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DOWNTOWN MONTROSE 4TH OF JULY!



Montrose will celebrate the Fourth of July Downtown today, with a family friendly community party following the Parade at 10 a.m. Above, riders in the 2015 Fourth of July parade. Mirror file photo.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-The Fourth of July is a treasured holiday on the Western Slope, with traditional parades and celebrations hosted in nearly every small community. Ouray is known for the parade and the water fights; Silverton is famous for its fireworks display. Telluride puts together a family Independence Day celebration that draws out-of-town visitors as well as locals, and Grand Junction offers a host of activities for just about everyone. In Paonia, the Fourth of July means Cherry Days. Here in Montrose, the Fourth of July Holiday is generating more excitement than it has in years, thanks to a young Downtown volunteer. Hypoxia staffer Kate Adams has recruited sponsors, businesses and volunteers to host a day-long Independence Day festival with fun for the whole family. Beginning with the traditional Fourth of July Parade on Main Street at 10 a.m., the day will include music by Ascending Giants, Jeff Fields and the ClassiClan, and Donny Morales. Food and fun include everything from tamales, ice cream, BBQ and a bake sale to contests, games and even a meet and greet and demonstration by MCSO Sgt. Keith Sanders and K9 Oxx. Little kids will love the petting zoo and face painting, and grownups

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REEVES RESTORATION REVIVES HISTORIC MONTROSE WITH **NEW MARKET FOR VINTAGE, ANTIQUES, HANDMADES**

Bv Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-It is one of the most visible buildings in Montrose, located at 337 East Main Street. Though it is remembered by many as the former location of Wild Rose Boutique and prior to that Reeves Mercantile, the storefront has been empty for more than a decade. That's about to change. Two local entrepreneurs have leased the space for a vintage/antique/hand-made market place called Country Flair, and owners Zach and Jennifer Prock are restoring the space to meet their needs. "We bought the building a couple years ago, and we kind of played around with what to do with it," Jennifer Prock said. "When they told us they wanted to lease it, we were excited to get the building renovat-

The gorgeous façade is already visible, with standout windows and fresh, brighter color chosen by Jennifer.

"We're hoping to be open by Aug 1," said Diana

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Ridgway Area Trails (RAT)!

Wilderness on Wheels turns 30!



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BUCKLEY PARK: ONCE THE GROUNDS OF HISTORIC ESTATE BELONGING TO SENATOR WILLIAM AND GEORGIANA BUCKLEY



Picnic tables offer inviting places for a brown bag lunch or family gathering, when the sun shines.



Buckley Park is rarely empty, except during a drenching summer downpour. The park is a local favorite for children's birthday parties and playdates.

Mirror Staff Report

MONTROSE--Unless you show up in the middle of a drenching downpour, you are not likely to see Buckley Park empty. This Northeast Montrose (NEMO) Park is a local favorite because of the playground equipment, tall shade trees and clean, comfortable picnic areas. City Councilor and longtime member of the former Parks Advisory Council Judy Ann Files can remember playing here as a child. Montrose historian Marilyn Cox and Cathleen Norman discussed the beginnings of Buckley Park in their book, *Montrose Take a Closer Look: A Walking Tour Guide* (Preservation Publishing 2006).

In the early 1900's the Buckley Estate belonged to Senator William S. Buckley, a successful miner from the Telluride area, and his wife Georgiana, the book notes. Though the couple occupied an elegant two-story home, Senator Buckley passed away in 1904 of tuberculosis.

"Following her

husband's death, Georgiana acquired more than 100 lots in the northern section of town," write Cox and Norman. "She had the sagebrush removed, leveled the land, and put the lots on the market."

Georgiana Buckley soon began a brick plant on nearby Sunset Mesa, and dreamed of turning her in-town estate into a "'pleasure resort,' a place for an auditorium that could be used for roller skating, dancing, chautauqua performances, and banquets," the authors note.

During the Depression years a pavilion there was used as a relief distribution point. Georgiana left Montrose in 1912, and the estate was eventually purchased by the City as an overflow area for nearby Lions Club Tourist Park, according to *Montrose Take a Closer Look*. And, "In

1928, local businesses and organizations installed playground equipment including a merry whirl, junior slide, senior wave slide, pedal swing and a muscle plane." The park is important to Montrose, as a place for community members to gather and for the history, former Parks Advisory Committee (PAC) Chair Marge Morgenstern said. "It's nice that it takes up just one block," she said. "It's a beautifully kept park and the picnic tables are always clean."

Though the park has no shelter for rain, the restrooms are clean and open year round, noted former PAC member Gary Davis. "This park is a favorite with kids," Davis said. "You can come by with a brown bag lunch anytime." Buckley Park is located at 300 North Nevada Avenue in Montrose.



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can have fun shopping with an array of vendors. With all of the community fun planned, Downtown Development Authority Director Lance Michaels said he is most excited at the idea that the celebration inely, nice," she said. "There is a mild pace could become a Montrose tradition.

He praised the hard work put in by Kate Adams. "She made calls, and she contacted the bands," he said. "I have nothing but kudos for Kate."

For her part, Kate is glad to call Montrose home, and to help celebrate Independence Day in the place that she loves. "I just want to make this a fun, eventful day for our community,: she said. "I have worked so hard on it, and it looks really good on paper, but you never really know how it will go until it happens. We will have the National Guard here, with a pit game, and Sergeant Keith Sanders with Oxx. There will be an armored vehicle, which should be really cool to check out and see. Our 2016 business of the year, Horsefly Brewing Company, will be there.

"We also have a dog food eating contest, for people," Adams said. "The first person to finish a can of wet dog food will win a \$500 gift certificate."

Adams, who turned 21 this year, moved away after graduating from high school.

She returned to Montrose with a heightened appreciation for the quality of local

"Everybody here is usually really, genuhere; Montrose is not a sketchy place to live. Some people don't appreciate how wonderful Montrose is—but if you want to stay, you have to be positive."

Why would someone so young take on the challenge of organizing a community Fourth of July Celebration in the first place?

"Someone once told me not to bite off more than I could chew." Adams said. "I said, 'I'd rather choke on Greatness than nibble on Mediocrity.' I'm not sure who said this, but it really is the story how I took this over. I was just supposed to find live music, next thing I knew I had food and activities and the torch was passed to me to plan this event. As a life quote that my dad taught me before he passed, 'You can't drink with the big dogs if you piss with the puppies!' Which is exactly my style of living."

Lance Michaels said he will be Downtown early in the morning on Monday, to make sure the day gets off to a strong start. "We're pulling out the stops, with a beer

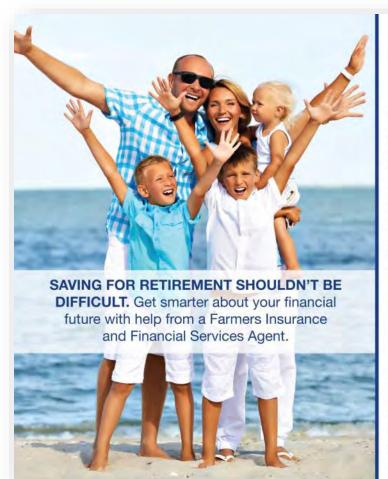
garden and great vendors," he said. "This is just the first year, but we hope it is also the first step toward creating a Montrose

As the event grows, tug-o-war is even a possibility, he surmised. "I would like to see our manly guys and girls step up to grab the end of a rope," Michaels said.

The Montrose County Historical Society Museum will be open on the Fourth of July this year as well, adding to the family fun on the West end of Main Street.

Along with a new exhibit on the Montrose Lions, there are additional hands-on activities at the Museum for younger visitors, Museum Director Sally Johnson said. "We have the Caboose, and a journal in the homestead cabin where they can write Morse code," she said. "And we've brought out the typewriters and adding machines. I'm trying to set up a selfie station in the phone booth as well."

Local residents and out of town guests are all welcome at the 2016 Montrose Fourth of July Celebration, Kate Adams said. "This will be good for our community, to come together," she said. "And who knows? Maybe some travelers might stop by, and say hey, 'Montrose is not that bad!""





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Mellon, one of the two business owners launching the Country Flair Market in the space. "And the building is going to be beautiful."

Shabby chic and vintage will be the theme, with spaces leased to individual vendors. Thirty spaces, or one third of those available, are already spoken for. "We're trying for 90 vendors," Mellon said.

One local business owner who is very pleased to see the Reeves Building remodeled is Sandy Schlauger of Wild Rose Apparel, who began her career in retail working for Montrose retailer Marvin Reeves in 1972.

"I think it will be wonderful for Main Street," Schlauger said. "It's already gorgeous, such a beautiful building. And I know that Zach and Jennifer Prock will do a great job with the restoration."

Working for Reeves gave Sandy an edu-

cation in retail, and eventually, the opportunity to go into business for herself. "I just loved it," she said. "I have so many favorite memories I could never choose just one. They used to call Marvin 'Old Blue Eyes.' He was really a nice looking guy.

"He had such a prosperous business," Schlauger recalled. "He did so well, and everybody liked him. He never knew a stranger. And he taught me about business from the bottom up."

Eventually, Reeves expanded from a previous location to the space at 337 East Main. "He bought that huge building, and started in with men's things," Schlauger said. "Back then that was a huge thing, because we had the miners and guys buying steel-toe boots and work boots."

When Marvin Reeves was ready to retire, Sandy and her husband bought the company and operated it at 337 East Main Street for 19 years.

By the time the Schlaugers took over the business, Reeves (formerly Reeves and Wilson Family Shoe) had bought out a partner and taken on the name Wild Rose Apparel, which Sandy Schlauger still uses to this day at her own shop (206 East Main Street).

"I was practically raised in retail," she said. "And I was so lucky to have a teacher like Marvin before I bought the business. He gave us the opportunity to buy it, and most people don't have the privilege of working in a business before buying it."

Schlauger said the idea of a new vintage/ antique/handmade market will be a great thing for Downtown Montrose.

"It's all very, very positive," she said. Vendors who want to lease space in the Country Flair Market are encouraged to call Cece at 970-596-2484 or Diana at 970-250-0884.



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JANINE BUSH: REMEMBERING A FRIEND... "STEELE" IN OUR HEARTS, SIX SUMMERS LATER



Late Cherry Creek radio D.J. Rick Steele. Courtesy photo.

By Janine Bush Publisher, Western Weekend Blast MONTROSE-July 4, 2010 was a very hot day in Montrose. I remember missing a lot of festivities that day because I was helping the Montrose County Sheriff's Posse try to find Rick Steele, the Montrose radio station DJ (Cherry Creek Radio) who went missing a few days prior. Rick's body was found in the south canal two weeks after he went missing. His death was ruled an accidental drowning.

I worked with Rick at the radio station for a few years and really enjoyed his goofy personality. He belonged on air. He had a few gigs around the country, including Tallahassee, but came back to the area where he grew up. He and his brother, Rob, graduated from Telluride High School in the 80s.

One of Rick's radio station claims-to-fame was working the Star Drive-Inn Colorado Radio Night on Tuesdays. He was out there nearly every single Tuesday night, mingling with the crowd before and in between movies. He certainly knew how to tell a story...and if you ever got wrapped up in one of his UFO stories, you knew you could expect a solid 15 minute

Ernie was Rick's extremely smart Border collie and Katie was his not-so-smart Brittany spaniel, but he loved them both dearly. I remember one time Rick brought Ernie to work and he (Ernie) lifted up his hind leg and peed on the copy machine. That was hilarious! Well, the boss-man didn't think so...haha.

discussion with him on that alone!

I remember exactly what I was wearing the last time I ever saw Rick, probably because it was a brand new shirt and was a little warm for our hot July weather. Rick had just celebrated his 48th birthday and I remember a new shirt he was also wearing that day. I haven't had much experience

around death, but I find it interesting the things we remember when certain events (e.g. death), happen. Why do our memories do that?

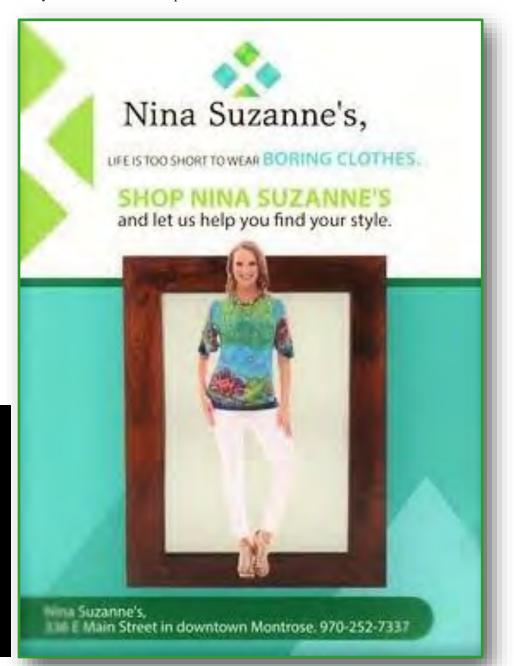
However, I didn't write this column to focus on the sad, but rather to remember a man who was loved in this community and is still missed, six years later.

Rick was extremely talented and knowledgeable about sports, especially baseball. He was very skilled on air; his impersonations were amazing!

He brought a certain joy to people's lives and even though some time has passed, I just hope he knows how much he was loved

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HOW A RAT (RIDGWAY AREA TRAILS) HELPED TOWN BECOME A DESTINATION





Ridgway Area Trails (RAT) help to generate hungry customers for the diverse and excellent local eateries, business owners say. Photos courtesy Ridgway Area Trails.

By Liesl Greathouse

RIDGWAY-For people who love the outdoors and enjoy them on a horse, a bike or on their own two feet, our area has a lot to offer. One organization that has been working to create a fantastic trail system in the Ridgway area, the Ridgeway Area Trails (RAT) team, is still at work this year to create even more trails for locals and visitors to explore.

"RAT is really about trail advocacy and creating sustainable trails for everyone (hikers, bikers or people who ride horses) to enjoy public lands," explained RAT board member Brian Scranton, who has been part of the organization for nine years. "The ultimate goal for RAT is to create a world class trail system for Ridgway and we are well on our way."

The RAT website explains the history of the organization in more detail: "In 2004, Richard Durnan, searching for quality riding experiences, approached the Ridgway State Park and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) with a proposal to develop a multi-use trail system in Ridgway Colorado on adjoining parcels of land these agencies manage. Identifying this land, which resides on the outskirts of the Town of Ridgway, as having ideal terrain, trail connectivity, and access, the process of obtaining permission for this project began....RAT spent eight years advocating for the project on Ridgway Town, Ouray County, BLM and Colorado State lands. RAT/COPMOBA has approval from all four agencies to construct well over 30 miles of single trail."

Their website also shows how RAT has grown over the years and all it has achieved: "Construction started in 2011 and has accelerated the past 36 months. RAT has completed trails in Weaver Park (town land) and on BLM land north of town. In 2013 and 2014 RAT added approximately 8 miles of new trails, about four miles on Town land and the rest on BLM. Then, in March 2015...the whole thing exploded as RAT received a \$200,000 grant from Colorado Parks and Wildlife. The money became available in August 2015, work began immediately and RAT [added] an additional 7.5 miles to BLM lands by the end of November 2015. Amazingly, CPW awarded another \$200,000 to COPMOBA in March 2016, \$137,000.00 of which is reserved to construct another – believe it or not – 7.5+miles of new trail on BLM land in the Summer and Fall of 2016. Meanwhile, we built another 1.7 miles in May 2016."

Ridgway is the focus for the organization because the town has so many great resources and attractions around it. "Ridgway offers quite a bit, with the river, reservoir, golf, art, history, and so much diversity," Scranton explained.

"The weather here is perfect, not a ton of snow or a ton of hot weather, so it is the perfect place to enjoy the outdoors. We also have lots of public lands, so it's a no brainer. While there were already trails here, we saw what could be done with trails in Fruita and Cortez, creating trail networks that drive economic growth. Here, people get to enjoy all that we have

to offer, riding or hiking right from the trailhead, then they go to Colorado Boy or True Grit Cafe afterward."

With the trails helping to bring in more visitors to the area, local businesses have already seen an increase in people coming through their doors. The Taco Del Gnar restaurant is one such business seeing positive benefits from the trails.

"The RAT Trails have been a great addition to our town," explained Chas Blanton, owner of Taco Del Gnar. "From a business perspective, the Gnar has noticed an increase in people visiting Ridgway, specifically to ride the RAT, and this has had a positive effect on taco sales. Another benefit of the RAT is that our town's overall client base is growing with new people learning of all the great dining options Ridgway has to offer. From a resident's perspective, the RAT trails are great to ride for any age and/or level of rider, and it is great having such amazing trails in our backyard."

Blanton thinks that the trail system is a perfect fit for Ridgway. "Honestly, Ridgway has a great deal to offer and as the RAT continues to grow our visitors are seeing that," he said.

"The RAT helps in allowing what was a formerly a 'pass-through' town to now be considered a destination. The Gnar offers quality ingredients at a moderate price which appeals to the outdoor enthusiasts & athletes. We are grateful when we see RAT riders for post ride tacos & margaritas!"

Taco Del Gnar is located at 630 Sherman St. (Hwy 62) in Ridgway. Contact them at 626-9715 or visit gnarlytacos.com

During the nine years that Scranton has been involved with RAT, his favorite part has been seeing the results of having the trail system in place.

"I love meeting all the people from all over the place who enjoy the trails," he said. "We are building a world-class trail system. When I'm out there on the trails, I meet people from all over the area, including Moab, Grand Junction and Telluride.

They all have their own hiking/biking trails, but they are coming to Ridgway. It's humbling and it feels great to be part in helping [it come to] be."

The best place to get started with up-todate information on RAT is on their Facebook page, just search RAT (Ridgway Area Trails). Their website also provides information at ridgwaytrails.com. The Montrose Mirror | July 4, 2016



FREEDOM COMES AT A PRICE...HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA!



On the evening of July 2nd young Chase, Jaxson and Mckenna got a head start on the Fourth of July celebrations. Photos by Gail Marvel.

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-Throughout history peoples, tribes and nations have sought and fought for freedom and independence.

For example, from the Bible we know that the Hebrew children were freed by God from Egyptian oppression and slavery. American history records 13 American colonies liberated themselves from the British Empire in 1776. And more recently British decided to control their own country and voted to leave the European Union

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In each situation there were detractors and dissenters who wanted to

keep the status quo. Some Hebrews wanted to turn around and go back to Egypt; a number of colonists wanted only partially separation from the British Empire; and today many in Britain are calling for a revote on Brexit.

Declaring one's independence takes strength and fortitude. However, that resolve does not stem from the hearts of kings, rulers and political parties, but rather from the hearts and will of the people.

The Declaration of Independence was

adopted on July 4, 1776 and many of us recall learning that familiar second paragraph which begins, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are empowered by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of

Happiness..."

However, it is the first paragraph of the document that sets the stage and lays out the case for independence. "When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation."

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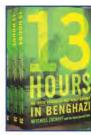
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OPINION EDITORIAL: LETTERS

TIME FOR A CHANGE IN DELTA COUNTY GOP

Dear Editor:

The silence from the Delta County Republican Central Committee and our local elected Republican officials regarding Linda Sorenson is deafening. The only thing we hear is the Ullerys (he is the vice chair of the Central Committee) attempting to convince us that she is not racist which I never implied. What she did gave the appearance of racism and was serious error in judgment. I continue to pray for a change in the Grand Old Party culture here in blest Delta County.

Tom Huerkamp,

Republican, Orchard City

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CITY TO CONSIDER BROUGHAM FOR PLANNING COMMISSI

Mirror Staff Report

MONTROSE-Montrose City Council will consider appointing former Mayor and City Councilor Bill Brougham to the City planning Commission at the regular City Council meeting of July 5, and Dan Mohr of Milagro Wellness to a vacant position on the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Board of Directors Consent Agenda agreement between the City of Montrose items will include revisions to the City

Youth Council Manual.

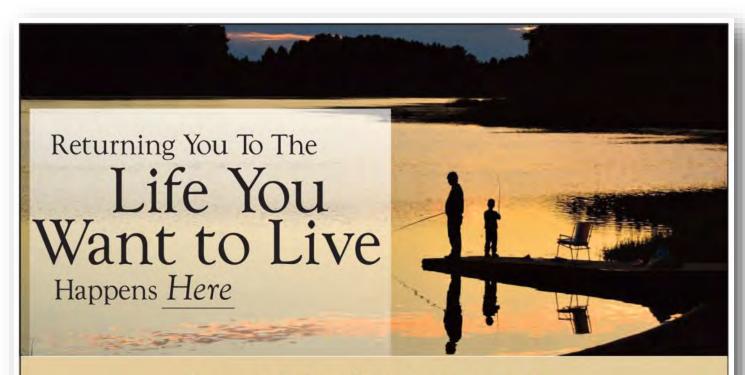
In other business, Council will consider approving the transfer of a hotel and restaurant liquor license from Hap Food Enterprises, Inc., d.b.a. Pahgre's, to Pahgre's Italian Restaurant LLC, d.b.a. Pahgre's Italian Restaurant; and approving a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Community Dental Clinic and a Prom-

issory Note to Community Dental Clinic in the amount of \$600,000. Council will consider approving Ordinance 2370 on second reading, granting and authorizing the conveyance of an interest in City-owned real estate, and Ordinance 2371 on first reading, granting and authorizing the conveyance of an interest in City owned real estate. Following staff reports Council will

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WRITER GAIL MARVEL'S CLUB CONNECTION

BLACK CANYON WOODCARVERS: CARVING AND CONVERSATION



(L to R) Black Canyon Woodcarvers and their years of experience. Janet Pompeo (14 years), Jim Penick (off and on for 12 years), Sue Lemser (since 1974 but now taking a respite), Larry Lemser (five years), Dean White (18 years) and John Gilbert (33 years).

By Gail Marvel

Founded in 2001, the Black Canyon Woodcarvers numbers 15, with about 10 in average participation. Members come from Ridgway and Hotchkiss, as well as a few snowbirds. This is a very informal group and everyone is welcome; there are no officers, no business meetings, just carving and conversation.

Loosely organized, Bess Sprankle is the unofficial treasurer and Janet Pompeo is the unofficial secretary. Bess said, "There are no real dues, but we try to contribute a dollar each week. We've used the money to buy videos on carving and have contributed to memorial gifts at the Warrior Resource Center." The group also carves Eagle heads for the Veteran's Eagle Head Cane Project.

The group meets every Thursday from 1-3 p.m. in the Montrose Pavilion craft room. Members pull up a chair to the table, take out their tools and their current project and then the wood shavings and conversations fly through the air. Along with discussing local and national politics, city and county government and the weather... they do ask for tips and suggestions on their projects. One man said, "I think I enjoy the company more than the activity."

In estimating how long it takes to complete a relief carving on a piece of aspen Dean White said, "Depends on how much I talk! Maybe 10 hours...I work on it at home too."

John Gilbert quipped, "They ran him out of all the bars, so he took up carving to pass the time away!" John confessed that it was his wife who bought him his first set of carving tools, "She wanted me out of the kitchen." John, who is from Hotchkiss, likes to carve characters, "...because that way no one knows what the mistakes are but me."

Larry Lemser, who was working on a wooden spoon, talked about his stash of wood, "We've got so much wood that we can't get the car in the garage." Sue Lemser, who has carved since 1974, is taking a respite from carving, but she adds to the lively banter.

When asked about their gloves and bandages on their fingers and thumbs someone said, "Those who are really good don't wear gloves and finger pads." Without missing a beat John said, "No, when you're good you just don't bleed as much."

Janet Pompeo's project on June 23 was carving wall hangings from cottonwood bark. "Bark carving requires thick bark.



Carved wooden spoons taking shape and a continuous chain is fashioned out of one piece of wood. Photos by Gail Marvel.

Montrose cottonwood bark is thin, maybe one half to one inch thick. Cottonwood bark from the mid-west is three to four inches thick." Janet incorporates wood burning as well as sanding in the Native American scenes and floral depictions.

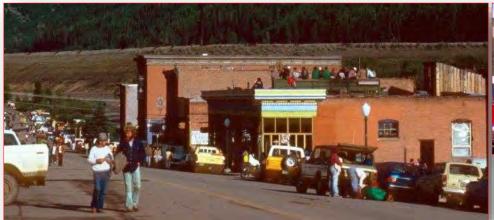
Jim Penick from Cedaredge was working on two projects, a decorative spoon and a chain fashioned from one piece of wood. Jim and John carpool when coming to meetings and a side benefits is eating lunch at a different restaurant each week before the meeting.

The primary choice of wood for carvers is basswood, which comes from the Northeast, because it holds details and doesn't crack with age. Aspen is the easiest wood to work with because it is soft; butternut and globe willow are nice to work with. One member said, "You want something with a nice grain; even and smooth. Not big grain. Wood needs to be dry. I've worked with mahogany, but it was hard."

Normally the carvers work on individual projects; however, in the past they have worked from the same project pattern. Dean said, "You can have the same project for five different people and it comes out in five different ways." In many respects carving is freehand, but Dean said, "People should know that first we draw on the wood with a pencil to get an idea of what we want."

Contact Information:
Black Canyon Woodcarvers
Meets every Thursday 1-3 p.m.
Montrose Pavilion (craft room)
1800 Pavilion Drive
Montrose, CO
Richard and Bess Sprankle 970-249-5913

THE BUCK STOPS HERE: TELLURIDE'S LAST DOLLAR SALOON



The Last Dollar Saloon. Courtesy photo.

Fourth of July in Telluride, 1979. Last Dollar Courtesy photo.

Mirror Staff Report

TELLURIDE-It was built in 1899 as a saloon, and has survived numerous incarnations ever since. This year's Bluegrass Festival marked the 38th anniversary of the most recent business to occupy the space at the Southeast corner of Colorado Avenue and Pine Street—Telluride's beloved Last Dollar Saloon. If you have been here even once, you dream of returning—because no other bar on the planet measures up.

Created by locals "Catfish" and "Fitz" (James Hunter and James Fitzpat-

rick) in `1978, the Last Dollar Saloon took over the space after the demise of the Hole in the Wall pizza parlor. Today, "the Buck" as it is known to locals is owned and operated by Jay Raible, Michael Lee, and Moussa Kanare, former owners of the West End Tayern.

"This is a beautiful room," Raible said.
"The floors are original; the tin ceilings are original; the bricks are original. And we're open every day that the sun comes up."
Back in the day, the Last Dollar was frequented mostly by locals and residents of nearby towns. Today, with Telluride's

higher profile and increased visitor numbers, the Buck has become a destination for travelers from around the globe.

"We see people from all over the place," Raible said. "And this summer, Pearl Jam is playing Madison Square Garden, Wrigley Field in Chicago...and this little park here. So we're battening down the hatches!"

All three owners take their turns behind the bar, he noted.

"We hope you'll come and see us when you're in town!"

Open daily from 3 p.m., Find the Last Dollar Saloon at 100 East Colorado Avenue in the heart of Telluride. Reach them by phone at 970-728-4800.

INDEPENDENCE DAY TRASH COLLECTION, RECYCLING RESCHEDULED

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The City of Montrose reminds customers that scheduled residential trash collections falling on a city-observed holiday will be rescheduled to occur on another day of the same week. Trash collection regularly scheduled to occur Monday, July 4 will be picked

up Tuesday, July 5 for all residences south of San Juan Avenue and Highway 50. Trash collection for residences north of San Juan Avenue and Highway 50 will occur Wednesday, July 6.

Alternative trash collection days apply only to customers whose normal collection day falls on Independence Day. All nonholiday collection days will not be affected. Note that recycling collections that occur on a city-observed holiday will be delayed until the customer's next scheduled collection day.

Recycling pickups regularly scheduled to occur Monday, July 4 will be picked up Monday, July 18.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS PROJECT COMPLETED EARLY AND UNDER BUDGET

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE— The City of Montrose has completed the intersection improvement project at South 12th Street and Park Avenue six weeks ahead of schedule and \$30,000 under budget. The project, funded mostly by Safe Routes to Schools grant dollars, aligned the vehicle access to Columbine Middle School with Park Avenue, creating a four-way intersection and improving pedestrian safety by creating a shorter, higher-visibility four-way crosswalk. The pedestrian crosswalk on South 12thStreet at Rotary Park was also improved as part of the project.

The city would like to express special thanks to Ridgway Valley Enterprises for completing the project incident and injury free and for accelerating the project schedule to allow for the early reopening of South 12th Street. They would also like to thank the adjacent homeowners and the general public for their patience throughout construction.

A ribbon-cutting celebration will be held at the project site Wednesday July 6, at noon. The public is invited to attend. Any questions regarding the project may be directed to City Engineer Scott Murphy at (970) 901-1792.



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COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETS IN MEEKER, JULY 7-8

Special to the Mirror

DENVER - The Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission meets at the Fairfield Community Center, 200 Main Street, Meeker, Colo., July 7 and 8. The meeting is slated to begin at 1 p.m. Thursday, and is scheduled to adjourn at 11 a.m., Friday.

Commissioners will receive briefings on a variety of issues, including: updates from CPW director, regional managers, law enforcement and financial services. The Departments of Agriculture and Natural Resources as well as SHIFT Director Christian Beck is also slated to to present.

Informational updates to the Commission include a draft commission sponsorship policy and reimbursement guidelines. The pending action item includes changes to wildlife chapter W-16 that sets procedural rules in place for citizen petitions. A complete agenda can be found at: http://cpw.state.co.us/Documents/

<u>Commission/2016/July/Agenda.pdf</u>. 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 August in Montrose. Other meetings slated for 2016 will be held in September (Creede), November (Lamar) and December, (Fort Collins).



Anyone can listen to commission meetings through the Colorado Parks and Wildlifewebsite. 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.

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 atcpw.state.co.us.

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CPW OFFERS HUNTERS OUTDOOR FIRST AID 101 SEMINAR, JULY 27



Special to the Mirror
GRAND JUNCTION- The big game hunting seasons are approaching quickly and Colorado Parks and Wildlife urges hunters to begin preparing for the challenges of hunting. The proper gear, firearm and knowledge about the unit you will hunt are

all important; however, one of the most

critical skills every hunter needs to learn is what to do in case of a medical emergency while in the backcountry.

To provide hunters with information that can save their life, or the life of a hunting buddy, CPW is offering 'Outdoor First Aid 101,' Wednesday, July 27 at the CPW Hunter Education Building, 711 Independent Avenue in Grand Junction, beginning at 6 p.m.

The one-evening free seminar is taught by expert Ron Bear, a 30-year veteran of the LA County paramedics and US Air Force paramedic rescue team.

"Each year, a few hunters end up in lifethreatening situations due to injuries or illness," said Northwest Deputy Regional Manager Dean Riggs. "Many of these people survived because they, or someone with them, had wisely taken the time to learn basic first aid before they went into the field."

Space is limited. To reserve your spot, go to www.register-ed.com/events/view/84889, or visitwww.register-ed.com, select, 'Colorado' then click 'View Upcoming Events' in the 'Colorado Outreach' tab. Scroll down for the registration link.

In addition to learning how to treating wounds, hypothermia, broken bones and other conditions, Bear will discuss the the liability concerns of treating an injured person.

Who: Colorado Parks and Wildlife What: 'Outdoor First Aid 101' When: Wednesday July 27, 2016 6-10 p.m.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

ANDREW KAROW NAMED ALPINE BANK CHIEF DIGITAL OFFICER MIKE BURNS NOW REGIONAL PRESIDENT OF SAN JUAN REGION

Special to the Mirror

GLENWOOD SPRINGS – Alpine Bank has promoted Andrew Karow from San Juan regional president to the senior executive team's chief digital officer. With this change, the San Juan region – Delta, Montrose, Ouray, Ridgway and Telluride – are merging with Durango, and Mike Burns, Durango's regional president, will now oversee the entire region including Delta, La Plata, Montrose, Ouray and San Miguel counties

Karow's banking career started with Alpine Bank in the Vail Valley in 1996. After opening the Avon location, he served as branch manager in Vail from 2000 to 2006. Karow joined Alpine Bank Telluride as president in 2006 and became the San Juan regional president in 2008. In 2014, Karow's experience and accomplishments led him to manage Alpine Bank Wealth Management. In addition to maintaining responsibility for Alpine Bank Wealth Management, as chief digital officer and member of the senior executive team, Karow is now responsible for all client-facing digital and electronic functions of the bank.

"The people and natural beauty of the San Juan region hold a special place in my heart," said Karow.

"Serving these unique communities has been incredibly rewarding. I've worked with Mike Burns for almost two decades and know that his experience in banking and service to community will provide continuity in leadership."

Joining Alpine Bank in 1997 as a management trainee, Burns worked as a commercial loan officer until 2001, when he opened a new branch in Montrose and soon became branch president. Burns moved to

Durango in 2005 to open a downtown branch location, where he became regional president. As regional president of the new San Juan region, Burns oversees eight branch locations with nearly \$500 million in total banking assets.



Mike Burns. Courtesy photo.



Andrew Karow. Courtesy photo.

"This really is a homecoming for me," said Burns. "I graduated from

Ouray Senior High School, played high school baseball in Ridgway and worked for Alpine Bank in Montrose for three and a half years. I look forward to reconnecting with the San Juan communities and catching up with customers and friends."



REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAX NOTICES MAILED JULY 1

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE.--Montrose County Treasurer and Public Trustee Rosemary Murphy announces the mailing of approximately 2,800 delinquent tax notices on Friday, July 1st in accordance with state statute. Murphy and staff are implementing a new procedure to save on mailing costs from the previous year. This year's delinquent notices will be sent on blue colored postcards as opposed to the traditional letter and envelope notice.

"As the bank for the county, my office works to deliver quality service while saving taxpayer dollars," said Murphy. "I am proud to report that our efforts resulted in a 30 percent savings over the previous year."

To verify tax payments, please visit TreasurerWeb, email etreasurer@montrosecounty.net, or call 970-249-3565.



LOCAL STUDENTS GRADUATE FROM FORT LEWIS COLLEGE

Special to the Mirror

DURANGO-- In a ceremony on Saturday, April 30, 2016, over 500 Fort Lewis College graduates and their families packed Whalen Gymnasium for <u>Spring Commencement</u>. The speaker chosen to offer the Commencement Address was Colorado's Lieutenant Governor, Joseph Garcia.

Russell Penasa, of Montrose, graduated with a major in Environmental Studies.

Paige Starks, of Montrose, graduated with a major in Accounting.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

BELL TAKES TOP SPOT AT CO MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE – Montrose's representation on statewide associations for local government has reached new heights with City Manager William Bell's election as president of the Colorado Municipal League (CML) Executive Board for 2016 -2017. The appointment, which occurred at CML's 94th annual conference held June 21-24, follows on the heels of his appointment as president of the Colorado City & County Management Association (CCCMA) earlier this year.

When asked about his recent appointment, Bell stated: "I am proud and very excited to have this opportunity to serve Colorado's many cities and towns in this capacity. I am hopeful that my concurrent roles will help to foster an even greater sense of innovation and collaboration among both city and county organizations throughout the state, using the common goal of Best Practices and Regionalism to drive the conversations. After all, we are all in this together and we serve the same constituency: The People of Colorado."

The appointments demonstrate Bell's dedication to placing Montrose at the forefront of local governments in Colorado. His concurrent terms as president of both CML and CCCMA will place Bell in an ideal position to steward a variety of issues and initiatives that are of mutual interest to city and county governments around the state. His term as president of CCCMA will end in February 2017.

CML is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that represents the interests of 269 Colorado cities and towns. The CML Executive Board is comprised of 21 elected officials and key municipal staff members who are elected by the membership at an annual business meeting. The board is responsible for overall finances, management, and policy affairs of the league.

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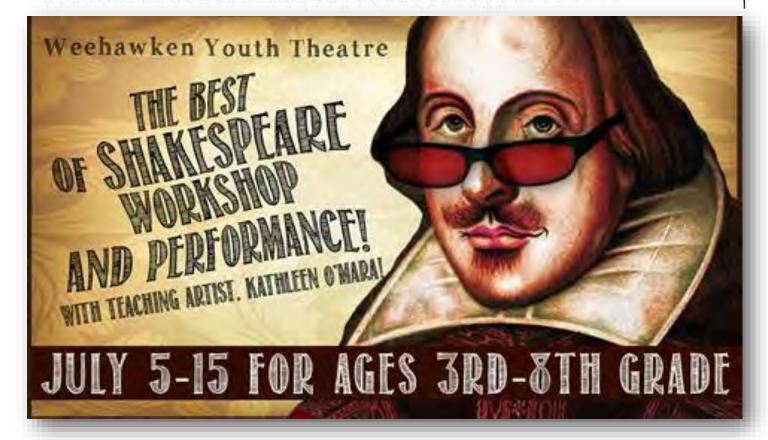
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HONORABLE MENTION

To the new proprietors of the old Corner Store at the Black Canyon of the Gunnison...congratulations!

To Kate Adams of Hypoxia, for organizing today's hometown fourth of July Celebration in Downtown Montrose!

To the Montrose County Historical Society & Museum, open today for the Holiday festivities!

To Jim from Source Gas/Black Hills Energy, for great customer service, kindness and for turning the gas back on for us after this lame public utility/monopoly shut our family's power off without any warning (or even a past-due balance) at the start of the holiday weekend!

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

WILDFIRE ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS NEED FOR MITIGATION TO PROTECT HOMES

Special to the Mirror

FORT COLLINS—With large fires causing evacuations and structure losses over the past few weeks in northwest Colorado and around the West, the Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) wants to remind homeowners living in the wildland-urban interface to prepare for wildfires before they arrive.

While there is no guarantee firefighters will be able to save a home from a wild-fire, the odds increase if landowners create defensible space, says Kristin Garrison, CSFS fire and fuels management specialist.

Defensible space is the area around homes or other structures that has been modified to reduce fire hazard. Addressing defensible space not only reduces the risk of home loss, but also improves safety for residents if they have to evacuate and for emergency crews responding to a wildfire.

"Fire mitigation efforts are more effective when homeowners work together to reduce hazardous fuels around homes and throughout communities," Garrison said.

The CSFS offers numerous resources to help private landowners create defensible space, with recommendations including: Remove all flammable vegetation within at least 15 feet of any part of a home or other structure, including decks.

Reduce the density of standing trees within 100-200 feet of all structures.

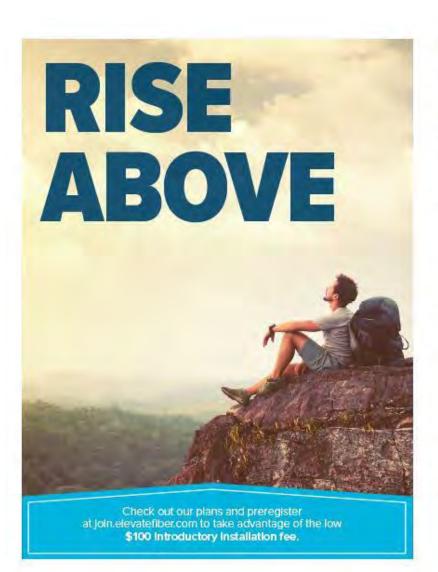
Prune off tree branches to a height of at least 10 feet from the ground.

Keep grasses and weeds surrounding the home mowed to a height of less than six inches.

Stack firewood and locate propane tanks at least 30 feet from and uphill of structures. Clear pine needles and leaves from gutters

and decks, and trim overhanging branches. CSFS online resources include free publications about defensible space, FireWise design and construction, Community Wildfire Protection Plans and the Firewise Communities/USA® program.

For comprehensive guidance on protecting homes and communities from wildfire, visit www.csfs.colostate.edu/wildfire-mitigation or call a local CSFS district office. The Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) provides technical forestry assistance, wildfire mitigation expertise and outreach and education to help landowners and communities achieve their forest management goals. The CSFS is a service and outreach agency of the Warner College of Natural Resources at Colorado State University and provides staffing for the Division of Forestry within the Colorado Department of Natural Resources.



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WILDERNESS ON WHEELS CELEBRATES 30 YEARS!



Courtesy images Wilderness on Wheels.

By Caitlin Switzer

GRANT-Why do humans love wilderness? Perhaps we crave the sensation of being outside under the open sky, with the sun, wind, or even rain on your face. Maybe it is the chance to glimpse wildlife, and hear birds and the rush of wind. For many of us, being able to experience wilderness first hand is essential to a sense of freedom and independence.

This year, a Colorado organization dedicated to expanding opportunities celebrates its 30 year anniversary. Wilderness

WILDERNESS ON WHEELS PROVIDING 30 ACCESS TO NATURE FOR 30 ACCESS TO NATURE FOR

on Wheels is dedicated to providing wilderness access to people with disabilities, elderly people, and others

who otherwise would not be able to get out to fish, camp or hike. An eight-foot boardwalk enables exploration, and lodging options include 13 tent sites, five huts and one rustic cabin. Wilderness on Wheels is run entirely by volunteers. There will be an anniversary open house on Aug. 28, said Volunteer Hanna Frisendahl. "There are plans in the works, and we are creating a flyer," she said. "We really want to get the word out—we have been handing out T-shirts all summer!" Wilderness on Wheels also makes things

easier for moms with strollers and for seniors, she said.

"As a new parent, even if your children are not ready to hike yet, you can get out," Frisendahl said. "And there are many elderly people who can't hike anymore, but who still want to get out there.

Some of the same volunteers who helped to create Wilderness on Wheels 30 years ago are involved.

"There have been many changes," Frisendahl said. "But 30 years ago, a group of people wanted to give back to our community. And living in Colorado, we are so gifted to see nature all around us. It is beautiful, breathtaking, magical...and when you see people enjoying it together, you don't want to be left behind." Because the WOW boardwalk is located off of Hwy 285 South of Grant, it is easy to find. To reserve space or learn more call 303.403.1110. Find Wilderness on Wheels online at http://

www.wildernessonwheels.org/, or on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/wildernessonwheels.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & CULTURE

AFTER DARK CONCERT SERIES RETURNS TO THE SHERBING THEATER

Special to the Mirror

RIDGWAY-The After Dark Concert Series returnS to the Sherbino for the month of July. Once the music ends at Hartwell (Town) Park in Ridgway, head to the Sherbino to see a second show with the opening act that played previously at the park. The After Dark Concert Series kicks off on Thursday, July 7, with music from Red Haven. July 14, the Sherbino welcomes Niceness, July 21 Woodshed Red, and finally I Draw Slow on July 28. Doors for the entire series of concerts are at 9 pm with music starting around 9:45 pm. \$7 at the door and all shows are for ages 21 and up. For more information on the bands that will be playing, please visits, www.sherbino.org.

ROOSEVELT DIME AND FREE THE HONEY PLAY THE SHERBING JULY 26

Special to the Mirror

RIDGWAY-Free the Honey has graced the Sherbino stage with their musical talent twice in the past and will do it for a third time as openers for Roosevelt Dime on Tuesday, July 26. Doors for the event are at 7 pm with Free the Honey starting at 7:30 pm. \$12 in advance and \$15 at the

door. Roosevelt Dime seamlessly combines the groove of classic feel-good Rhythm and Blues with traditional acoustic Americana instrumentation. Roosevelt Dime has crafted a signature style of syncopated New Orleans rhythms, boogie woogie banjo, swinging blues guitar, and searingly soulful vocals in a vibrant mix

that the New York Times classifies as "...a perpetual crowd pleaser." Openers, Free the Honey are three daughters of the south, who followed the trail west to the Gunnison Valley. Jenny Hill and Lizzy Plotkin weaving harmonic dialogue on twin fiddle and mandolin, Katherine Taylor joining in on guitar and banjo. Each contributes original composition rooted in feminine experience of home, community, and nature. Tickets can be purchased at Cimarron Coffee Roasters in advance starting on Wednesday, July 6. For more information or to listen to both bands before the show, please visit, www.sherbino.org.



WIN 15K CASH PRIZE AT 2016 MT. STATES RANCH RODEO!

Special to the Mirror MONTROSE-Win the BIG MONEY! Get your share of the \$15,000 contestants' payout at the Mountain States Ranch Rodeo Finals, Sept. 10th in Montrose, Colorado. The first place winners from the eight MSRR sanctioned ranch rodeos this season will be invited to compete in the Finals. Four additional spots will be filled based on points earned at the MSRR sanctioned rodeos. Increase your chances of competing for the \$15,000.00 payout by entering as many sanctioned MSRR ranch rodeos as you can. Stop by www.mountainstatesranchrodeo.com for a complete listing of all MSRR sanctioned rodeos and for information about all the fun of Finals weekend in Montrose!

Hold the Date! Upcoming Business and Cultural Events

ONGOING-

SUMMER STORY TIME AT BACKSTREET BAGEL-All story lovers are welcome to our summer story time (recommended for ages 3-8). Thursday Mornings from 10:30-11 a.m. on the Backstreet Patio (or by the fireplace on stormy days) 127 N. Townsend Ave. Expert storytellers and certified teachers entertain your kiddos with a story while you relax and have a little grown-up time.

THIRD FRIDAYS.-SILVERTON SUMMER CONCERT SERIES.-3rd Fridays of June, July, August & September from 5-8 p.m. in Memorial Park- 1600 Greene Street, Silverton, CO. Admission is Free. Featuring: Great Southwest Colorado bands: June 17: Six Dollar String Band; July 15 Dave Mensch; Aug. 19-The High Rollers; Sept. 16-Hello Dollface. Local vendors serving food & selling local goods. Beer Garden with Local Brews by Avalanche Brewing Company & Bottom Shelf Brewery*.

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 & WineLate 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 ActivitiesLocal Food, Local Beer & Local Wine, Broadcast Live on KVNF!www.pickinproductions.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 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.

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-

July 4-Fourth of July Celebration, Montrose! 10 a.m. parade start. Live music downtown 1-3 p.m., family activities, petting zoo, family fun, games!

July 4-Ouray Fourth of July Parade 10 a.m.

July 4-Fireworks in Silverton, set up in park beginning at 7 p.m.

July 5.—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 July 5, 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.

July 6—8 a.m. to 5 p.m., 10year anniversary of Clean Indoor Air Act, fun family activities Montrose County Health & Human Services, 1845 South Townsend Avenue.

July 7--6 p.m. Lecture and Trunk Show by Utah art quilter, Carol Johnson. Montrose Pavilion. \$10 per ticket.

July 8—10-Black Canyon Quilt Show at Montrose Pavilion. 9—5 on Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.—4 p.m.on Sunday. Adult admission is \$4.

July 10-The Montrose County Historical Museum is introducing the third "Sunday History Series" on July 10, starting at 3 pm to 5 pm. The Series event is "Family Pioneer Day" bring in your family to experience the history of the valley. There will be hands on exhibits of clothes washing, panning for gold, and grinding wheat as the pioneers did a hundred years ago. There will be an entrance fee of \$10/family. For more information please call 249-2085.

July 10-Blue Sage Chamber Trio, Sunday, July 10, 7:30 p.m. Ouray County 4-H Event Center, 22739 Highway 550, RidgwayAdults \$25, Students \$5 Buy Tickets URL: http://ocpag.org/phoce.http://ocpag.org/Phone number: 970-626-2970 Email: ocpaginfo@gmail.com The Blue Sage Chamber Trio kicks off the Ouray County Performing Arts Guild's inaugural Dave and Mary Wood Classical Concert Series with a lush concert featuring works by Claude Debussy and Franz Schubert.

July 11-14-Montrose Center for the Arts Children's Summer Art Camp. Learn mask making, art lessons, clay sculpture, beading, outside art games. 9 a.m. to Noon. \$75 for first child, \$65 for additional students. Cimarron Creek Clubhouse, 901 6530 Road. Call 970-275-0122 for information or to enroll.

July 22-31-Montrose County Fair & Rodeo, Montrose County Fairgrounds.

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July 24-Bow Wow Film Fest & Tour--Come to the Sheridan Opera house for a howlin' fun & family friendly evening July 24 beginning at 5:30 pm with a premier silent auction & light fare. Stay for our 7pm showing of the Bow Wow's featured short films - for the love of dog! Advance tickets are \$12/Adults & \$8/Kids, \$15/\$12 at door. On sale now at www.adoptmountainpets.org. ALL Proceeds benefit Second Chance Humane Society a 501(3)(c) Non-Profit.

July 27-To provide hunters with information that can save their life, or the life of a hunting buddy, CPW is offering 'Outdoor First Aid 101,' Wednesday, July 27 at the CPW Hunter Education Building, 711 Independent Avenue in Grand Junction, beginning at 6 p.m. The one-evening free seminar is taught by expert Ron Bear, a 30-year veteran of the LA County paramedics and US Air Force paramedic rescue team. Register: www.register-ed.com/events/view/84889.

Aug. 3-5 -2016 San JuanMining and Reclamation Conference. The multi-watershed forum brings togetherrepresentatives from the mining industry, government agencies, non-profits and citizens groups for discussions, information sharing and partnership building. This conference will be at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Durango, Colo. on August 3-5, 2016. FOR MORE INFORMATION, go to https://www.mountainstudies.org/simrc. For information on the nonprofit organizers, go to: www.mountainstudies.org, www.animasrivercommunity.org.

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