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DOGS, PEOPLE TO CONVERGE ON CITY COUNCIL TUESDAY



Chris Larsen and Zippy. Larsen is grateful to the local couple who donated the puppy to him after the loss of his German Shepherd Zeus, and to MCSO Officer Keith Sanders, for talking to him and introducing Canine Oxx.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-When his leashed German Shepherd Zeus was shot and killed by a Montrose Police officer after wandering away on April 4, carpenter Chris Larsen found himself struggling to deal with the loss of his longtime companion. However, the support and caring he has received from the local community since the incident have meant the world to him, Larsen said.

Zeus was trained as an avalanche dog when he was young, and Larsen said he believes that the concept of training will be key to resolving animal control mishaps in the future.

Larsen said he is very, very grateful to the local couple who donated a German Shepherd puppy to him in the days following Zeus' death. He has named the new dog Zippy, which was his pet name for Zeus. He expressed appreciation as well for those who have reached out to express condolences and support. "I have really tried to answer every condolence and friend each person who has reached out in this traumatic, difficult time," he said. "I love them all."

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MONTROSE COUNTY INDOOR ARENA AND EVENTS CENTER



The present Montrose County Fairgrounds Arena. The new arena events center will be indoors. Courtesy photo.

By Liesl Greathouse

MONTROSE-With the Montrose County Fair, rodeos, and motorized vehicle events of all kinds, the Montrose Fairgrounds arena has had a fantastic year. However, there is just one little problem with the venue: it's outside. Meaning, when the cold winds blow and Winter settles in, we are separated from the ability to enjoy those things during those months. That is why a new indoor arena and events center is in the works for Montrose County.

The project has been under consideration for four to five years now, as part of

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COLLECTOR SPOTLIGHT: HANS CLAASSEN



By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-This black 1957 Chevy Bel Air convertible has a three speed column shift, a 283 cubic engine, and two four-barrel carburetors. Through a broker Hans Claassen found the car in South Dakota and purchased it in 2000. "The car was completely restored with all original stuff, but it wasn't running when I got it." Until he could get it running Hans didn't know that a lot of things didn't work...the overdrive, the radio, the convertible top, the gearshift linkage. "It took quite a while to figure it out."

Hans describes the 1957 Bel Air as the quintessential mid-50's car. "The economy was just getting back after the war and they came out with bright colors, lots of chrome, and styling that looked like a jet plane. It was flash. From an artistic view the design is actually overdone." The mileage is unknown, but in the restoration it effectively became a new car.

Hans has seven vehicles in various stages of restoration — four that are finished, one needs some little stuff, and two ready to be worked on. Would he part with any of them? "Oh…everything is for sale! I'm almost 80 years old and I have way too much stuff. I have to downsize. I'll cry as they leave…but the '57 is the one I'd like to keep the longest."

Watch for more of Gail's Cruisin' in Style series...in the Mirror and in Publisher Janine Bush's new Western Weekend Blast on Fridays!

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Since the incident of April 4 Larsen has been working with City officials to schedule a peaceful, human and dog companion memory walk on behalf of Zeus, who at age seven was still a puppy to his owner.

The walk will begin organizing at Centennial Plaza at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19. The intent is to gather peacefully together, and walk across to attend the meeting of the Montrose City Council when it convenes in the Elks Building at 6 p.m.

Montrose Police Department, "There will be no heckling," Larsen said.

"This is a peaceful act of civil disobedience; no one who is here for Zeus should act like a fool." Dogs should be leashed. Larsen also adds that the German Shepherd is among the world's most popular dog breeds for a reason. "They are known for loyalty, hard work, intelligence and sacrifice," he said. "If you live within 200

And though the walk will be held near the miles and you own a German Shepherd, it is a moral imperative that you show up if you can." The ultimate goal is to establish a canine unit in the Montrose Police Department, Larsen added, complete with a police dog. "I would like to see a commission set up, and a training program that would help the police know how to deal with stray dogs," he said, "and how to approach animals. And I want money to be earmarked for officer training."

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

FOURTH ANNUAL MILE HIGH DENVER **BRONCOS SALUTE TO FANS TOUR KICKS OFF!**

Special to the Mirror

DENVER — The Denver Broncos and U.S. Bank are presenting the fourth annual Mile High Salute to Fans Tour that will hit the road later this month and make stops in Durango (4/22), Montrose (4/23), Salida (4/24) and La Junta (5/6). A fifth stop in a city which will be determined by a fan vote will be made on Friday, May 13.

Fans can nominate their choice for the fifth city now through April 15 by visitinghttp://www.denverbroncos.com/fans/ salute-to-fans-tour.html. The top three cities will be selected with a final fan vote determining the last location of the tour.

The tour, which in 2016 is also being supported El Pomar Foundation, will kick off Thursday, April 21, at new Broncos

partner Lazydays RV (3640 Chambers Rd., Aurora, CO 80011), where a Broncosbranded RV will be picked up to provide transportation for the tour. The tour will continue to include four day-long trips to cities located in the southern part the state.

"The Broncos recognize and appreciate all fans across the state of Colorado and the Rocky Mountain Region," Director of Marketing Ted Santiago said. "While they may not all be able to cheer on the Broncos in person at Sports Authority Field at Mile High, these fans are important to the success of the organization and we're doing our part to bring the team to them."

The stops in each city will include a city celebration where fans will receive a cityspecific Broncos World Champion sticker

provided by U.S. Bank. In addition, Broncos players, cheerleaders and Miles the Mascot will be available for autographs and photos. Private football clinics and hospital visits (closed to the public) will also take place in each city.

El Pomar Foundation is teaming up with the Denver Broncos to promote health and wellness in communities outside the Front Rage. El Pomar will support a nonprofit organization at each stop to promote youth health and wellness through various football drills and activities for kids.

As a way to thank fans for their loyalty, passion and ongoing support, each tour stop will be free and open to the public (see schedule below for specific times/ locations).



MONTROSE COUNTY INDOOR ARENA AND EVENTS CENTER From pg 1

the Fairgrounds Master Plan. What is currently confirmed is that it will be built where the old BMX bike area was in the northeast corner of the Fairgrounds, adjacent to San Juan Ave. It will be a total of 160,000 square feet, with 120,000 square feet on the ground floor, and the Mezzanine floor being 40,000 square feet. "The arena will also include 40,000 square-feet of dirt space," explained County Manager Ken Norris, P.E. "We interviewed a lot of cowbovs about what to do and they said 'do not build the dirt area too small.' There will be no vertical columns, so it will have lots of room for livestock and rodeos.'

He added, "The first purpose of the building is to be friendly to rodeo events. The second purpose is to be friendly to motorized events."

Along the perimeter of the dirt area will be meeting rooms, a commercial kitchen, concession areas, restrooms, areas where vendors can set up, and a staging area for different rodeo events.

The Mezzanine floor will be open down to the arena with seating for spectators. There will also be a press box, office space and more room for concessions and vendors on the second floor.

In the seating department, the new events center will include bleachers that hold 2,000 people on the first floor and 3,800 people on the second floor. If any events such as concerts are held, they have the ability to add in more seating, making space for around 5,000-6,000 participants in total. Seating can be an issue at the current arena, this past year the Fair filled up the 1,500 seats in the grandstands, with several hundred people standing around the arena watching events.

Exterior plans include 1,000 parking spaces, room for recreational vehicle parking and horse trailers, as well as 200 stalls for horses.

Some of the events they hope to have at the new events center include all kinds of rodeos, roping, bull riding, car shows, concerts, mini conventions, monster trucks and truck pulling events. Basically anything from demolition derbies all the way to craft shows.

Currently the County is in the process of requesting proposals from general contractors for the new events center. That will help establish the budget; discussions will then begin on how much funding will be available. Once those things are decided, then will come the time-frame for con-

struction.

While the building sounds impressive, why build it in the first place? "We are very interested in the economic development of the community, in bringing money and jobs in," Norris explained. "An indoor arena can bring in multi-day events, with lots of folks staying here, going to local restaurants and spending money here, leading to a healthier economy. We did focus groups and there were a lot of interested groups. What people would like to see Montrose County do at the Fairgrounds is of a very high level of interest. We are an Ag community, so it would draw people from all across the Western Slope as spectators or participants. During Summer time, we do events in our outdoor arena, but when it gets cold, that's it. Our

ag folks would like to continue [doing events] through the Winter."

Norris has been helping with the plans for the new events center for about five years now and his excitement for it keeps growing. "I get excited as I talk to people in the community and hear their excitement," he said. "We get lots of input and ideas for events. [There has been a] lot of planning, a lot of discoveries, and a lot of groups interested in bringing jobs and money into the community. We are really enthusiastic about it. I have been enjoying every minute of it, and will work to make it the best indoor events center it can be."

Norris encourages people to contact him with any creative ideas for events, etc. related to the new events center. For more information, call 252-4510.

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MONTROSE-A Montrose nurse was recently accepted into a prestigious program to educate emerging obstetrical leaders in the field. Rainy Tieman, a Registered Nurse (RN) at Montrose Memorial Hospital, recently joined the Emerging Leaders program offered by the Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN). "We're proud of Rainy's national recognition and hold her up as an example of the excellent clinical staff we have caring for our patients," said Steve Hannah, MHA, CEO of Montrose Memorial Hospital.

Over 700 healthcare professionals applied to the program this year, yet only ten candidates are selected each year. Last year, Colorado was not represented among the ten awardees.

"I always try to be better," said Rainy. "I always want to provide my patients with the best care. I'm also an instructor at the technical college, so I feel like I should know something really well before I

teach."

About \$100,000 is invested into the ten awardees. The program is made possible by a grant from the Johnson & Johnson Campaign for Nursing's Future. According to AW-HONN, "Activities include guidance from mentors, networking events, meetings with Members of Congress and their staff, multiple continuing education opportunities, and other experiential training to build confidence and leadership skills among participants."

The program offers unique opportunities—such as in March, when Rainy was flown to Washington, D.C. for her two day training. Rainy was part of a group that met with senators at the capitol currently working on legislation for the Zika virus—a headline-grabbing disease spread primarily through mosquito bites that can affect unborn children.



As part of the program, Rainy will be presenting at the National AWHONN Conference in Texas and will also return to Washington, D.C. in November for further training. As an Emerging Leader, Rainy will return to Montrose with improved knowledge and experience to help enrich O.B. care in the community.



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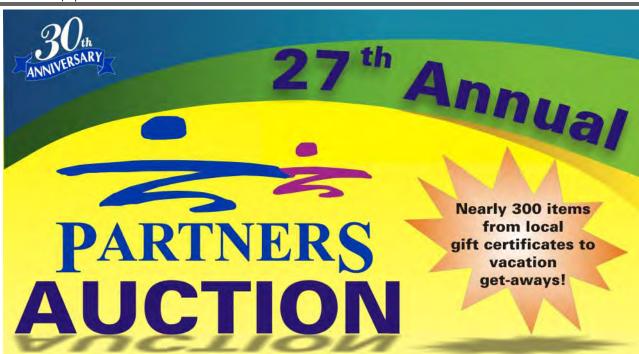
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WRITER GAIL MARVEL'S CLUB CONNECTION

SAN JUAN QUILT GUILD: SEWING COMMUNITY!



On March 12, the ladies of the San Juan Quilt Guild participate in the business meeting. Photo by Gail Marvel.

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-Montrose has three quilting groups, the San Juan Quilt Guild, the Columbine Quilters, and Friendship Quilters. These clubs participate in the Black Canyon Quilt Show, which this year takes place July 8-10.

During my visit to the San Juan Quilt Guild on March 12, I sensed good natured rivalry and competitiveness between the clubs. Laughter spread around the room when a member of the guild compared their club to the others by saying, "But we are the bomb!"

In April the San Juan Quilt Guild marks their 12th anniversary and out of the 45 current members, seven of the ladies are charter members.

According to guild president Sandy Engraff the original mission of the group was, "To share the quilting experience and to be a source of information and education to other quilters."

However, their purpose has evolved and now the main area of outreach is making quilts to donate to the San Juan Cancer Center, Dolphin House and Life Choices.

This club attracts members from Placerville to Delta and although no men have joined, they are welcome. Membership dues are \$15 a year, which includes dis-

count cards for local fabric stores. Ms. Engraff said, "The majority of our ladies are retired, but we have about eight members who still work full time."

Prior to the meeting a flurry of chatter could be heard as women showed one another their projects, shared patterns and helped themselves to the give-away table laid out with small rolls of material, thread and magazines.

The business meeting, which included approval of minutes, treasurers report, and various committee reports, was followed by announcements. It was revealed however, that not all business takes place at the meeting. One woman quipped, "There is a lot of business done in the aisles of Wal-Mart!"

The San Juan Quilt Guild spring retreat will be held over Memorial Day weekend (May 27-29), but space is limited and attendance restricted to 24 people. These ladies are very well organized, up to and including voting on the menu for the retreat.

Three quilts, which were complete except for the binding, were laid before the group and quickly snatched up by a volunteer who wanted to finish them, "It's better than just watching TV!"

After refreshments the group proceeded



Pre-made pillowcase kits requested by Hilltop House are ready for assembly. Photo by Gail Marvel.

to Show & Tell, where as many as 15 members show off their handiwork and latest projects.

Next on the agenda is the program, which for this day was making pillowcases and small drawstring bags for children who are assisted through Hilltop House.

The meeting room was set up with sewing machines, irons and ironing boards and the facilitator provided pre-made kits of brightly colored fabric that participants could either take home to sew, or sew on the project as a group after the program.

An ongoing project for the guild is making quilted throws and blankets for patients of the San Juan Cancer Center who have completed their chemo and radiation treatments.

Ms. Engraff said, "There are no set number of quilts needed because there are always new patients coming through. The size of the quilt doesn't matter, but patients like to look at them and feel them. They are appreciative of our work."

Last year the guild also made 90 placemats for the senior's hot meals program.

According to Ms. Engraff, the key to the guild's community outreach is that, "It's a good way for women who are new to the area to meet other women who like to sew. We have many very talented and highly skilled women in our club who are willing to share their expertise."

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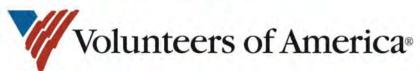
Validation is a way of caring for and communicating with older adults who are often diagnosed as having Alzheimer's-type dementia. Developed by Naomi Feil, a social worker known throughout North America and Europe for her breakthrough approach to elderly care, Validation promotes empathy on the part 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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KOP BUILDING WELCOMES MAKERS MARKET SPRING BAZAAR APRIL 22-23



By Caitlin Switzer

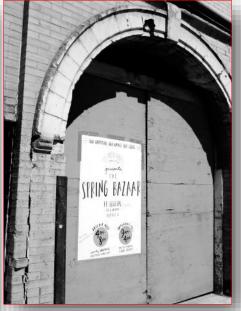
MONTROSE-Montrose Taco Wars are heating up, with the battle to be resolved at the upcoming Makers Market Spring Bazaar pop-up event at the Knights of Pythias Building April 22-23. Better plan to come Downtown and sample great tacos and other foods, shop the market, and stroll the Downtown Business District! "We are really excited," Market organizer Margaret Mocko said. "Right now we have 38 vendors, and the rules are that you either make it yourself, it is vintage, or it was designed and made in the U.S. "Taco Wars will be Friday night—come and vote for your favorite!"

Friday night will also include a preview

party from 4 to 8 p.m., with the Brown Family Band to perform. The Makers Market and food trucks will be open Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Mocko has been hosting indie pop-up markets in Montrose for the past three years, and has outgrown her former venue, the Montrose Elks Lodge. "We needed a bigger space," she said. "And the Downtown merchants have been supportive; this will help bring people Downtown and give the businesses top-of-mind awareness. And all of our sponsors are local businesses; they will have booths here as well."

The Makers Market offers a one-stop shop, and another great reason to come Downtown, she added. "Come and find



Margaret Mocko hosts the Indie Pop-Up Makers Market Spring Bazaar at the Knights of Pythias Building in Montrose April 22-23.

everything from kids toys to wedding presents and clothing," Mocko said. "The West Slope needs this type of market; this gives us more opportunities to sell, and more opportunities to chase your dreams."

In addition to local merchants, vendors will come from as far away as Durango and Denver, she said. And with a brand new taxi service in town (Angel's Taxi), you don't even need to drive to spend the day in town. "Come down, spend the entire day, shop and have dinner!" she said. For more information contact Margaret at 970-901-8888 or via email at magsoulservice@gmail.com.



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NEW COUNCIL TO BE SWORN IN, NEW MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO TEM SELECTED

Mirror Staff Report

MONTROSE-One new employee will be welcomed when the Montrose City Council convenes for a work session on Monday April 18. Mike Skoko, GIS, joins the information systems team as GIS Systems Analyst. Council will discuss City appointments to the Region 10 League for Economic Assistance & Planning, to the Tourism Retail Advisory Committee, and as alternate to the Project 7 Water board. Council will discuss bond refinance and hear a report from the Gunnison Basin Roundtable.

Upcoming topics for discussion at future work sessions include: Community Leaders Fellowship Project Final Reports and First Quarter Budget Review on April 19; the Sharing Ministries Alley Vacation Request and Retail Liquor Store Liquor License Transfer for Bear Creek Liquors on May 3; A New Brew Pub Liquor License Application for Zulu Brewing Company and First Quarter Budget Review on May 17.Not scheduled yet are the Tax Increment Financing and Public Improvement Fee; Municipal Court Annual Report; Economic Development Plan; and Fireworks Display Permit Approval.

New City Councilors will be sworn in at the <u>regular City Council meeting of April 19</u>, followed by selection of a new Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem. Outgoing Mayor David Romero will be recognized for his service during 2015-2016. Following a brief recess, Council will hear a City Youth Council Report and consider the appointment of Jenna Holyfield to the City Youth Council. Council will hear final reports from the Community Leaders Fellowship project; and consider bids for the purchase of one Ford F150 Super Crew Cab truck for the Police Department Investigation Division and six Ford Explorer Interceptor Utility Vehicles for the Police Department Patrol Division. Following Sales, Use & Excise Tax Reports and Public Information Officer Reports Council will adjourn.

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2:45-3:30 Tap 2 (ages 11-14)

3:30-4:15 Pre-Ballet (ages 3-5)

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5K FUN RUN/WALK AND COMEDY NIGHT TO BENEFIT THE DOLPHIN HOUSE

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE—The Dolphin House Child Advocacy Center will be the beneficiary of the AWARE 5K fun run/walk and comedy night presented by ByForce Ministries, Inc. to bring awareness to sexual assault and sexual abuse.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. In an effort to raise awareness for this very serious issue, ByForce Ministries, Inc. will host its first charity run/walk and benefit Comedy Night on April 30, 2016. The Walk will begin at 9:00 am at Calvary Chapel in Montrose, proceeding to The Dolphin House and returning to Calvary Chapel. The Comedy Night will be held at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites-Montrose beginning at 7:00 pm. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Dolphin House Child Advocacy Center. For more information about the AWARE fun run/walk or the comedy night please visit the Dolphin House website at www.dolphinhousecolorado.org.

THE THIRD ANNUAL NURSES 4 NURSING MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Special to the Mirror

REGIONAL-Applications are now available for the third annual Nurses 4 Nursing Memorial Scholarship. The goal of this scholarship is to help others find the true love of nursing by offering a \$500 scholarship to a qualified individual seeking education in the nursing field. This is an all-ages opportunity for Western Slope students seeking further education in nursing fields. Recipients will be announced at the 8th annual Nurses Day Celebration on May 11, 2016 at Canyon Creek Bed and Breakfast.

For application: Please send email request to nurses4nursing@yahoo.com subject Application Request. Deadline for return is on or before May 1, 2016. If you need any further information please contact Tina Wilson at 970-249-5454 or email twilson@montrosehospital.com.

HEALTH & WELLNESS EVENT IN RIDGWAY MONDAY, APRIL 18!

Special to the Mirror

RIDGWAY-The Health & Wellness Committee will be bringing a special presentation at Ridgway Secondary School in the Commons Area, 6-8 pm on Monday, April 18th as we kick off the No Sugar Challenge Week for students and families. The evening will include a brief presentation by local wellness authorities, information and booths from health and wellness vendors, a special showing of the movie "Fed Up", and entry into some great raffle prizes for all those in attendance. We will be giving away a grand prize of FitBit as well as punch passes, veggie boxes and more! The evening is open for all to attend, not just students and families. We encourage all to participate in the "No Sugar Challenge" to be launched that evening, or just to absorb some great information on healthy lifestyle choices. Contact volunteer member Stephanie Lauerman Wallin at 970-209-6366 or via email at smlwallin@gmail.com.



LOCAL CREDIT UNION TO HOST FINANCIAL REALITY FAIR FOR 275 MHS SENIORS

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-On Tuesday, April 19 at 9 am, the Montrose High School gym will be transformed into a simulated reality marketplace; the "It's Your Life" Reality Fair hosted by NuVista Federal Credit Union. Montrose High School seniors will check in with volunteers when they arrive at the fair. The students will choose a career that will come with a predetermined salary, taxes, and student loan debt. From there, students will enter the gymnasium where the real simulation begins. Volunteers from many different businesses will await students inside the gym. Students will experience "a month in the life of and adult with a career and responsibilities."

Each participant will be required to purchase housing, transportation, clothing, groceries, gasoline, insurance, haircuts, etc. Backstreet Bagel will be selling coffee and pastries to "tempt" students to go over their budget. This will simulate the budgetary effect of frequent purchases such as coffee. After visiting each booth, students will see a Financial Counselor to review their decisions and discuss results.

NuVista and Montrose High School are teaming up after the Reality Fair to host an essay contest. All MHS Seniors will be required to write an essay about their experience at the Fair.

One essay will be selected by a panel to receive a \$1,200 scholarship for higher

education. Second and third place essays will receive Certificates of Deposit at NuVista Credit Union.

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NuVista extends a special thanks to volunteer businesses: Academy Mortgage, 20 Sleeps West Realty, Montrose Ford Nissan, Turner Toyota, Tim Tinaza State Farm, Insurance Investors, River Valley Medical, Montrose Police Department, Montrose Fire Protections District, Backstreet Bagel, CrimeStoppers, Chow Down Pet Supplies, Gold's Gym, The City of Montrose, DMEA, Backstreet Bagel, and more.

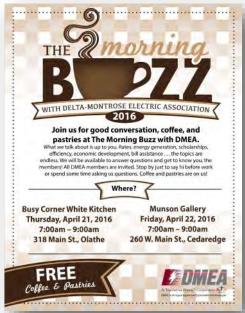
For more information, contact Chelsea Rosty, <u>crosty@nuvista.org</u> or 970-497-5360/970-209-0663.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

PUBLIC INVITED TO THE MORNING BUZZ WITH DMEA CO-OP HOSTS COFFEE MEETINGS IN CEDAREDGE AND OLATHE FOR BUSY MEMBERS



Special to the Mirror

REGIONAL-Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) is inviting members to its newest member outreach program, the Morning Buzz. In an effort to be accessible to their members and provide a convenient way for members to ask questions, the co-op will hold morning coffee meetings at local coffee shops throughout their service territory.

In April, DMEA will host events in Olathe and Cedaredge.

The public is invited to join them for The

THANKS FOR READING THE MONTROSE MIRROR!

FRESH NEWS FOR BUSY
PEOPLE!

CALL 970-275-0646 FOR AD RATES AND INFORMATION! Morning Buzz on the following dates: Thursday, April 21, 2016 at Busy Corner White Kitchen, 318 Main St., Olathe, CO Friday, April 22, 2016 at Munson's Main Street Gallery, 260 W. Main St., Cedaredge, CO

Each event will take place 7am - 9 am. Please note the time change from previous events which were scheduled for 6:45 am - 8 am. The new time slot more closely matches member turnout and provides additional time to speak with co-op representatives. DMEA will provide complimentary coffee, specialty drinks, and pastries.

"It's been reenergizing to visit with our members and talk about the issues they feel are important. Our Morning Buzz events are all about coming to our members and listening to what they have to say. So far, we have had great turnout and valuable conversations. We've also been able to connect with a portion of our membership that doesn't have the time in the evening to attend a meeting," said Kyle Mar-

tinez, DMEA District 2 board representative.

The Morning Buzz events are free to attend. DMEA's CEO, Jasen Bronec, and other co-op representatives will be available to answer questions and listen to suggestions. There will be no formal topic or presentation. Members are encouraged to ask questions on the topics of their choosing. For more information and a schedule of future Morning Buzz events visit www.dmea.comhttp://www.dmea.com or contact Becky at (970) 240-1263 or becky.mashburn@dmea.com mailto:beck y.mashburn@dmea.com>.

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.



FULL NIGHTTIME INTERSECTION CLOSURES PLANNED AT US 50 AND NORTH SAN JUAN AVENUE

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-On the nights of Tuesday, April 19, and Thursday, April 21, a full intersection closure will be in place in all four directions at US Highway 50 (N. Townsend Avenue) and San Juan Avenue in Montrose. This closure will last for 15-30 minutes and will occur at some point between 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. each night. Crews will be installing light signal mast arms over the intersection.

All work is weather dependent and the

closure will be moved to Wednesday night in case of bad weather. Additionally, daytime and nighttime single lane closures can also be expected eastbound and westbound on San Juan Avenue near US 50, as well as northbound and southbound on US 50.

QUADRENNIAL MOCK DUI ACCIDENT APRIL 22, 2016 WILL BE 10 AM AT OURAY COUNTY FAIRGROUND

Special to the Mirror

Juvenile Diversion is, as they do every four years, teaming up with Ouray County Emergency Management, Ouray County EMS, Ouray County Sheriff, Ouray County Coroner, Ouray County Judge, Ouray and Ridgway Schools, Ouray County Extrication, Ridgway Fire, Ouray Police Department, Ridgway Marshal's Office, Col-

orado State Patrol, the District Attorney's Office, St. Mary's CareFlight, Voyager Youth Program and Crippin Funeral Home, to host the 2016 Mock DUI accident.

Every four years, local and region partners work together to act out a Mock DUI Vehicle Accident in front of all students from grades 8-12 from Ouray and Ridgway

Schools. This event is held the day before prom and is a powerful message to students not to drink and drive. Students will witness the immediate aftermath of 5 of their fellow students involved in a DUI accident. During the Mock Accident students will witness what happens from when Emergency Services are paged out all the way through court proceedings (including extrication from vehicles, medical treatment, CareFlight landing and transporting a patient, death notifications to family, and a mock court proceeding).

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STEVE FELBERG, DON PAULSON, ALLISON WOFFORD TO BE FEATURED AT LIVING ROOM LOUNGE

Special to the Mirror

SHERBINO-The Sherbino invites you to wrap up the weekend in Ridgway's Living Room on Sundays at the Living Room Lounge.

Living Room Lounge events feature art from a local artist, live music from a local musician/band, and a cash bar—creating the perfect evening to join fellow community members in sharing the artistic talent that flourishes in the area.

April's Living Room Lounge will feature music from musician, Steve Felberg, and photography by Donald Paulson.

As a special addition, Allison Wofford will be live painting to the music throughout the evening.

This event runs from 6-9 pm with entry by donation only.

ONE BOOK 4 COLORADO REVEALS 2016 SELECTION

Special to the Mirror

COLORADO-Governor John Hickenlooper and Denver Mayor Michael B. Hancock have announced this year's official selection for the annual One Book 4 Colorado program. Each year, the project gives away 75,000 copies of the same book in English and Spanish, attempting to reach every four-year-old in the state. Books are disaround Colorado. The Montrose Regional Library District actively participates in this celebration of reading at the Main Branch, the Naturita Community Library, and the Bookmobile. Our library staff is ready to hand one of these colorful free books to your four-year-old when you come to a District library between now and April 25.

tributed at public libraries and other venues Many public and private entities contribute to the success of this literacy outreach, including the Colorado State Library and the Office of the Lieutenant Governor. If you need more information, you may call our Early Literacy Specialist, Lizz Martensen, at 249-9656, Ext. 2559, or visit the project's website at http:// www.onebook4colorado.org.

Blue Ribbon Pie Contest! Bring Pie and Eat Pie!



Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Join us at Brookdale Sunrise Creek April 29 at 2 p.m. for our Pie Contest! Pies will be judged by an illustrious panel of avid pie eaters! Contact Brandy Reed at 970-240-0600 or brandy.reed@brookdale.com to enter your pie and for more information! Prizes for the Best Pie.

OT REPORT IDENTIFIES 2014 TRAFFIC SAFETY ISSUES

Special to the Mirror

STATEWIDE — The FY2016 Problem **Identification Report** is used by CDOT along with law enforcement, local agencies, nonprofit organizations, and public health and prevention professionals to identify traffic safety problems and target areas for the development of prevention programs. "The traffic safety problems identified in this report will guide our Highway Safety Office in its distribution of resources and aid in the development of prevention programs," said Darrell Lingk, Director of the CDOT's Office of Transportation Safety. "Efforts to determine the modifiable risk factors associated with fatal crashes are needed to determine effective and efficient prevention efforts."

Although Colorado has consistently held lower motor vehicle fatality rates com-

pared to the nation as a whole, Colorado's motor vehicle fatalities are increasing. The Colorado Problem Identification Report serves as a tool to support communitybased approaches to improve Colorado Road Health and lower fatality rates. In 2014, speeding-related fatalities, unrestrained passenger vehicle occupant fatalities, and fatalities with a driver impaired by alcohol accounted for the three largest proportions of the 488 motor vehicle deaths at 168 (34 percent), 164 (33 percent), and 160 (33 percent), respectively. The five year trend data indicate that all three factors are increasing, according to the report. Unrestrained passenger vehicle occupant fatalities increased slightly from 162 in 2010 to 164 in 2014. Speeding -related fatalities increased by almost one percent from 162 in 2010 to 168 in 2014.

Alcohol-related fatalities increased by more than seven percent in this time period from 120 in 2010 to 137 in 2014.

In 2014 there were 451 fatal crashes; 20 crashes higher than occurred in 2013. 488 persons were fatally injured in those crashes; a 1.5 percent increase from 2013. The counties with the highest number of traffic fatalities were: Weld (54), El Paso (53), Jefferson (44), Denver, (42), and Adams

In 2014 there were 12,323 injury crashes, a 28 percent increase from 2013; 7,304 serious injury crashes; 3,224 serious injuries from crashes, a 2.9 percent decrease from 2013. The counties with the highest number of serious injuries were: Denver (610), Arapahoe (382), El Paso (293), Jefferson (257), Adams (243), Weld (206), Larimer (164), and Boulder (180).



April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Report child abuse and neglect today at 1-844-CO-4-KIDS!

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DCMH STAFFERS SUPPORT PINWHEELS FOR PREVENTION



Special to the Mirror
DELTA-Delta County Memorial Hospital Employees are supporting Delta Family Center in "Pinwheels for Prevention." April is Child Abuse
Prevention Month. Currently Delta County has 88 open cases of abuse or neglect.

HONORABLE MENTION

In memory of Tobi J. Doyle, and to those who are working to ensure that justice is done for the murder of a beautiful two-year-old child...

To those who work in any capacity to keep children safe from abuse...

And to Ann Marie Fleming and all of the arts educators in the RE-1J schools, for bringing a first rate student art show to the public each year at the Region 10 League for Economic Assistance & Planning at 300 North Cascade Avenue. The show opens today and runs through April 29...

...and to our readers. Happy Earth Week!

CDOT REMEMBERS FALLEN COLLEAGUES



Special to the Mirror
SOUTHWEST/SOUTH-CENTRAL COLORADO - Employees statewide from the
Colorado Department of Transportation
(CDOT) honored fellow employees who
have died in the line of duty during the
department's 22nd Annual Remembrance
Day.

Region 5 (southwest/south-central Colorado) CDOT employees gathered in Durango and Alamosa to remember coworker David D. Morris with candlelight ceremonies and traditional moment of silence. Mr. Morris of Poncho Springs, died in the line of duty on May 15, 2015, when a semi-truck collided with his CDOT plow truck in a work zone on US 50 Monarch Pass. Region 5, Section 3 (headquartered in Durango)

Maintenance Superintendent Greg Stacy, who led the Durango ceremony said, "I've known several coworkers whose lives have been taken while on duty. This reminds us that our public service comes at a high price at times."

Morris' name was placed on memorial signs at 16 CDOT office locations across

the state including Durango and Alamosa. Additionally, Mr. Morris' widow, Denise Morris, and a delegation of family members, friends, and coworkers attended a memorial event at CDOT Headquarters in Denver, where they assisted with the undraping of a monument where Mr. Morris' name was engraved (along with 58 others).

Fellow CDOT worker Gene Hapl (Poncho Springs) was among some 20 Region 5 employees who traveled to the Denver event. "We really miss Dave," said Hapl. "And we greatly appreciate the support shown to Dave's family by his CDOT family."

Remembrance Day has been celebrated by CDOT for 22 years, honoring 59 statewide employees who have lost their lives while working on Colorado roads from 1929 to 2015.

The event coincides with National Work Zone Safety observed across the country every April.

RE-1J SCHOOL DISTRICT ART SHOW RUNS APRIL 18-29

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-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 970-249-6015.





- Featuring the Family Favorite Film Kung Fu Panda 3
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OPINION EDITORIAL: LETTERS

CRIMESTOPPERS BOARD MEMBER HONORS STAFF, MONTROSE REGIONAL DISPATCH CENTER DURING PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK

Dear Editor:

On Tuesday, April 12, 2016, I was invited to an open house/tour of the Montrose Regional Dispatch Center, mainly because I am on the Board of Crime Stoppers. I was met at the locked door by Susan Byrne, the Regional Communication Director. I was very impressed; as I started a law enforcement career about 62 years ago (now obsolete) as a dispatcher in Johnson County, Kansas. The dispatch office was located in Olathe, Kansas. My old dispatch office was very small (state of the art at the time) and was like a Piper Cub (1954) compared to the spacious, Regional Dispatch Center which is like a Jet fighter (2016). We are in good hands.

The Montrose Regional Dispatch Center is fortunate to have such dedicated, alert, cheerful and well trained staff. We, as the citizens of the Montrose region, are so fortunate to have them on duty 24/7. This is where the action can start and the dispatchers manning the consoles (six or seven computer screens all at one time, plus the telephones) are dedicated to serve the citizens but also the officers/firefighter/coroner/and many others.

Why this letter? As I left the building with the group, and was beyond the locked door and standing in the parking lot, I realized that I had not looked each staff member in the eye, shook their hand and thanked them for the dedication and service. I also wanted to thank them personally for the hard work they do for Crime Stoppers.

Susan and her staff have my admiration and respect and a little envy. I hope you all enjoyed your special Public Safety Telecommunications Week, You deserve it!

Courage, Nelson K. Jennett, Montrose

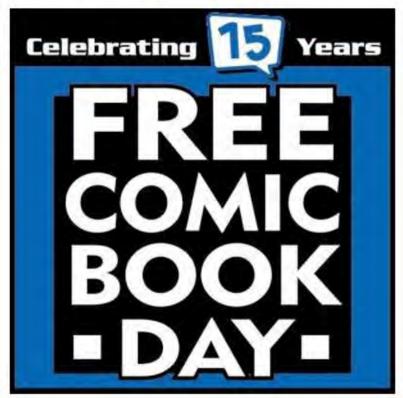
WE NEED TO DO MORE TO PROTECT THE EARTH

Dear Editor:

I want to thank the Montrose City Council for designating the week of April 18 – 23 as Earth Week. I also offer an appreciation for all those organizing corresponding activities. All of these efforts at recognizing the importance of protecting our earth and stewarding its resources are important. We need, however, to take a more proactive role than such mere personal efforts as changing light bulbs, recycling trash, or bicycling to work. The vast majority of Americans now realize that climate change is a most serious concern. Earth Week now offers us an opportunity to consider some more effective means of dealing with this most urgent concern. Such things as organizing action groups, helping educate others, corresponding with our legislators, and promoting use of renewable resources are necessary at this point. This needs to be done on a non-partisan basis because this is an issue that affects us all, as well as the future of our economy, our jobs, our public health, and of course, our livable environment. Our children will have to live with the impacts of what we have already done to our earth. Wayne Quade, Montrose







Kids 6-12 are invited to stop by the library

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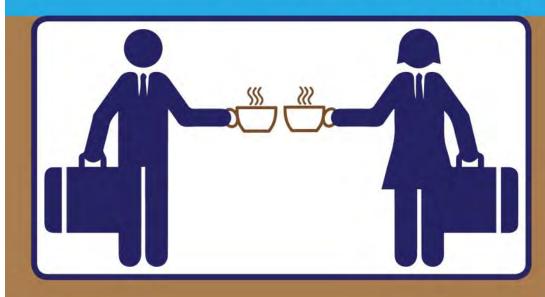
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April 19th at 8:30am Proximity Space

A great start can put your day on the right track, and what better way to do that than with a hot cup of coffee and some cool conversation with the Business Resource Partnership. This casual networking meeting can put you on the path to better business relationships.

RSVP at information@montrosechamber.com











ACADEMIC BOOSTER CLUB STUDENTS FOR MARCH-APRIL TO BE HONORED APRIL 18



Alayna Bustin Columbine Grade: 6



Brianna Carlton Johnson Grade: 2



Bryn Trenda Oak Grove Grade: K



Bryson Inda Peak Academy Grade: 4



Cassie Franks Olathe High School Grade: 12



Denise Pneuman Centennial Grade: 7



Emmanuel Ledesma Olathe High School Grade: 9



Enrique Lozano Vista Charter School Grade: 12



Grace Davidson Pomona Grade: 5



Gwyn Browning Cottonwood Grade: 4



Heather Fredrick MHS Grade: 12



Hever Navarro Northside Grade: 4



lan Schenck OMS Grade: 7



Isabel Padilla Vista Charter School Grade: 12



Jasmine Gutierrez Northside Grade: 5



Kiera Danielle Iversen OES Grade: 2



Laura Galvan OMS Grade: 8



Lauren Neubaum Cottonwood Grade: 1



Maggie Barron Pomona Grade: 4



Noah Hogan Peak Academy Grade: 9



Shannon O'Meara MHS Grade: 10



Shea Vincent Johnson Grade: 2



Siera Mihavetz Columbine Grade: 6



Tegan Oetker Oak Grove Grade: 5



Yadira Alcaraz OES Grade: 3



Zachary Oldroyd Centennial Grade: 7

Since 1983, the Academic Booster Club http://montroseabc.org/ has collected and returned between \$7,000 and \$10,000 annually to schools and students by giving grants to teachers, students, parents, administrators and support staff to promote positive academic experiences in our community. Academic Booster Club (A+BC) has awarded over \$225,000 in grant money since its inception! Each month, A+BC selects one student from each school in the RE-1J district to be a Student of the Month. We invite you to attend the A+BC Award Ceremony on Monday, April 18 at 7 PM. Students selected to receive the A+BC award will be honored at the ceremony which will take place at Montrose High School cafeteria.

OBITUARIES

REBECCA A. WATERMAN



REBECCA A. WATERMAN, AGE 69, passed away on Tuesday, April 13, 2016 at San Juan Living Center in Montrose, Colorado. Survivors include her children, Leslie Schenck and husband, Gary of Olathe, Colorado; Diana Waterman of Sunland, California and John Waterman and Suzy Clark of Tujunga, California; four grandchildren along with her brother, Dale Tanner of Cortez, Colorado and Darlene Lewallen of Aurora, Colorado.

A memorial service to celebrate Rebecca's life will be held on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 2 P.M. at San Juan Living Center. A reception will immediately follow at Signature Events, 145 Merchant Drive, Montrose, Colorado.

JAMES T. LOWE 1929-2016

JAMES T. LOWE passed away suddenly on April 8, 2016, in Cripple Creek, Co., while on vacation. He was 86 years old.

Jim was born on September 2, 1929 in Riverside, CA. to Dorothy and James Lowe. He was an only child. Upon graduating from Anaheim High School, he went into Military service and worked as a laboratory technician.

In 1950, while stationed in Aurora, CO., he married Joanne. They had four children. He retired from the Air Force as a Senior Master Sergeant with 20 years service. He went to work at a Pharmaceutical Company in California and earned an AA degree from West Valley College.

Jim was an avid reader and enjoyed learning new languages, including Russian, Chinese, French, Italian, Spanish and others. He loved to garden, and enjoyed playing Pinochle. He and Joanne were regulars at the Senior Center to play poker. They also enjoyed metal detecting and found many treasures in the U.S. and even took two trips to England to metal detect in Sherwood Forest. Jim and Joanne moved to Montrose from East Texas in 2008 to be nearer to family.



Jim is survived by Joanne, his wife of 65 years, his four children: Bruce (Kathy) Lowe of Gilbert, AZ., Kathleen (Joe) Montalvo of Montrose, Paul (Kathy) Lowe of Tacoma, WA., and Gregory Lowe of Montrose, Four Grandchildren, and nine great-grand children. No services are planned at this time. Visit the tribute website and send condolences to his family at www.SunsetMesaFuneralDirectors.com.

RICHARD RULE 1938-2016



RICHARD RULE passed away Wednesday afternoon, April 6, 2016 at his home in Montrose, Colorado.

Richard, "Dick", was born on May 4, 1938 in Denver, Colorado. He married Janice Miller on August 28, 1960. They were married for over 55 years and knew each other for more than 60 years. Their first year of marriage was spent living in the cabins on top of Red Mountain Pass.

Richard retired from the Bureau of Reclamation in Lakewood, Colorado. In his retirement years, he loved puttering around. He enjoyed yard work, fixing things, car rides and much more.

Richard is survived by his wife, Janice Rule; daughter, Jill Mabry and husband, John all of Montrose, Colorado; son, Dennis L. Rule and wife, Cyndi; grandchildren, Andrea and Daniel and his sister, Julia Rice and husband, Ron all of Pueblo West Colorado.

Memorial contributions can be made to a charity of choice and a memorial service will be take place at a later date.

Visit the tribute website and send condolences to Richard's family at www.SunsetMesaFuneralDirectors.com.

Arrangements are being handled under the direction of Sunset Mesa Funeral Directors (970) 240-9870.

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MONTROSE COUNTY SERVING MONTROSE AND DELTA COUNTIES



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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 12:00pm MONTROSE LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM

GUEST SPEAKER: PAUL JANZEN Minimum Wage vs Living wage

Rhetoric vs. Numbers: the economic case illustrating our income inequality and the economic effects with our current minimum wage and the effects of a minimum wage increase.

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues and influences public policy through education and advocacy. For more information, go to www.montrose.co.lwvnet.org and click on *Calendar of Events*.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

OBT ANNOUNCES UPDATED EVENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The City of Montrose Office of Business and Tourism (OBT) has released its Event Partnership Programs document, which includes updated information and submission processes for 2016 Community Impact Awards (CI Award), as well as other programs that target various types of events.

"Organizers will notice several updates to last year's policy as we continue to hone the program to best support the OBT mission," said Assistant City Manager and OBT Director Rob Joseph. "We aim to continually improve how the OBT assists event promoters who entice visitors to Montrose."

Beyond the CI Awards, other Event Partnership Programs detailed in the documents are designed to facilitate partnering with event promoters as well as tourism and retail businesses by assisting with offerings that have a significant impact on the local economy (i.e., lodging properties, restaurants, and retail establishments). The OBT will consider supporting events through various Event Partnership Programs that either attract visitors, increase overnight visitor stays, increase sales tax collection, or provide a combination there-

"While events may serve as an important means of attracting guests to the community, the OBT is a marketing organization and must carefully focus the bulk of its limited resources on key associated tasks,"

explained OBT Operations Manager David Spear. The document explains that, while taking on the role of an events company is outside the scope of the OBT mission, it does provide principal event management for city-sponsored events: Earth Week, Fourth of July festivities (parade and fireworks), year-end holiday festivities (Tree Lighting Ceremony, Santa's Cabin, and Parade of Lights), and the FUNC Fest (Fun most of the partnership programs is for on the UNCompangre River Festival).

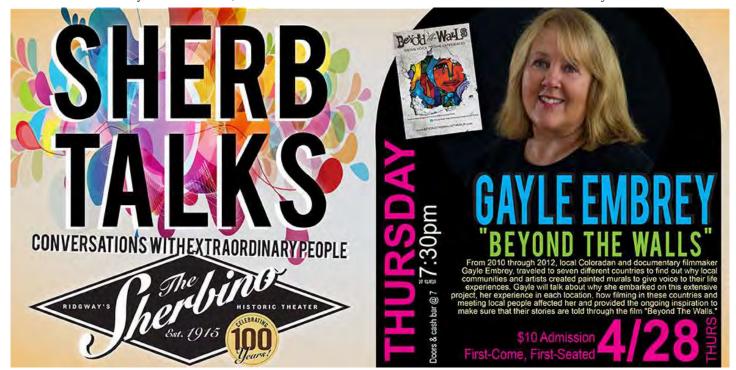
CI Awards target events designed for a predominantly local audience and are organized by local businesses or non-profits either as fundraisers or community events. "Being hospitable and proactive community partners is a foundational OBT effort," explained OBT Program Coordinator Stacey Ryan. "The CI Award Program is the OBT's way of supporting local events and fundraisers that serve residents and enhance the quality of life in the Montrose area, while not necessarily impacting tourism or retail sales activity." These events may also serve visitors looking for activities to accessorize their stay and keep locals in town who may otherwise seek entertainment and events outside the community.

CI Awards are limited to \$250 per event and are considered on a first-come, firstserved basis. Submission procedures are outlined in the program document available at CityofMontrose.org/Events. Submission by email is strongly encouraged. Only submissions submitted with a date/time

stamp after 8 am on Monday, April 25, 2016, will be considered. Events falling within the calendar year are eligible, even if the event has already transpired. Once available funding has been exhausted (\$5,000 annually), submissions will not be accepted. The preference is to support local 501(c)3 organizations.

The starting point for consideration for event organizers to submit information to the OBT's online calendar, which offers immediate benefit to event organizers. "Providing the OBT with event dates well in advance allows us to list local events in various regional, state, and national marketing efforts throughout the year — as well as on our electronic event board in the Downtown Visitor Center," explained Ryan. This information is shared on similar event boards at the Montrose Pavilion and the Montrose Regional Airport and is added to the Visit Montrose app, all for no cost to the promoter. "Sharing event information with the OBT makes sense, given how many guests and locals we serve on a daily basis."

The OBT manages the city's Retail Sales Enhancement and Tourism Promotion Programs. Its mission is to attract visitors to the area, enhance the vitality of existing businesses, and promote the raw natural beauty and myriad outdoor recreational opportunities in and around Montrose. Its Event Partnership Programs are designed to facilitate those objectives.



REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

NEW VIDEOS TO HELP HOMEOWNERS PLAN FOR EMERALD ASH BORER

Special to the Mirror

FORT COLLINS- The Colorado State Forest Service has just released two new online videos to help Colorado homeowners and communities prepare for an imminent threat to millions of trees in the state – the emerald ash borer (EAB).

EAB is a highly destructive, non-native insect that infests and kills all North American true ash species. The pest, which already has cost communities in the eastern U.S. billions of dollars, was first detected in the City of Boulder in 2013. It has not yet been detected in Colorado outside of the city, but now threatens an estimated 15 percent or more of Colorado's urban and community trees. The two videos focus on how to identify ash trees, which are found widely in backyards, parks and along streets around the state, and how to recognize symptoms of EAB infestation in an ash tree, as opposed to other factors impacting the health of ash trees in Colorado.

The new ash identification video visually

depicts the basic traits to look for in a tree to easily determine if it is an ash tree, which would make it susceptible to EAB and in the future may require treatment or removal. For homeowners and businesses that do have ash trees, the other video covers various symptoms to look for to determine if a tree is infested by EAB or has other health issues. Wood says the intent is to ensure that if or when EAB arrives in communities outside of Boulder, property owners will already know if they have an ash tree and have an idea what to look for to determine if EAB could be present.

The CSFS also just released another video on how to properly plant trees. While the video applies to the planting of almost any tree type in Colorado and for any reason, it too has significance regarding EAB management. "One aspect of preparing for EAB is the need to plant diverse tree species now, as these trees may eventually replace ash trees lost to the pest," Wood says. More than 15 Colorado municipali-

ties, mostly along the Front Range, already are pre-emptively replacing public ash trees in 2016 with plantings of other tree species - putting thousands of new trees in the ground this year to address EAB's presence in the state and the threat of its eminent spread. The CSFS works with partner organizations and agencies on the Colorado Emerald Ash Borer Response Team to help communities manage the spread and impacts of EAB. Team response efforts have included surveys to determine the extent of spread of EAB; hosting EAB identification workshops; education and outreach efforts; the release of stingless, parasitic wasps that target and kill EAB; and establishing a quarantine for Boulder County and surrounding areas to help prevent the movement of potentially infested wood. To view the videos or for more information about EAB, go to www.csfs.colostate.edu/emerald-ashborer. Additional EAB resources also can be found at www.eabcolorado.com.





DELTA COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AMONG TOP 20 RURAL COMMUNITY HOSPITALS IN U.S.

Special to the Mirror

DELTA-Delta County Memorial Hospital has been named as one of the 2016 top 20 rural community hospitals out of 525 rural community hospitals in the nation by the National Rural Health Association (NRHA), in a recent announcement.

"DCMH is honored to receive this national recognition as a rural hospital providing quality medical care at the highest level to Delta County families. It is gratifying to receive an award and the recognition on behalf of our hard working and committed medical staff and hospital employees," CEO Jason Cleckler said.

NRHA determined the top rural community hospitals based on a hospital strength index compiled by iVantage Health Analytics and nine pillars of excellence. Rural community hospitals with the highest aggregate scores from the nine pillars were identified as one of the top 20 rural com-

munity hospitals in the nation. The pillars of excellence included: 1) inpatient market share; 2) outpatient market share; 3) population risk; 4) cost; 5) risk; 6) quality; 7) outcomes; 8) patient outcomes; and 9) financial stability.

"Thank you to the medical staff, hospital administration and all hospital employees for their commitment and contributions to the hospital, that allowed DCMH to achieve this national recognition in helping to provide superior medical services to the community," commented David Lane, chair of the DCMH board of directors.

It is the first rating system to incorporate market position, competitive intensity and growing healthcare demand, according to sources at iVantage. This system is modeled on research-based financial rations most determinant of long-term financial sustainability. The study is unique because it is founded on the belief that a strong hospital/system has the following charac-

teristics in the new health care: Low Levels of population-related risk Dominant market position related to inpatient and outpatient services Outstanding quality and safety programs Loyal, satisfied patients

Cost efficient and appropriately priced services

Strong balance sheet with surplus capital The other Colorado hospital named by NRHA as in the top 20 rural community hospitals is Yampa Valley Medical Center in Steamboat Springs.

NRHA is a national non-profit membership organization headquartered in Leawood, KS with more than 20,000 members across the nation. The association's mission is to provide leadership on rural health issues.

NRHA membership consists of a diverse collection of individuals and organizations, all of whom share the common bond of an interest in rural health.



ALPINE BANK RECEIVES FINANCIAL EDUCATION INNOVATION AWARD



Special to the Mirror

GLENWOOD SPRINGS- Nasdaq and EverFi, an education technology company focused on teaching, assessing and certifying students, honored Alpine Bank at the second annual Innovation in Financial Education Awards. At a ceremony hosted on April 6 at Nasdaq's MarketSite headquarters in New York City, Nasdaq and EverFi honored thirty-five institutions for their work with students.

The presenters selected honorees based on a set of criteria that included the scale and reach of their financial education initiatives, the duration of their commitment and the unique employee volunteering activities that supplement their programs.

"Helping students develop a foundation of financial understanding and capability is absolutely critical," said EverFi Founder and CEO Tom Davidson. "The organizations we're recognizing here today are tackling this issue head on and taking positive steps to prepare millions of individuals with the critical financial management skills needed to move our country forward."

As young people are faced with increasingly complex financial decisions, Alpine Bank is committed to providing students with the skills and knowledge needed to successfully navigate the world we live in. Alpine Bank partnered with Youth Entity, a Colorado-based nonprofit that promotes life skills and career development for youth ages 8 to 18, and EverFi to bring the Banking on Your Future program to nearly 1,000 high school students at nine schools this year so far at no cost to schools or taxpayers. The web-based program uses the latest in simulation and gaming technologies to bring complex financial concepts to life for today's digital generation.

"As an organization, Alpine Bank is committed to enhancing educational opportunities within the communities we serve, said Alpine Bank President and Vice Chairman Glen Jammaron.

"Our initial involvement with Youth Entity began with its inception. The addition of the EverFi partnership allows us to deliver financial education using the latest technology to engage high school students and empower them to make smarter financial decisions now and in the future."

About Alpine Bank

Chartered in 1973, Alpine Bank is an employee-owned organization with assets exceeding \$2.8 billion. With headquarters in Glenwood Springs, Colo. and 38 banking offices across Colorado, Alpine Bank employs nearly 600 people and serves more than 130,000 customers with retail, business, wealth management*, mortgage and electronic banking services. Alpine Bank has a 5-star rating for financial strength by BauerFinancial, Inc., the nation's leading bank rating firm. The 5-star rating is BauerFinancial's highest rating for financial institutions. Learn more at alpinebank.com.

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EverFi, Inc. is the leading education technology company focused on teaching, assessing, and certifying K-12 and college students in the critical skills they need for

The company teams with major corporations and foundations to provide the programs at no cost to K-12 schools. Some of America's leading CEOs and venture capital firms are EverFi investors including Amazon founder and CEO Jeff Bezos, Twitter founder Evan Williams, and Google Chairman Eric Schmidt. Learn more at everfi.com.

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GUNNISON HIGH SCHOOL, GUNNISON COLORADO TO HOST 2016 SUMMER CWFIMA

Special to the Mirror

GUNNISON-Approximately 500 emergency responders from across the nation will converge on Gunnison, Colorado, June 6 through 12, 2016, to attend the Colorado Wildland Fire & Incident Management Academy (CWFIMA), in association with The Upper Arkansas Valley Wildland Fire Foundation.

Nationally recognized as one of the premier training venues, the CWFIMA will offer classes on incident management, wildland fire, and leadership, including NWCG^[1] wildfire and DHS-FEMA^[2] allhazards approved courses.

In addition the Academy provides opportures ponders with free tuition. The nities for students to train in specific emergency response job functions. "The opportunity to provide quality training to emergency responders who have exhibited such resilience after the past few years, is both unique and rewarding. In some small way we hope the Academy can contribute to further enhancing the knowledge and skills of those who have served their communities and the State of Colorado so well," says Academy Incident Commander James Krugman.

The CWFIMA is accepting tax-deductible [3] donations to provide local emergency

CWFIMA is committed to providing quality, affordable training. Since its inception the CWFIMA has worked with local, state and national agencies to deliver training to over 15,000 students. The value of this training was demonstrated during responses to Colorado's unprecedented 2012 and 2013 wildfire seasons, and the 2013 Colorado Floods, where the Incident Command System served as the model for both response and recovery, as well as student contributions at the national level at the Columbia Shuttle Recovery, Hurricane's Ivan, Katrina and Rita.

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 Uncompangre 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-

April 18-23-The 27th Annual Auction Partners Auction will be online this year for a week from April 18-23. They have items from car washes to ski tickets, dirt to Denver attractions. Bidding starts at 8 AM on April 18 with items closing daily at 8PM, and weeklong items closing on April 23 at noon. Go to www.partners-west.org for the auction link.

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 20-7pm 2 Rascals brewery: documentary "Addicted to Plastic" History and scope of plastic pollution and solutions, free sponsored by Montrose Recycles.

April 20-The Suitcase Junket, a one-man-band, described as 'swap-Yankee music,' is playing the stage at The Sherbino Theater on April 20. Doors at 6:30 pm with music starting at 7 pm. \$10 cover at the door.

April 20-The Chipeta Archaeology Society presents Ancient Woodworking, Animal Use, and Hunting Practices in Southeastern Utah with New Insights from the Study of Perishable Collections by Chuck LaRue and Laurie Webster. The presentation will be Wednesday 4/20/16 at 7pm. United Methodist Church - Baldridge Hall at South 1st and Park Ave.

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 21—The Sherbino Theater is hosting its third installment of the "Ignite Sherbino," series, and is opening up the Sherbino stage for another night of innovation, passion, and just down right cool presentations! At "Ignite Sherbino," individuals will have the chance to present on topics/subjects that they are passionate about, in a fun and welcoming environment. Doors and cash bar for the event are at 6:30 pm with presentations starting around 7 pm. Conversation and mingling is strongly encouraged after the presentations are over. Admission for the event is by donation only.

April 21-The KAFM RADIO ROOM Proudly Presents Great States on Thursday, April 21, 2016 at 7:30 PM. Great States is an alternative rock band that employs modern instrumentals, beautiful vocal harmonies, and thought-provoking lyrics to create a truly "one-of-a-kind" sound that mirrors the uniqueness of the Great Southwest. Tickets are \$18 in advance and \$20 at the door and may be purchased by calling (970) 241-8801, Ext. 201 or online at www.kafmradio.org. The Radio Room is located at 1310 Ute Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501. Doors open at 7 p.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-Alpine Bank and Delta Rotary team up for e-waste recycling. 10 to 1 p.m. in the Delta Safeway parking lot next to Alpine Bank. .35 cents a lb.

April 23-Denver Broncos Salute to Fans Tour in Centennial Plaza, Montrose from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

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

April 23-The amazing Kevin McCarthy Quintet will bring their unique style of jazz and blues to the Wright Opera House on Saturday, April 23. The Quintet plays jazz standards mixed with blues and echoes of New Orleans jazz along with compositions from Miles Davis, Clifford Brown, Wes Montgomery and Pat Martino. Advance sales online www.thewrightoperahouse.org are \$12, door sales \$15. Box office opens at 6:30 concert starts at 7:30.

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 pam@coaw.org.

April 29-30-Film Buffs Unite and head to The Paradise Theatre April 29th & 30th, for the 4TH PAONIA FILM FESTIVAL! Friday April 29th will feature nominated film screenings, an audience choice "rock the vote" party and panel discussions with filmmakers. Saturday April 30th features a special curated "Best of Colorado" program and other curated short films, a red carpet gala, "best dressed" award, winning short films and more! Films are made by both amateur and professional Colorado filmmakers. For tickets and information visit paradiseofpaonia.com.

April 29-30-City of Montrose Annual Spring Cleanup Day.

April 29-Join us at Brookdale Sunrise Creek April 29 at 2 p.m. for our Pie Contest! Pies will be judged by an illustrious panel of avid pie eaters! Contact Brandy Reed at 970-240-0600 or brandy.reed@brookdale.com to enter your pie and for more information! Prizes for the Best Pie.

April 29—Sixth 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 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.



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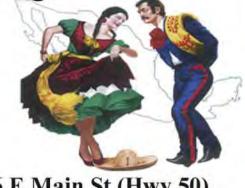
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