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MONTROSE COUNTY FAIR & RODEO JULY 22-30!

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-The 130th Annual Montrose County Fair & Rodeo is just around the corner, at the Montrose Fairgrounds July 22-30. This year's Fair promises a spectacular array of community events, all but four of which are free to the community.

"We're so excited, this is the 130th year!" Fair organizer Cynthia Harlow said. "The theme this year is timeless traditions, and it is going to be BIG."

As Montrose County's longest running event, the Montrose County Fair & Rodeo also manages to be one of the most exciting—especially for those who love traditional ranch rodeo events.

The 2016 Montrose County Fair Ranch Rodeo will offer a sneak peek at the talent to be featured at the Mountain States Ranch Rodeo in Montrose on Sept. 10, rodeo organizer Kent Wollert said.

"The winning team at the Montrose County Fair will join the Best of the Best at the MSRR Series



Kael Mattics with his turkey at the 2015 Montrose County Fair. Mirror file photo.

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MONTROSE RESIDENT RECALLS HER 'TRUE GRIT' ROLE

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-As a young mom, Montrose resident Janie Anderson lived in Ridgway from 1966 to 1969, and thought that her two young boys could be extras during the filming of the Original True Grit. "A lot of people who lived here back then were in the movie," she said. "But my boys had butch haircuts, and that wasn't the style for the movie. "I had long hair."

When a woman working on casting approached her about a taking a part herself, Anderson didn't hesitate.

"I played a young adult woman, close to my own age," she said. "I got to ride in a surrey, with black fringe around the top. We came to town at the very beginning of the movie, years ago in a part that you don't see anymore. The buggy is driving to the Ridgway Depot from a distance. I know it was there, because I saw the movie when it first came out."

Janie was also in the hanging scene at Ridgway Park. "We were all coming in to watch the hanging, which was a great special event in those days. I was sitting in the park under those great big trees. I was



In this still from the original True Grit, Janie Anderson wears a purple dress, and sits beside the driver of a buggy at the hanging scene in Ridgway's Hartwell Park. Courtesy photo.

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2ND ANNUAL FUNC FEST ROARS INTO RIVERBOTTOM PARK JULY 30!



Scenes from the First Annual FUNC Fest in 2015. This year's event is expected to be bigger and offer even more opportunities for family fun on the water.

Mirror Staff Report

MONTROSE-The Second Annual Montrose [Fun on the Uncompahgre Festival \(FUNC\)](#) is set for 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 30, and this year, organizers plan to make an even bigger splash.

After last year's inaugural FUNC Fest, organizers listened to feedback from community members and refined some aspects of the popular event—including placement of the kids' play area. "We are moving the Kids' section even closer to the heart of the event," OBT staffer Stacey Ryan said. "We collected feedback and surveys, so that we would know what people wanted to change. We had so much positive feedback."

In addition to on-the-water activities and fun, Chow Down Pet Supplies will be hosting a pet welcoming party, while disc

golfers host a fundraising "Ace in the Hole" event for improvements to the course in Cerise Park. Grownups can enjoy an expanded beer garden area that encompasses the entire east side of River Bottom Park. The park will even be Wifi'd, Ryan said.

"We want this event to take up the whole footprint of the park," she said. "Cedar Creek RV will be there with mini-golf, Montrose Center for the Arts will be there, and Tender Hearts Child Care will add more breadth and depth to the kids' area."

"We even have two of the kids from the Young Entrepreneurs Program, B&C Sports, as vendors." This year's Func Fest is water-centric, and intended to highlight the features of River Bottom Park and the Clifford Baldrige Parks Complex that includes Cerise Park

and Sunset Mesa.

"We want everyone to come and celebrate our water sports park, and learn more about water sports," Ryan said.

"The International Sports Expo has just added water sports as a category—so we want to share this world class amenity. There will be a lot of educational and safety pieces this year, because we want everybody to be safe on the water."

The event is expected to once again draw international competitors, she said. In addition, Bureau of Land Management officials will be on hand as will representatives from area non-profit organizations.

For a complete event schedule, [click here](#). For more information, visit the Montrose Office of Business & Tourism online <http://visitmontrose.com/218/Fun-on-the-Uncompahgre-FUNC-Fest>.

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next to the driver of the buggy, and there were two women behind me in fancier clothes and fancier hats. I had on a long dress of that time period."

Though she has lived in Montrose much of her life, and never acted again, Janie Anderson doesn't regret the experience. "I liked doing it, and I don't know who catered the lunch, but it was very nice. We had a catered lunch every day.

"It was fun," she said. "It was just a great time, seeing the Duke—and Glen Campbell. I thought he was really good in the movie." The Ridgway Chamber of Commerce offers one-hour True Grit Movie walking tours, departing every Friday at 11am from the Visitors Center (June thru October). Call to reserve your spot 970-626-5181. Adults \$10 under 12 are free.

CITY DISCUSSES IMPOUNDED VEHICLE SALE, MUSEUM OF THE MT.WEST ANNEXATION

Mirror Staff Report

MONTROSE-At the regular [City Council Work Session of July 18](#), Council will discuss with Montrose Police Department Chief Tom Chinn an upcoming impounded vehicle sale ([click here to see listed vehicles](#)); hear a report from Haven House; and will hold a brainstorming session for Cities and Towns Week. The Museum of the Mountain West Addition Annexation Hearing will be Aug. 2

Items up for discussion in future work sessions include the Montrose Pavilion Annual Report and Second Quarter Police Department Report on Aug. 1; Annexation of City-Owned Properties on Aug. 2; a Second Quarter Budget Review on Aug. 16; and a Kings' Riverbend RV Park land transaction at an unspecified date.

The City of Montrose will consider adopting Resolution 2016-11, and the first Water Conservation Plan at the [regular Council Meeting of July 19](#).

In addition to Consent Agenda items, Council will also consider appointing Martha Dusio to a vacant position on the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Board of Directors and voting to approve Ordinance 2371 on second reading, which allows the City to exchange a perpetual access easement on Cerro Summit for the Chipeta Wildlife Area.

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90 ROAD OPEN TO PUBLIC FOLLOWING MUDSLIDE

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MONTROSE – Montrose County and the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests have re-opened 90 Road on the Uncompahgre Plateau. Montrose County Road & Bridge crews have repaired the slide damage.

Crews cut out a drainage ditch up the hill and moved it to road level. Additionally, they broke out and hauled away rocks that were impeding the flow of water and moved the road inside the new bank approximately 15 to 20 feet. Finally, the crews added class 2 (4 inch) gravel to provide stability to the top and delineator posts to mark the new ditch banks.

"It is important to remember that this is a temporary solution to a long-term problem," said Commissioner Glen Davis. "The road is currently in good shape and passable for the motoring public; however there are still drainage issues that may be present in inclement weather. The county and USFS teams will continue to monitor the road to ensure its safety."



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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

KUDOS TO DELTA COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, CONSISTENTLY RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF NATION'S BEST

Dear Editor:

Big kudos to Delta County Memorial Hospital for being recognized on a national level twice. First to be named to the 20 rural community hospitals in the entire nation was great. Now to add the recognition of being one of the top 50 "Critical Access Hospitals to Know" is truly wonderful. Congratulations to Jason Cleckler and the entire staff of DCMH. Having been a patient there for several days last year I can tell everyone that from the cleaning staff on up we are blest to have this wonderful care facility in our community. Delta County is truly lucky for such a small community to have great health care providers, doctors, hospital staff, ambulance services and senior care facilities. Health care is a major economic engine here and is one of the few industries growing and continually improving.

*Tom Huerkamp
Orchard City*

NAVARRO REPRESENTS COLORADO'S SMALL BUSINESS COMMUNITY

Dear Editor:

I have been the National Federation of Independent Business Colorado State Director since 2005. In this role, I serve as the voice of Colorado's small business owners on behalf of America's largest small business advocacy organization. I'm constantly reminding policymakers that small businesses are not smaller versions of big businesses, but have different difficulties in remaining solvent. I write today to let you know that State Representative Clarice Navarro represents her District, and specifically the small business community, with tenacity and vision.

State Representative Navarro is able to put politics aside and cast the votes that our small businesses deserve. She's outspoken, yet eloquent, in defending small businesses against over regulation and governmental barriers. Navarro understands the struggles that small businesses in Colorado have, and she consistently looks for solutions so that our small business community can thrive and prosper.

She's fought for lower taxes, less regulation and fewer fees, and that's the voice that Colorado needs at the Legislature. Southern Colorado, you have sent a Representative that believes in all that is great about our small business community, and I look forward to working with her on small business issues and solutions in the upcoming legislative session.

*Sincerely,
Tony Gagliardi
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WRITER GAIL MARVEL'S CLUB CONNECTION

WESTERN SLOPE 4-WHEELERS: ACTIVE CLUB, ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP



By Gail Marvel

WESTERN SLOPE- Founded in February 1998, the Western Slope 4 Wheeler Club is, "...a group of family oriented off-road enthusiasts who enjoy four-wheeling and who work to protect four-wheeling rights on our public lands." Currently there are 88 members with ages ranging from children to those in their late 70's.

Dues are \$45 for families and \$25 for associate members — those who fall more in the category of temporary or summer residents. Club contact person Rick Bell said, "We actually have many out-of-state associates who are very active in the club."

About every weekend, Saturday and Sunday, the club tries to schedule two different trail rides and most rides have five to 15 vehicles. Rick said, "We have CB radios and can give guided tours as the ride goes along. I'm a railroad history buff and another member, who specializes in flora, can tell the riders about the flowers they encounter." Weekends, as well as week-long trips, often include camping.

Rides are structured with a trail leader and trail gunner, who is the last vehicle in line. Rick said, "These are the more experienced members. We can get spaced out for over a mile, but the gunner can call ahead and slow the group down if someone wants to stop for photos."

The club, which was instrumental in helping to plan and implement the Rim-rocker Trail from Montrose to Moab, also helps maintain some trails by working on areas that are washed out by rain and by doing trash clean-up. At last count the group has adopted 10 trails in the San

Juans and the Uncompahgre area.

Each spring the club offers safety training and vehicle reviews to members, "We look at everyone's vehicle. Some people buy a new vehicle with a winch, but they've never operated it before. We run it [winch] all the way out to make sure it is working properly and that the cable is in good shape."

The website for this club is well maintained, informative and welcoming, "Whether you are new to the sport or a seasoned off-road runner, you will find members always willing to accompany you on the trail!" The impressive photo gallery alone gives viewers four-wheel drive fever and the calendar of events includes scheduled runs (trips), meetings and trail clean-ups. Membership is kept informed and updated on pending legislative and land use issues.

More than 30 people were in attendance for the July 5, 2016 meeting which began with approval of the minutes and reports — treasurer, land use, and legislative updates. In the area of land use the big concern is government closing off more access to public lands. Land designated to have Wilderness Characteristics sounds benign; however, it can in effect restrict public

access.

Updates on local roads, trails and trips, such as Black Bear, Imogene, and Clear Lake, were given. However, one trip added to the schedule included Moab. One of the female organizers of the trip said, "I know it's hot...I know it's hot...I know it's Moab in July, but we've been asked to lead a ride."

In areas of community outreach the club participates in parades and once a month packs the parking lot of a local restaurant for a four-wheeler get-to-gather. One member said, "We want to get our name out there to recruit new members and to show the community that we have pride in our club."

Following adjournment, it was announced, "Denny's for dessert!" Member Matt Goetsch confessed, "We're really just a social club with a four-wheel drive problem!"

Contact Information:
Western Slope Four Wheel Drive Club
1st Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m.
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Montrose, CO
Rick Bell 973-400-8170
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In the Montrose area and the San Juan Mountains four-wheeling adventures range from mild to extreme. Above, Western Slope Four Wheel Drive Club meetings are casual, social and informative. Photo by Gail Marvel.

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Finals in Montrose on Sept 10, to compete for the title of Mountain States Ranch Rodeo Champion," he said. "Everyone should be sure to put the Montrose County Fair Ranch Rodeo on their calendar for some great entertainment; Mountain States Ranch Rodeo is excited to have a sanctioned event right here in Montrose! The MSRR Series Finals is starting to shape up, with three of the eight rodeos complete and three of the 12 available qualifying slots filled with teams from Bayfield, La Jara, and Loma."

The Montrose County Fair is also about kids, and 4H projects of all kinds, from livestock to open class projects and shooting sports. As always, 4H animals will arrive throughout Fair Week for judging. The Fiddle Contest, scheduled this year for July 24 at Noon, is guaranteed to fill Friendship Hall.

"People who play the fiddle are rare, and this event always brings in a big Crowd," Harlow said. "It goes back to timeless traditions. Chris Mabry (hypnotist) will be back once again; the kids just love him, He is always funny, and they especially love when he gets their 4H leaders up there!

Mabry will perform afternoon and evening shows, while another visiting act, the ZuZu African Acrobats, will perform three shows a day throughout fair week.

"These guys were on America's Got Talent," Harlow said. "They are so flexible! They stand on each other's shoulders and do pyramids. They will be here all week."

Saturday, July 23 is designated as Dog Day, with special Dog Day activities from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Following the costume contest, Chow Down Pet Supplies will once again host a Human Dog Food Eating Contest, with the prize a year's worth of dog food. "Really, it just looks like tuna," Harlow said. "You can totally eat it. Last year, a 75-year-old lady was in the contest. And we'll have it on the stage, so everyone can see what's going on." On Saturday night there will be a concert featuring Kaleb Austin at 9 p.m., at the nearby Montrose Elks Lodge on South Hillcrest.

Monday, July 25 will be Kids' Day. "My favorite," Harlow said. "It is so cool to see the participation! We want to pull people in from all over. One of the things we have

this year is 'Royalty for a Day,' for girls ages four through ten. They can hang with the Fair Royalty from 2015, and we have handkerchiefs and stick ponies for them to ride."

Other activities for kids include making moon sand, decorating cupcakes, a sidewalk art contest, and Colorado State University's Science for Kids. "We also have a huge hot wheels track this year," Harlow said, "along with Kids Water Limbo and a Cutest Baby Contest. And we will end the night with the kiddie tractor pull, where they will all get a prize."

The Fair has been such a popular draw that day care centers have been bringing their students for the past few years, she said. "They know that we are doing lots of activities." Tuesday will be Bacon Day, featuring not only a bacon eating contest but beard and mustache contest too. The Antique Tractor Show is a favorite as well.

Wednesday is Community Day. Be sure to bring the whole family out to see this year's royalty crowned, and have fun with your friends and neighbors at the community bonfire, games and S'more cookout. Farmer and Rancher awards will be presented, and the Catch-A Calf Scramble takes place at 6 p.m.

Sweet Corn Day on Thursday, July 28 would not be complete with the corn eating and popcorn contests, and candy corn activities for kids. There will also be a cat show at 10 a.m., and pocket pet show at 11 a.m.

Friday, July 29 will be red, white and blue day, with patriotic activities and chances to show your love for the U.S.A. "We have lots of crafts planned, from patriotic painting to USA bracelets and American Flag art," Cynthia said. "We have the



The 2016 Montrose County Fair & Rodeo features a roping clinic for kids on July 29. Courtesy photo.

roping clinic for kids, and bring your own Big Wheel for the Big Wheel races. At night we'll have mutton-bustin' and calf riding, which are always huge."

At 7 p.m. Friday will be the Mountain States Ranch Rodeo with a concert by the High Rollers Band to follow.

"It's going to be a really great Fair," Harlow said. "We're going all out. We're so excited to bring our community together to have fun!"

The full schedule of events is posted on the [Montrose County web site](http://www.montrosecounty.net/378/Montrose-County-Fair-Rodeo). For more information, find the Montrose County Fair [on Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/montrosecountyfair), call 970-252-4358, or visit the web site <http://www.montrosecounty.net/378/Montrose-County-Fair-Rodeo>.

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MONTROSE YOUTH APPRECIATION DAY 2016 IS AUG. 13!

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE— Youth Appreciation Day, the annual end-of-summer bash, will take place on Saturday, Aug. 13, 2016.

The event takes place from sun up to sun down with a variety of activities located throughout town.

The popular kid's day includes activities for children of all ages, free of charge.

"We have so many activities that span all age groups and all interests. The best part—they're all free for kids. It's really amazing that each year our community works together to make sure all of our local youth end their summer in a fun and safe way," said Justin Mashburn, Montrose Recreation District youth recreation coordinator and leader of the Youth Appreciation Day steering committee.

The event kicks off at 8 a.m. with a pancake breakfast at the Montrose Elks Club and runs till dark with golf at the Black Canyon Golf Course.

The day is packed with free activities, including carnivals at McNeil Soccer Fields and Ute Park, miniature golfing, museum tours, swimming, a movie, and much more.

"Each year we tweak and add events to make it that much more fun for kids. But we're always looking for fresh ideas.

"Businesses, civic groups, and community organizations are welcome to join the event.

"The only requirements are that the activity has to be fun for kids and free," said Mashburn.

A full schedule of events is available

online at www.montroserec.com.

The Youth Appreciation Day steering committee includes Justin Mashburn, Trevor Harrison, Adam Miller, Wade Plousard, Kevin Johnson, Martin Barret, Mark Plantz, and Kory Hehn. Major event sponsors include Delta-Montrose Electric Association, Montrose Recreation District, Montrose Rotary, Black Canyon Boys and Girls Club, Montrose Mirror, Montrose Daily Press, Colorado West Business Products, La Voz del Pueblo, NuVista Credit Union, and Alpine Bank.

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ALPINE BANK PROMOTES KRISTI SHELTON TO EXECUTIVE VP



Kristi Shelton.
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Special to the Mirror

GLENWOOD SPRINGS- Alpine Bank has recently promoted Kristi Shelton to executive vice president in human resources. Shelton is a Colorado native, growing up in Glenwood

Springs and graduating from Glenwood Springs High School.

She attended college in Buchannon, West Virginia, attaining two degrees: management information systems and political science.

Shelton is a board member of the Glenwood Springs Golf Course and Colorado Animal Rescue (CARE). In addition, she is the scholarship chairperson for the Glenwood Springs Elks, participates in the Elks Activities Committee and is a member of P.E.O., a philanthropic educational organization for women.

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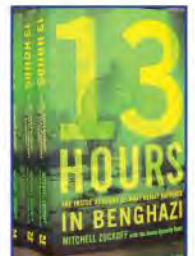
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BANK OF COLORADO ANNOUNCES PROMOTION



Brandon E. Keltz.
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Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE – Bank of Colorado and Kelsey McCarthy announce the promotion of Brandon E. Keltz to Branch President of its South Montrose branch.

Brandon joined Bank of Colorado in March of 2015 as Vice President of lending and brings over 20 years of bank management skills and leadership experience to the team. Prior to

joining Bank of Colorado he was VP of MontroseBank and also served with Community First Ntl Bank and Bank One.

Working with the Montrose and Olathe staff lead by Kelsey McCarthy, area Market President, Brandon's responsibilities now include managing the operation of the South Montrose branch and developing new and maintaining current customers; providing them with financial products including loans, deposit products and services for the Montrose area. He is also an experienced lender with the ability to service customers with all their commercial, real estate, business, agricultural and consumer lending needs. "Brandon brings a wealth of knowledge, experience and community involvement to this promotion and we are glad he is part of the Bank of Colorado management team. As Branch President of our South Montrose location, his

leadership skills are an asset to an already outstanding team," said Kelsey McCarthy, Market President of Bank of Colorado.

He attended Montrose High School and Colorado Mesa University. His involvement in the community includes the Montrose Rotary Club, Montrose Elks #1053 and a Board member of the Montrose Education Foundation.

Brandon can be reached by email at Brandon.keltz@bankofcolorado.com or 970.249.5641. The South Montrose branch is located at 16550 S. Townsend Ave. About Bank of Colorado: Bank of Colorado is a network of community banks throughout Colorado, founded on the community banking values of trust, strength and dependability. BOC has over \$3 billion in combined assets and is part of Pinacole Bancorp, Inc. To learn more, go to www.bankofcolorado.com. Member FDIC.

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Adam Dentlinger.
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MONTROSE-Alpine Bank Wealth Management recently promoted Adam Dentlinger to president. Based in Grand Junction, Dentlinger oversees wealth management functions in all Alpine Bank markets, providing services to

individuals, foundations, retirement plans and trusts.

Dentlinger joined the department in 2005 and has served in many Alpine Bank markets including Glenwood Springs, Durango, Telluride and Montrose. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in business administration and his MBA from Central Michigan University.

He has earned the Certified Trust and Financial Advisor (CTFA) designation and is a Registered Para Planner.

Dentlinger is a member of the Grand Junction Downtown Rotary Club and the St. Mary's Hospital Foundation Second Century Advisory Council. He is also a former board member of the United Way

of Mesa County.

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BLACK AND BLUE IN THE RED, WHITE & BLUE ...Is LBJ's 'Great Society' to Blame?

By Richard Harding
Edited by Susan Watson

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA-Having reached my golden years, one would think not much would bother me now. Unfortunately, such is not the case. After the recent shooting of the Dallas police officers, I feel an overwhelming rage. Bruised and battered by the news, a close friend who noticed a change in my demeanor prompted me to get in touch with my feelings.

Reflecting on my life, it came to me that most all my life I have been colorblind. But as a child raised in a Catholic family, I was taught that the Jews killed Jesus. Growing up down the street from a Jewish Synagogue, it seemed only natural to harass the Jewish children as they walked to church on Saturday. Yet now, I am a practicing Messianic Jew.

Entering Catholic grade school there weren't any black students. At my all-boys Catholic high school, there was one black student, Harry Mayo. Of all the children I went to high school with, somehow after almost 45 years I remember his name to this day.

While in the military, I slept in close quarters with black people, showered with black people, trained with black people and saluted black people. Quite frankly, I am not certain I realized there was a difference. Having worked with returning POW's, I felt and still feel an undying appreciation for their service to this country regardless of color. When going to work for the federal government in Denver in the mid 70's, two of my closest friends were black - Brooks Peoples, a disabled Vietnam veteran and John Diaz. John was a character. He would often say to me; "I'm a black man with a Spanish surname and can't catch a break!"

In the early 1980's, I had to move to Texas with my wife and 3 year-old daughter and on their first shopping trip in Texas,

my daughter witnessed the first black person in her life. My wife was horrified when my daughter announced it to the entire store! My daughter came to love black people and would regularly hug and kiss her black daycare workers. Her first boyfriend was in fact black. She was four years old.

In 1994, in moving to Montrose, Colorado, low and behold in this sea of white, I was surprised to discover a black mayor. I also remember being embarrassed when Ed Ulibarri told me he was of Mexican descent when for years I thought he was Italian. Race, ethnicity - these were not issues for me.

After careful consideration and extensive soul searching, I am now beginning to arrive at a conclusion to the source of my rage. It goes back to the "Great Society" promoted by President Lyndon Johnson. He stated he would have black people voting Democrat for the next 200 years. This from a man known to use racial slurs and hurl epithets heard mostly from members of the KKK. I have to wonder if that Great Society envisioned the deliberate attempt to create racial division we have experienced over the past eight years? The current goal of some folks is to create the perception that somehow the men and women in blue are our enemy and all white people are racists.

A tremendous amount of respect has to be paid to the Dallas Chief of Police. Forget for a moment that David Brown is both a black man and a police officer. He publicly stated that 70 percent of the black children in Dallas are raised in single parent households. Reflect for a moment that in Chicago, there have been more than 50 people shot in black-on-black shootings in one week alone! The men and women in blue did not create the problems for the black people in this country. I have to believe it is a result of LBJ's Great Society



Former United States President Lyndon Baines Johnson. Courtesy photo.

and its failure to promote and achieve racial harmony.

So what exactly has the Great Society achieved in more than 50 years? Well, they have eliminated prayer in schools, removed the Ten Commandments from public places, attempted to remove, "One Nation Under God" from the Pledge of Allegiance, as well as an attempt to eliminate, "In God We Trust" from our currency. It has served to diminish family and marriage values, and has largely created a Godless society.

We as a society are "Black and Blue," and the healing can only come by returning God to our country.

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PUBLIC INVITED TO ATTEND COLORADO BLUEPRINT 2.0 STATEWIDE AWARDS PRESS CONFERENCE IN DELTA JULY 21

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COLORADO-The Colorado Blueprint is the statewide strategy to spur Colorado's economy, help businesses grow and attract new jobs to the state. The priority is the creation and retention of jobs and the expansion of companies throughout Colorado. Donna Lynne, Lt. Governor of Colorado, Fiona Arnold, Executive Director of the Office of Economic Development and International Trade, and Irv Halter, Executive Director of the Department of Local Affairs have scheduled a press conference at Confluence Park in Delta to announce the statewide awards for the Blueprint 2.0 initiatives. The press conference will be held July 21 at Confluence Park, just northwest of the Lions Pavilion along the Gunnison River, from 10 to 10:30 am. Blueprint 2.0 is the culmination of informative roundtables that were held in rural communities throughout the state in 2014 and 2015. As part of Blueprint 2.0 rural communities and regions were invited to apply for specialized resources to help make their economies more robust.

The program utilizes state agencies as well as external partnerships to provide resources and technical expertise which are important to address the unique economic development needs in rural communities. Delta County has applied for three initiatives: Strengthening Your Business Brand, with the goal to create an identified countywide business brand to promote Delta County as a great place to do business. Adaptive Reuse, to explore how to best repurpose the Paonia Delta Montrose Technical College and Tourism Promotion and Development, to develop Delta County tourism products that are compelling and inviting for the traveler. Trish Thibodo, Executive Director of Delta County Economic Development said, "We are extremely pleased that the Lt. Governor, Fiona Arnold and Irv Halter have chosen Delta County to announce the statewide awards for Blueprint 2.0. We are also hopeful regarding the submissions that DCED and others made for Delta County projects and see this as a great addition to the economic diversity plans that are al-

ready underway."

Beginning Aug. 1 through the end of 2016, the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade's (OEDIT) executive director Fiona Arnold and external partners will visit selected sites to connect them to the specialized resources they applied for. Additional visits will take place in 2017.

"Delta is a community that has demonstrated strong local collaboration to improve the local economy, so we are thrilled to be here to make this exciting announcement to help support economic development efforts throughout the state," said Meridith Marshal, Senior Regional Manager OEDIT "We are continuing to roll-out our Blueprint 2.0 initiatives, and we look forward to seeing how the 27 recipients will leverage these new services and resources to help build up their economies and communities."

For additional information or directions please contact DCED at 970-874-4992. The general public is invited to attend the press conference.



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GRAND LAKE COMPLETES MICRO-HYDRO ENERGY RECOVERY SYSTEM



*The Grand Lake Hydro Project.
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GRAND LAKE – The Town of Grand Lake has completed installation of a 7 kilowatt micro-hydro energy recovery system located inside the town's water treatment plant.

The energy recovery system captures the energy available in the existing water supply line flowing between Tonahutu Creek and the town's water treatment plant, converting potential energy into electricity -- capturing energy that was previously being wasted.

"The clean energy generated by the micro-hydro energy recovery system will be fed into the Mountain Parks Electric grid, lowering the town's electricity costs," said Grand Lake Mayor Jim Peterson.

The project consultant was Telluride Energy. Hydro generation and control equipment for the project was designed and provided by Rentricity Inc. Project installation was completed by Grand Lake water department staff.

The project will produce approximately 40,000 kilowatt-hours annually, lowering the town's energy costs at the water treatment plant through a net metering agreement with Mountain Parks Electric. Total project cost was approximately \$70,000.

The project received rapid federal approval from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission thanks to 2013 federal small hydro reform legislation authored by Colo-

rado's U.S. Representative Diana DeGette. The project also benefitted from simplified electrical inspection due to 2014 Colorado small hydro reform legislation authored by Colorado State Senator Gail Schwartz and Colorado State Representatives Diane Mitsch Bush and Don Coram.

The hydro installation follows up on a project feasibility assessment completed by Telluride Energy which was funded by a

grant from the Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority.

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DOLA AWARDS \$600K TO CENTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH FOR DELTA CLINIC REMODEL

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REGIONAL-The Center for Mental Health, headquartered in Montrose, Colorado, recently learned that they were awarded \$600,000 from the Department of Local Affairs, Community Development Block Grant program to help remodel a portion of the Delta Clinic at 107 West 11th Street in Delta, Colorado. These funds will make it possible to renovate an unused portion of the existing building currently owned by the organization. The Center for Mental Health purchased the building in June of 2007 and has occupied approximately one-half of the building since that time. The occupied half of the building was renovated at the time of purchase and again in the past year. The unused portion

of the building has been vacant since 2012 and the condition of that half of the building is very poor.

The project is expected to cost \$919,497 and will include asbestos remediation. The City of Delta, on behalf of the Center for Mental Health, served as the applicant to the Department of Local Affairs for the grant. The Center for Mental Health is deeply grateful to the City for the help and assistance in making this grant and this project a reality.

The award will make it possible for the Center to expand its existing operations to keep pace with the demand for behavioral health services in the Delta area - a demand that has grown 37.39 percent in the past three years. This growth has exceeded

the physical capacity of the present usable space. Much of the demand for services can be attributed to the implementation of the Accountable Care Act. With the implementation, individuals in the region insured under Medicaid have increased 125 percent since 2012.

Through this grant funding and the resulting expansion of services in the Delta Clinic, individuals struggling to achieve appropriate and affordable behavioral healthcare will have a readily available resource.

The Center for Mental Health has been serving the region for the past 52 years. It is a nonprofit organization offering an income based sliding-fee-scale for all services and 24-hour crisis care to anyone needing such care.

RIDGWAY STATE PARK SHORELINE PARKING REDUCED DUE TO HIGH WATER LEVEL

Special to the Mirror

RIDGWAY-Because of the high water level at Ridgway State Park, the shoreline vehicle access on the south side of the reservoir at Dallas Creek is greatly reduced.

Park Manager Kirstin Copeland is requesting that vehicles stay on the dirt portion of the shoreline to eliminate damage to vegetation. If the dirt portion is full or inaccessible, people should park at the Bay View parking lot nearby and then walk to the shoreline and place hand-launched

craft in the water.

"We are seeing much more use in that area this year and traffic congestion," Copeland said. "We are trying to continue providing access until the water levels drop and conditions are appropriate, but we are depending on our users to help protect the vegetation."

The park also reminds all paddlers that PFD's are required on all craft including paddle boards; everyone under 13 years old must wear their PFD's on all watercraft at all times.

In addition, park users are reminded that dogs must be kept on a leash to the water's edge and pet owners must remove any waste. Dogs are not allowed on the swim beach.

Outstanding camping facilities are available at Ridgway State Park with 283 campsites and three yurts. The daily entry fee to the park is \$7 per vehicle. Camp sites range in price from \$18 to \$26.

For more information about the park or camping, call 970-626 5822; <http://cpw.state.co.us/placestogo/parks/Ridgway>.

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JULY 4TH DUI ENFORCEMENT CITES 312 DRIVERS

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STATEWIDE — Law enforcement across Colorado were on heightened alert for impaired drivers over the Fourth of July weekend, citing 312 drivers during the latest *The Heat Is On* enforcement. The 312 citations are an increase from the 271 during last year's enforcement.

"Unfortunately, DUI arrests over the Fourth of July weekend increased this year," said Darrell Lingk, Director of the Office of Transportation Safety at CDOT. "Even one impaired driver is a tremendous hazard, and we thank our law enforcement partners for taking 312 impaired drivers off the road who were putting others in danger."

Ninety agencies participated in the enforcement period with the Colorado State Patrol (64 arrests), Aurora Police Depart-

ment (39 arrests) and Colorado Springs Police Department (33 arrests) recording the most arrests.

To date 2,983 impaired drivers have been arrested in the five *The Heat Is On* enforcement periods this year. The next enforcement period is the Labor Day Crackdown from August 19 to September 6. There are a total of 12 enforcement periods throughout the year.

"It's unfortunate that impaired drivers make the bad decision to put themselves and all others on the road in danger," Col. Scott Hernandez, Chief of CSP. "With Colorado law enforcement agencies working sobriety checkpoints and saturation patrols, I'm sure many alcohol related crashes were avoided over the holiday weekend."

To access CDOT's *The Heat Is On* arrest

database visit bit.ly/HIOarrests. Arrest data can be sorted based on law enforcement agency, county and enforcement period.

The CDOT Highway Safety Office provides funding to Colorado law enforcement for impaired driving enforcement, education and awareness campaigns.

The Heat Is On campaign runs throughout the year with 12 specific high visibility impaired driving enforcement periods centered on national holidays and large public events.

Enforcement periods can include sobriety checkpoints, saturation patrols and additional law enforcement on duty dedicated to impaired driving enforcement. More details about the campaign, including impaired driving enforcement plans, arrest totals and safety tips can be found at HeatIsOnColorado.com.



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TRACE BUNDY TO APPEAR IN CONCERT AUG. 7



Trace Bundy will play a free concert on Sunday, Aug. 7, at 3 pm at the Montrose Pavilion. The concert is sponsored by the Libraries of Montrose County Foundation and underwritten by ElderAdo Financial, Graff Peterson Dental, and Colorado Smiles. Courtesy photo.

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MONTROSE-The Libraries of Montrose County Foundation is pleased to present

virtuoso guitarist Trace Bundy at a free concert on Sunday, Aug. 7, at 3 pm at the Montrose Pavilion. The internationally acclaimed musician must be seen, not just heard. His music is poetry in motion, using harmonics, looping, multiple capos, and his unique banter and stage presence to deliver an unforgettable live concert experience. His followers frequently refer to him as the “Acoustic Ninja” because of his unique playing style.

The self-taught Bundy has performed in sold-out concerts in as many as 26 countries – from high-tech performance halls in South Korea and Italy, to remote villages in Zimbabwe and Guatemala. His video clips circulate virally at astonishing speed, with over 35,000,000 YouTube views. Trace has shared the stage with many well-known performers, including Brandi Carlile, Oliv-

ia Newton-John, Neko Case, Judy Collins, the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, and Chris Hillman (the Byrds), among others.

The concert is sponsored by the Libraries of Montrose County Foundation and underwritten by ElderAdo Financial, Graff Peterson Dental, and Colorado Smiles. The Libraries of Montrose County Foundation is a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to acquire books and other related materials to supplement our libraries in Montrose, Naturita, Paradox, and Nucla, as well as the Bookmobile. Generous donors have so far established 98 permanent book funds, the income from which funds the work of the Foundation.

The goal is to increase the number of book funds to 200.

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DELTA – The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests will close a section of the 47 Trail located on the south end of the Uncompahgre Plateau due to logging operations in the area. Approximately 2 miles of the trail located off the Divide Road (NFS 402) and north to the Lockhart Road (NFSR 507) will be closed while the project continues. This logging operation is part of the GMUG's Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Project to reduce wildfire risk and promote forest health and resiliency across the landscape. Please contact the Ouray District Office for an update on an expected re-opening date.

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Designed for novices 18-and-older, no experience or equipment is required.

The class fee is \$20 and pre-registration is required. Call Colorado Parks and Wildlife's Hot Sulphur Springs office at 970--725--6200 to register. Space is limited and

the seminar is expected to fill quickly.

Location and additional details provided upon registration.

Participants are reminded that the class is not a Hunter Education course, which is required to purchase a hunting license. To find a Hunter Education course, go to www.cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/HunterEducation.aspx, or call your local Colorado Parks and Wildlife office.

Anyone that attends should dress for the elements and bring all necessary supplies, including water, insect repellent and sun-

screen. Lunch, snacks and drinks will be provided.

'Cast, Blast and Twang' is offered through Colorado Parks and Wildlife's Hunter Outreach Program. The program includes workshops, clinics, seminars and educational hunts that focus on teaching the skills, ethics and traditions of hunting to novice youth and women. For more information call Colorado Parks and Wildlife's Hot Sulphur Springs office at 970--725--6200 or visit www.cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/HunterOutreach.aspx.

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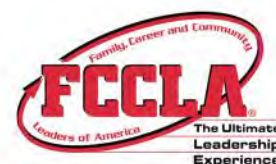
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RAFT COLORADO RIVER WITH THE TAMARISK COALITION

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FRUITA— Both river enthusiasts and first-time boaters will learn something new from this one-day float trip on Class I water down the Colorado River. On Aug. 27, join the Tamarisk Coalition (TC), guest speakers, and Rimrock Adventures for a fun “behind the scenes” look at the work being done to rejuvenate the treasured riparian (riverside) area in the Grand Valley. After the float, enjoy dinner, drinks, live music by Jack+Jill, and prizes.

Attendees will talk with local river experts and explore past, current, and future riverside restoration sites at a few stops along the river. Raft the River's expert speakers include Dr. Gigi Richard - Professor of Geology and Faculty Director of the Water Center at Colorado Mesa University, Patty Gelatt - former Fish and Wildlife Biologist and current Tamarisk Coalition board member, Rick Krueger - former Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) Environmental Contaminants Coordinator, and Jenny Fausey - Crew Leader with the Western Colorado Conservation Corps.

“Our Raft the River event offers participants a fun way to experience first-hand the beauty of the Colorado River,” Tamarisk Coalition's Outreach Coordinator Cara Kukuraitis, said. “In the process, rafters also hear from our local river experts and learn about the riverside restoration projects happening in their community that are helping to keep this cherished river healthy and resilient.”

Registration for the event is \$80 and includes: the float trip, shuttle, dinner (salads from Cafe Sol, bacon wrapped pears and crab cakes from Barons GJ, pulled pork sandwiches from Rib City - Fruita, cole slaw from Pink's BBQ, desserts from Trailhead Coffee Bar and Café), beer (from Copper Club Brewing Company), an acoustic set by Jack+Jill, and door prizes. \$40 tickets are available for the dinner and music portion. Tamarisk Coalition members receive a 15% discount. To register, please visit tamariskcoalition.org/about-us/events/raft-river-2016. Registration ends August 12th.

All proceeds from the Raft the River event benefit the Tamarisk Coalition's riverside restoration projects in the Grand Valley.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

DON'T MISS GRAND MESA MOOSE DAY JULY 30

Special to the Mirror

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. - All moose lovers are invited to a free, day-long event to learn more about one of the state's most charismatic wild animals during Colorado Parks and Wildlife's annual 'Grand Mesa Moose Day.' The family-friendly event takes place Saturday, July 30, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., at the U.S. Forest Service Visitor Center on the Grand Mesa, east of Grand Junction. State wildlife managers first brought moose to Colorado's North Park area in 1978, followed by several additional transplant projects over the next 30 years. The Grand Mesa relocation effort began in 2005, concluding two-years later after wildlife managers transplanted a total of 91 moose from Utah and existing herds in Colorado.

Today, according to the most recent CPW population estimates, approximately 350 moose now live on the Mesa and 2500 moose have spread across the state. The phenomenal growth in their numbers makes the transplant project one of the most successful wildlife management efforts in the state and the country.

"They capture people's imagination," said CPW's Northwest Region Watchable Wildlife Coordinator Trina Romero. "Until a few years ago, many people in Colorado didn't even know they were here. Today, moose make headlines and people are fascinated by them, so we think it's important

people learn more about the species and how they are being managed."

Romero adds that events like Moose Day provide valuable education about moose, helping keep people and moose safe and providing information about where and how to safely see the somewhat elusive creature. "One would think a large moose is easy to see, but surprisingly, you need a little luck to see one on the Grand Mesa," she said "They can easily hide in dense vegetation then step out and allow you a quick glimpse before they disappear again. Those fleeting wildlife viewing moments can be very rewarding, and make great memories."

Grand Mesa Moose Day features various kid-friendly activities, including arts and crafts activities and prize giveaways throughout the day. Kids can earn a prize for going on a hike with a wildlife officer to look for signs of moose activity. Enjoy moose biology and history presentations and learn how biologists transplant and track moose. Additional activities include a fishing pole casting lesson taught by Cabela's staff. Romero adds that several popular fishing holes on the Grand Mesa provide an opportunity to see moose.

"Most people see moose by accident while hiking, fishing or camping," said Romero. "If you suddenly see one, be sure to keep your distance. If you are searching for moose, be prepared with a camera, bin-



oculars or a viewing scope. Perhaps the most important thing to remember is to keep unleashed dogs far away from moose."

CPW reminds the public that moose do not fear humans and instinctively react to a curious dog as if it was a predator and will attack it. In the past four years, several people have been seriously injured by moose in Colorado. In all but one case, the conflict was precipitated by a barking dog that got too close.

Grand Mesa Moose Day partners include Colorado Parks and Wildlife, US Forest Service, The Moose 92.3, Cabela's and the Grand Mesa Scenic & Historic Byway.

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BLACK CANYON BOYS & GIRLS CLUB RECEIVES \$7,500 GRANT FROM PEYBACK FOUNDATION

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The PeyBack Foundation announced the annual distribution of funds serving 79 community agencies in Colorado, Tennessee, Louisiana and Indiana. With this distribution, the Foundation has donated just over \$7.4 million in grants alone over 15 years.

The PeyBack Foundation, a public non-profit corporation, was established by Peyton Manning in 1999 to promote the future success of disadvantaged youth by assisting programs that provide leadership and growth opportunities for children at risk. The PeyBack Foundation has provided more than \$12 million of impact to at risk youth through its grants and programs since its inception.

As the only organization in Montrose to receive a grant from the PeyBack Foun-

ation, the Black Canyon Boys & Girls Club was awarded \$7,500 from to support their summer camp program. According to the Club's Executive Director Martin Barrett, the PeyBack Foundation funds three part-time summer staff positions and bus rental fees for the Friday field trips. Barrett said, "This grant was significant in providing the Club with the necessary funds to allow 90 more children to enroll in this year's summer program."

Combined with proceeds from the **2016 Montrose Wine & Food Festival** and a generous grant from *the 3M Corporation*, the Club is serving 270 children in Montrose this summer. This is 145 more children than just two years ago.

The Club operates out of St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 6700 Road & Sunnyside Drive in Montrose and has also rented pro-

gram space this summer at Pope John Paul II Academy to help handle the demand for services. The 3M grant funded the rental expense at Pope John Paul's.

The Club also has a site in Olathe at 300 Hap Court. Visit the Club's website at www.bcbgc.org to learn more about their organization and how you can help continue the fostering of their good work in Montrose County.

Boys & Girls Club President, Matt Boisen said that he's involved with the Club because it's one of the rare places in Montrose that is fun, safe and an affordable place for parents to take their children so that they can focus on their jobs. Boisen added, "I don't know of anywhere else where you can send your kids for \$90 for a full day 8-week summer day camp program."



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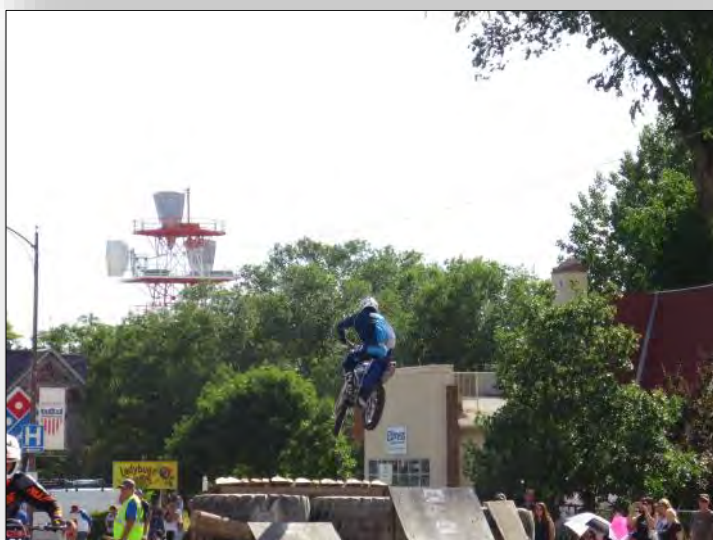
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MIRROR IMAGES...MOTO MAYHEM ON MAIN!



Once again, locals braved the heat to watch Moto Mayhem roar on Main Street July 15. The event moved to the Fairgrounds over the weekend with a full slate of excitement for fans.



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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE BY SENATOR ELLEN ROBERTS

DON'T IGNORE POWER OF SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

People tell me that they like hearing what it's really like to be a legislator. So, I'll give you a bit of the bigger picture of being a legislator. With 10 years' worth of experience at the Denver Capitol, I've observed quite a bit by now. So, with the upcoming election season, it's important to tackle the topic of special interest groups and their "scorecards" and pledges. These report cards and pledges are publicized to voters as if they are missives from on high.

I've watched lobbyists run around to make sure legislators know what bill will be a "key vote" for their special interest group. Some legislators rely on that information in deciding how they'll vote, time after time. There are lots of ways to represent our districts, but this is an approach I've chosen to reject. The fact that groups on the far left, like Conservation Colorado, or the far right, like CUT, will give me poor ratings isn't what guides me, although I realize some constituents would have me follow their chosen group with blind allegiance. I've also rejected signing "pledges" put before me as the only promise I have made is to represent my district as a whole,

to the best of my abilities.

Newspaper editorial boards and radio commentators join in the special interest groups' praising or shaming games by selectively amplifying the scorecards or pledges that most match their own political leanings. None of these groups, or their enablers, ask people to consider whether any single special interest group, (as diverse as the liberal ACLU to the conservative Americans for Prosperity), could possibly represent the complex interests of a district. Instead, the special interest groups rely on a voter's school-age experience of grades, often leaving out key pieces of information to the voters.

For example, the Durango Herald published an op-ed for a special interest group written by a local activist that contained false statements about my votes, but most of all, touting my low score as evidence of my disregard for the environment. It's not a coincidence that all three legislators taken to the woodshed by this special interest group are Republicans any more than it's a coincidence that this group gave 100 percent scores to many legislators from the

Democratic Party. Because I didn't follow this group's very narrow and purposefully partisan agenda, but instead worked on my own conservation legislation, this former park ranger, with a demonstrated legislative record spanning a decade as a staunch advocate of forest health, watershed protection, improved air quality, and dealing with the contamination from legacy mines in our mountains, among other issues, doesn't value our environment. Seriously?

Whipping legislators into line, especially inexperienced legislators, isn't new, but the power of the special interest groups role in this "whipping" is growing, enabled by sympathetic media partners, at the expense of the citizens. I'm an optimist and I believe Americans will work through these complex and challenging times much as we have in our nation's past. That said, if the status quo is unacceptable and we truly want elected officials to use their best problem-solving skills, the loyalty and power given to special interest groups should be re-examined, most importantly by the voters and by those elected into public service.

TAKE A DIP.

Free swimming
Noon - 1:45pm
2:30 - 4:15pm
MRD Aquatic Center

Dive in at the MRD Aquatic Center.
It's just one of the free activities
on Youth Appreciation Day.

See full schedule at
www.montroserec.com.

Saturday, August 13

NEW LIFE FOR YOUR OLD HOUSE...ASK THE CARPENTER!

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: Dear Master Carpenter: I have an older home, and would like to open up the space, rather than have so many small rooms. How can we approach this project without going broke, and what are some ideas for maintaining privacy in a more open floor plan? — “Not Wealthy” in Montrose.
(Do you have a question for the Carpenter? Email editor@montrosemirror.com!)



Figure 2 Notice how much wall you have above the existing header. This header is diffusing a lot of weight. Also notice how large the posts are or how much wall there is to each side of the existing header. Great care in selecting a suitable LVL to distribute this new weight is essential. There are online calculators available that determine the size you need to create a more inviting open space.

The floor plan you have is very common throughout our country and I have given a great deal of thought to this very question! I would run LVL headers in place of the existing beams that currently support your home. Then I would coffer the ceiling to hide the new beams. Its sounds easy huh? No sweat!

First thing is first we need to do some calculations. Depending on the load on the existing beams, we need to determine the size of our new header and the size of the posts on either side of your new header. Don't forget we need to support our new headers all the way to a new footing underneath your house. This is also a great time to add circuits to your older home in this information and entertainment-driven society. You can never have too many outlets these days. A coffered ceiling presents a wonderful opportunity to get creative with lighting and sound as well! I find this design approach the best way to make the headers blend into the ceiling. You have nine foot or better ceilings; you have plen-

ty of room for this visual effect to be dramatic. I have even seen beautiful murals painted inside the coffers.

I mentioned before that you must support the new larger posts all the way down the structure to a “footing.” This is where a homeowner can really save money. By getting your hands dirty you can dig the “footing” yourself. All you need to do is figure out how deep and wide your new concrete pad or “Footing” needs to be. This calculation can be handled by any knowledgeable contractor who has remodel experience. This is usually the nasty part because you have to do it in some pretty uncomfortable surroundings like a crawlspace. Remember while you are down there it may be a good time to insulate pipes and or put on heat tape for the winter. It is also a good time, if you're handy, and add floor receptacles for end tables and lighting. Don't forget to inspect



Figure 1 The timeless beauty of the coffered ceiling. Notice the holes for recessed lighting. The coffers also make great places to place speakers. Mind you, it takes a good carpenter to pull off a paint grade coffered ceiling but a real artist is necessary to pull off stain grade work. Notice all the little trim pieces that have to go together and be mitered. These coffered ceiling really make a room pop and could be a determining or deciding factor in the future sale of your home!

everything while you are down there since it's the last place you want to spend any significant time.

This is a tough project for the weekend warrior. There are facets to this job that require a certain level of competency. As always, check your local codes for snow loads and other factors and check your math twice even if you are using a great load calculation app.

I also recommend getting two opinions even if you know one of the contractors. Having covered the liability portion of my diatribe I also say trust your own abilities! Buy a nice compound miter saw and table saw and attack the coffered ceiling yourself. All it is are layers of moldings mitered together!

Get creative with the colors and heck, paint murals!

Most importantly have fun!

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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 Activities Local 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 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. Snowshadowgymnastics@yahoo.com.

MONTHLY-

July 18-Montrose Regional Library presents Ann Lincoln with "How I Learned to Juggle at My Library Show," 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. All ages welcome.

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

July 22-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 22. 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 23-27th Annual Pioneer Town Ice Cream Social, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Stolte Shed at Pioneer Town in Cedaredge.

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.adopthmountainpets.org. ALL Proceeds benefit Second Chance Humane Society a 501(c)(3) 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.

July 29-30-2016 Old Spanish Trail Association conference - "Most Arduous...Least Respected" - in Grand Junction July 29-30. Cost is \$65 of OSTA members; \$85 for non-OSTA members for both days and includes a reception Friday evening; the Saturday banquet is only \$27 per person. Deadline to register is July 18. Ute Indian Storyteller Larry Cesspooch-Whitebelly will be the guest speaker at the banquet Saturday evening, July 30. A Chuckwagon Dinner Thursday evening, July 28, at Fort Uncompahgre in Delta, is also available as a "pre-conference" bonus; the cost is \$25 per person. The full schedule, as well as registration information, is at oldspanishtrail.org and comprehensive information about the Colorado trail is at ostcolorado.org. More information, call Vicki Felmlee, OSTA Colorado Director, 245-8585 or info@tcsmq.com.

July 30-Colorado Parks and Wildlife, US Forest Service, Moose 92.3, Cabela's, and the Grand Mesa Scenic & Historic Byway present Grand Mesa Moose Day Saturday, July 30, 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. US Forest Visitor's Center - 20090 Baron Lake Drive, Hwy 65 - Top of the Grand Mesa. Contact: Trina Romero at 970-255-6191

[Go here](#) for more information about watching wildlife, including moose. [Go here](#) for more information about the moose transplant projects. [Go here](#) for more information the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forest.

Aug. 2-The annual Sheep Day outing is being offered this year on Aug. 2nd from 10 AM to 1 PM. The event is free and open to everyone. The camp will be located just east of the summit on Engineer Pass. **The Alpine Loop is considered a 4-wheel drive road and high clearance is recommended.** Visitors are encouraged to bring their cameras and to bring warm clothes to "layer on and layer-off" in case of chilly weather in the high country! **Please do not bring your dogs along on this venture, there will be herd and guard dogs that may not befriend your pet.** Directions from Lake City, Colorado: Follow signs for the Alpine Loop (Engineer Pass, CR 20) leaving Lake City to the west and follow for about 16 miles to the camp. Directions from Silverton, Colorado: At the north end of town, turn right on County Road 2 and travel about 17 miles following the signs to Lake City via Engineer Pass to the camp. Directions from Ouray, Colorado, following US 550 south of Ouray about 3 miles and turn left or east up the Engineer Pass road. Travel approximately 9 miles staying on the main Engineer Pass Road to the camp.

Aug. 3-5 -2016 San Juan Mining and Reclamation Conference. The multi-watershed forum brings together representatives from the mining industry, government agencies, nonprofits 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 <http://www.mountainstudies.org/sjmrc>. For information on the nonprofit organizers, go to: www.mountainstudies.org, www.animasrivercommunity.org.

Aug. 3-9-San Juan Chamber Music Festival. www.ocpag.org.

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