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DMEA FIBER PROJECT GOES LIVE THIS MONTH!

Mirror Staff Report

REGIONAL-Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) is completing a "Make ready Walk Through" of their system to get 30,000 local meters ready for the arrival of Broadband later this month. Pictured are Lee and Chris Cohick, working in the East Montrose (EMO) neighborhood last week, talking to coop members about the enhanced services. DMEA recently announced the launch of a new fiber broadband company, Elevate Fiber, to bring reliable, quality internet service to members in Montrose and Delta counties—at the fastest speeds available in the U.S. At the annual meeting on June 16 at Friendship Hall (4:30 to 8:30 p.m.), DMEA will demonstrate video streaming as well as file downloads and uploads on 1,000 Mbps (1Gig) internet service. Members located within Elevate's first phase will have the ability to pre-sign up for service and select from a variety of speeds and packages. Paonia, Montrose downtown business district, and Cobble Creek are the first three zones available for preregistration. Visit join.elevatefiber.com beginning June 19 for information on service at your location. A 12-month contract with a minimum service level of \$49.95 per month is required. Elevate internet service will be required for voice service.



Contractors Lee (left) and Chris Cohick were out performing a "Make Ready Walk Through" of DMEA's service area last week to prepare for broadband implementation later this month.

INFORMATIVE PLAQUES NEED REPLACED City May Already Have Second Set, Cox Says



An informational plaque at Demoret Park has worn out, but the City should have a replacement set on hand, according to those who worked on the original project in 1997.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-It was 1997 when a dedicated team of volunteers led by former Montrose Historical Museum Director Marilyn Cox created a series of interpretive plaques that designated a self-guided walking tour of Montrose's Downtown (Cox is also co-author of the excellent *Montrose: Take a Closer Look: A Walking Tour Guide* (Preservation Publishing, 2006). The walking tour extends from the Montrose County Historical Museum at the old Denver & Rio Grande Depot to Centennial Plaza. In response to recent comments on the part of DDA Director Lance Michaels that the plaques are now wearing out, Cox stated that a second set of replacement plaques should have been provided to the City at the time of the Walking Tour project's completion.

"There are eight small plaques, and four larger ones," Cox said. "The

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COLLECTOR SPOTLIGHT: PAUL MILLER!



By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE—Most people know longtime Montrose resident Paul Miller as having a career in guns — a gun range owner, shooting teacher and bullet maker. However, to those in the Black Canyon Classic Car Club he is known as a car collector. Paul downplayed his extensive collection, “Oh, I don’t know. I have a bunch...quite a few. Some of them are parts-cars. I just

like cars. I’m not a big muscle car fan...I like cars that are different.”

A recent vehicle acquisition for Paul is this black 2006 Chrysler Crossfire convertible, “The only thing Chrysler about it is the name Chrysler...everything else is Mercedes-Benz and the body is designed by Karmann Ghia.”

Paul estimates that the Crossfire, which has 60,000 miles on it, can go from zero to

60 in about four seconds, “It has a 3.2 liter V6 engine and a five speed automatic.”

The Crossfire needs no restoration, “I’m too old for that. I like to have something [a car] that I don’t have to do anything to it.” When in Arizona Paul sometimes attends three or four car shows on a Saturday, but he doesn’t view his purchases as a way to turn a profit, “I buy them, but I don’t sell them. I just like cars.”



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eight smaller ones are placed up and down Main Street, in places where you can look up and see the building you are reading about. The four larger ones have more general information, on subjects like water, history, and the Ute Indians."

For years the signage was washed and cared for by Community Options clients, Cox noted. And while that is no longer the case, "I think now they expect that the owners of the buildings described will come out and wipe the plaques off once in a while," she said. "They are cracked, and in terrible shape, especially the one in Demoret Park. But they are still readable."

Though the City has moved the plaques around from time to time, they have always treated the interpretive signs with respect, she noted. "I know that the signs do need to be restored," Cox said. "We want people to be aware of our community's history. If they can't afford it, I am sure they could apply for a grant. There are ways to get these things done, and it shouldn't be that hard to figure out."

The information on the interpretive signage should be preserved intact, however, as the past has not changed. "We researched everything very carefully," Cox

said. "We went through everything and checked and double checked; we were trying to make these as good as possible. The other committee members and I put in months—at least 400 hours—to get this done."

"A lot of thought went into those plaques," she said. "Every word has to matter when you don't have much space. And you really can't change history—people want to know the truth."

There used to be a Walking Tour brochure as well, that was placed at locations around town.

"We used to do tours up and down Main Street, for local schools and for lots of reasons," Cox said. "These signs condensed the information and gave a general history of these buildings. I can remember people taking the tour, and saying they would never think about our Downtown the same way



Passers by stop to read an interpretive sign near City Hall Saturday. Some of the informational signs Downtown need to be replaced due to wear and tear, but a replacement set was provided when the project was completed, Marilyn Cox said.

again. The people who first came to town had such hopes and dreams' these buildings are not just made of brick and stone, they are made of people," Cox said. "Don't forget the past, because it is still a part of the future."

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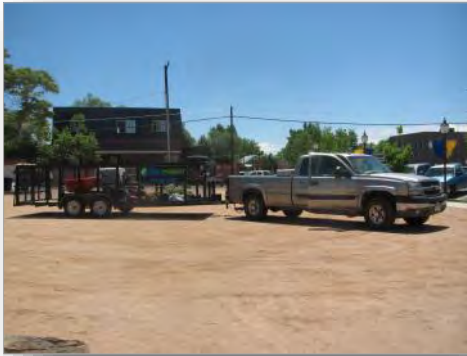
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CITY TO ANNEX MUSEUM OF MT. WEST, MORE THAN 70 ACRES OF LAND ACQUISITIONS



Above, Rainmaker maintains the City's designated "civic campus" outdoor spaces. Janitorial services for indoor portions of the "civic campus" will be awarded to Aspen Enterprises at the Council meeting June 7.

Mirror Staff Report

MONTROSE-Four new City staffers will be introduced at [Monday's City Council Work Session](#). Technical Support Specialist Molly Stewart joins the Information Systems team; Pro Shop Attendant Riley Willis joins Public Works; Golf Course Maintenance Team Leader Steve Simianer joins Public Works; and Patrol Officer Stephen Hart joins the Montrose Police Department. Discussion items include the annexation of 71.05 acres of City owned properties; the R. Simpson Addition Annexation; a City land donation to the Kings Riverbend RV Park; the Sunnyside Hillcrest Roundabout Construction Contract; an easement request for Cerro Summit; and fireworks display permit approval.

A report from the Downtown Development Authority is [included in the packet](#). Items to be discussed at future work sessions include a Chipeta Lake/Cerro Summit Property Agreement; Municipal Court



Topics; and a retail liquor store liquor license transfer for Bear Creek Liquors on June 20. On July 5, Council will discuss board appointments to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Board and a hotel and restaurant liquor license transfer for Pahgre's. A Wastewater Treatment Plant power purchase recommendation and Youth Council report to City Council will be discussed July 19.

At [the Montrose City Council meeting](#) of June 7, Council will issue a Proclamation in support of National Bike to Work Month and Day, both of which took place in May. (It is [Colorado Bike Month in June](#), however, and Colorado Bike to Work Day is June 22.) Consent Agenda items include consideration of Resolution 2016-08 setting Aug. 2 as the hearing date for the annexation of the Museum of the Mountain West Addition. Council will also consider authorizing Mayor Swanson's signature on a letter endorsing the reelection of City Manager Bill Bell, who also has extracurricular time commitments as a youth sports coach, to the Colorado Municipal League (CML) executive board.

Council will consider an application for a new Brew Pub liquor license at 512 E. Main Street for Nigel Askew's Zulu Brewing Company LLC to sell malt, vinous and spirituous liquor to the public for consumption on the licensed premises and to sell malt liquor beverages manufactured on the licensed premises and packaged in sealed containers for consumption off the licensed premises. Council will also consider awarding the Sunnyside Hillcrest Roundabout Construction Contract to Rundle Construction, Inc., for the total

bid amount of \$920,624.64, including a 10 percent contingency; and will consider awarding a bid for janitorial services for the "Civic Campus," Public Works facility, Black Canyon Golf Course, and Lions Community Building to Aspen Enterprises LLC for the annual cost of \$76,289.

Steve Omernik of the Omernik Family Trust will seek approval for the Selig Commercial Condominiums Final Plat to subdivide the former Jean's Westerner building at 147 N. Townsend Avenue.

Council will consider approving Ordinance 2369 on second reading, amending the zoning district designation of 1269 Spring Creek Road, Montrose, Colorado, from "B-2" Highway Commercial District, to "B-3" General Commercial District. Council will also consider approving the Bear Creek Amendment 3 Preliminary Plat. The Bear Creek Subdivision developer has requested an additional five-year filing period for future final plats. If approved, this preliminary plat will be valid until June 7, 2021. Approximately 100 acres is undeveloped. Public comment will be taken.

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OPEN HOUSE JUNE 18 FOR LAVON "BLONDIE" CAMPBELL

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The family and friends of Montrose native Lavon Campbell will celebrate her 90th birthday at the Montrose Elks Lodge (801 South Hillcrest Drive) from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 18. No gifts, but please bring a good memory to write down and share.

Everyone is welcome! We hope to see you there!

CITY RESPONSE TO MIRROR PUBLIC INFORMATION REQUEST



By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-After learning that the house at 534 South First (above) is scheduled to be torn down or donated to Museum of the Mt. West, we filed a request for information to learn more. Below is the response we received from Asst. City Clerk Carolyn Bellavance: "Hello Ms. Switzer, I am following up on your Request for Public Records for "All records pertaining to acquisition, renovation, and future plans for house at 534 S. First Street" submitted and received 05/26/16 at 9:25 a.m. We were unable to determine in advance the amount of time that would be spent on this task. Because of this and the fact that you were unaware of a reasonable expected fee, time incurred by city clerk office staff is being waived. To date, our facilities manager has himself devoted five hours to this request. As you know, the first hour spent on satisfying CORA requests is complimentary. We are waiving two of the four remaining billable hours (50%) and billing the Montrose Mirror \$60.00 (\$30/hour x 2). We hope you will agree this to be a fair position.

As we are not yet finished with compiling all of the information requested, we want to notify you that additional staff time to continue with this research is necessary and will be billed to the Montrose Mirror at the rate of \$30/hour. Please let us know if you would like to pursue this request and/or narrow your search parameters. We do not anticipate more than three additional hours to fully complete your

request. Also, you requested information to be emailed, however, so far there are 414 documents that would need to be saved to a disc (possibly more than 1 disc). The \$25/disc fee will be waived.

Please let me know how you would like to proceed. In the meantime, consistent

with standard operating procedure, please stop by City Hall with a check made payable to the City of Montrose in the amount of \$60 so we may proceed with finalizing this request. If you have any questions regarding this matter, feel free to respond to this email."

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“FOR A BUSINESS, IT’S A GREAT DEAL”

Delta’s ProSpace Invests in Solarize Delta County Initiative



Tom Huerkamp.
Courtesy photo.

By Caitlin Switzer

DELTA-Youth is no prerequisite for innovative thinking. For longtime Delta County business owner Tom Huerkamp, 76, solar energy represents the future in many ways—a power source that benefits the bottom line and contributes to a brighter tomorrow. Now, Huerkamp’s company, [ProSpace](#) has become the first large scale investor in the Solarize Delta County initiative launched earlier this year. “We are nearing completion of a 25kw solar array on our warehouse here in Delta,” Huerkamp said. “I believe it is the largest private sector system to date in Delta County. Cut over is set for June 6; it

will produce 125 percent of our electric use on an annualized basis.

“For a business, it’s a great deal,” he said. A joint venture between Delta County Economic Development (DCED) and Solar International of Paonia, [Solarize Delta County](#) grew out of the successful Solarize North Fork Valley campaign in 2015, which generated more than \$400,000 in local investment through solar installations.

According to the Solar International web site, the goal of the Solarize programs is to overcome three obstacles to the use of solar energy—cost, complexity and customer inertia.

[Brad Burritt of Empowered Energy Systems](#) helped bring the ProSpace project to fruition, Huerkamp said, and Delta Montrose Electric Association (DMEA)’s reverse net metering has contributed to its

viability.

“On our investment of \$80,000, my company is able to claim a \$24,000 federal tax credit,” Huerkamp said. “I can write off \$25,000 the first year for new equipment, and the rest can be depreciated over a seven-year period.”

More than 55 local homes and businesses have now signed up for site analyses through Solarize Delta County, he said.

According to a DCED news release, Solarize Delta County seeks to increase the accessibility and affordability of solar energy for all Delta County residents while raising awareness and lowering the cost of solar electric (PV) systems.

The end goal is to significantly ramp up solar adoption throughout Delta County. The Solarize effort will feature outreach and social events from April 15 – July 15.

SAN MIGUEL POWER ANNUAL MEETING JUNE 9 IN NUCLA

Special to the Mirror

NUCLA-San Miguel Power Association (SMPA) will hold its 77th Annual Meeting of Members at its Nucla Office (170 W 10th Ave, Nucla, Colorado) on Thursday, June 9th. Member registration and voting for this year’s Board Elections will be held from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm. At 5:30, the polls will close and the business meeting will begin. Dinner will be provided. SMPA is a member-owned cooperative. Anyone who pays an electric bill to SMPA is a member-owner, and is, therefore, eligible to vote for director representatives to sit on SMPA’s governing Board. SMPA’s service territory is divided into seven districts. Each district elects their director to serve a four-year term. Usually, two districts hold elections in a calendar year. In 2016, the District No. 1 and No. 4 Board seats are up for election. In District No.1, which includes the West End of Montrose County, as well as Basin & Slick Rock, the candidates are Tom Loczy & Doyleene Garvey. In District No.4, which includes Colona, Log Hill, and areas surrounding Telluride, the candidates are Jack Sibold & Toby Brown. Ballots have been mailed to members of these districts. Mail-in ballots must be received by June 8th, or members may vote at the

Annual Meeting (4:30 pm to 5:30 pm). Mail-in votes may not be changed at the Annual Meeting. Election results will be announced at the conclusion of the meeting. SMPA’s Annual Meeting of Members is one of the most important events for all members to attend. It is an opportunity for members of the cooperative to gather and review the activities of the association over the past year. This year’s presentation will be accompanied by two additional features: Colorado State Representative, Don Coram will speak. Rep. Coram serves on the House Transportation and Energy Committee, and has fostered legislation in support of small hydroelectric generation within the state. As an advocate of an “all-of-the-above” energy policy, Rep. Coram will bring a broad and informed perspective on energy issues. Afterwards, SMPA’s wholesale power provider, Tri-State Generation and Transmission will take the stage and share their ideas on such topics as fuel mix, energy rates, and future plans for infrastructure and the changing industry. But there will be more than just business at the SMPA Annual Meeting. A family-friendly event, the Annual Meeting will

host games, prizes and activities. Among these attractions will be: Bucket truck rides, the Energy Bike, on which participants can generate their own electricity, SMPA’s new electric vehicle, the “Lightning Bug,” and a fun solar energy game called “Jitter Critters.”

There will also be door prizes and every member in attendance will receive a \$10 bill credit.

An election, valuable information, food and fun; they’re all reasons to attend the SMPA Annual Meeting, from 4:30 – 7 pm, on June 9th at the SMPA headquarters in Nucla, Colorado.

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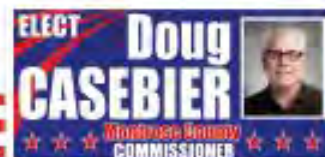


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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

REC FOUNDATION COMPLETES FUNDRAISING FOR CRC, EXPECTS NEED FOR SCHOLARSHIPS TO SPIKE ONCE FACILITY OPENS TO THE PUBLIC



Special to the Mirror
MONTROSE—The non-profit Montrose Recreation Foundation (MRF) has completed fundraising for the Montrose Community

Juan Healthcare Foundation. Local business' and personal donations made up the remainder including Haynes Excavation, Alpine Bank, 3M, LiveWell Montrose Olathe/

Recreation Center (CRC) Capital Campaign. The goal of \$2.65 million has been met. Thanks especially to the match opportunity provided by a local donor through the Montrose Community Foundation, which put us over the top. Major grant support came from the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA), Daniels Fund, Boettcher Foundation, El Pomar Foundation, Montrose Community Foundation, and San

Valley Food Partnership and the Montrose Rotary Club. For a full list of supporters over \$100, please see the Montrose Rec District Summer Guide and Fall Guide (which will show the updated list). Additional capital donations will be used for other enhancements to the Rec Center that are not in the budget at this time. The MRF is also raising money for the scholarship fund as there will be a significant increase in scholarship requests once the Rec Center is open. To make a tax-deductible donation, visit www.MontroseRecFoundation.org or visit the Aquatics Center to pick up a form. The Montrose Recreation Foundation is a component fund of the Montrose Community Foundation.

Pictured: The Montrose Community Foundation presents a \$50,000 check on behalf of one of their Donor Advised Funds to the Montrose Recreation Foundation to complete the Montrose Community Rec Center Capital Campaign. From L-R: Barbara Bynum, MRD Board President; Lori Sharp, MRF Board President; Sara Lokey, MRF Board Secretary; Kaye Hotsenpiller, MCF Board President; Sara Plumhoff, MCF Executive Director.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

CITIZENS' CLIMATE LOBBY TO MEET JUNE 13

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MONTROSE-Citizens concerned about climate change are meeting Monday, June 13 at 6:30 in Centennial Rm. This is behind Montrose City Hall, off Centennial Plaza. Citizens' Climate Lobby is a national non-partisan group influencing legislators in this im-

BEARDED MAN WITH BMX BIKE ATTEMPTS TO ENTER MOM'S VEHICLE

To Our Readers: There appears to be a predator in our town targeting mothers with kids. I recently shared an experience that my 12-year-old son and I had when a man tried to enter our vehicle while we were driving on South First Street at 4 p.m. on a Friday afternoon. He had crossed in front of us, looked into our car, and then suddenly opened the rear passenger door and began to step in. He looked directly in my eyes with an evil smile as I hit the gas. Several local moms commented at the time that they had encountered a man similar to the one I described, and had noticed him watching them. On Friday June 3, I spoke to another mom who had just had a very frightening experience with a man trying to enter her car in the vicinity of Downtown while her children were with her. Her description of the man and what happened was eerily similar to the incident my 12-year-old and I experienced. Though it was dark when her incident occurred, she saw that the intruder was bearded, very skinny, and had a dark BMX bicycle with him. My own experience was in daylight, and I saw that the man trying to enter my car (very skinny, bearded) also had extensive, dark neck tattoos. Please keep your eyes and ears open, and lock your car doors; this man targets mothers and children in older model cars--the kind that don't lock automatically. —Caitlin Switzer



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4:30pm: Registration & Voting Begin
5:00 - 6:30pm: Booths, Activities, & Entertainment
5:30 - 6:30pm: Grilled Dinner
6:30pm: National Anthem & Tribute to Law Enforcement
6:30pm - 8:00pm: Business Meeting, Polls Close

Please join DMEA for its Annual Meeting of Members and celebrate your co-op's accomplishments over the last year. Come early to enjoy the many family-friendly activities and witness the unveiling of Elevate Fiber, our new fiber broadband company.

All registered members will receive a 10" DMEA cast iron skillet and be entered to win a variety of door prizes. The meeting will also conclude the 2016 DMEA Board of Directors elections for District 3, District 4, & the South Region. The results of the elections will be announced at the conclusion of the meeting.

Activities
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EXPLORING THE NIGHT SKIES...BLACK CANYON ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY



Vice-President Art Trevena (standing) orchestrates the "meeting after the meeting" as the Black Canyon Astronomical Society continues their animated discussions on planets, stars, and missions in space. Photo by Gail Marvel.



The Black Canyon Astronomical Society sandwich board welcomes the community to their monthly meeting. Photo by Gail Marvel.

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-Chartered in 2002, the Black Canyon Astronomical Society currently has 55 members. Although membership comes from four different counties, the majority of the membership is evenly split between Montrose and Delta and meeting locations vary to accommodate both communities.

The mission statement for the Society: "Unite and stimulate the energy, public interest, and knowledge of astronomy in southwestern Colorado. [To] collect and disseminate information regarding the science, literature, philosophy and art of astronomy. [To] encourage the preservation of dark skies. [To] render the universe readily accessible for the pleasure and education of the public."

Yearly dues are \$15 for individuals, \$25 for families and students are free. The public is welcome, but because meetings and locations are so varied those interested should call or email for times and locations.

Vice-President Art Trevena said, "We meet once a month January thru October, but we don't meet in November or December. We try to meet close to a full moon."

The Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park is now certified as an Interna-

ty has helped grow local membership.

Four members of the Society had a part in the recently aired PBS special, "Heart of the World: Colorado's National Parks." Art Trevena, John Pool (who owns a 20-inch telescope, light box) and Park Rangers Nick Meyer and Paul Zaenger were in the video, but apparently they were upstaged. Art quipped, "John's telescope got more air time than I did!"

Community outreach for the Society includes workshops, school visits, and public star gazing events. David and Laura Gillenwater, who are new to the community, have a mini-observatory attached to their home. Laura said, "We wanted to connect with other people and were impressed with the club's willingness to help, teach and share their knowledge. They start with the basics of how to operate and use a telescope. People who have never had an opportunity to look through a telescope are welcome."

Cedaredge resident Phil Stinnett joined the club two years ago and now has a 3, 3 1/2, 5, 6, 8 and an 11-inch telescope. "I need to learn more myself, but it's relaxing to set up a telescope and look at the stars." When asked how he knows what he's looking at Phil laughed and said, "I have an app on my smart phone. I hold it up to

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where I'm looking and it gives me the names of the stars and the planets!"

For the April 21st meeting a family emergency caused a last minute program change and Art Trevena stepped in with his presentation, "Solar Systems Exploration Update 2016."

Art, a geologist by trade, considers himself an astronomy buff, "No one in the club considers themselves professionals, we're all amateur astronomers."

Art reported on the Nasa Ceres Dawn Mission — an orbital mission mapping the surface of Ceres; and on the New Horizons Pluto program — a flyby launched in 2006.

Art said, "In a flyby you only have a few days and a lot of science is done fast. Mapping is not high resolution, there's not a lot of good chemistry work."

Re-occurring Slope Lineae (RSL's) are streaks that form on the slopes of Mars in the spring and summer and then disappear in the cold season.

Art said, "The streaks have been known for five or six years, but there is still debate...some say it's water seepage, others say the streaks are dry dust avalanches."

What's next in the world of astronomy — NASA's Juno spacecraft was scheduled to arrive at Jupiter on July 4, 2016; and a total Lunar Eclipse takes place on Dec. 21, 2017.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

MUSEUM TO HOST GRANDVIEW CEMETERY TOUR JUNE 18

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--On June 18 starting at 4 pm the Montrose County Historical Museum will be hosting the Cemetery Tour of Grandview Cemetery. Come learn about the history behind burial traditions, along with the stories of our earliest community members in the oldest part of the cemetery. Space is limited, so please RSVP at 249-2085. There is a donation of \$10 per person.

MONTROSE BOCC APPROVES ATLANTIC AVIATION LEASE

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--In a special meeting of the Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) last week, the board approved the assignment of the Jet Center Partners LLC (Black Canyon Jet Center) lease with new fixed-base operator (FBO), Atlantic Aviation-Montrose LLC. The large hangar ground lease, estoppel certificates, and consent to assignment and assumption of leases are all conditions of the purchase agreement between Black Canyon Jet Center and Atlantic Aviation.

"I would like to congratulate Atlantic Aviation and thank them for taking an active interest and working to become a part of our community," said Chairman Glen Davis. It is anticipated Atlantic Aviation will take over fixed-base operations at the Montrose Regional Airport on June 10th following the closing of the deal between Atlantic Aviation and Black Canyon Jet Center. The new FBO will provide services to aircraft that fly in and out of Montrose. For more information on Atlantic Aviation, please visit www.atlanticaviation.com.

GIVE BACK TO YOUR PUBLIC LANDS...PLANT A TREE!

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GUNNISON – The public is invited to help the Forest Service plant tree seedlings in a part of the Forest severely impacted by the Spruce beetle epidemic. "The plant-a-tree Day" hosted by the Gunnison Ranger District of the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests is June 11th on Slumgullion Pass, on State Highway 149 approximately ten miles south of Lake City.

LEARN HISTORIC LEGENDS AND TRUE TALES OF DOWNTOWN MONTROSE

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MONTROSE--Are you interested in the unknown stories hidden behind the walls of the Historic Montrose Downtown? Please join us for the "Historic Legends and True Tales" walking tour on June 7, Starting at 7 pm at the Montrose County Historical Museum (21 N. Rio Grande). There is limited space so please RSVP, and it is a \$5/person donation. For more information please call 249-2085.

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MEN: LEARN TO FISH, HUNT, SHOOT, JUNE 24-26



Men, ages 18-40, who are interested in learning how to fish and hunt are invited to a weekend "Cast and Blast" sponsored by Colorado Parks and Wildlife, June 24-26. Courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE— Isn't it about time you got away from that computer screen and got into Colorado's backcountry for some real

adventure? Men, ages 18-40, who are interested in learning how to fish and hunt are invited to a weekend "Cast and Blast" sponsored by Colorado Parks and Wildlife,

June 24-26.

"There is no better way to burn off the stress of this 24-7 world than to get out of town and into Colorado's mountains for some hunting and fishing," said Mark Caddy, district wildlife manager in the Montrose area, "We want to teach you some skills to make you comfortable in the woods."

The weekend class is especially designed for men who have no experience or limited experience with firearms, archery, hunting and fishing, and camping. Participants will learn some of the basics of wildlife biology, fly fishing, shotgun shooting and archery while relaxing in a remote corner of Colorado.

The weekend event will be held at the beautiful Lone Cone-Jim Olterman State Wildlife Area located north of Norwood, San Miguel County in southwestern Colorado. Firearms and fishing gear will be provided. Attendees will be selected from applications submitted to the Montrose Service Center of Colorado Parks and Wildlife at 2300 South Townsend Ave; Montrose, CO 81401. Applications can be obtained by calling 970-252-6000 or by e-mail at darlene.trainor@state.co.us. A \$40 refundable deposit is required.

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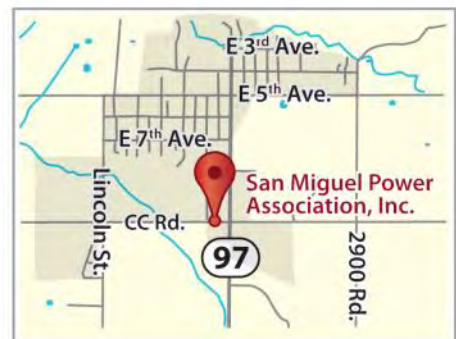
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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

COMMUNITY CHALLENGED TO RIDE THROUGH THE SUMMER BY JOINING NATIONAL BIKE CHALLENGE

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE—The City of Montrose, Live-Well Olathe-Montrose, and the Montrose Area Bicycle Alliance invite local businesses, families, and schools to join them in the National Bike Challenge.

The challenge, which runs from May through September, is open to all ages and levels with the end goal of getting more people on their bikes. Participants can even

win awards through the challenge! Visit NationalBikeChallenge.org to register and begin tracking your activity using your favorite app or by logging on to the website.

Participants can compare activity on the leader boards or join teams to rack up the miles, together. All area clubs, bands, churches, organizations, schools, teams, families, and businesses are encouraged to

take part in this popular summer challenge. For more information on the local challenge, or to follow the monthly miles accumulated throughout Montrose, contact Erica Weeks at [\(970\) 497.8525](tel:970.497.8525) or visit Facebook at [Facebook.com/CityofMontroseCo](https://www.facebook.com/CityofMontroseCo).

For even more fun, post your rides socially using the hashtag #NationalBikeChallengeMontroseCO.

BUCKHORN ROAD TO BE IMPROVED THROUGH MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL EFFORT

Special to the Mirror

REGIONAL—Access to the beautiful Buckhorn Lakes Park will be greatly improved following a road closure scheduled Saturday, June 4 to Saturday June 18. The closure begins from mile marker seven at the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) corral and allows officials to replace culverts, regrade and improve drainage.

This multijurisdictional project includes

the City of Montrose, Montrose County, Ouray County, the BLM, and the National Guard. The National Guard 947th Engineer Company will perform the work and is bringing 50 people with over 20 pieces of equipment.

The Company was sent to the Front Range to reconstruct flooded roads following record rainfall in 2013, which Colorado State University's Russ Schumacher stated qualified as a 1,000-year event. The pro-

ject is meant to permanently address problematic rutting. It will not include widening or paving.

Major General Edwards and other ranking officers will visit the site in a Blackhawk helicopter on Wednesday, June 8. As always, we thank you for your patience in roadway improvement projects. Please contact Jennifer Stepleton at the City of Montrose at [\(970\) 240.1481](tel:970.240.1481) with questions.

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CDOT TO PERFORM PATCH WORK AND CHIP SEAL NEAR SILVERTON

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SAN JUAN COUNTY – The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) will begin a patch work and chip seal project on US 550 near Silverton. The three day project will start Monday, June 6 on a stretch of highway between MM 69 and MM 73, on either side of the highway entrance to the town of Silverton. The preventative maintenance project for the five mile expanse of road is expected to be completed by June 8.

Crews will patch and repair any damage or cracks in the road, apply a coat of emulsion oil to the roadway, and then embed half-inch aggregate. The process will end with an application of an emulsion fog seal (a top coat of oil to the new surface) and new striping for the roadway.

TRAVEL IMPACTS: Motorists should expect single-lane alternating traffic with up to 15 or 20 minute delays during working daylight hours. Pilot cars will be used to guide traffic through the work zone. Motorists are advised to adhere to posted speed limits to reduce the likelihood of windshield damage, and motorcyclists are urged to use extreme caution while traveling through the work zone.

ROAD INFORMATION: To sign up for CDOT updates on projects in your chosen area, visit CDOT's website at www.codot.gov and choose the envelope icon at the bottom of the page. Or, to see CDOT's lane closure reports for projects statewide, visit www.codot.gov/travel/scheduled-lane-closures.html. Updates are also available via Twitter @coloradodot and be sure to "Like" us on Facebook.



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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETS IN PUEBLO, JUNE 9-10



Special to the Mirror

DENVER - The Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission meets at the Pueblo Convention Center, 320 Central Main Street, Pueblo, Colo., June 9 and 10.

The meeting is slated to begin at 9 a.m. Thursday, and is scheduled to adjourn at noon, Friday.

Commissioners will receive briefings on a variety of issues, including: updates from CPW Director Bob Broscheid and the Departments of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Lake Pueblo and Mueller State Parks are also slated to present.

Informational updates to the Commission include the following topics: legislative session wrap-up, Colorado Lottery, IPAWS, Partners in the Outdoors, Outdoor Recreation Industry Office, Rookie Sportsmen Program, climate science and fee increase.

The Commission meets regularly and travels to communities around the state to facilitate public participation in its processes.

The next commission meeting is scheduled for July in Meeker. Other meetings slated for 2016 will be held in August (Montrose), September (Creede), November (Lamar) and if necessary, December (Fort Collins).

Anyone can listen to commission meetings through the Colorado Parks and Wildlife website. This opportunity keeps constituents

informed about the development of

regulations and how the commission works with Parks and Wildlife staff to manage the parks, wildlife and outdoor recreation programs administered by the agency.

Find out more at <http://cpw.state.co.us/aboutus/Pages/Commission.aspx>. Action items pending include changes to wildlife chapters W-0 and W-2. A complete agenda can be found at:

<http://cpw.state.co.us/Documents/Commission/2016/June/Agenda.pdf>.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife's mission is to perpetuate the wildlife resources of the state, provide a quality state parks system, and to provide enjoyable and sustainable outdoor recreation opportunities that educate and inspire current and future generations to serve as active stewards of Colorado's natural resources. Learn more at cpw.state.co.us.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

DELTA COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AMONG TOP 20 RURAL COMMUNITY HOSPITALS IN THE NATION



Jody Roeber, Chief Clinical Officer for Delta County Memorial Hospital, received the Top 20 Rural Community Hospitals in the Nation for 2016 on behalf of DCMH at a recent National Rural Health Association awards luncheon in Minneapolis, MN. Courtesy photo.

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 community 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 ratios 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 characteristics 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.

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HOPEWEST RECEIVES PERFECT RESULTS ON UNANNOUNCED STATE SURVEY

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REGIONAL-HopeWest received perfect results for the second consecutive time on an unannounced, onsite survey of hospice organizations conducted every three years by the Health Facilities Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE).

"We are thrilled to have received notice that no deficiencies were cited for our survey!" Terri Walter, Chief Administrative Officer and Senior Vice President said. "It is not unusual for a hospice to receive deficiencies from a survey and this shows the tremendous effort on the part of all staff to provide excellent care in the framework of the necessary regulations. We feel that this level of quality in care really sets us apart from other hospices."

CDPHE is the state survey agency that looks for compliance with Colorado licensure laws as well as compliance with Medicare conditions of participation for hos-

pice organizations in Colorado.

The goal of the survey is to assure the hospice is following state and federal regulations – from administration organization to quality of patient care.

The surveyors make visits to current patients, talk with family members and staff, review medical records, review policies and procedures and assess the hospice's quality management program. If any deficiencies are cited by the surveyors, the hospice must prepare a "plan of correction" and a re-evaluation takes place in the near future. Results of the surveys become part of the public record maintained by CDPHE.

Since the inception of HopeWest in 1993, the organization has experienced significant growth and expansion, both programmatically and geographically. From approximately 200 families in the first year of service to more than 3,000 families currently,

HopeWest continues to grow to serve the community's needs.

HopeWest serves Mesa, Montrose, Delta, Ouray and Rio Blanco Counties, with the administrative headquarters located in Grand Junction, Colorado. The organization provides comprehensive hospice, palliative care and grief related services throughout Western Colorado through its five sites.

HopeWest is a community-based 501 (c)(3) organization, governed by a Board of Directors and founding President/CEO, Christy Whitney, RN, MSN.

HopeWest has become well-known for its innovations in end of life care directed at meeting the unique needs of rural areas of the state.

The organization stretches to close the gaps in care when reimbursement is lacking, as well as develop new programs to serve the "un-served" and "underserved" throughout the Western Slope.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT: DMEA MEMBER SURVEYS COMING IN JUNE

By Becky Mashburn, DMEA

This month, Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) will begin collecting feedback from its members about a variety of topics through random phone surveys. The ongoing quarterly member experience surveys will focus on identifying ways DMEA can continue to improve service to its members.

Members will be randomly selected, contacted via phone, and are encouraged to complete the brief survey in order to help the co-op identify areas of improvement. Typically, calls will be made on weeknights between 5:30 and 8:30 pm. On average, the survey will take seven minutes.

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.

HONORABLE MENTION

To everyone working on Fourth of July events around the region...thank you for making this wonderful holiday so much fun...

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50 PEOPLE PARTICIPATE IN RUN WITH A NURSE 5K

Special to the Mirror

DELTA-The second annual "Run with a Nurse 5K Fun Run/Walk" had approximately 50 participants run or walk the 5K at Confluence Park in Delta on May 21, which started at Lion's Pavilion and went around the lake.

Winners were:

1st Runner - Christie Atchwanden 22:10

2nd Runner - Luis Meza 22:51

3rd Runner - Mike Burton 24:00

1st Walker - Lisa Rottinghaus 47:35

2nd Walker - Cheryl DeJulio 47:35.01

3rd Walker - Elaine Sakala 48:13

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All 2nd won DCMH Camp chair, ROAD ID Gift Card and \$15 Dog-house Gift Card

All 3rd won DCMH Camp chair, ROAD ID Gift Card and \$10 Dog-house Gift Card

Nurse who won special Nursing Tote filled with goodies - Kathy Akers

The 5K Nurses Committee thanked all sponsors of the event:

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Care, Paonia, Rural Physicians Group, Mark Roeber- Delta County Commissioner, Amerigas, Delta County Medical Society, Hartman Brothers, Delta County Memorial Hospital Medical Staff Physicians and Pepsi for water donation. The Delta County Memorial Hospital Nurses plan to continue this 5K to support local nursing and provide educational opportunities for the nursing community.



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OBITUARIES

ELAINE ROCHELLE FISCHER

TELLURIDE-Four-term San Miguel County Commissioner and influential local artist and patron of the arts Elaine R. Fischer, age 62, passed away Monday, May 30, 2016 at her home in Telluride Colorado. Graveside services took place at the Lone Tree Cemetery in Telluride June 2. Arrangements were handled under the direction of Sunset Mesa Funeral Directors (970) 240-9870

To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Mrs. Elaine Rochelle Fischer please visit our Sympathy Store.



Elaine Fischer. Courtesy photo.

WRIGHT OPERA HOUSE HOSTS BOB FROESE MEMORIAL ART EXHIBITION

Special to the Mirror

OURAY-The Wright Opera House is host to a memorial exhibit of the works of Bob Froese opening Sun June 19 and going through July. There will be a reception on June 19 from 4-7. Froese was a well-known artist in western Colorado and nationwide. He can best be described as a representational painter and colorist. For Froese, color and spatial relationship were more important than the subject. Mary Voelz Chandler, art editor for the Rocky Mountain News, described his work "He makes even blocks of difficult colors such as orange contribute to a sense of layering and perspective." Froese received his BFA from Kansas City Art

Institute and his MFA from Boston University. He spent his early career in Kansas, where he was chairman of the Fine Arts and Humanities Dept. at Hutchinson Community College., and married his wife of 51 years Dottie Cheever.

In Sept. 1976 Dottie and Bob purchased the St. Elmo Hotel, they moved to Ouray the following January and began the task of bringing the St. Elmo to life.

The Froeses were active community members, Dottie, the school librarian and Bob, creator of the beautiful paintings used as posters for Music in Ouray and Artists Alpine Holiday. While in Ouray, Froese was his most creative and happy according to his wife. They regrettably

moved back to Kansas to care for aging mothers in 1998. Froese continued his career teaching masters classes in Vail, Grand Junction, Taos and Ouray. Froese died at their home in Montrose in August 2015.

Nancy Nixon, Friends of the Wright Opera House chairperson, expressed the sentiments of so many people in Ouray, "To have Bob Froese's work in Ouray where his heart was is an honor for us."

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ONGOING-

MAGIC CIRCLE THEATRE FOR CHILDREN: JUNE-A musical version of "The Velveteen Rabbit", based on the 1922 classic tale by Margery Williams, will be presented by Magic Circle Players' *Theatre for Children*. Evening performances are scheduled for June 10, 17, 18, at 7 pm and matinees on June 11, 12, and 18, at 2 pm. For information visit the website at www.magiccircleplayers.com or contact Magic Circle Theatre at 970-249-7838. The theatre is located at 420 S. 12th St., Montrose.

RIDGWAY CONCERT SERIES 2016-July 7, 14, 21, 28-9th Annual Free Summer Concert Series

Hartwell Park, Ridgway, Thursdays in July, 6pm 'til Dark, July 7, 14, 21, 28 Free Music featuring World-Class Bands! Family Friendly, Children's Activities, Food Vendors, Local Beer, Margaritas & Wine Late Night After-Show at the Sherbino Theater, Live Broadcast on KVNF.

PAONIA'S PICKIN' IN THE PARK 2016-Aug. 4, 11, 18, 25 Paonia's 9th Annual Free Summer Concert Series, Paonia Town Park, Paonia, Thursday Evenings in August, 6pm 'til Dark. Dates are August 4, 11, 18, 25 ~ 2016 Free Live Music, National Touring Acts, Family Friendly, Children's Activities Local Food, Local Beer & Local Wine, Broadcast Live on KVNF! www.pickingproductions.com.

FRIDAYS-TRUE GRIT WALKING TOURS-Arrive 10:45 a.m. at the Ridgway Visitors Center, 150 Racecourse Rd. Tour ends at noon. \$10 (11 and under free). Reservations strongly recommended. Or schedule your own tour for 6 or more people. 970-626-5181.

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.

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

FREE JAM SESSION AND SING ALONG, Mondays from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Montrose Pavilion Senior Center.

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.

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. Snowshadowgym-nastics@yahoo.com.

MONTHLY-

June 7-Montrose Summer Reading Program Archery event, 9 a.m. to Noon. Youth age 10 to 18, registration required; sign up at front desk.

June 8-Montrose Regional Library Sneak Peek Breakfast Book Talk, 10 to 11 a.m., Library meeting room.

June 8-Montrose County Historical Museum will be hosting an open house for the new exhibits on the Montrose Lion's Club and the unknown history of the Black Canyon National Park. Come and learn how their history is intertwined. Starting at 6:30 pm at 21 N. Rio Grande Ave, Montrose.

June 9-SMPA annual meeting in Nucla, 5:30 p.m. 170 West 10th Avenue in Nucla.

June 9-Friendship Force International meets at Red Cross Training Center, 5th and Gunnison in Grand Junction June 9 at 6:15 pm. The 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 by bringing people together at the personal level. If you're interested in joining us please call Sue Palmer on 970-260-4653.

June 9-Montrose Senior Center \$5 dollar Lunch and Learn... Lunch only Reservations at 252-7797, Lunch at noon and program at 1 p.m. "Home Safety, Fire, Fall and Life Alert Awareness" Mark Bray and April Martinez.

June 9-The KAFM 88.1 RADIO ROOM Proudly Presents... Justin Payne on Thursday, June 9th, 2016 at 7:30 PM. 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.

June 10-12-The Colorado Wild Fire & Incident Management Academy in Gunnison, Colorado is offering the CCBB/RXB3: Certified Burner/Introduction to Agency Burn Boss (RXB3) class, June 10 through 12, 2016.

This class gives the Landowner the same tools and technics that an Agency Burn Boss uses to perform burning operations. For course information and registration visit www.cwfima.com.

June 11-The public is invited to help the Forest Service plant tree seedlings in a part of the Forest severely impacted by the Spruce beetle epidemic. "The plant-a-tree Day" hosted by the Gunnison Ranger District of the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests is June 11th on Slumgullion Pass, on State Highway 149 approximately ten miles south of Lake City.

June 11-Montrose Garden Tour—9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Self-guided tour of 5 private gardens & the Montrose Botanic Gardens. Enjoy beautiful landscapes, live music & artists painting. Tickets can be purchased at www.montrosegardens.org, Camelot Gardens and San Juan Gardens prior to the tour or at the Botanic Gardens the day of the tour. Tour starts at the Botanic Gardens where maps will be handed out. 1801 Pavilion Drive. \$10 members/\$15 non-members. Questions, call 970-765-2237.

June 11-Bite the Mic Music Festival to benefit Habitat for Humanity! Brought to you by Tom Barry Productions and Ascending Giants, the event is located at the Habitat Barn in Montrose and will be showcasing over ten Colorado Bands. Headliners include Montrose bands: Ascending Giants, Johnson County Coroners, and the Blue Gators, Gunnison band: Kreature of Habit, and Roy Catlin and the Dudes all the way from Denver Colorado. Side acts include: The Poachers, Sergio Sabaleta, Darcy Figgs, Jeff Fields and a variety of local artists performing slam poetry. There will be local craft beer from 2 Rascals and Colorado Boy, along with domestic beer and a beer garden. Local food vendors will be serving a variety of food. The event is FAMILY FRIENDLY. Ten dollars at the door, 12 and under are free, no pre-sale tickets. Cash only. Doors open at 12 music starts at 1 p.m.

June 12-The Montrose County Historical Museum (21 N. Rio Grande Ave) invites history enthusiasts to join us for the "Sunday History Series" on June 12 from 3 pm to 5 pm. This month we will be hosting six local historical authors and one special guest. The authors will be showing their newest accomplishment along with their past books. The authors will be Steve Baker, Greta Hemstrom, Elaine Hale Jones, Carol Patterson, Jack Rairden, and Judy Buffington Sammons. The special guest will be Raymond Tyler, the brother of Muriel Marshall (the late local Historian). Please join us for this reception, it is free and open to the public. For more information call 970-249-2085.

June 12-Ridgway Amateur Sculpture Contest, 1 to 3 p.m. at Ridgway Town Hall. Adult and youth categories. Visit www.weehawkenarts.org to register or call 970-318-0150.

June 13-22-There will be a Yogini Circus Stilt camp six-day Stilt Build & Walk Workshop for kids (and their adult) seven and up in Ridgway June 13th-15th & June 20-22nd from 6 to 7:30 PM. The Build will be in the Cimarron Coffee Parking lot, Ridgway - Walk in Ridgway town park. Cost is \$75 per participant, and participants must pre-register by calling (970) 765-4627 or emailing heather@yoginircircus.com. Registration deadline June 10. Maximum 10 walkers. Participants must attend all six sessions.

June 13-Citizens concerned about climate change are meeting Monday, June 13 at 6:30 in Centennial Rm. This is behind Montrose City Hall, off Centennial Plaza. Citizens' Climate Lobby is a national non-partisan group influencing legislators in this important election year. Public is invited to attend. More information at www.CitizensClimateLobby.org.

June 13-An evening of Stargazing, Montrose Summer Reading Program at Cerise Park, with Black Canyon Astronomical Society. 8 to 10 p.m.

June 16-DMEA Annual Meeting at Friendship Hall, 4:30 to 8 p.m.

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Gail Marvel snapped the photo at right of vintage tractors, set up on Columbine Field in advance of the popular Black Canyon Classics show on Saturday, June 4.



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