernham Motorsports, to form Gillett Evernham Motorsports (GEM). In January 2009, Gillett

Evernham Motorsports and Petty Holdings merged to form Richard Petty Motorsports (RPM), which Gillett had an interest in until November 2010. Born in Racine, Wisc., he attended Amherst College in Amherst, Mass., and gradu-



George N. Gillett Jr. Courtesy photo.

ated from Dominican College in Racine. He and his wife Rose live in Vail and have three married sons and seven grandchildren.

The Montrose Campus EDay luncheon will be at noon on Thursday, April 28, at the Bridges Golf Club, 2500 Bridges Circle. To purchase tickets, go to <a href="mailto:supportingcmu.org/events/MontroseEday">supportingcmu.org/events/MontroseEday</a> or call 970.248.1525.

Proceeds go toward scholarships. Individual tickets are \$40, table sponsorship is \$400.



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want to eliminate the stigma and myths surrounding who we are and what we do," Holsinger said. "When we knock on your door, it does not mean we are taking your child. We see success as the elimination of risks to a child. Most of the calls we receive here are not about high levels of physical abuse, but about neglect. Our goal is always to maintain an intact family. And if we have to remove a child, our goal will be to re-unify them."

Callers should not be discouraged by the fact that they may have limited information either, she said.

"It doesn't matter what you know," she said. "You will remain anonymous, and it could be one piece of the puzzle that we don't have."

Child welfare staffers are often accused of not doing enough to protect children when a high profile incident does occur. However, "we can't talk to the public," Holsinger said. "We can't disclose details, only generalities. We are social workers at heart, and we are also people--parents, sons and daughters. We do have feelings about the work that we do."

The first reported child abuse intervention was actually caused by an animal control officer in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, Holsinger said. The officer had been called to investigate a situation when a family became concerned about the welfare of a child.

Child abuse knows no socioeconomic boundaries, Montrose County Media Rela-

CITY TO CLOSE OXBOW

**DRIVE APRIL 4-11** 

MONTROSE-The City of Montrose will close Oxbow Drive at Woodgate Road

during the week of April 4 as part of the Woodgate Road Widening Project. This

The project detour will be routed onto Otter Road as shown by the blue line in

the attached figure while the Oxbow intersection is closed. The intersection is scheduled to be reopened in time for

closure will allow for a portion of the intersection to be reconstructed during the school district's spring break while

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traffic volumes are lower.

tions Manager Katie Yergensen said. "It exists everywhere," she said. "People want to mind their own business, but this is a community issue. There are a lot of resources available.

"A single call may not warrant an action in response, but multiple calls will."

January saw a spike in calls due to an increasing substance abuse problem in Montrose, Holsinger said.

"Heroin and methamphetamine use are big issues for us," she said.

Child Welfare staffers are encouraged to take care of themselves too, she said, due to the intense nature of the work. "We can't even talk to our friends and significant others about our work," she said. "So we do a lot of debriefing as a team. We

take walks, and phone breaks. Those who last longest in this kind of work tend to have the best support systems.

"I am extremely lucky right now to have such strong social work team."

The team includes three intake investigators; eight ongoing case workers; two family engagement facilitators; two support aids and the program manager (Holsinger). Other area resources for children include CASA of the Seventh Judicial District, Dolphin House Child Advocacy Center, and Hilltop.

"If you know something, be sure to call," Holsinger said. "There are so many different avenues you can go down to help."

The phone number to call to report child abuse or neglect is 1-844-CO-4-KIDS.

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#### CHILD POVERTY ON THE DECLINE STATEWIDE, MONTROSE LAGS

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Of roughly 40,000 local residents, fewer than 10,000 are under the age of 18. So how does Montrose stack up when it comes to supporting our youngest residents? According to the most recent KidsCount data released by the Colorado Children's Campaign, we have some room to grow: the infant mortality rate in Montrose County was 8.5 per 1,000 births in 2014, compared to 4.8 percent statewide.

Seventeen percent of infants born here were to mothers who smoked during their pregnancies, while statewide that percentage was 6.7 percent. The percentage of children suffering child abuse and neglect here was 12.9 percent, compared to 7.8 percent statewide.

The percentage of teen births in Montrose in 2014 was 26.8 percent, while statewide that percentage is 19.4. In Montrose, 17.4 percent of mothers did not have a high school diploma or GED in 2014, while throughout Colorado only 12.2 percent of mothers did not have a high school diploma or GED.

One neighborhood church has made kids a growing focus of not only ministry efforts, but of spending. <u>Crossroads Victory</u> at 515 South Hillcrest Drive recently up-

graded its playground equipment, and regularly hosts family holiday events that welcome the entire community. Located in a neighborhood with a high population density and several sprawling and ancient mobile home parks, the church strives to make sure no kids are falling through the cracks. Crossroads Victory has a youth pastor as well as a children's pastor on staff. Youth Pastor Jeremy Jensen said that during a regular youth group snack time, church staff noticed that a number of kids were hungry. "When we had snack it was such a big treat for some of our kids," he said. "We were amazed at how many kids were really hungry."

The church began a church food co-op several years ago that has now grown into a food bank, he said.

"People can come here and get food," Jensen said. "We see so many kids from broken homes, and poorer neighborhoods. We are planning to take our outreach into the trailer parks around here, to bring in things like haircuts and food, because these are the needs that we see people have."

The church's Easter Egg hunt on March 26 drew between 750 to 1,000 participants, he said.

"We had a great turnout," Jensen said.

"We were giving away bags of groceries, though we ended up running out." Crossroads

Victory Chil-

dren's Pastor

Jerry Archuleta is considering a bus
ministry for
the neighborhood, to help
kids who want
to attend
church events
and youth
group but do
not have
transportation.
"This is a



Colorado Kids Count data for 2016 was released last week and announced at the state capital. Courtesy photo Colorado Children's Campaign.

practical children's ministry," Jensen said. "We don't know everything but we are willing to do whatever it takes. Kids are the most important ministry in our church, because they are tomorrow."

Reach Crossroads Victory at 970-249-4319.



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#### **ZONING CHANGES UP FOR 2ND READING MONDAY!**

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MONTROSE-Improvements to intersections on Hillcrest Drive will be on the agenda when the Montrose City Council meets for a work session on April 4. Also up for discussion will be the replacement of seven police vehicles--a Ford F150 Super Crew Cab truck and six Ford Explorer Interceptor utility vehicles. According to Public Works Department Director John Harris the total Fleet Division cost for these Police Department vehicle replacements is \$333,261. The 2016 Fleet Division Vehicle Equipment budget includes \$325,000 for these replacements. Council will discuss vacation of an alley for the Sharing Ministries expansion project. Sharing Ministries Food Bank is requesting that the City vacate the alley that divides properties between North First and North Second streets east of Grand Avenue, to allow easier truck access to the new Sharing Ministries facility. Also included in the work session packet are reports from Montrose Regional Airport Advisory

Board, the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Board and Project 7. Future work session discussion items include: City Council Appointments to Region 10 and TRAC and a First Quarter Police Department Report on April 18; Swearing in of new City Council Members; selection of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem; Youth Council Report to City Council; Community Leaders Fellowship Project Final Reports; and a First Quarter Budget Review will be on April 19. An Economic Development Plan is slated for discussion with no specific date selected.

At the regular City Council meeting, to be held April 4 because of the City election April 5, the City will issue proclamations in support of Earth Week and Arbor Day; the night sky preservation effort; and in support of National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. Council will consider approving a new Beer and Wine Liquor License application for Trattoria Di Sofia at 110 N. Townsend Avenue for consumption on the licensed premises; and

Ordinance 2367 on first reading, vacating a strip of land being the alley in Block 93 of the Selig's Addition to Montrose.

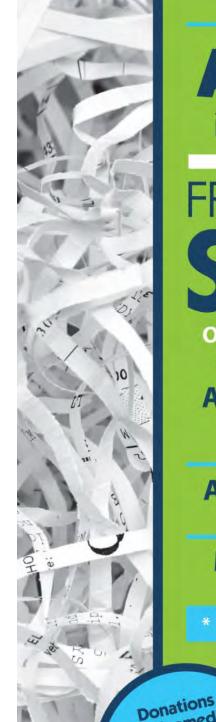
Council will consider awarding a bid for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Headworks Upgrade Engineering Design to JVA Consulting Engineers for the total amount of \$59,500. Also up for consideration is award of a bid for the Columbine-Pomona Safe Routes to Schools Project to Ridgway Valley Enterprises (RVE) Inc. in the amount of \$307,217.52 including \$27,928.87 for contingencies. Council will consider a contract with Jacobs Engineering to design Phase II of the West Side Arterial Project, in the amount of \$217,216. Finally, two ordinances will be considered on second reading as well: Ordinance 2364 on second reading, authorizing the release of a dedication of real property; and Ordinance 2366 on second reading, repealing and re-enacting the City's zoning regulations and Official Zoning Map. Following a report by the public information officer Council will adjourn.

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#### WRITER GAIL MARVEL'S CLUB CONNECTION

#### BLACK CANYON TWIRLERS: JUST KEEP DANCING, DON'T STOP!



Tom and Dot Doherty, 1959 charter members of the Black Canyon Twirlers, are serving as club presidents for the current quarter. Photos by Gail Marvel.



A St. Patrick's Day theme highlighted the March 12th gathering of the Black Canyon Twirlers.

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-The Black Canyon Twirlers were formed in 1959 and current club presidents Tom and Dot Doherty, who are in their 80's, are charter members. Membership is made up of couples and singles and currently numbers 38. Dues are \$5 a year per person which helps pay for insurance. Admission to the dance is \$5 per person and those funds are used to pay the rent the on the Lion's Club House and to pay the caller.

Tom and Joyce Hartman have been square dancing for 24 years. Tom said, "Right now we have mostly middle aged and older members, with probably seven or eight singles, but younger folks are welcome."

Before the dance started it was announced that one of the ladies had cleaned out her closet and gathered skirts, matching tops and petticoats were hanging in the foyer and were there for the taking. For a few moments some on the ladies were more interested in shopping than dancing.

Callers, who are scheduled a year in advance, use recorded music. Forty-four-year veteran caller Pat McBride from Grand Junction called the St. Patrick's Day dance on March 12<sup>th</sup>.

Pat said, "My goal is to keep everyone on the floor dancing. I want to wind up with the same eight people I started with...even if they don't wind up with the same partner!"

There were times when the squares of eight dancers resembled a human demolition derby, but everyone took the confusion in stride laughing at themselves and with each other. One man turned in circles and said, "I've lost my girl!" Pat slowed down his cadence, repeated a few calls and pulled the dancers back together. "We don't care who gets who, but you've got to have a girl." Another man confided, "The key is just keep dancing, don't stop!"

When asked how many dancers the Lion's Club House could accommodate one woman said, "The most is six squares (eight people to a square)." She laughed and said, "And we have a pole in the middle of the room!"

There seems to be little punctuation in the caller's repertoire and commands come one right after the other, "Do si do allemande left to the corner then bow to the partner, lady roll to the left twinkle through hand over hand around the town walk to the middle and back."

Dancers must listen intently to the caller; they have no idea what he is going to call until he calls it. "Turn the girl, part the ocean, girls hook on walk to the middle and back, swing through boys run around that girl do a partner trade, girls hinge boys swing through..."

In community outreach the club has done demonstration dances at assisted living facilities, nursing homes and for special events and parades.

The Montrose club alternates with the Delta club every other year and holds square dance lessons. Tom said, "We are constantly working on membership as members move away. We have to have lessons."

Mainstream Lessons are for beginners who meet once a week and over a three to four-month period they will learn 73 calls. Plus Lessons are for more advanced students who learn an additional 50 calls in half as much time. The cost of lessons is \$6 per person per lesson. "The club doesn't make any money; we just cover our costs."

Regardless of what country you may visit, square dance calls are always done in English. In the US some states have made square dancing their state dance and for many years there has been an ongoing effort to make it the national dance.

Contact Information:

Black Canyon Twirlers Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

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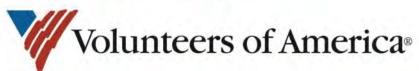
Validation is a way of caring for and communicating with older adults who are often diagnosed as having Alzheimer's-type dementia. Developed by Naomi Feil, a social worker known throughout North America and Europe for her breakthrough approach to elderly care, Validation promotes empathy on the part of the caregiver, communication to reduce stress and increase happiness, and dignity during the final stages of life. Real life examples will be given as well as information on the stages of Validation classification of dementia symptoms. Presented by Brandi Garcia, memory support director, Valley Manor Care Center.

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#### COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

#### PROGRESS CONTINUES ON DMEA'S FIBER-TO-THE-PREMISES BUSINESS

Special to the Mirror

REGIONAL-In March, Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) announced Phase I of its fiber-to-the-premises broadband company. Paonia, Orchard City, and South Montrose were identified as the zones to be targeted first. Specific details about the exact locations these areas will include are not yet available.

Although DMEA has been making substantial progress on the new venture, much of it has been behind the scenes. DMEA is currently developing a website where members and potential broadband customers can track progress, see project timelines, and pre-sign up for service. The coop will unveil the website at their Annual Meeting of Members on Thursday, June 16, 4:30 – 8:00 pm at Montrose County Friendship Hall.

The co-op has also received several questions about how the new company will operate. "Recently, there has been some confusion about how DMEA's fiber broadband company will operate in relationship to the electric co-op. Namely, that DMEA members will subsidize the fiber broadband company through increased electric rates. This simply isn't true," stressed DMEA CEO, Jasen Bronec.

DMEA's Board of Directors unanimously voted to establish a fiber broadband company. To minimize risk, the board chose to move forward in a phased-in approach in order to protect ratepayers and the financial integrity of the electric cooperative. Members will have the opportuni-

ty to pre-sign up for DMEA's broadband services when the zone they reside in is released. Before any construction work takes place in a zone, a specific number of members must pre-sign up and pay a commitment fee. This set number of members is called a take rate and it ensures that DMEA will not spend money to build a fiber network in areas where members do not want it and where it cannot be financially sustained.

"Basically, you'll only pay for DMEA's broadband services if you choose to sign up for them," said Bronec.

DMEA's fiber broadband company will operate as a for-profit business that is 100% owned by DMEA and its members. As DMEA builds out the fiber-optic network, the construction costs are not included in the

co-op's rate base. The rate base is defined as the value of DMEA's property, including poles, wires, substations, facilities, and even equipment, that the co-op is permitted to earn a rate of return. Since the construction costs to build out the fiber-optic network are not include in the rate base, DMEA will not recoup those costs through electric rates.

Initially, the revenue earned by the new company will be used to operate the business and pay for the costs of the physical infrastructure through lease payments to DMEA. When profits eventually occur, as the parent company, DMEA will have a few options to consider. These profits could be used to help offset the costs of

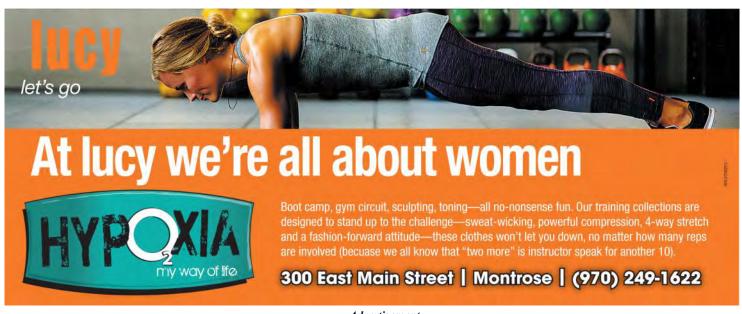
providing electric service and stabilize rates or they could be allocated back to the individual members of DMEA and refunded as capital credits.

"Our goal is to provide the fastest and most dependable high-speed internet service on the market; all because our members, asked us to. In our most recent member survey, they spoke loud and clear. Nearly 88% said high-speed internet was absolutely necessary or important to quality of life. Additionally, 71% agreed with DMEA offering high-speed internet services. These statistics, combined with years of public forums, substantial member input, and solid research, gave the DMEA board an unmistakable direction: Our members wanted DMEA to provide reliable high-speed internet. They listened," said Bronec.

DMEA is a rural electric distribution cooperative, located in Montrose, Colorado. DMEA was originally founded in 1938, as Delta-Montrose Rural Power Lines Association. A board of directors from nine districts covering three counties governs the cooperative. DMEA serves approximately 32,000 residential, commercial and industrial meters, on over 3,000 miles of cooperative owned distribution line.

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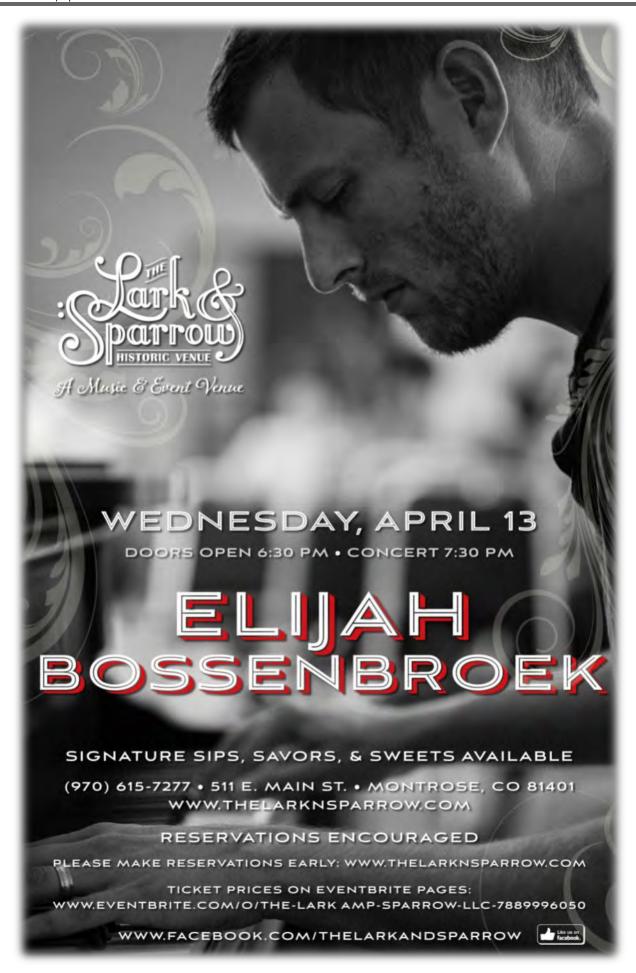
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GRAND JUNCTION-April 14-Friendship Force International, non-profit organization, was founded and introduced to the world at a ceremony held at the White House on March 1, 1977. FFI provides opportunities to explore new cultures from the inside by bringing people together at the personal level. Friendship Force of western Colorado's next meeting is planned for: Thursday, April 14 at 6:15 pm Meeting location - Red Cross Training Center, 5<sup>th</sup> and Gunnison. The meeting will feature a special presentation from Annie Gingerich, Associate Director, and Sam, an international student from Saudi Arabia, through CMU - International Programs and Services. "Like Us on Facebook" – Friendship Force Western Colorado"

If you're interested in joining us please call Sue Palmer on 970-260-4653.



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#### SAN MIGUEL COUNTY SHARES ANNUAL ENERGY REPORT Energy use down, cost savings on the rise

Special to the Mirror

SAN MIGUEL COUNTY-San Miguel County continues to lead the pack with innovative energy and fuel efficiencies. The San Miguel County Board of Commissioners has reviewed the Annual Energy Efficiency Report prepared by staffer Nina Kothe. The report outlines the county's energy efficiency efforts in 2015: through phased retrofits to LED lighting, the county reduced overall electric usage for County facilities by nine percent between 2013 and 2014, and a further 2.7 percent reduction was achieved for 2015, with cost savings of \$4,893.

Natural gas usage was reduced by eight percent between 2013 and 2014, with an additional 2.5 percent reduction in 2015; and use of unleaded fuel used in county fleet vehicles dropped by 10.3 percent

from 37,248 gallons in 2012 to 33,430 gallons in 2015.

CO2 emissions overall in County facilities and vehicles have been reduced by about eight percent over five years.

"It's great to have a dedicated county staffer like Nina Kothe to spearhead our energy sustainability efforts and help reduce local government's impact on our regional carbon footprint," Third District Commissioner Art Goodtimes said.

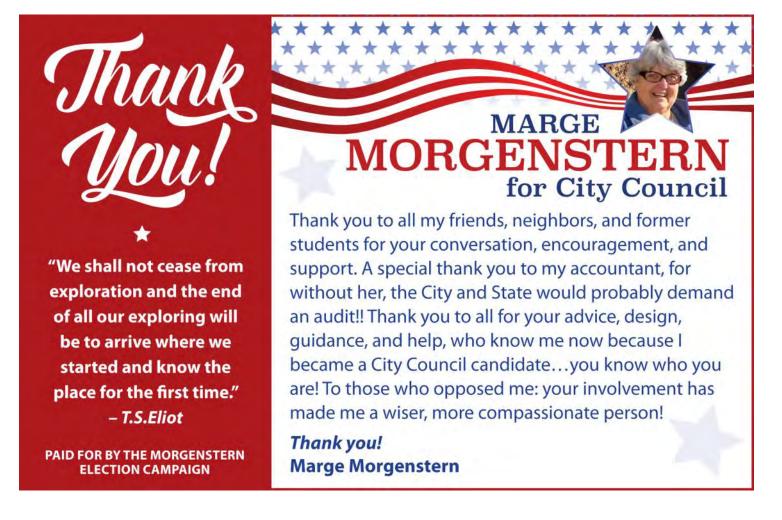
"Energy efficiency is a clear priority for San Miguel County citizens," said District Two Commissioner Joan May. "We take this seriously in our operations and have made significant strides in reducing our energy use. As new technologies and opportunities arise, I think we can expect to see continued improvements."

"By focusing on energy sustainability, we native fuel related topics.

are working to ensure the future quality of life for our citizens and the well-being of our community," District 1 Commissioner Elaine Fischer said. "We are very appreciative of the hard work that went into compiling this information."

San Miguel County takes part in the regional energy group the Sneffels Community Energy Board, and works in coordination with EcoAction Partners in energy program outreach to businesses, homeowners and renters including the Green Lights LED program.

The County will partner with EcoAction Partners, SMPA, the Town of Mountain Village and the Telluride Ecology Commission to sponsor a public forum on Wednesday June 1st that will feature speakers on a variety of energy and alternative fuel related topics.



## TWENTY-SIX SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED AT DELTA MONTROSE TECHNICAL COLLEGE NURSING SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

Special to the Mirror

DELTA-Delta Montrose Technical College hosts a scholarship luncheon for their Practical Nursing students annually.

The local community has been extremely generous and supportive of the Technical College and the Nursing Program.

This year through community sponsored organizations, twenty-six scholar ships were awarded to DMTC Practical Nursing students, for a total of \$15,450.00

The Hotchkiss Kiwanis: The Hotchkiss Kiwanis disbanded their club in the North Fork last year but in closing they left enough money on account for scholarships to be distributed for two additional years. Funds for this scholarship came from their last annual spring fish fry, and Christmas Tree sales at the Hotchkiss City Market parking lot.

The Hotchkiss Kiwanis group's mission was to help children and they feel that helping the Nursing Students ultimately gives a return with the caring of children.

This was the eighth year of support to the Nursing students at DMTC.

Earl Busby, who passed away this past year, and his wife Katie were always present in years past and enjoyed visiting with the students.

Birdie Young, Director of the Nursing Program, presented the awards in Earl's absence.

Hotchkiss Kiwanis awarded a \$300.00 scholarship to each of the following students: Maia Weber, Kayla Sanders, and Jennifer Halbach; a \$400 scholarship to Chandra Proffitt, and a \$500 scholarship to Justina Vrabas.

<u>Delta Rotary</u>, was represented by John Triebwasser and Jody Jorns. They awarded three scholarships of \$1,000.00 each to Amanda Bornschlegel, Alyson Goetzinger, and Stephanie Tourney.

<u>Award</u> was presented by Shari Barclay and Judy Davis. This scholarship went to Kelly Ellis in the amount of \$400.00.

This scholarship is awarded to a student with high academic standing in the program. Donations may be made to this scholarship through DMTC at any time. **Horizons Care Center** represented by Kelly Mathieu, Director of Nursing and Tammy Blanchette, HR Mgr. presented seven scholarships. Stephanie Tourney,



Horizon's Scholarship Recipients pictured left to right:

1st row: Skylar Thompson, Stephanie Tourney, Amy Carpenter

2nd row: Meg Robinson, Mark Tieman, Robert Imhoff, Alyson Goetzinger,
and Horizons representatives: Kelly Mathieu, DON and Tammy Blanchette, HR Mgr.

Courtesy photo.

Mark Tieman, Skylar Thompson, Megan Robinson, Robert Imhoff and Alyson Goetzinger were each awarded \$500.00 scholarships.

Amy Carpenter was awarded a \$1,000.00 scholarship.

The Delta County Breast Cancer Survivor's Womens Support Group represented by Mitzie Seals, presented a \$750 scholarship to Amanda Bornschlegel. This group relies on donations from the community.

Beta Sigma Phi of Montrose was represented by Joan Pride and Ruth Heath. They honored both Kelsey Weaver and Brianna Beller with a \$500.00 scholarship each The Delta County Memorial Hospital Foundation represented by Dorothy Dunfelder, Vice President and Scholarship

Committee Member, recognized two individuals with scholarships.
Haley Millard was awarded \$500.00 for

each semester, and Amanda Bornschlegel was awarded \$500.00 for the Fall semester. **Two Memorial Scholarships** were also

awarded to nursing students at Delta Montrose Technical College.

The George Walsh Memorial Scholarship was established by the North Fork Valley Rotary Club. Felix Belmont, the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee was unable to attend.

Mr. John Jones, Director of the College presented two \$500.00 scholarships, to Amy Carpenter and Maia Weber.

The Alice Pennick Memorial Nursing
Scholarship presented by the
Philanthropic Education Organization
(PEO) BK Chapter of Delta represented
by Lana Kevan, President, and Cheri Kent,
Program Chairman

of the Scholarship Committee, honored Kayla Sanders with a \$500.00 scholarship. The PEO BK Chapter also presented Kelsey Weaver with a \$1,500.00 Grant through the PEO Program for Continuing Education.

The nursing staff and students at DMTC would like to thank the community for their generosity and support.

#### GREAT US 50 YARD SALE 2016 TO BE MAY 21

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The Great U.S. 50 Yard Sale is again being held in Montrose and this year will be on Saturday, May 21, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Montrose County Fairgrounds. Highway 50 runs coast-to-coast, California to Maryland, and Montrose is just one town along the highway that will be holding a yard sale on the weekend of May 21.

The Montrose event will be held "rain or shine" and this year will be under cover at the barn adjacent to the east parking lot of the Fairgrounds.

Fore-Kin Trails Genealogical Society is sponsoring the event and profits from the rental of spaces will be used for preservation of historic Montrose County stories and documents. Spaces are 12 feet wide by 10 feet deep for \$25 or 12 feet wide by 20 feet deep for \$40. Reservations can be made by calling the Montrose Genealogy Center at 240-1755.

#### COLO ONE OF FIVE STATES WITH IMPROVED LESSER PRAIRIE-CHICKEN POPULATIONS



CO Parks & Wildlife Courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror DENVER - Colorado Parks and Wildlife shares in the success reported March 31, by the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (WAFWA), on the status of the lesser prairie chicken. This report is the second since the implementation of the Lesser Prairie-Chicken Range-wide Conservation Plan in 2014. "The lesser prairie-chicken range-wide plan, because it's incentive based and voluntary, is the new model for conservation and the best alternative to listing species," said Bob Broscheid, CPW director and Colorado's representative to the Lesser Prairie-Chicken Council. Lesser prairiechicken range occurs in five states in the southern Great Plains: Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas. Colorado has a relatively small portion of the overall range of the species and thus relatively less enrollment in the rangewide plan than other states; however, every little bit helps. CPW conservation biologists are preparing to head into spring lek counting soon, where they

will estimate populations in Colorado based on the number of males present in known breeding areas, or leks. Aerial surveys are also conducted by WAFWA to estimate the total range-wide population of lesser prairie-chickens. David Klute, CPW's Species Conservation Unit Supervisor, is optimistic about what the biologists will find.

"Moisture in the areas where lesser

prairie-chickens are know to inhabit has risen again this year, and usually ample moisture means improved habitat," said Klute. Klute was quick to point out that no analysis or conclusion can be made until the data is gathered and his team has time to identify population trends. Learn more about the success of the Lesser Prairie-Chicken Range-wide Conservation Plan at <a href="https://www.wafwa.org">www.wafwa.org</a>.



#### CPW OFFICERS GAIN BOAT ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION SKILLS

Special to the Mirror

DENVER - Sixteen Colorado Parks and Wildlife officers, along with 13 other law enforcement personnel from Larimer county, Idaho, Minnesota, Wyoming and Ontario, gained fundamental training and experience in boat accident investigation and analysis, during a National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) course, held March 21 to 25, in Denver, Colo.

Gary Haupt, NASBLA lead instructor and former patrolman with Missouri State Highway Patrol's Water Division, relates his experience from hundreds of boat accident investigations to the officers during the five-day course.

"This training is to learn the investigative process and share new trends and technologies," said Haupt. Some of the topics addressed in the modules included boat stability, which Haupt says leads to the most boating fatalities, in addition to collisions, electrical systems, and re-

sponding to fires and explosions on water vessels.

On the final day of the course officer teams worked on case studies to put the training to work.

Lauren Turpin, a ranger at Chatfield State Park, a park in the Denver metro area with an annual visitation of more than 1.6 million and two boat ramps for access to 1,423 surface acre reservoir, supervises the parks' boat section and said the training was valuable.

"In my five years at Chatfield, I've documented between 15 to 20 boating incidents," said Turpin.

"This training is a good refresher. I plan to share this information with my staff too."

Accurate reporting of boat accidents by officers is critical. The record itself is a legal document that relates evidence in a court of law. Outcomes of investigations also help to identify trends that may help officers and the boating public to prevent



future accidents.

Robert Seel, a senior ranger at Steamboat State Park, in Colorado's northwest region that also boasts a 1,053 surface acre lake, said it's his first time in the course and though he has conducted a lot of boat investigations at other park assignments, still finds the course beneficial.

"The scenarios definitely build your confidence to assess similar incidents in the field," said Seel.

CPW's Boat Safety Program works diligently to keep boating incidents in the field as low as possible by sharing accident trends and prevention tips, like wearing a life vest and not boating under the influence.

"Boating season in Colorado is just getting underway," said Kris Wahlers, CPW's boat safety program coordinator. "While this training prepares our officers to react and document accidents appropriately, we also have a number of events slated to keep safety in the forefront of boater's minds during the summer boating season."

Events include:

Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day (May 20),

National Safe Boating Week (May 21 – **27)**, and

Ready, Set, Wear It! Life Jacket World Record Day (May 21).

Learn more about Boating Safety online athttp://cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/ BoatingSafety.aspx. Find a Colorado boatable water near you, visit http:// cpw.state.co.us/placestogo/Pages/ BoatableWaters.aspx.

CPW officers are P.O.S.T. certified and maintain their certification and law enforcement skills through training such as this throughout the year.

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#### DISTRACTED DRIVING CRASHES ON THE RISE IN COLORADO

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STATEWIDE — There were an estimated 15,307 distracted driving crashes in Colorado in 2015, a number that has grown by 16 percent in the last four years. In 2012 there were 13,236 distracted driving crashes; in 2013 there were 14,002; and in 2014 there were 14,753. With these troubling statistics in mind, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and Colorado State Patrol (CSP) are joining a national effort in recognizing April as National Distracted Driving Awareness Month by declaring distracted driving a significant threat to traffic safety in Colorado. Preliminary data indicates that 69 people were killed in distracted driving crashes in 2015, up from 59 in 2014.

"In a recent CDOT survey, 25 percent of Colorado drivers admitted to using their cell phones for messaging, 38 percent talked on a hand-held cell phones, 63 percent used entertainment devices and 41 percent had eaten while driving in the previous week," said Darrell Lingk, Director of the CDOT's Office of Transportation Safety. "It's clear distracted driving poses a threat to anyone on Colorado roadways,

and it's an issue that CDOT will attack head on this summer through our Drop the Distraction campaign."

Of the estimated 57,298 distracted driving crashes in Colorado between 2012 and 2015, drivers 21 to 30 years old were involved in 30 percent of the crashes. Furthermore, drivers 31 to 40 years old were the second largest group of distracted drivers, accounting for 18 percent of distracted driving crashes between 2012 and 2015. The most common distraction in these crashes were cell phones followed closely by other passengers in the vehicle. More than 50 percent of Colorado's distracted driving crashes from 2012 to 2015 occurred in Denver, Jefferson, Arapahoe and Adams counties.

"We know we can save lives by reducing the number of impaired drivers on the road and increasing seat belt usage, which is the reason for our DUI and seat belt enforcement periods," said Scott Hernandez, Chief of the Colorado State Patrol. "Distracted driving is a more recent, but equally dangerous driving habit, and one that we hope to impact through our next enforcement period."

In conjunction with Distracted Driving National Awareness Month, CDOT is partnering with CSP to conduct a highvisibility distracted driving enforcement period.

Beginning Friday, April 8, and running through Sunday, April 10, state troopers will increase patrols, specifically looking for drivers who are distracted.

CDOT is also asking Facebook users to submit their own anti-distracted driving messages for possible use on highway message signs throughout the state. Starting Thursday, March 31, the CDOT Facebook page will begin accepting user submissions for messages, and will then put the submission to a public vote. The winning messages may be displayed on highway signs in April.

CDOT's *Drop The Distraction* campaign educates motorists about the dangers of distracted driving.

This summer, CDOT will launch a statewide, high-visibility awareness campaign to decrease distracted driving. For more information about distracted driving in Colorado, visit <a href="mailto:codot.gov/safety/distracteddriving">codot.gov/safety/distracteddriving</a>.

#### **CORRECTION: CRISIS PHONE LINE NUMBERS:**

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#### ALPINE BANK INDUCTED INTO THE INTERNATIONAL GREEN INDUSTRY HALL OF FAME



David Miller, senior vice president and leader of the Alpine Bank Green Team, presents a plaque representing Alpine Bank's induction into the International Green Industry Hall of Fame (IGIHOF) at the non-profit's annual conference and induction ceremony on March 9, 2016 in Clovis, Calif. Courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, Colo. – The International Green Industry Hall of Fame (IGIHOF) inducted Alpine Bank on March 9 at a ceremony held in Clovis, Calif. at the Buchanan Energy Academy and the Center for Advanced Research and Technology.

In addition to Alpine Bank, the IGIHOF

recognized eight other companies and three individuals for their excellence, innovation and pioneering work in the green industry. This year's inductees include Agrissentials, a New Zealand company that manufactures high-quality organic fertilizers; Linda Smith-Zengen, a leader in the movement to optimize waste management in hospitals; and LittleFootprint Lighting, developer of LED task lamps that are fabricated from recycled e-waste plastic and recycled steel.

Joining New Belgium Brewing and Amory Lovins, founder of the Rocky Mountain Institute, Alpine Bank is the third representative from Colorado to join the ranks of the IGIHOF.

"Alpine Bank was nominated primarily because of their comprehensive approach to sustainability," said IGIHOF Founder and Chairman Sam Geil.

"IGIHOF primarily focused on the work in the environmental aspects of the overall sustainability strategy, which we found to be pioneering, innovative and best practices for the banking industry."

**About International Green Industry** 

#### Hall of Fame

Founded in 2008, the IGIHOF recognizes individuals and organizations that have contributed to reducing the environmental effects from industrial production, have embraced green technology, or have developed products aimed at boosting energy efficiency, trimming waste, and reducing or eliminating the use or the production of harmful substances.

The International Green Industry Hall of Fame honors the efforts these pioneers have made for future generations. Visit <a href="www.gogreenhall.org">www.gogreenhall.org</a> for more information.

#### **About Alpine Bank**

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## INSTRUCTOR KAREN EDENS HONORED WITH 2016 FACULTY MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD FROM DELTA-MONTROSE VO-TEC



Pictured Left to Right: Dr. Russ Meyer Vice Chair State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education, Karen Edens 2016 Faculty of the Year Delta-Montrose Technical College, Dr. Nancy McCallin President Colorado Community College System, and John Jones Director Delta-Montrose Technical College. Courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror

DELTA – Karen Edens, Barbering instructor at Delta-Montrose Technical College (DMTC), was recently recognized by the Colorado State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education as the 2016 Faculty Member of the Year at DMTC. Edens has been a barber for 30 years and has taught barbering and cosmetology classes at DMTC for five years. Edens is a native of Grand Junction, Col-

orado. After graduating from high school, Edens went to Utah to attend dental technician training. She spent one year as a dental tech but realized that she was not happy in that profession. "I always wanted to do hair," Edens said. She went back to school to become a cosmetologist, and after six months in that profession she went back to school again to study barbering. It was in her barbering classes that Edens realized she had found her true passion. After several years working as a barber,

she was invited to return to Utah Technical College (now Salt Lake City Community College) to teach in the barbering program. One weekend she came back to Colorado to visit her parents in Grand Junction. Before the weekend was over Edens had bought a turnkey shop and had made the decision to move back to Grand Junction with her children.

Since her return to Colorado, Edens owned her own shop for over ten years.

While owning her own shop she went to work for Farouk Systems a manufacturer of high-quality hair products. She was in sales and worked as an educator for Farouk. After leaving that company she was salon manager at JC Penny in Grand Junction for five years and then opened another shop that she still operates.

Edens first became familiar with the Cosmetology program at DMTC while she was working for Farouk Systems. She taught product labs for the Cosmetology program. Later she became an active member of the Cosmetology department advisory committee at DMTC. She was involved in the early stages of developing a Barbering program and was excited to be invited to become the Barbering instructor five years ago when the program began operations. Edens still does hair when she is not teaching at DMTC.

"Hair is my hobby," she said. When she isn't teaching or doing hair she enjoys spending time with her husband, Kevin, her four children and their spouses, four grandchildren, her mom, and her sister. Delta-Montrose Technical College is a public career and technical college in Delta, Colorado. It offers 57 secondary and postsecondary certificates in 12 different programs.

All certificates can be earned in two semesters or less, with many of them only one semester in length.

#### **HONORABLE MENTION**

We are dedicating this Honorable Mention entirely to our first advertiser, Jenni Sopsic of the Montrose Chamber of Commerce.

As Jenni leaves to take a job with Montrose Memorial Hospital after more than six years with the former Montrose Visitor & Convention Bureau, Montrose ACT, and Montrose Chamber of Commerce, we feel it is appropriate to say thank you for being the first person to recognize the value of an online, community news source.

Thank you Jenni!!! Best wishes for your new job and all of your future endeavors!

#### **CHOW DOWN PUTS PETS FIRST, EXPANDS PRODUCTS AND SERVICES**

By Liesl Greathouse

MONTROSE-After three years in Montrose, Chow Down Pet Supplies on West Main Street has gone through a lot of growth and a lot of change, with more on the way.

Chow Down offers animal food, treats, beds and toys for all kinds of pets, as well as professional grooming services and self service dog washes. They are always looking for ways to grow and be an even better store for their customers. "The biggest change for us is the amount of products we offer," explained owner Krista Bush. "We have new brands of food, treats and all kinds of toys. We are constantly searching for new things to shake it up and keep our customers and their pets happy."

She added, "The biggest comment we hear is how people can't believe how many products we have inside our store. When we first opened, we were worried about having such a big space and filling it up. Now we are having to get creative with our displays."

One key point they focus on when bringing in new products is if the products are made in the USA. "We are excited about new toys and beds that are USA made," Bush said. "It's easy to find food and treats that are made in the USA, but it is more difficult to find toys and beds."

Why the emphasis on USA made products? "For the sourcing and quality of the ingredients," Bush explained. "Also, with toys and beds, why not support the companies to keep as many jobs here in the US?"

Among all the things they offer, they want people to know that they offer products that will fit any budget. "I believe people think that since we are on Main Street we must be a boutique store with boutique prices," Bush said. "But we have prices to satisfy any need and budget. We have bags of food for less than a \$1 a pound that is still nutritious and healthy. Some of the brands we carry also have a frequent buyer program, where if you buy 10 or 12 bags you get one bag free."

They have also seen growth in their services, with the store now having two grooming rooms and three full-time groomers. They also have two new dog wash bases for their self-service dog wash, a popular service. "They are convenient and inexpensive," Bush said. "For \$10 you get shampoo, a towel, water, hair dryer, etc. You do the work and we clean up the mess."

Which is something that Bush appreciates all too well. "When I would wash my dog



Sarah holds Mikey at Chow Down Pet Supplies.

at home, he would proceed to get out of the tub and wipe himself on everything, leaving wet dog hair everywhere," she said.

With so much change at the store, there are two unchanging elements that Chow Down will continue to focus on: their customer service and their community involvement. "We strive to provide the best customer service we can," Bush said. "We greet everyone who comes in, carry things out to people's cars and help people around the store. Rarely will a customer come in and not get any help. Our goal is to make our customers happy."

In terms of community involvement, both helping with local animals and local events is their goal. Being a pet-based store, any way to help local rescues is something they focus on. An upcoming Pet Adoption Day will be on April 16 with the Second Chance Humane Society. "We have also been contacted by the Montrose Animal Shelter to do a puppy shower, to let people know what kind of dogs are available for adoption," Bush explained. "We also support community events. We are involved with the Montrose Music Series, a beer tasting at the 2 Rascals Brewery in August, and others. We believe in being involved in area events, because those events are what make Montrose cool and fun."

Bush's favorite part of her job has been the relationships she gets to form with peo-

ple and their pets. "Montrose is such great area," she said. "I love seeing faces that I have seen since we first opened, and the relationships with them and their pets. They come back and support us."

Part of those relationships were formed because of their location on Main Street, which helps to incorporate them into the local community. "When we were first looking to buy a space, we were trying to decide between Main Street or south on Townsend," she said.

"At the time there was such a push by the Downtown Development Authority to drive people Downtown, so we picked this location. When we first moved here on West Main there were only two or three other businesses on our block. Now there is not a single vacancy. [It is amazing to see] after three years how much Downtown Montrose has grown. There are a lot of great shops and we're really excited about future growth."

Bush welcomes anyone who is still curious about their store to come by and check them out. "We have all kinds of stuff. We are constantly changing, constantly growing. We invite people to step in and see it"

Chowdown Pet Supplies in Montrose is located at 202 Main St. and is open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.–7 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information, call 249-5052.







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With a love for Colorado and the ski industry, Gillett acquired Vail Associates and Beaver Creek ski resorts in 1985. He's been a member of the Leadership Council of the United States Olympic Committee, and was inducted into the Colorado Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame.

With entrepreneurial ventures extending beyond the realm of athletics, Mr. Gillett now oversees interests in automotive, communications and nuclear fusion energy industries.



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#### SIXTH ANNUAL COBBLE CREEK COMPASSION BASH

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Friday April 29th – 6th<sup>th</sup> Annual Cobble Creek Compassion Bash – Interactive fashion show for guys and gals, complimentary hors devours with cash bar, dancing, raffles and grand prizes. All to benefit Dr. Mary Vader's Helping Hand Fund, a component of the Montrose Community Foundation. Cobble Creek Clubhouse, 6:00 pm. Tickets: \$25, available at She She Boutique and D'Medici Footwear and Nina Suzanne's Main St., Montrose, Cobble Creek Pro Shop. For more info call 970-964-4947 or emailinfo@cobblecreek.com.

#### "HISTORY ON THE MOVE" TO MUSEUM OF THE MOUNTAIN WEST

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-On Wednesday, April 6, 2016, at approximately 9 a.m. you might catch a glimpse of a part of Montrose history rolling through the streets. Vogy's House Moving LLC will begin transporting a "Second Empire-style" house from its present location at the corner of S. Fifth and S. Selig Streets to The Museum of the Mountain West located at the eastern gateway of Montrose. The planned travel

route from S. Fifth Street / S. Selig is to transport the house to S. Rio Grande Avenue, then south to E. Oak Grove Road, east to Pavilion Drive, turn onto Stone Bridge Drive/Cirque Way, north on 6700 Road, east on Sunnyside Road, north on 67.20 Road, then east on Miami Road to the Museum grounds. Local research indicates the house was built around 1904; Second Empire-style architecture was most popular between 1865 and 1880. Following up on



Empire House on the move. Photo by Brad Switzer.

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Join us in supporting our vision to enrich and uplift the lives of our local older adults.

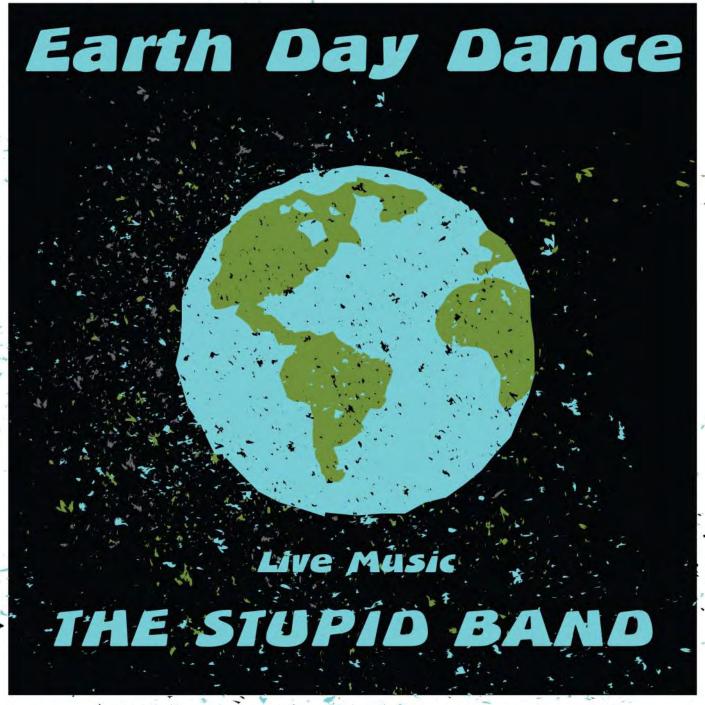


www.voahealthservices.org www.Facebook.com/VOAWesternSlope 1-844-VOA-4YOU the generous donation of the house to the Museum in 2015 by brothers Ken and Dave Walker of KSB Partnership, LLC, the Museum has endeavored to raise funds to move this important local piece of historical architecture for display at the Museum grounds. Features of the Second Empire-style home include a mansard roof, subtle Victorian trim, and unique sunken windows.

The move was made possible through the efforts and financial contributions of Vogy's House Moving LLC, Delta-Montrose Electric Association, Century Link, Charter Spectrum, City of Montrose, Office of Business and Tourism, private donors and countless volunteer hours of labor and research.

A unique sponsorship opportunity is available to help with plans for the structure's renovation and future tours. Private donations also welcome for the house restoration.

Step back in time into the real history of the "Old West" and Western Colorado with a visit to the Museum of the Mountain West located in Montrose, Colorado. For additional details, visit <a href="https://www.museumofthemountainwest.org">www.museumofthemountainwest.org</a> or call 970-240-3400.



April 23, 2016, Saturday
Turn of the Century

\$10 and 2 non-perishable food items for the Local Food Bank
'Doors at 7:30 pm'

#### 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 Uncompanier 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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-

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 5-Validation Dementia Communication for Caregivers. 11 to Noon at at Delta County Memorial Hospital Oncology Center. Free and open to the public.

April 6-Volunteers of America presents The Sugar Effect with Abbie Brewer at the Homestead of Montrose at 1819 Pavilion Drive, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

April 6-The Montrose County Historical Society Presents program for April 6th will be given by Mike Berry on the "History of Tri County Water and Valley-wide Domestic Water System" for more information please contact 249-2085. This presentation will be at the Montrose County Fairgrounds, starting at 7 pm and is free to the public.

April 6-"City Dark," Free public documentary at Montrose Library meeting room Wednesday April 6 at 7.Importance of preserving the night sky,narrated by Neil De Grasse Tyson, presented by Uncomphagre Valley Association.

April 8-10-San Juan Independent Film Festival, Montrose Pavilion. The full film schedule can be found at <a href="www.buildinglives.org/sjiff">www.buildinglives.org/sjiff</a>.

April 9--Montrose County Democratic Party Annual Jefferson Jackson Dinner, Sat. April 9 5 Social hour with cash bar /Silent Auction , Program @ 6 p.m. Keynote speaker ~Colorado State Senator Gail Schwartz , Tickets: \$45 Call 240-0399 or available at Coffee Trader.

April 11-15 Peak Virtual Academy Registration Week is April 11-15th from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Please come in and pick up an enrollment packet and schedule an interview. For more information, Parent Information Night is scheduled Monday, April 11 at 6 p.m. at 526 North 6th Street. We look forward to seeing you!

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 14-Friendship Force International, non-profit organization, was founded and introduced to the world at a ceremony held at the White House on March 1, 1977. FFI provides opportunities to explore new cultures from the inside by bringing people together at the personal level. Friendship Force of western Colorado's next meeting is planned for:
Thursday, April 14 at 6:15 pm Meeting location - Red Cross Training Center, 5th and Gunnison. The meeting will feature a special presentation from Annie Gingerich, Associate Director, and Sam, an international student from Saudi Arabia, through CMU - International Programs and Services. "Like Us on Facebook" — Friendship Force Western Colorado"

If you're interested in joining us please call Sue Palmer on 970-260-4653.

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 16-Alpine Bank Shred Day at 2770 Alpine Drive and 1400 east Main Street in Montrose from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

April 18-29-The 8th annual Montrose County School District Art Show opens Monday, April 18, 2016, and runs through Friday, April 29. Everyone is invited to view paintings, drawings, ceramics and photography representing students in kindergarten through 12th grades. The show may be seen between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Region 10 Enterprise Building, 300 N. Cascade Avenue in Montrose.Contact person: Ann-Marie Fleming 249-6015.

April 21-Delta-Montrose Electric Association Morning Buzz. Join us for good conversation, coffee and pastries with the DMEA Morning Buzz at the Busy Corner White Kitchen in Olathe (318 Main Street in Olathe) from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m.

April 22-Delta-Montrose Electric Association Morning Buzz. Join us for good conversation, coffee and pastries with the DMEA Morning Buzz at the Munson Gallery in Cedaredge (260 West Main Street in Cedaredge) from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m.

April 23- Alpine Bank Shred Day at 119 Liddell Drive in Ridgway from 9 a.m. to Noon.

April 23-Annual Stupid Band Earth Dance! Turn of the Century Saloon in Montrose. Bring \$10 and 2 non-perishable food items.

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.

April 28-29-Leader Cross Training - Healthier Living Colorado-Diabetes. *Prerequisite: Successful completion of the 4-day Healthier Living. Colorado Leader Training and being a certified Leader of the program.* Cost: \$325 *Scholarship funds are available.* Montrose County Health and Human Services (1845 S. Townsend Ave.) Apr 28, 2016—Apr 29, 2016, 8:30 AM—5 PM. Contact Pam Allen at 303-984-1845 or <a href="mailto:pam@coaw.org">pam@coaw.org</a>.



## The Homestead Fundraising



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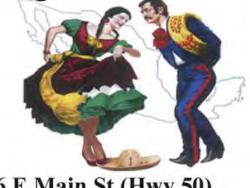
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From top left...early blossoms at City Hall...an evening ride...Ridgway business owner Caroline Lescroart enjoyed an evening at the Lark & Sparrow on Friday, April 1.

