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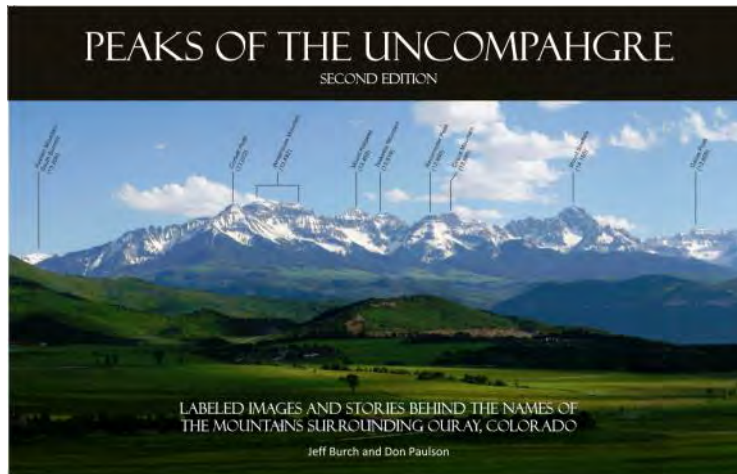


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AUTHORS RELEASE 2ND EDITION OF A LOCAL CLASSIC!



By Caitlin Switzer

REGIONAL-Can you locate the Rock of Ages rock wall near Ouray, and do you know of the Colorado and United States flags that have been mysteriously placed there each year? And did you know that Mount Sneffels was named for a vast chasm in author Jules Verne's tale, *Journey to the Center of the Earth*? Discover these bits of local mountain trivia and more, in a long awaited second edition of a local favorite. Authors Jeff Burch and Don Paulson have released the latest in their ongoing series of excellent photographic books on the names of local mountains,

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EXPLODING NON-PROFIT SECTOR IMPACTS TAX BASE! BOCC Hears from Assessor at Work Session after Hall Requests \$25K

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-The weekly work session of the Montrose County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) was held on July 19, 2016. The meeting began with a review of the BOCC and county manager's calendar of meetings and activities. Events where two or more commissioners are in attendance must be posted.

Managers Items:

County Manager Ken Norris reported the biggest and most needed projects going on in the county are roof repairs to the sheriff's office, jail and airport. He said, "We have three serious bidders and we'll receive the bids next Wednesday."

Norris noted a flurry of activity at the fairgrounds in preparation for the fair, "It's a happy place out there right now."



County commissioner work session on July 19, 2016. Commissioner David White was not in attendance. Photo by Gail Marvel.

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CITIZEN EXPRESSES CONCERN TO BOCC OVER DILAPIDATED VALLEY LAWN CEMETERY



Locals with family and loved ones at Valley Lawn are exploring efforts to form a cemetery board, to acquire and care for the 100-year-old cemetery, which is now owned by Grand Junction Attorney Joseph Coleman.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—When Arlene Jones addressed the Montrose County Board of Commissioners on July 18, she gave her residence as Eckert, which is in neighboring Delta County. However, Jones had traveled to Montrose County for a reason—to share her concerns over the state of the Valley Lawn Cemetery on Highway 550. Because when the Rose Memorial Parlour took over management of the 1931-era funeral home facility at 505 South Second Street on Oct. 1, they also took over management of the century-old Valley Lawn, which has fallen into disrepair—and Jones has close family members buried in the cemetery.

“I was wondering...I am concerned about Valley Lawn Cemetery,” Jones said, and asked that the County consider creating a special district so that those with family interred at Valley Lawn can keep up the grounds and the memorials themselves.

At the meeting, BOCC Chair Glen Davis asked Jones to meet with County Attorney Theresa Williams and County Manager Ken Norris.

“Sometimes when we create special districts, we create special problems,” Davis said. “But we realize that there is a problem out there.”

Davis later told the Mirror that the County fully supports efforts to restore Valley Lawn to a properly cared-for state.

Though both the building at 505 South Second and Valley Lawn are presently

owned by Grand Junction attorney Joseph Coleman, delinquent taxes on Valley Lawn have climbed to around \$87,000.

“Private citizens are now looking into ways to acquire the cemetery, and move forward with taking care of it,” Davis told the Mirror. “The County will help in every way we can.”

Attorney Coleman probably never set out to own a funeral home or cemetery in the first place. According to a Colorado Funeral Service history compiled in 1997, there was a merger of two local funeral services --Chapel of Roses and McIntire & Sumner--into Montrose Funeral Home at 505 S. 2nd St in 1980. Montrose Valley Funeral Home was purchased by Frank Tucker and his wife Debbie, who now lives in Grand Junction, seven years later. In April of 2002, *Montrose Daily Press* Reporter Scott Schwebke reported that Montrose Valley Funeral Home had reached a settlement with the state of Colorado regarding a

complaint that Tucker sold pre-need contracts without a license. As a District Attorney for Pitkin County in the 1970’s, Frank Tucker was convicted of embezzling and misuse of funds. Just over year ago, the phone number to Clark’s Valley Lawn Funeral Home and Cemetery, 505 South Second Street’s most recent tenant, was disconnected, and the business suddenly put up for sale. It was around that time that funds paid by clients for pre-need burial services also went missing.

Montrose Daily Press Reporter Allen Lewis Gerstenecker wrote in April 2015 that had secured a public trustee deed for the property.

Arlene Jones, whose father and both grandparents are buried at Valley Lawn, is now deeply concerned because her mother, who purchased a plot there, is 88 years old.

“They bought plots from Tucker,” Jones said. “And it won’t be too long before she is there too.”

The current state of the cemetery is sickening, she said.

“My parents paid good money to be there,” Jones said. “It used to be so beautiful.”

Though Rose Memorial Parlour recently sought publicity for the re-internment of cremains located in the basement at 505 South Second Street, very little activity can be seen at the business by day, and the Cemetery continues to appear run down and neglected. Calls to Rose were not immediately returned. Those with family or loved ones at Valley Lawn are welcome and encouraged to participate in efforts to create a local cemetery board, with the intent of acquiring the cemetery as a community amenity, cared for by people who care.



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PRAIRIE DOG TREATS MANUFACTURING FACILITY CONTINUES TO IMPACT LIVES OF NEIGHBORS WITH SMOKE, NOISE, FLIES



South First Street resident Robert Morales says that the flies, above, have increased since meat products are being placed in dumpsters at the factory.

Mirror Staff Report

MONTROSE—The Prairie Dog Treats manufacturing facility arrived at 146 West Main Street three years ago, promising attractive landscaping and jobs for local residents. Today, while there are appar-

ently workers employed at the Prairie Dog Treats facility on West Main Street, no landscaping has been put in place, ugly dumpsters fill the lot, and neighbors continue to struggle with flies, smoke, and trucks at all hours of the day and night—in some cases, just steps from a homeowner's back door.

According to the zoning in place at the time [Prairie Dog Treats](#) was situated at 146 West Main, none of these problems should exist—because the residential neighborhood was not zoned for factories such as the smoked pet

treat manufacturer. However, the factory was allowed after City Manager Bill Bell personally applied for a change of zoning on behalf of company owner Ira Goldfarb, who residents in Texas and Telluride.

Minutes from the Montrose City Council

meeting of Nov. 5, 2012, reflect that initially the City's request for a change of zoning from B-2 to B-2A of the 12,000 square-foot property was denied by Council after the City's Planning Commission recommended denial. Despite the initial denial, however, the minutes of the Jan. 2, 2013 City Council meeting show that Council, which at the time consisted of Bob Nicholson, Kathy Ellis, Thomas Smits, Judy Ann Files and Carol McDermott, was then asked to approve Ordinance 2313, amending the zoning district designation for the 146 West Main property from B2, Highway Commercial District, to B2A, regional commercial district. After a motion was made by Kathy Ellis and second by Carol McDermott, Council approved the request.

Today, the factory's Southwest First Street neighbor Robert Morales says that his life has been impacted by the presence of the facility,

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which sits just across the alley from the home that Morales' father built many years ago.

"I had to get after the City Manager last week," said Morales, who is a retired City Street Superintendent. "They were throwing raw meat into the garbage cans—I put out a fly catcher in back, but I am having to change it every seven days because it gets full." Loud fans also operate 24-hours a day at the factory, he added. When Morales contacted the City, he received the following email in response from City Manager Bell: "Hi Bobby. I understand your situation and as you know, the City has spent many hours of time evaluating

the environmental impacts of the Prairie Dog Treats facility on the entire area since their startup a few years ago. Over 10 employees and elected officials have visited the site on numerous occasions at random times to assess the situation....these visits and manhours have not produced any results that would deem their business to be a nuisance in the past. However, maybe their current processes are different. I will forward your email to our Code Enforcement officer Rick Gawlinski and his supervisor for immediate followup. Thank you for bringing the situation to my attention. Respectfully,

Bill" Morales said that Company Owner Ira Goldfarb has never even returned his calls about the impacts to the neighborhood. Before Prairie Dog treats took over the building at 146 West Main, Morales said he had no complaints. "With every other company that was ever in that building since it was built, the owner would come and talk to the neighbors. He would ask if we had any concerns. He respected us, and had an open-door policy. If there was ever a complaint, it didn't take five seconds to fix.

"But these guys...they just walk in and do anything they want. The disrespect is really bad down here."

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Peaks of the Uncompahgre is now available at the Montrose Visit Center in the Elks Civic Building, and in area book stores. Courtesy photo.

this one a second edition of their popular *Peaks of the Uncompahgre*. The book contains labeled images and the stories behind the names of the mountains surrounding Ouray—and rather than 46 pages, this one contains 124 pages in an expanded format.

“Because only three of the state’s 54 mountains with elevations over 14,000 feet are found within the area covered in this book, the Uncompahgre Region is largely overlooked by climbers,” the authors note in the foreword.

Still, “...in this book we describe more than 75 peaks of over 13,000 feet in elevation.”

Burch, a retired 30-year U.S. Forest Service veteran, has released a poster and two previous pictorial works, *Peaks of the Uncompahgre* (also with Paulson) and *The Peaks of Telluride*. He and Paulson have established a productive and enjoyable partnership, he said.

“It has been nothing but fun to go back and forth about those mountains, and talk about what the stories were.

“What we learned from our first experience and with every book since, is make the pictures bigger,” Burch said. “So we produced this book in a large format, with the pictures going all the way to the edges of the page.”

The result is a visually stunning work of art that captivates and informs. Peaks are examined from a broad viewpoint, and then individually by area.

The authors note that the names of the mountains were established in three phases, first by the Native Americans, second by the early day Spanish explorers, and in the third phase by two major surveys of the region.

“We are really excited to release this book,” Burch said, “with three times as many pictures and 10 times the re-search.”

So what’s next on the horizon for these local authors?

“Don has wanted me to do something on the peaks of Silverton; I was joking with my book designer today that we need to come out with *Peaks of the Weminuche*.

“It takes years of going out there to get the photographs,” he said. “But we are having so much fun doing this, and we’ve got time.”

Peaks of the Uncompahgre is available at the Montrose Visit Center in the Elks Civic Building, and in area book stores.

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WRITER GAIL MARVEL'S CLUB CONNECTION

MAKING THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE: ALTRUSA OF MONTROSE!



Altrusa International of Montrose is all about giving back to the community. Photo by Gail Marvel.



Member Valerie Burnell shows an example of fleece that can be cut, tied and turned and baby blankets. The blankets will be distributed in a foreign country which will qualify as an international project for the local club. Photo by Gail Marvel.

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-Organized locally in June 1975, Altrusa International of Montrose, celebrated their 40th Anniversary last year. The membership in this service organization currently numbers about 50 and members range in age from 20 to 80 years. Most members seem to fall in the category of professionals and retirees and while the organization is open to men, there are no men currently participating.

Club President Gail Kubik said, "We have a very diverse group, and a diverse group gives you a better organization. We have young ideas to more seasoned ideas, but all are positive." In reflecting on the club's strengths and weaknesses Gail said, "The only weakness, if there is one, is that we don't see a lot of young women joining. For most of our members it's all about giving back [to the community]."

Literacy is a priority of Altrusa and the club gives a book to all first graders in Montrose and Olathe schools. Other community outreach includes giving baby's first book to new mothers at Passage Charter School; Love Hug Bears placed in the hospital emergency room to sooth children; and during the school year presenting Apple Awards to local teachers.

The group also reaches into highs schools with the ASTRA Club Service Awards, which promote Ability, Service, Training, Responsibility, and Achievement. Valerie said, "These epitomize the true meaning of volunteering."

Twenty-three people were in attendance for the July 5, 2016 meeting, which began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Gail acknowledged new members, introduced visitors and then asked for brags. One member said, "I have a brag!" and then she proceeded to tell that she accepted a committee position on the International level. Various reports, Birthday recognition and an opportunity to help a member recovering from cataract surgery were presented.

Rose Price, chair of the Literacy Award Committee, gave an overview of the importance of documenting all the club's activities. "When we attend conference we need to show what we do in Montrose. Document your activities...good photos win awards for the local. Your activity cannot be a fundraising event and you have to follow the criteria for [International] projects or they will throw out your entry."

Rose gave updates on supplying lanyards for kid's library cards; a recent individual donation of \$1,175 to help give books to 1st graders; and a previous donation of \$1,000 from Wells Fargo earmarked to help folks get their GED.

Valerie Burnell reported for the International Relations committee and submissions for international projects, "We've always been able to find a project in another country because we were involved with specific individuals. One of our se-

crets is we always have someone on the ground that can send us back reports and photos. Our success in getting club service awards depends on following the criteria laid down by the international organization."

The project proposed for 2016 is to build solar shower facilities constructed of stone, two for boys and two for girls, in Kathmandu.

Valerie said, "It will cost \$3,000. We have \$1,000 and we hope to partner with two other Montrose organizations to complete the project."

An alternate project is to fill a duffel bag with fleece baby blankets. Valerie showed the group fleece she'd purchased at Wal-Mart and suggested they purchase more fleece and then get-together to cut and tie the blankets. "Member participation is a big criteria requirement. Judges come from outside Altrusa and they read the scrapbooks to understand the project. A photo and a caption can say a lot to help tell our story."

The benediction, which was recited in unison, dismissed the meeting.

Contact Information:

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

COLORADOCARE WOULD COVER EVERYBODY, SAVE MONEY, AND MAKE LIFE EASIER

Dear Editor:

As I listened to the speaker at Heidi's Deli Wednesday morning, I heard so many incorrect things spoken, I had to think for a while of where to start. I'll stick with her main point – Amendment 69 as “job killer” – a term we have heard many times in the last several years and have yet to see come to pass.....except for the Bush Recession.

Apparently, for Chamber President Dianne Schwenke, ColoradoCare is an unfamiliar beast that, once unleashed, will maraud around the state mercilessly killing innocent jobs. But as a business leader, she ought to know this beast very well by now, and realize how tame it is.

ColoradoCare is, after all, a comprehensive health insurance plan paid for by a payroll deduction. That's no foreign country: It's pretty much how employer insurance and Medicare have worked for decades (somehow avoiding a job apocalypse). The difference is that ColoradoCare would cover everybody, save money, and make life easier for patients who don't want to deal with obnoxious-narrow networks or switch plans and doctors with every new job or other big life change.

Schwenke is acting like paying for healthcare is rocket science. She need only look at her own pay stub to find out how simple this really is. Learn for yourself, contribute, and vote for ColoradoCare, Amendment 69, in November: www.ColoradoCare.org

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BOCC Hears from Assessor at Work Session From page 1

Brief updates from the manager included purchasing a landmark Historical Society plaque for the old railroad depot and a follow-up call to an angry constituent who thought the existing outdoor arena and grandstands would be eliminated and replaced with the indoor arena. "I explained it [the indoor arena] is in addition to the outdoor arena and she's happy now."

Road and Bridge Update:

Jon Waschbush reported on research into a county swap with CDOT for Hwy 97, which connects Nucla and Naturita. It was not stated what CDOT would receive in return.

The original request was to explore if a road swap might be an economic developer for the West End, i.e. the Rimrocker Trail. Speaking to the potential for ATV's to be driven on a county road Commissioner Glen Davis said, "Could it be another Moab? I don't know. Do we invest, or go on down the road [postpone decision]?"

Acquiring several miles of road which would require asphalt overlay and chip and seal was discussed. Commissioner Ron Henderson said, "We don't need to do it for quite a few years."

Waschbush said, "If you [commissioners] want to investigate further CDOT needs something in writing."

The Road and Bridge Director reported on chip and seal projects taking place, starting with 5700 Road. If funds allow, asphalt will be applied to three additional roads. Updates on various roads, including gravel applications of 1,000 tons a day, were given.

County Attorney Update:

County Attorney Teresa Williams is working on a lease agreement for Community Corrections which will be presented to the commissioners at a special meeting in the future.

Coroner's Office:

Coroner Dr. Thomas Canfield reported on an upcoming lawsuit in which he will serve as expert witness. He also updated the commissioners on the death of a young man who fell while climbing in the Black Canyon. The death, listed as accidental on the death certificate, also included finding drugs and alcohol in the man's system.

County Wellness Program:

Health and Human Services (HSS) reported on programs aimed to give county employees healthy choices that will produce cost savings to the county. From the HSS perspective, having healthy choices in the work place and getting rid of Coke machines and vending machines is seen as a positive.

However, Commissioner Davis, who saluted giving employees education, expressed concern about infringing with their daily lives by taking away choices, "Can't you have wellness without taking things away?"

Commissioner Henderson said, "The lifestyle people choose increases the cost of benefits for all of us."

Community Dental:

Representative Melanie Hall presented two issues: A letter of support for the dental clinic's application to the State for a property tax exemption; and a request for \$25,000 support for the clinic in the 2017 budget. The dental clinic recently relocated to the former Harley-Davidson building. A dental clinic property tax exemption from the State, which amounts to \$16,000, would affect entities other than just the county — school district and fire district. If approved the county would lose 30 percent of \$16,000 and the school district would lose 35 percent. The commissioners asked County Assessor Brad Hughes to research whether a letter of support was needed from the county for the application to proceed to the State.

Making a case for the clinic to be included in the 2017 county budget, Hall reported their project is 81 percent funded with less than \$67,000 still needed. In requesting the county contribute \$25,000 she said, "I humbly ask for that to help us close our project."

Commissioner Davis expressed concern about duplication of services within the community; verification and documentation from those receiving medical services; and where the \$25,000 would come from. He said, "I don't know where we'll get the money. This year alone we'll spend \$1M on [facility] repairs, but we don't have \$25-\$30 M to build a new building. We do the best job with what we have, but it's never enough."

Hall noted she is soliciting funds from other organizations and her request to Delta Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) exceeded the request to the county.

By getting the funds to finish the project Hall hopes to avoid fundraisers and becoming a "professional beggar."

She said, "This is an opportunity to position the county as a good guy and close the project."

Discussion among the commissioners and county staff included the loss of revenue from tax exemptions — non-profits like Sharing Ministries and Dolphin House, the DDA's negative TIF (tax increment financing) valuation, and brownfield development. A brownfield development, originally designed to clean up land perceived to have environmental contamination, is lost tax base. Hundreds of non-profits are problematic and County Assessor Hughes said, "We're seeing a lot of exemptions come through." County commissioner work sessions are held on Tuesdays at 9 a.m. in the Office of County Management Conference Room, 317 S. 2nd.





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MONTROSE WATER SPORTS PARK

RIVER EVENTS

8 - 9:30 AM - REGISTRATION

10 AM - DOWNRIVER RACE COMPETITION

12 PM - BLM RIVER SAFETY PRESENTATION

1:30 - 4 PM - BOATCROSS/SUP CROSS COMPETITIONS

4:15 PM - FUNC-Y RIVER PARADE

5 PM - AWARDS

PARTNERS' DUCKY RACE

9 AM - 4 PM - SALE

1:30/2:30/3:30 PM - HEATS

5 PM - FINALS



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LAND EVENTS

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To Bealls, now an outlet store with steep markdowns!

To our eclectic and fun Main Street businesses, from Lower Montrose (LoMo) to East Montrose (EMO) and beyond, for keeping the historic heart of Montrose vibrant!

To my fellow entrepreneurs everywhere, because there is no paycheck unless you succeed.

And to my young niece Dayna Westley, love and prayers.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

SAVE THE DATE... REPUBLICAN CAUCUS REWIND!

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-In response to overwhelming enthusiasm for the spring caucus, we would like to invite everyone -families, couples, anyone interested in making our community and nation a better place. Tuesday Aug. 16th at 6:30 p.m. at Columbine Middle School. An opportunity to discuss ballot initiatives, the platform, the political process, register to vote, participate/volunteer sign-ups, and how to get-out-the-vote.



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OCHS OFFERS GEOLOGIC TOUR OF THE SAN JUANS

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MONTROSE—Have you ever driven the Million Dollar Highway south of Ouray and wondered “what are all these rocks and how did they get here?”

The upcoming Geologic Tour of the Northwestern San Juan Mountains will provide answers to those questions and more on Wednesday, August 10. A benefit for the Ouray County Historical Society, the all-day tour will take participants through 1.7 billion years of history from Ouray to Red Mountain Pass.

Geologists Larry and Tip Meckel and Robert Stoufer will lead this fourth annual geology jeep tour. They will explain the composition of exposed rocks and formations, their approximate ages and the geologic forces that created them. Participants will see historic mine and mill sites and learn about the natural processes that deposited precious ores. Stops along the tour will offer great photo opportunities.

The tour fee of \$125 covers jeep transportation, lunch and a complete geologic field guide of the area for each person who registers. Participants check in at the Ouray City Hall between 7 and 7:30 a.m. The tour group leaves from there at 8 a.m. sharp, returning at approximately 4 p.m.



This event honors the late George Moore, a preeminent geologist and OCHS board member. Courtesy photo.

The tour is limited to 24 participants. To register and select a lunch choice, call (970) 325-4576. This event honors the late George Moore, a preeminent geologist and OCHS board member who, along with

Larry Meckel and Stoufer, designed and led the first OCHS Geologic Tour. Moore authored the popular geologic field guide, *Mines, Mountain Roads, and Rocks* as well as the field manual included in the tour.





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CPW OFFERS FREE PARK ENTRANCE TO ACTIVE-DUTY, VETERANS AVOID THE WAIT, GET YOUR PASS IN ADVANCE

Special to the Mirror

DENVER - Colorado Parks and Wildlife offers free park entrance to active-duty military and veterans during the month of August as a result of House Bill 15-1045, signed into law May 27, 2015.

"We appreciate Colorado's military community and encourage them to take advantage of this offer to enjoy the beauty and recreational opportunities of Colorado with a state parks pass," said CPW Public Information and Website Manager, Matt Robbins.

CPW encourages eligible individuals to get their pass in advance at any CPW office or state park to avoid delays at the gate on a planned recreation day.

"Archery, boating, rock climbing, hiking, geocaching and wildlife-viewing, along with well-equipped nature centers and picnic areas are just a few of the options

for service members to relax and recharge," added Robbins.

See more outdoor recreation options in the [Parks Guide](#).

Veterans and active-duty military personnel (including active duty, Reserve and National Guard members) can obtain a military hang-tag pass valid for free admission during the month of August, by showing the CPW parks staff one of the following:

Active or retired military identification, DD Form 2,
DD Form 2765,
DD214,
Veterans Affairs medical card,
A current Colorado Driver's License or state issued identification card with the veteran seal printed on it.
Once eligibility is confirmed, the military hang-tag pass is issued to the service

member. The hang-tag pass is valid when hung from the rear-view mirror of a service member occupied vehicle, and admits all passengers of that vehicle.

Park entrance fees are waived for veterans and active-duty personnel in the month of August, but activities like fishing and camping will still require a valid license and permit.

Go to <http://cpw.state.co.us/placestogo/parks/Pages/parkMap.aspx> or <http://cpw.state.co.us/placestogo/parks/Pages/default.aspx> to locate a state park near you.

Free access for veterans and active duty military is slated to continue every year in which general fund dollars are appropriated by the General Assembly.

Visit <http://cpw.state.co.us/placestogo/parks/Pages/default.aspx> for more information.



SATISFY YOUR SWEET TOOTH

Watermelon Feast
10am - noon
Ute Park

Just one of the sweet activities for kids to enjoy at Youth Appreciation Day!

Saturday, August 13



REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

SAN JUAN MINING & RECLAMATION CONFERENCE WILL BE AUG. 4

Special to the Mirror

DURANGO—Ouray Silver Mines Chief Operating Officer Brian Briggs and environmental consultant Briana Greer will present a miner's approach to environmental stewardship at the San Juan Mining & Reclamation Conference in Durango, Colo. on Thursday, Aug. 4, 2016. Briggs and Greer will talk about efforts to bring the historic Revenue-Virginus mine back into production with a focus on community engagement and environmental protection, including the recently permitted passive treatment system for mine discharge.

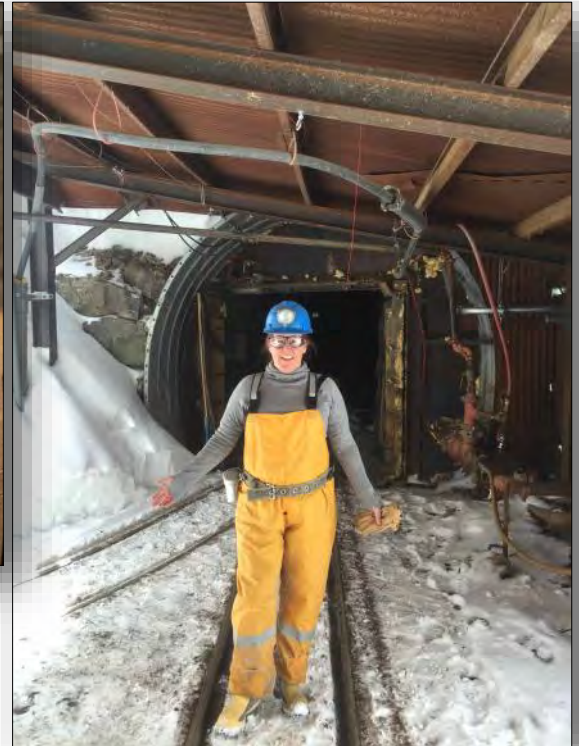
The annual conference, which was in Telluride in 2015, brings together diverse representatives from the mining industry, engineering firms, government agencies, nonprofits and citizens groups to discuss collaborative approaches to addressing long-term impacts of mining in the San Juan Mountains. This year's gathering at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Durango was purposefully planned one year after Silverton's Gold King Mine spilled millions of gallons of heavy metal pollutants into the Animas River.

The conference's keynote address, given by mining consultant and Colorado School of Mines adjunct professor Terry Braun, will be about unintended consequences related to abandoned underground mines. Braun of the international firm, SRK Consulting, will speak about the practical limitations on preparation and stakeholder expectations related to the lingering environmental impacts of abandoned mines. He has worked on such projects as planning, permitting and implementing the large-scale closure of the BHP Copper San Manuel mine and plant sites in Arizona. He has also led teams in mitigating legacy mining impacts at active and inactive mine properties in the western United States.

The conference begins with a free reception open to the public at the Powerhouse Science Center on Wednesday, Aug. 3, which will celebrate the Animas River and successes in addressing river health over the last year. Then, on Thursday, the morning presentations will focus on the



Colorado School of Mines Adjunct Professor Terry Braun, above, will present the keynote address. Ouray Silver Mines environmental consultant Briana Greer, right, will offer a miner's approach to environmental stewardship. Courtesy photos.



sheds around the San Juans as well as lessons from the Gold King Mine spill. The afternoon will focus on tools for environmental and water quality monitoring and innovative solutions for mine site remediation.

Speakers will come from a wide range of organizations including the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, U.S. EPA, Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment, La Plata Emergency Management, and San Miguel Watershed Coalition. The schedule will include opportunities for questions and dialog including a panel discussion at the end of the day. Several sponsors and companies involved in mining or reclamation will have exhibits and representatives available to provide information.

The conference ends on Friday, Aug. 5 with a visit of the Silverton mining district, and tours of Mineral Creek-Kohler Mine, Carbon Lakes, Growler, Brooklyn, Browns Gulch, Mayflower Mill and Tailings, Sunnyside Gold, Cement Creek, Elk Tunnel, Gladstone District, and Red and Bonita Mines. Tour guides include Bev Rich of the San Juan County Historical Society, Peter

Butler of the Animas River Stakeholders Group and Kirsten Brown of the Colorado Department of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (DRMS).

In its sixth year, the San Juan Mining and Reclamation Conference is organized by the Mountain Studies Institute, Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining & Safety, Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership, Willow Creek Reclamation Committee, and www.animasrivercommunity.org. 2016 sponsors include Harrison Western, Idarado - Newmont, Ouray Silver Mines, Colorado DRMS, AMEC Foster Wheeler, Colorado Mining Association, Durango Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad, HECLA/Rio Grande Silver, Mountain Pine Manufacturing/WoodStraw, SRK Consulting, SWCA Environmental Consultants, Western Small Miners Association, Triton Environmental, Mining & Environmental Services, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Trout Unlimited, and Trust for Land Restoration.

For conference information and registration, go to <http://www.mountainstudies.org/sjmr/>. For a full agenda, go to <http://tinyurl.com/2016SJMRCAgenda>.

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MATTICS ORCHARD FARM STAND OPENS FOR THE SEASON!



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MONTROSE-Just when you thought summer couldn't get any better, the Mattics Orchard Farmstand has opened for the season at Main and the San Juan Bypass!

They have sweet corn, delicious apricots, green beans, zucchini, yellow squash, patty pan, cucumber, pickles, kale, cauliflower, broccoli, cabbage and more!

Pictured are farm stand helpers Kael Mattics, Cassie Bertorello and Shawn-da Bertorello.

The Mattics Orchards Farm Stand is located at 20 North San Juan Avenue, and can be reached by phone at 970-323-5657. Hours are Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



COLORADO BLUEPRINT 2.0 RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED IN DELTA

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Lt. Gov. Donna Lynne visited Delta July 21 to announce recipients of the first round of the Colorado Blueprint 2.0 initiatives. "Blueprint 2.0 is a great example of how Colorado is going above and beyond existing resources to support the needs of our rural regions," said Lt. Gov. Donna Lynne. "We congratulate today's recipients and look forward to seeing how these regions leverage the new services and resources to help strengthen their economies and communities." Colorado Blueprint 2.0 Recipients:

- * Industry Attraction Initiative: Rio Blanco, Trinidad
- * Competitive Advantage: Fort Morgan, Limon, Dillon
- * Grow Your Outdoor Recreation Industry: Ouray, Montrose
- * Strengthen Local Business Brand: San Luis Valley, Buena Vista, Delta
- * Tiny Homes Community Master Plan: Morgan, Steamboat, Pagosa Springs
- * Adaptive Reuse Workshop: Brush, Delta County, Summit County
- * Call Yourself Creative: Buena Vista, Rio Blanco County, Kremmling
- * Incubator/Accelerator Best Practices: Morgan County, Steamboat, NWCOG
- * Tourism Promotion: La Junta, Delta County, Rio Blanco County
- * Community-Led Initiative: Custer County







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Friday, July 22

8:00am Check-in 4-H General & Consumer Science Projects & Record Books (Hall)

9:00am Interview Judging Begins (Hall)

9am-12pm Rabbit Check-In/Weigh-In

10:00am JR. Dog Obedience (Turner Chevrolet Show Ring)

7:00pm CPRA Rodeo (Arena) \$5

A family-friendly event, the Colorado Professional Rodeo Association Rodeo is one of the highlights of fair. Admission is \$5, kids 5 and under are free. Featuring events such as bull and bronc riding, roping, and everyone's favorite rodeo clown! Beer will be available for purchase in designated areas.

Sat., July 23 DOG DAY

8:00am 5k Run (Cattlegirl's Pavilion)

Lace up your running sneakers for the second annual Fair and Rodeo 5k! Registration is \$25 and includes awesome swag and the opportunity for top prizes from Hypoxia. Four-legged runners are allowed with human tether (leash). The fast-paced course will take you through city streets and ends at the fairgrounds. Registration forms available online or at the fair board office. Registrations also accepted the morning of the event.

8:00am Pancake Breakfast (Cattlegirl's Pavilion)

Pancakes the size of your plate, freshly flipped by the experts at the Lion's Club. Support the club with a \$5 donation and enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast!

9:00am Open Rabbit Show (Turner Chevrolet Show Ring)

10:00am Parade (Main Street)

11:00am Costume Contest (Hall)

Free! The cutest dogs and the cutest owners--a contest for four-legged and two-legged friends. Dogs and humans alike take the stage in the Dog Costume Contest. Entries available online or at the fair board office. There is no cost to enter, and prizes will be awarded for the top dog costumes.

11:30am Dog Food Eating Contest (Hall)

Free! Woof, woof! Chow Down Pet Supplies is proud to bring the second annual Dog Food Eating Contest to the fair and rodeo! Contestants who "chow down" their bowl of human-grade, canned dog food will win a year's supply of dog food! To enter, please visit Chow Down Pet Supplies.

12:00pm Doggy Photo Booth (Cattlegirl's Pavilion)

Free! Snap a selfie with your favorite fur-friend in our Instagram-inspired frame at Cattlegirl's Pavilion.

12:00pm Agility Course (Cattlegirl's Pavilion) \$1

Is your dog smart? Test his or her abilities in the 4-H agility course! A \$1 donation to the 4-H'ers will buy your entry to a test-run of the actual agility course these superb dog trainers use for 4-H competition.

12:30pm Silly Dog Tricks (Hall)

Free! You can't teach an old dog new tricks, right? If your pooch has the perfect trick, enter him or her in the Silly Dog Tricks Contest for the chance to win great prizes! Entry forms are available online, at the fair board office, or at the stage before the show.

1:30pm STEM Contest (Hall)

Free! A contest put on by the Montrose RE-1J School District focusing on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math.

7:00pm CPRA Rodeo (Arena) \$5

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9:00pm Cowboy Concert-Kaleb Austin (Elks Club) \$10

801 S Hillcrest Dr, Montrose, CO 81401

Wrap-up your CPRA Rodeo weekend with a concert featuring up-and-coming country artist Kaleb Austin! Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the door, in advance at the fair board office, or by calling 970-596-5106. Meet-and-greet passes available for \$10.

Sun., July 24

8:00am JR. Horse Show (Arena)

9:00am JR. Rabbit Show (Turner Chevrolet Show Ring)

9:00am Cowboy Church (Hall)

12:00pm Fiddle Contest (Hall)

Free for spectators! Fire on the mountain at the fairgrounds. Check out the Colorado Old Time Fiddlers' Association sanctioned event featuring some of the top talent in the west! Admission is free, but seating is limited.

6:00pm JR. Dog Agility (Grass Area)



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Monday, July 25 KID'S DAY

7am-9am Swine Check-In

9am-6pm Open Show Entries

Pies? Crochet work? Wood turning? Do any of the above describe your hobbies or projects you have been working on this year? If so, enter your homemade items in the Open Show for your shot at the coveted Grand Champion purple ribbon! Entires are just \$1 each, and some items may be sold in the Open Show Silet Auction. Additional prizes may be available depending on the category and class. For more information on the categories and classes, please visit www.montrosecountyfairandrodeo.com or the fair board office.

9am-6pm FFA Ag Mechanic Check-In

11am-1pm Beef, Sheep, Goat & Poultry Check-In

10:00am-11:30am Royalty for a Day (Hall/Arena)

Pretty, little princesses may join the current Fair & Rodeo Royalty for a day inspired by queens and princesses. Participants will learn about horsemanship, horse patterns (stick horses), modeling, and more! For little princesses 4-8 years old; \$5 registration fee applies and space is limited. Preregister at the fairboard office or by calling 970-596-5106.

11:00am ZuZu Acrobats (Hall)

Free! Originating in Mombassa, Kenya; this talented group was featured on America's Got Talent. They have performed in over 25 countries in the last ten years. A combination of strength, flexibility, and acrobatic talent will wow the audience.

12:00pm Kids Moon Sand Activity (Cattlemen's Pavilion)

Free! Fun for children of all ages. Make your own take-home moon sand activity.

12:30pm Rubber Duck Races (Cattlemen's Pavilion)

Free! Rubber-ducky, you're the one! Kids of all ages are encouraged to join us for rubber duck races. Rubber ducks are provided and prizes are awarded to top performers--may the best duck win!

1:00pm Kids Cupcake Decorating (Hall)

Free! Cupcakes galore! A activity for kids of all ages, the cupcake decorating is an event where children have the

opportunity to decorate and enjoy their delicious cupcake from Camp Robber! One cupcake per child and space is limited.

1:30pm Mandatory JR. Division Participant Meeting (Turner Chevrolet Show Ring)

2:00pm ZuZu Acrobats (Hall)

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2:30pm Science for Kids (Turner Chevrolet Show Ring)

Free! An exciting science project for kids by the experts at the Colorado State University Extension Office. The project will be hands-on and encourages learning. All ages welcome.

3:00pm Sidewalk Art Contest (Cattlemen's Pavilion)

Free! Teams of children will test their artistic abilities on the sidewalks near the Cattlemen's Pavilion. This free activity is a fun way to enjoy the sunshine. Prizes awarded to the winning teams. Space is limited; please register at the fair board office or before the event at the Cattlemen's Pavilion.

3:30pm Kids Hot Wheel Races (Cattlemen's Pavilion)

Free! Race your hot wheels down the track for the top prize! Suitable for children of all ages. Hotwheels and track provided, but you may bring your own to race.

3pm-4pm Goat Weigh-In

3:45pm Kids Water Limbo (Cattlemen's Pavilion)

Free! How low can you go? Test your flexibility with a wet limbo event! Prizes distributed to the top back-benders.

4:00pm Cutest Baby Contest (Turner Chevrolet Show Ring)

Free! Is your child the cutest on the western slope? Babies and tots 24 months and younger may enter the Cutest Baby Contest for top prizes! Parent(s) accompany the child to the show ring, and tell the judges about the youngster and any interesting outfits they may be wearing. Top boys and girls win prizes! Entry forms are available online or at the fair board office.



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4:00pm Chris Mabrey Hypnotist (Hall)

Free! Come one, come all, Chris Mabrey is back in the hall! Mabrey's back again and is sure to delight. His family-friendly show features comedic hypnosis. With participation from the crowd, Mabrey's talent keeps everyone laughing all show long.

5:00pm ZuZu Acrobats (Hall)

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5pm-7pm Swine Weigh-In

6:00pm Kiddie Tractor Pull (Turner Chevrolet Show Ring)

Free! Put that extra energy to good use, and enter your child in the Kiddie Tractor Pull! Brought to you by U.S. Tractor, this fan-favorite event is for children 0-11 years old. Kids test their strength in a weighted pedal tractor; the child with the longest pull wins! There are different age divisions to suit abilities. Entry forms are available online, in the fairboard office, or in the show ring before the event. Prizes awarded.

7:00pm Chris Mabrey Hypnotist (Hall)

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Tues., July 26 BACON DAY

8:00am Royalty Horsemanship (Arena)

8:00am Drop-off for Open Floriculture, Crops & Baked Foods

9:00am JR./Open Goat Show (Turner Chevrolet Show Ring)

9:00am Bacon Donut Breakfast (Hall)

Free! Celebrate bacon day with a complimentary bacon donut and coffee in the hall. First come, first served.

9:00am Judging Open Exhibits

10:00am Paint the Pig (Hall)

Free! Your pig; your art. A fun, paint event for children. A paper pig illustration receives the royal treatment from young artists.

11:00am Scavenger Hunt (Hall)

Free! Calling all young detectives--join us for the second scavenger hunt. All ages welcome. Children are provided a map with designated check points to visit; the first three to finish the route win a prize!

11:30am ZuZu Acrobats (Hall)

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1:30pm ZuZu Acrobats (Hall)

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2pm-3pm Sheep Weigh-In

3:00pm Chris Mabrey Hypnotist (Hall)

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4-7pm Pork & Pepsi (Hall)

Pigs and pop, what more could you ask for? A delicious \$5 dinner featuring a pulled pork sandwich, chips, a Pepsi product, and pie for a steal of a deal!

4:00pm Pig Calling Contest (Hall)

Free! Souuieeee! Exercise your lungs with the best of the best at a Midwest-inspired pig calling contest on the stage. Entry cost is free and those with the best pig call have the opportunity to win great prizes! Entry forms available at the fairboard office, online, or before the event.

5:00pm Market Swine Show & Swine Showmanship (Turner Chevrolet Show Ring)



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5:00pm ZuZu Acrobats (Hall)

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6:00pm Beard and Mustache Contest (Hall)

Free! Is your mustache marvelous? Your beard built from years of crafting and beard wax? Enter your dapper facial accents in the Beard and Mustache Contest! Adults 21+ only; amazing prizes from The Liquor Store. Entry forms are available online, in the fair board office, or before the event.

6:30pm Bacon Eating Contest (Hall)

Free! It's bacooooomnn! Pork lovers unite at the third annual bacon eating contest. If you love bacon AND have speedy eating techniques, this is your event! Listen to the 94 KIX Morning Fix with Scott and T to sign-up (adult and kid categories available). Grand prize (adult) is 30 pounds of Kinikin Processing Bacon!

7:00pm Antique Tractor Pull (Arena)

Free for spectators! Come watch the antique tractors haul some heavy weight.

7:00pm Chris Mabrey Hypnotist (Hall)

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Wed., July 27 COMMUNITY DAY

9:00am JR./Open Sheep Show (Turner Chevrolet Show Ring)

11:30am Chris Mabrey Hypnotist (Hall)

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12:00pm ZuZu Acrobats (Hall)

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1:00pm Eliminations for Mutton Bustin/Calf Riding/Steer Riding (Arena)

Sign-up for these popular events! Mutton Bustin/Calf Riding/Steer Riding each cost \$10. Entry forms are available online or at the fair board office. Mutton Bustin is for kids 5-7 years of age and less than 65 pounds and is limited to the first 50 entries. Calf riding is limited to children 8-11 years of age. Steer riding is limited to children 12-15 years of age. Entries for all events will be taken Saturday, July 23rd, Monday, July 25th, Tuesday, July 26th between 9:00am and 6:00pm and Wednesday, July 27th between 9:00am and 12:00pm at the Fair Board office inside Friendship Hall. Entry forms are available online. The entry deadline is Wednesday, July 27 at 12:00 PM. Requirements for all events include: long sleeve shirts, long pants, closed-toed shoes and helmets. Participants are responsible for their own equipment.

1:00pm Royalty Modeling (Hall)

Free for spectators! An important part of the Fair and Rodeo Royalty competition, the aspiring queens and princesses will compete in modeling on the stage.

2:00pm ZuZu Acrobats (Hall)

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2:00pm JR./Open Poultry Show (Turner Chevrolet Show Ring)

2pm-3pm Beef Weigh-In

3:00pm Beef Sift

3:00pm Fashion Revue (Hall)

A traditional catwalk with the designers! A modeling show featuring the lovely designers and their creations.



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4:00pm Old Fashioned Carnival (Grass Area)

Free! Old Fashioned carnival fun including games such as sack races, egg in the spoon and more!

4:00pm Montrose Chamber & Red Coats BBQ (Grass Area)

Free! BBQ courtesy of the Montrose Chamber & Red Coats. Montrose County elected officials and staff will be providing dessert. There will also be fun activities for children.

4:00-6:00pm Egg in the Face (Grass Area)

The Montrose Community Foundation will be selling eggs to be thrown (through a mesh screen) at local community leaders, politicians, and more. These wonderful volunteers sure love their community!

4:30pm Pie Eating Contest (Grass Area)

Free! Pies galore! Kids and adult categories. Entry forms available online, at the fair board office, or shortly before the event.

4:00pm Chris Mabrey (Hall)

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4:30pm ZuZu Acrobats (Grass Area)

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5:45pm Farmer/Rancher Award (Grass Area)

Please join us to honor this year's Farmer/Rancher of the Year, Jerry and Jan Scharf.

6:00pm ZuZu Acrobats (Hall)

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6:00pm Community Night (Arena)

- Crowning of Royalty
- Catch-a-Calf Scramble

7:30pm Bonfire and S'mores (Grass Area)

Free! Enjoy the evening with a free bonfire and s'mores.

Games listed below are free, some other activities may include a donation to community partners.

- Jenga
- Tic Tac Toe
- Cornhole
- Horse Shoes
- Ladder Ball

Thurs., July 28 SWEET CORN DAY

8:00am Dairy Show (Turner Chevrolet Show Ring)

9:00am Beef Showmanship (Turner Chevrolet Show Ring)

10:00am Cat Show (Hall)

Enter one of our cat divisions--from costume to domestic, there is a category for everyone. Entry forms are available online or at the fairboard office.

11:00am Pocket Pets (Hall)

12:00pm ZuZu Acrobats (Hall)

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1:00pm Horse Show Awards (Hall)

2:00pm ZuZu Acrobats (Hall)

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3:00pm Market Beef Show (Turner Chevrolet Show Ring)

3:00pm Corn Eating Contest (Hall)

Free! Prepare yourself for the Olathe Sweet Corn Festival corn eating contest with a warm-up at the fair! Child and adult categories; entry forms are available online, at the fair board office, or shortly before the event.

3:45pm Popcorn Contest (Hall)

Free! Kid-friendly activities inspired by popcorn! Prizes awarded to the top performers. Suitable for all ages.

4:30pm Candy Corn Activities (Hall)

Free! Kid-friendly activities inspired by candy corn! Prizes awarded to the top performers. Suitable for all ages.

5:00pm AG Olympics, Calf Dressing, Ribbon Roping, & Rescue Race (Arena)

Free for spectators! Come watch and cheer on local sports teams as they compete in the Ag Olympics! A challenging course of agility, speed, and farm strength tests each team's limits. Entry forms for calf dressing, ribbon roping, and the rescue race are available online or at the fairboard office. Entry fees apply.

5:30pm ZuZu Acrobats (Cattlemen's Pavilion)

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6:30pm Popcorn & Movie (Hall)

Free popcorn and a screening of the classic film Little Rascals.

6:30pm Team Roping (Arena)

Free admission! Come cheer on local cowboys and cowgirls as they test their roping skills.

Fri., July 29 RED, WHITE & BLUE DAY

9:00am Kids with Kids (Turner Chevrolet Show Ring)

9:30am Bucket Calf (Turner Chevrolet Show Ring)

10:00am Weigh Tickets Due in Extension Office

10:00am Merry Little Lambs (Turner Chevrolet Show Ring)

10:30am This Little Pig (Turner Chevrolet Show Ring)

11:00am ZuZu Acrobats (Cattlemen's Pavilion)

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11:00am Kids Arts & Crafts (Hall)

- Calf Dressing Patriotic Painting
- USA Bracelet Making
- American Flag Art
- Play-dough Making

Free! Fun kid crafts suitable for all ages. Materials provided, but supplies are limited.

12:00pm Small Animal Round Robin (Turner Chevrolet Show Ring)

1:00pm ZuZu Acrobats (Cattlemen's Pavilion)

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1:30pm Large Animal Round Robin (Turner Chevrolet Show Ring)

2:00pm ZuZu Acrobats (Hall)

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3:00pm Woodturner's Salute to Veterans (Hall)

A special presentation featuring the talented Woodturner's gift of eagle canes to deserving veterans. Please join us to support this terrific group and the wonderful veterans they assist.

4:00pm Pig Scramble (Turner Chevrolet Show Ring)

4:30pm ZuZu Acrobats (Hall)

Free! Originating in Mombassa, Kenya; this talented group



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was featured on America's Got Talent. They have performed in over 25 countries in the last ten years. A combination of strength, flexibility, and acrobatic talent will wow the audience.

4:00pm Big Wheel Races (Grass Area)

Free! Bring your own big wheels to test out our course in the grass area. Prizes awarded to the top performers. Please note participants must bring their own.

4:30pm Kids Roping Clinic (Grass Area)

Free! A kid-friendly activity to learn how to be a real roping cowboy from the best. Ropes provided for use, but quantity is limited. Participants may bring their own ropes.

6:00pm Mutton Bustin, Steer Riding, & Calf Riding Finals (Arena)

Free! It's time to lay it all on the line for the coveted belt buckles! Come cheer on our talented youth riders as they do their best to hold on tight.

7:00pm Mountain States Ranch Rodeo & High Rollers Band (Arena) \$5

Ranch rodeo events at their finest: calf branding, wild cow milking, trailer loading, pen and doctor, team sort, stray gather, team penning. Kick the dust up after the ranch rodeo with the High Rollers Band. 5 admission includes both events.

Sat., July 30 BUYER'S DAY

10:00am-4pm Silent Auction (Hall)

Get your chance to own a piece of fair! Various open show entries will be marked with a special tag indicating whether or not they are part of the Silent Auction. All silent auction items will be on display in the hall separately, allowing the public a chance to bid on and take home local art.

10:00am Home Depot Kids Activity (Grass Area)

Free! A kid's activity provided by the Home Depot. This easy-to-assemble project is best suited for older toddlers, or with adult assistance.

11:00am Buyers' Lunch prepared by Cattlewomen's (Hall)

A delicious lunch prepared by the Cattlewomen's Association available for purchase at the Cattlewomen's Pavilion.

11:30am ZuZu Acrobats (Hall)

Originating in Mombassa, Kenya; this talented group was

featured on America's Got Talent. They have performed in over 25 countries in the last ten years. A combination of strength, flexibility, and acrobatic talent will wow the audience.

12:00pm Emma Cooper (Hall)

Free! Enjoy Ms. Emma Cooper, a talented local musician and singer, as she performs on stage.

12:30pm ZuZu Acrobats (Cattlewomen's Pavilion)

Free! Originating in Mombassa, Kenya; this talented group was featured on America's Got Talent. They have performed in over 25 countries in the last ten years. A combination of strength, flexibility, and acrobatic talent will wow the audience.

1:00pm Livestock Sale (Turner Chevrolet Show Ring)

Pre-register to support our local 4-H's by bidding on their animals, participating in buy-back, or add-ons at the junior livestock sale. Please consider a purchase to help recognize these hard-working 4-H participants.

2:30pm ZuZu Acrobats (Hall)

Free! Originating in Mombassa, Kenya; this talented group was featured on America's Got Talent. They have performed in over 25 countries in the last ten years. A combination of strength, flexibility, and acrobatic talent will wow the audience.

5:30pm Moto Mayhem (Arena) \$5

Gear up for moto mayhem featuring top local riders! This enduro-cross style series showcases the versatility of dirt bikes and their riders. Family-friendly; beer will be available for purchase in designated areas.

9:00pm 4-H Dance (Turner Chevrolet Show Ring)

Sunday, July 31

6am-9am Buyback Processor Load Out

8am-12pm Open Show Teardown, Premium Pick-Up and Hall Teardown

9:30am-12:00pm Animal Load Out

1:00pm Gymkhana

5:00pm All stalls and pens must be clean

LOCAL LEADERS & INNOVATORS

CENTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH WELCOMES CEO SHELLY J. SPALDING



Shelly J. Spalding. Courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The Center for Mental Health welcomes Shelly J. Spalding as their new Chief Executive Officer. Shelly is replacing the retiring Jon Gordon who served the Center for the past 20 years. Shelly comes to the Center for Mental Health from Behavioral Healthcare, Inc. (BHI), of Aurora Colorado where she served as the Chief Executive Officer. BHI is a non-profit Medicaid managed care company that contracts with treatment providers to provide quality services. While at BHI, Shelly oversaw a staff of over 100 and a budget of \$125 million.

Shelly's background includes 28 years serving both urban and rural non-profit

community mental health and human services organizations. She has experience in serving the behavioral health needs of children, adolescents, families, adults, and older adults. She also has extensive experience in integrated systems of care. Her strengths include comprehensive experience in managed care, clinical service delivery systems, leadership and management of staff, building community collaborations, and strategic planning. Shelly began her career as a Residential Manager of an intensive development home for people with developmental and behavioral disabilities. She worked her way up through years of dedicated service and hard work to become the Chief Executive Officer of BHI and now the Center for Mental Health.

Shelly was born and raised in a rural part of Oklahoma where her extended family were involved in farming. Shelly chose this part of the state to spend the remaining years of her career because of its rural, close-knit communities, the beauty of the region, the rural lifestyle, and the recreational opportunities available here. Shelly describes her new home and her new position this way, "I've always enjoyed visiting the Western Slope and I'm looking forward to living in Montrose. I'm espe-

cially excited about working with and getting to know the people of the area."

When asked about any changes that she would be making at the Center for Mental Health, Shelly states, "We will be expanding upon the strong foundation built over the past 20 years and will be making the changes necessary to remain a valued service provider to our clients and community partners."

The Board of Directors for the Center is excited to find a highly qualified, personable, and experienced candidate to fill the Chief Executive Officer role for the Center. Sharron Baldwin, President of the Board states, "Shelly brings with her the level of experience we need, the courage to lead in the rapidly changing healthcare environment, and the vision to bring innovation and creativity to this 53-year-old dynamic organization."

The Center for Mental Health is a non-profit community mental health center serving residents of the six counties of Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Montrose, Ouray, and San Miguel. Organized in 1984, the Center provides both mental health and substance use disorder services with a staff of 130 and a budget of more than \$12 million.

PROXIMITY SPACE NAMED THE #1 COWORKING SPACE IN THE WORLD BY FORBES

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Forbes named the Montrose Proximity Space the number one coworking space in the world on July 15, 2016 based on the overwhelming response by their members and community on the reviews of COWORKER.COM. Dennis Lankes of Telluride, cofounder of Proximity Space, notes, "In a state like Colorado which is known for its variety of adventures, Montrose boasts one of the most diverse and immersive lifestyles in Colorado. The lifestyle we enjoy is the foundation we use to attract entrepreneurs and freelancers. . . . Montrose is on the leading edge of what is possible when a community decides to face the future with intention and innovation."

The reviews on COWORKER.COM give a sense of the member's passion for their community and connections.

Laura Williams (InSync Design), a solo entrepreneur, started working at Proximity Space a year ago.

She said, "Proximity Space has revitalized the downtown area, opened up new opportunities for entrepreneurship, and given businesses and civic leaders a place to organically collaborate."

"Proximity Space reenergized my marketing business, and I feel fortunate to have moved to a small town with this kind of big city amenity."

Leslie Hoops, a new entrepreneur, feels

like Proximity Space eased the transition into starting her own business. "Not only do I have a professional, amenity-packed environment where I can meet with clients in a convenient location with the fastest internet in our region, but I am also surrounded by people just like me. I know every client I've met with there felt as if they were stepping out of Montrose and into a Palo Alto creative space. I feel blessed to have my office here." Proximity Space developed in 2015 through a public-private partnership, including city funding of \$150,000, between Abrams Strategic Group and the City of Montrose. Learn more about Proximity Space online: <http://montrose.proximity.space>.

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ART & SOL

MOORS & MCCUMBER TO PLAY THIRD MONTROSE HOUSE CONCERT!*Art & Sol Staff Report*

MONTROSE-For the third year in a row, Montrose residents will have the chance to enjoy a personal concert experience in a local home with the folk artists [Moors & McCumber](#). Montrose music promoter Rick Hurt, who has known the duo through the folk festival circuit, will be welcoming them to a house concert at the home of Bob and Lisa Thomas Aug. 10.

The duo's web site offers a one sentence description of the musical act: "Moors and McCumber create that rare chemistry that happens when two gifted singer-songwriters and multi-instrumentalists perfectly complement each other's strengths, a modern day version of Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young."

"They're real personable people," Hurt said. "Court McCumber usually calls me once a year to let me know they will be in the area. And they are really good—they travel with 11 different instruments." The sound can perhaps best be described as Irish folk music, he said. "They have a new album out on DVD, 'Live at Blue Rock,' and I am sure they will have copies

for sale at the House Concert."

In the past, the house concerts have been potlucks, but this year it will be just a concert, with beer and popcorn. Ticket prices are in the range of \$20, but have not been firmed up.

Moors & McCumber will play in Woody Creek prior to arriving in Montrose, and in Grand Junction and Moab in the following

days. To see them a house concert is a more intimate musical experience, Hurt said. "This is more personal and up close," he said. "They are playing in the living room, and when they take a break they can chat. It's not like they are big rock stars up on stage."

To obtain tickets for the house concert, contact Hurt at 970-275-8418.



For the third year in a row, Montrose residents will have the chance to enjoy a personal concert experience in a local home with the folk artists [Moors & McCumber](#). Courtesy photo.

PAINT YOURSELF HAPPY AT AMAZING GLAZE!



Owner Cheri McPherson with clients, above, and happy painters at work, right. Courtesy photos Amazing Glaze.

By Liesl Greathouse

MONTROSE-"Relax, Have Fun, Paint Pottery!!" That has been the motto of Amazing Glaze in Montrose for years and they continue to live up to it, being a local favorite for people of all ages.

Amazing Glaze is an all inclusive paint your own pottery studio, offering functional pieces and just for fun pieces to paint. They state, 'The price you pay for the piece you pick out includes everything...all the studio time you need, colors, tools & firing. Come in, choose a piece of bisque pottery, paint it and we'll take care of the rest.'

Owner Cheri McPherson has been keeping busy with a variety of events and workshops all throughout this Summer and into the Fall. "We are offering canvas painting classes and different craft medium workshops," she explained. "We want to offer something for people to do. Right now, lots of grandparents have been bringing their grandkids in to paint. When grandkids are visiting, this provides an opportunity for them to do something together."

One thing they offer for people to do all year long is Lady's Night. Held every Thursday evening, this event has been around for more than 10 years and is still popular. "It gives moms an opportunity to get out, relax, unwind and enjoy time with girlfriends or family," McPherson said.

For a full list of classes and events, and to sign up, visit amazingglazeart.com

As for what their most popular items to



paint are right now, their Fairy Garden selection has been attracting people of all ages with fairies, fairy houses and mushrooms to paint. "It was trendy last Summer and is now catching on in this area," McPherson explained.

One of her favorite features is the patio area, which provides the perfect place to paint and relax during the warm weather. And hopefully this Fall Amazing Glaze will bring in another new feature, something customers have been asking about for a long time: a liquor license so they can offer beer and wine. "We have had a lot of requests over the years and it is something people are interested in," she said.

McPherson loves having her business Downtown and has never had any desire to go anywhere else, except next door when the opportunity presented itself. "Our location is ideal," she said. "I like the old small town feel Main Street has."

Encouraging people to create is what McPherson loves about her business. "My favorite part is introducing art to people that don't have it in their life," she said. "And we provide a relaxing and calming



Showing off the finished project is part of the fun! Courtesy photo.

environment [to paint in]. People walk in and they can feel energy and I'm so proud that people can feel it."

The one thing McPherson hopes people will take to heart is that people do not have to be artists to enjoy their time at Amazing Glaze. "People tell me, 'I'm not an artist'", she said. "I'm here to show people the tricks of the trade and how to be an artist, how to be proud of their pieces and do something they would not think that they would be able to do." Amazing Glaze is located at 209 E Main St. They are open Tuesday-Wednesday 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Thursday 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Friday-Saturday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday 1-5 p.m. For more information, call 252-7225.



The welcoming patio space is one of many reasons to come and enjoy spending time at Amazing Glaze. Courtesy photos.



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Recondita Armonia and E lucevan le stelle

The four selections listed above are from the opera *Tosca* by Giacomo Puccini. The opera premiered in Rome, Italy on Jan. 14, 1900. These selections are what are known as "showstoppers," as they are the specific moments in the opera where a great performance can stop the show due to thunderous applause from the audience. Each is very typical Puccini, meaning that they are lush in melody and rich in dramatic effect.

The title character of *Tosca* is a woman of great passion and great jealousy. She throws herself wholeheartedly into each and every experience. The aria *Vissi d'Arte* (I lived for my art) from Act 2 is the *Tosca's* lament on how the man she loves is at the mercy of the evil Baron Scarpia. Lush in melody the aria rises and falls with the emotions of *Tosca* as we hear her inner dialogue. In the hands of an exceptional soprano in the title role, this aria is a standard in the repertoire of Italian opera.

Act 1 of *Tosca* comes to a close with an aria from the baritone Baron Scarpia. The opera begins as something that sounds as if it is spoken word and then builds to a full aria joined by a large chorus. This is Scarpia gloating about how he will come to possess *Tosca* and execute her lover Cavaradossi. During this evil gloating, a procession enters the church singing the

Te Deum and Scarpia proclaims "*Tosca*, you make me forget even God." Act 1 ends abruptly with a full-stage and proclamation of physical possession and execution.

The brass with only a few bars of music introduces the theme. Immediately diminishing, we hear the voice of Scarpia having a brief conversation. There is intensity to the tone of the music that implies dirty deeds are pending.

The orchestral background is sacred in its feel with the sounds of cannons going off in the distance. It is as if a church service is just starting as a battle rages on the other side of the church walls. The intensity of the soloist and the orchestra build as the procession enters the church. The chorus rings out in full force with the sound of church bells clanking incessantly in the background. The chorus has taken over the intensity begun by Scarpia and the good and the evil meld together in long tutti (all together) passages that hoist up the intensity of the moment and the intentions of Scarpia.

The tenor aria *Recondita Armonia* is the first aria heard in the opera and is sung by the Painter Cavaradossi as he compares his love for *Tosca* to the love of the portrait of Mary Magdalene that he is painting.

Less than three minutes in length, this aria is a brief glimpse into the character of Cavaradossi and his endless supply of passion, optimism, and blind romance. Often heard in tenor recitals, this is a showcase for the tenor voice and simply rings with the beauty of Puccini and his unforgettable melodic lines for voice and orchestra. The tenor voice floats and soars just on top of the orchestra culminating together in a ringing chord that sounds oh so very



Italian. This recording was made during the famous Three Tenors Concert in 1990 and is performed by Luciano Pavarotti. It has an air of excitement to it that is not found in other recordings, as this live outdoor performance brought out the exceptional in already exceptional performers.

The final highlight from this opera is the tenor aria *E lucevan le stelle* that is featured in the third and final act of the opera. Often simply referred to as "The Star Song", this is Cavaradossi singing once again of his love for *Tosca* while he waits for his execution on the roof of a church in Rome. The first note you hear in this opera comes from a solo clarinet that will be with the listener throughout this brief and lilting aria. The clarinet supports and pushes the vocal soloist and provides a haunting background melody.

The tenor voice in this aria is full of passion, longing, and regret but with the always present optimism of Cavaradossi.

Even in the face of death, the tenor lifts the listener up to dramatic heights. This is the true nature of opera, dramatic and melodic waves in the face of impending doom.

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS-ARTS & CULTURE

HIGH ENERGY HIP HOP WORKSHOP HEATS UP IN RIDGWAY



Scenes from the June Hip Hop Class. Courtesy photos.

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE- July 26, 27 & 29 Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, Montrose Weehawken Uncompahgre Yoga Studio, \$55.

Hip Hop Workshop: Ever heard of popping...waving...tutting...locking? What IS hip hop anyway? Our newest teacher, Miss Valerie loves teaching classic hip hop movement and history. If you find yourself bobbing your head to the beat of the radio, you will love these classes. It's high energy hip hop in the heat of summer! Ages 10+. For more information and to register https://apm.activecommunities.com/weehawkenarts/Activity_Search/1993 visit Weehawken Creative Arts at www.weehawkenarts.org or call Weehawken at 970-318-0150.

WEEHAWKEN PRESENTS SUMMER MIDDLE SCHOOL SPEECH CAMP

Special to Art & Sol

RIDGWAY- Summer Middle School Speech Camp with Sharie Escalera & Ilsa Moberg runs Aug. 1-12. The class is \$120, from 10am to 12 noon at Ridgway's Sherbino Theater, and is for those entering grades 6-9.

Join Ridgway's favorite speech teacher, Ms. Sharie Escalera and Ilsa Moberg a former student competitor in speech at Ridgway Schools. As a National Forensic League qualifier, she competed in Dramatic Interpretation. Ilsa also has extensive experience on stage at the university level. The class will teach performance skills for competitive speech. Humor, Drama, Duet and Solo Acting, Poetry, Reader's Theater are some of the categories explored. At completion of the class students will present a performance for parents and friends.

This camp is a great way for all Middle School Students to learn how to speak in public. Gain lifelong skills and understand what it feels like to speak publicly. This camp can give your 6th to 9th grader confidence, poise and more. Pre-Registration is required by July 29 and no drop ins are allowed. You must be registered to attend.

For more information visit Weehawken Creative Arts at www.weehawkenarts.org or call Weehawken at 970-318-0150.

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS-ARTS & CULTURE

COME JOIN THE CIRCUS AT WEEHAWKEN'S YOGINI CIRCUS CAMP!

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RIDGWAY—Have you ever wanted to run off and join the circus? Now is your chance if you are ages 8 to 18. Come stretch, bend, jump, dance, laugh and perform through the San Juans with super specialist Sara Doehrman and the amazingly talented Heather Toth. Experience a variety of fun and engaging activities including acro-yoga workshops, dancing, juggling, hula hooping, stilt walking, clowning and more! Aug. 1, 2016 to Aug. 11, 2016, ages 8 to 18 from 1 pm to 4 pm Monday thru Thursday at the historic Sherbino Theater in Ridgway. Cost of the camp is \$200 with a one week option of \$100.

This camp also focus' on mindfulness of our surroundings and how we treat everyone and the Earth. We focus on peace, love, compassion, fun, and working hard. The students will be working on perfecting a colorful performance for friends and family that will celebrate all the components of a wonderful circus adventure! Students will perform on the main stage of Ridgway Rendezvous on Sunday with what they have learned during the camp.

You MUST pre-register for this camp on our website at www.weehawkenarts.org

Weehawken Creative Arts bring you this chance of a lifetime. For more information visit Weehawken Creative Arts at www.weehawkenarts.org or call Weehawken at 970-318-0150.



CANYON CREEK BED & BREAKFAST ANNOUNCES AUGUST COMEDY LINEUP!

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-Canyon Creek Bed & Breakfast welcomes Chad Filley and Headliner John Hilder for the August Comedy Show.

Chad took the Minnesota comedy scene by storm in 2010. He has appeared in numerous comedy clubs in the Upper Midwest, California, Alaska, and Las Vegas. Most of his material comes from his everyday life.

With a resume including survival in the trenches of parenthood, matrimony, high school teaching and coaching, and fire-fighting, he is able to combine these experiences with a humorous spin, helping him turn everyday events into comical stories.

John Hilder was born and raised in the comedic hotbed of Salt Lake City, Utah. As a child John annoyed friends, family, and teachers with his endless attempts at making those around him laugh. Through the years John's love of connecting with,

and entertaining people through comedy only grew, and in 2004 he moved to Las Vegas to pursue a life in comedy. In 2006 John was featured in a "Las Vegas Weekly" cover story discussing local comedy in Las Vegas. John was also a contributing writer and featured member of the "Las Vegas Laughs Street Team" on the FOX television affiliate in Las Vegas in 2006.

John also produced, ran, and performed in several successful comedy shows in Las



John Hilder.
Courtesy photo.



Chad Filley. *Courtesy photo.*

Vegas, including a show he organized in late 2007 that was sponsored by HBO's "Comedy Festival."

The show starts at 8 doors open at 7 with live music for the first hour. If you would like to buy tickets they are \$15.00 and you can buy them at www.canyoncreek.eventbrite.com.

RECREATE A HISTORIC LANDMARK IN LEGO!

Art & Sol Staff Report

MONTROSE-Yes, the contest is intended to be of interest to kids.

But even adults are welcome at the Montrose County Fair Lego contest, which will award prizes to several age groups for the best recreation of a historic Montrose Building.

"We have been looking for ways to bring in kiddos, and get them interested in history," Montrose Historical Society volunteer Qualene Coddington said.

"Last year the County Fair hosted a Lego exhibit, so we decided to ask kids to recre-

ate a historic Montrose landmark."

Whether it is the Masonic Building, the old Firehouse, the Montrose County Courthouse, or any other local structure, your depiction in Lego could become a part of the Fair's 130 year history.

"This contest is open to anyone age five or up," Coddington said.

Participants should bring their creations to the Montrose County Historical Society fair booth in the Main Hall on July 28 at 2 pm for the judging. There will be prizes for ages 5 and up. For more information please call 275-5234.



Do you have a favorite historic structure, like the Spring creek barn above? Recreate it in Lego, and enter your creation in the Fair!

TONY KOVACIC, DAVID FISHER AND KRISTOFER NOEL AT LIVING ROOM LOUNGE JULY 31

Special to Art & Sol

RIDGWAY-The Sherbino invites you to wrap up the weekend, and the month of July, with the Living Room Lounge on Sunday, July 31, from 6:-9 pm.

Living Room Lounge events are a celebration of the artistic talents in the community, and it's free! July to feature music from duo Tony Kovacic and David Fisher,

along with photography from Krisofer Noel.

Since 2012, David Fisher and Tony Kovacic have performed together, up and down the Pacific coast of Mexico from Puerto Vallarta to San Blas. Now, in their first US performance as a duo, they are ready to provide the Ridgway audience with their own unique and entertaining

listening experience.

The featured photographer, Kristofer Noel, gives the mountains, deserts and rivers outside his door in Southwest Colorado credit for the inspiration behind his photography.

Kris feels photography is not only inspired by, but also a reflection of his passion for capturing the beauty this area has to offer.

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & CULTURE

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND – JOHN FIELDER PHOTOGRAPHIC WORKSHOP!



The 2016 workshop will offer opportunities for field shots like this autumn scene in Ouray County. Photo by John Fielder.

Special to Art & Sol

OURAY-Attention Photographers: The Ouray County Historical Society is offering a chance to polish your skills and learn from a master at the peak of fall color season. John Fielder, Colorado's premier landscape photographer, will lead a two-day workshop October 1 and 2 in the spectacular San Juan Mountains. A fundraiser for the OCHS, the hands-on workshop is open to nature photographers of all skill levels. Fielder's 2013 workshop for OCHS garnered rave reviews. He will again

guide field shoots to breathtaking locations around Ouray County that showcase the mountains' brilliant fall foliage and snow-covered peaks. Participants will catch the play of light on peaks and in valleys at sunrise and sunset from Red Mountain Pass to Dallas Divide and beyond.

The workshop offers a well-rounded and educational weekend geared to various levels of experience. Fielder will work one-on-one with each participant, providing advice on composition and technique, both in the field and during editing sessions. Limited enrollment will give everyone quality time with Fielder and his assistant.

Besides field shoots on remote back roads and historic mining sites, the program will include a slide-based lecture and interactive critique session on participants' laptop computers. Fielder also will demonstrate how to post-process images with computer programs such as Photoshop and Adobe Lightroom. Tuition for the workshop is \$850 per person. Transportation to field locations and some

meals are included. For more details on the workshop schedule and venues, call the Ouray County Historical Museum, (970) 325-4576. Fielder has been exploring Ouray County and the surrounding region since he was a gold and silver prospector for CF & I Steel Corporation in his college summer of 1970. He has photographed every road and trail in the area and knows the best of the best places for autumn color. He has worked tirelessly to promote the protection of Colorado's ranches, open space and wildlands during his 35-year career as a nature photographer and publisher. His photography has earned him recognitions including the Sierra Club's Ansel Adams Award in 1993 and the Aldo Leopold Foundation's Achievement Award in 2011. He has published more than 40 books of Colorado photography and operates a fine art gallery, John Fielder's Colorado, in Denver's Art District. Enrollment for the workshop is limited to 16. To register, call the Ouray County Historical Museum, (970) 325-4576 or e-mail ochs@ouraynet.com.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE URGES PADDLEBOARDERS TO BE SAFE ON THE WATER



People are urged to be cautious and consider their own and their loved one's safety while they're enjoying the water. Courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror

DENVER— As stand-up paddleboards become more and more popular, Colorado Parks and Wildlife reminds paddlers to wear personal flotation devices when using these watercraft.

On rivers or lakes, if a paddleboarder falls off there is no guarantee that the board will remain within reach. In rivers, the board can be pulled away by the current. In lakes a board can be pushed away quickly by the wind.

"If a board gets away from you and you have to make a long swim, especially in Colorado's cold waters, you can get in trouble very quickly," said Heath Kehm, deputy regional manager for CPW's southwest region.

The danger is amplified in the afternoons in Colorado when fast-moving storms bring high winds and stir up waves on lakes, ponds and reservoirs. Water temperature is also a factor: even though the weather has been hot recently, water in rivers and reservoirs remains

cold which can quickly impair swimming ability.

At Ridgway State Park during the last month four adults who were not wearing life jackets had to be rescued after falling from paddleboards. Two youngsters who were wearing adult-sized life jackets also had to be rescued. The adult-sized PFDs did not support them in the water properly. Children must be fitted with properly sized PFDs.

According to CPW regulations, on any watercraft the number of life jackets on board must match the number of passengers. Anyone under age 13, when on the water, must wear a life jacket at all times. Every kind of craft is subject to the regulations, including paddleboards, kayaks, canoes, sailboats and sailboards.

"Anything can happen at any time on the water, so we urge people to be cautious and consider their own and their loved one's safety while they're enjoying the water," Kehm said.

For more information about safe boating, go to: <http://cpw.state.co.us/>

CPW REMINDS HUNTERS OF LICENSE SALES DATES, JULY 26, AUG. 2

Special to the Mirror

DENVER - Colorado Parks and Wildlife reminds hunters that over-the-counter licenses with caps and over-the-counter unlimited licenses are available for purchase beginning July 26 at 9 a.m. MDT, [online](#), by phone 1-800-244-5613 or at [CPW locations](#) and [license agents](#).

Leftover limited licenses (licenses remaining after the primary and leftover draws) go on sale in person and by phone Tuesday, Aug. 2 at 9 a.m. MDT. These licenses are available online starting at midnight on Aug. 3. MDT. The list of leftover licenses available for purchase will be available July 27 at cpw.state.co.us/thingstodo/Pages/BigGame.aspx. All purchases require a current and valid photo ID, proof of resi-

dency, social security number, and a Hunter Education card, unless the hunter was born on or before Jan. 1, 1949. Online verification requires input of the hunter education information located on the card and the state in which it was issued. Bring this card with you for in-person sales. To sign up for a Hunter Education course go to cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/HunterEducation.aspx. Apprentice licenses are available 2016 as well as hunter education test-out options are available for U.S. military and individuals 50-years of age or older. Learn more at <http://cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/HE-Test-Out.aspx> and <http://cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/HE-Apprentice-License.aspx>. Replacement

of most Colorado hunter education cards can be requested online at <https://www.co.wildlifelicense.com/start.php>. Learn more at cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/HE-CardReplacement.aspx. Resources are available at cpw.state.co.us/BuyApply/pages/hunting.aspx. If you have questions about hunting, contact CPW at 303-297-1192.

Interested license buyers should refer to the [2016 Big Game Brochure](#) for season participation requirement. Refer to cpw.state.co.us/thingstodo/Pages/BigGame.aspx for resources to assist in purchasing online, by phone at 1-800-244-5613 or at [CPW locations](#) and [license agents](#).

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But the state law does not protect everyone. Too many Coloradans are still being exposed to the dangers of tobacco smoke. That is why some communities are working to adopt stronger protections – to ensure all Coloradans can breathe smoke-free air where they live, learn, work and play.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

BLM EXTENDS COMMENT PERIOD FOR UNCOMPAGHRE FIELD OFFICE DRAFT RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE – In response to public requests, the Bureau of Land Management Uncompahgre Field Office is extending the comment period for Uncompahgre Field Office Draft Resource Management Plan for 60 days.

The comment period, originally scheduled to close on Sept. 1, 2016, will be extended through Nov. 1, 2016.

"Public input is critical as we work through refining this plan. Hopefully this extension will facilitate that public input," said Dana Wilson, BLM Acting Uncompahgre Field Manager.

The BLM identified a wide range of alternatives in the Draft RMP that analyze impacts to important wildlife, vegetation and cultural resources while balancing the need for resource uses such as grazing, minerals and recreation on about 675,800 acres of BLM-administered surface lands and 971,220 acres of federal mineral estate in Delta, Gunnison, Mesa, Montrose, Ouray and San Miguel counties.

Written comments will be most effective if they are specific to the proposal or analysis and should be submitted by email

to uformp@blm.gov or by mail to the BLM, Uncompahgre Field Office, 2465 S. Townsend Ave., Montrose, CO 81401.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time.

While you can ask us in your comment to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

The plan and associated environmental documents are available at http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/ufo/uncompahgre_rmp.html (or www.uformp.com).

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

DMEA TO SPONSOR COMMUNITY DAY AT FAIR!

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE - Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) is proud to support the 2016 Montrose County Fair and Rodeo. The local cooperative is the Major Day Sponsor for Community Day on Wednesday, July 27. Community Day includes an old fashioned carnival for the whole family and a free community dinner.

Citizens are encouraged to attend and visit DMEA's high voltage electricity demonstration and take photo in the line-man photo booth. DMEA will also host an informational booth about Elevate Fiber in Friendship Hall throughout the event.

"The Montrose County Fair and Rodeo showcases the important agricultural heritage of our rural communities. We are honored to participate in this year's event and feel it is a great way for us to celebrate our roots, as well as the future success that Elevate Fiber represents," said

Jasen Bronec, DMEA CEO.

The Montrose County Fair began Friday, July 22 and concludes on Sunday, July 31. A full listing of the week's events is available at

www.montrosecountyfairandrodeo.com.

Community Night begins at 4:00 p.m. with an old fashioned carnival.

Activities include the Montrose Chamber and Red Coats BBQ, a pie eating contest, DMEA's high voltage electricity display, a hypnotist, an acrobat performance, and the crowing of the 2016 Montrose County Fair and Rodeo royalty.

All activities are free of charge. Members can visit with DMEA/Elevate Fiber representatives during the following times:

Monday, July 25, 1 pm – 6 pm, Hall

Tuesday, July 26, 1 pm – 7 pm, Hall

Wednesday, July 27, 3:30 – 6:30 pm, Grass Area

Thursday, July 28, 10 am – 4 pm, Hall

Elevate Fiber, powered by DMEA, is DMEA's fiber broadband company that offers internet and services at speeds up to 1 Gig (1,000 Mbps).

Elevate is currently collecting preregistrations and will be present at the Montrose County Fair and Rodeo to answer questions and help members sign up for service. For more information about Elevate visit join.elevatefiber.com.

DMEA is a rural electric distribution cooperative, located in Montrose, Colorado. DMEA was originally founded in 1938, as Delta-Montrose Rural Power Lines Association.

The cooperative is governed by a board of directors, from nine districts covering three counties.

DMEA serves approximately 32,000 residential, commercial and industrial meters, on over 3,000 miles of cooperative owned distribution line.

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION TO HOST INFORMATIONAL PANEL, FAJITA LUNCH BUFFET

Special to the Mirror

GRAND JUNCTION-Join us Wednesday, July 27th from 11:30-1 pm at SPOONS Bistro: 3090 N 12th St Grand Junction for a Small Business Administration (SBA) informational panel with Ed Cadena, John Hart, Carolyn Terrell and Brad Currie.

Fajita lunch buffet is included in the \$25 admission fee.

Space is limited and RSVP by July 22nd required.

Louise Goodman 970-683-5566 OR louise@timberlinebank.com to RSVP.

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Special to the Mirror
MONTROSE-Find the original Tuxedo Farms Olathe Sweet sweet corn at a convenient in-town location!

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 At left, Tom Vogenthaler of Sharing Ministries and John Harold of Tuxedo Farms celebrate the opening of the Olathe Sweet Corn Farm Stand at 1842 South Townsend Avenue near Furniture Connection. The Corn Stand is open Monday through Saturday, and proceeds benefit the Sharing Ministries Food Bank.

For more information call 970-240-8385.

SHERBINO SEEKS IGNITE PRESENTERS

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-The Sherbino Theater is looking for presenters for the upcoming Ignite event on Wednesday, Aug. 10th. Doors for the event are at 6:30pm with talks starting at 7 pm. Ignite events are evenings fueled by the community for the community. If you have a passion, story, hobby, trade, and/or travels that you would like to share, please email: music@sherbinotheater.com, to sign up as a presenter and to receive the Ignite template for your presentation. Submissions are being accepted up until August 3rd...so sign up today!

Never been to an Ignite event? Here's how it works:

At Ignite events, presenters share their personal and professional passions, using 20 slides that auto-advance every 15 seconds for a total of just five minutes. "Enlighten us but make it quick! Twenty slides, five minutes, one passion." For more examples of Ignite talks around the country, and/or for more information on Ignite events, please visit: <http://igniteshow.com/>.



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MIRROR IMAGES...MONTROSE COUNTY FAIR PARADE!



The 130th Montrose County Fair & Rodeo kicked off Saturday morning with the parade down Main Street. Mirror Staff Photos.



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3

5:30 - 8pm: Animas River
Celebration | Powerhouse
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8:30am-5pm: Conference
presentations | Doubletree
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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

MONTROSE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL UNVEILS NEW PROGRAM: YOUR OPPORTUNITY FOR AN IN-DEPTH GLIMPSE INTO HEALTHCARE

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-- Montrose Memorial Hospital LEAD – Leadership, Exploration and Development – is a chance to get a behind the scenes look at medicine and explore the complex issues driving healthcare today.

The LEAD Program gives participants an opportunity to understand the impact of healthcare on our community.

Throughout the program, participants will have one-of-a-kind experiences and gain insight into medical and technological advances through access to areas of Montrose Memorial Hospital not commonly available to the public.

In addition, there will be opportunities to network with members of the medical community from a wide variety of special-

ties. “The goal of the LEAD Program is to make participants valued and well educated partners in seeking answers to the challenges and opportunities facing healthcare” stated Steve Hannah, MHA, CEO. By the end of the program, participants will obtain a working knowledge of the healthcare needs of our community and how Montrose Memorial Hospital is meeting those needs. The LEAD Program meets once a month for two hours (7AM – 9AM) for nine months.

For information about participating please contact Jenni Sopsic, Director of Philanthropy, at 970-252.2744.

Montrose Memorial Hospital is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit healthcare system serving Montrose, San Miguel, Ouray, Gunnison, Delta, Hinsdale and San Juan counties. The

health system offers a 75-bed hospital and an extensive range of inpatient & outpatient health care services, including cardiology, oncology, minimally invasive surgery, laboratory, medical imaging/radiology, Mountain View Therapy, Level III Trauma Center and the family birthing center. The health system partners with regional providers on joint ventures to meet local healthcare needs, including CareFlight air ambulance service, San Juan Cancer Center and Black Canyon Surgical Center. Montrose Memorial is the second-largest employer in Montrose County, with more than 600 employees and 100 physicians who represent 23 medical specialties. The hospital has received patient satisfaction ratings exceeding 90 percent since 2010.

13TH ANNUAL GRIN & BARRETT CHARITY RIDE

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE – The Grin & Barrett Black Canyon Buttkicker Charity Ride is held annually in Montrose, Colorado, to support patient wellness through San Juan Healthcare Foundation and the Caring Friends Fund. In 2004, a group of riding enthusiasts and passionate men banded together in a unique show of support while their friend, Tom Barrett, was in Denver going through the hardest part of his fight with colon cancer. The gang de-

vised a plan to put themselves through a sufferable journey on their bicycles. One would agree that riding 150 miles, through three counties, in the heat of July... at some point in that ride you're going to suffer.

The ride this year is on Saturday, July 30 and offers 33, 50, 75 and 115 mile routes that are moderately to extremely challenging. New this year is the 155 mile Alpine Bank Team Challenge Gran Fondo, this is extremely challenging and

demands strong, experienced riders be in top shape to survive the 155 mile route and time limit of 11 hours or less.

All riders and their guests will enjoy the post ride celebration of fantastic food, libations, and live music. This is a time for the riders to sit and relax following a day in the hot sun. The post event occurs from 1:30 -7:30PM at the Red Arrow Inn & Suite lawn.

For more information and to register for the ride please visit www.gbbiketour.com.



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MIRROR IMAGES...MONTROSE COUNTY FAIR!



Montrose County Fairgoers still have a week of fun left...this weekend, clockwise L-R, five-year-old Luella played for the crowd during the Fiddle Contest; above Yan and Yin Harris of Blue Wave Tech help heal aches and pains on the spot; little cowboys get set for the Parade on Saturday; runners prepare for the 5K Saturday; and Ranelle Dietrich, 7, of Casa Grande, Arizona plays for the judges and the crowd during the Fiddle Contest.



CITY APPROVES WATER CONSERVATION PLAN, LOOKS AT CERISE FOR DOG PARK

Mirror Staff Report

MONTROSE-Montrose City Council moved forward with its first City of Montrose Water Conservation Plan on July 19. City Public Works Director John Harris spoke at length about the process of creating the plan, which is required by the State of Colorado for communities that consume more than 2,000 acre feet annually. "The plan will be available on our web site," Harris said, noting that Montrose residents already conserve water, which can be comparatively expensive for those who rely on the City's water system. Montrose resident use on average 150 gallons per day, he said, compared to an average of 240 gallons per day statewide.

"We could have hired an engineer, but we drafted the plan in-house to save money," Harris said. "Lots of different people helped with it...we saved \$20,000 to \$30,000 in consulting fees."

The 180-page plan is not an in-depth analysis of the impacts of climate change, and does not assess the need for additional water storage, he said.

"We cut back on irrigation by 10 percent, and nobody knows the difference," Harris said. Councilor Roy Anderson asked about the ability of the City to find and target slow residential leaks, and suggested that

a program of water education and information would be useful to constituents.

In other business, Council appointed Martha Dusio to a vacant position on the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Board of Directors and approved Ordinance 2371 on second reading, exchanging a perpetual access easement on Cerro Summit for the Chipeta State Wildlife Area. Throughout the meeting Mayor Rex Swanson deferred to Youth Council member Kael VanBuskirk, who has been granted a seat on Council. VanBuskirk questioned whether Chipeta Park would become an extension of the City's Water Sports Park. "Good Question," Swanson said. "Yes."

Following [Sales, Use & Excise Tax Reports](#), City Manager Bill Bell reminded Council that now is City budget time, and that those who wish to be on the Citizen's Budget Committee should contact him. "Our new Parks Advisory Committee has been meeting," he said, "and the last couple of days we have been having great discussions about the dog park—we did a site visit to Cerise. Things have been really



Cerise Park is being considered as a new dog park locale by the new Parks Committee.

positive and it is a great experience working with this committee."

"Manager Bell!" Councilor Bowman boomed as the meeting prepared to adjourn, asking about the prospects for weekend youth games and adding, "... Thank you for taking the time to take a group of boys to the Front Range for the games—it shows your commitment to our community!" Mayor Swanson praised a recent *Forbes* article that included the Montrose Proximity Space as, "huge news for us."

"I am really proud of the City."

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Saturday, August 13

BOCC HONORS YOUTHFUL LEADER WILSON WOODY, CMU SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS, NINE LOCAL LADIES



Wilson Woody and several of his family members joined the BOCC for a photo on July 18. Wilson was honored as a community leader, for giving up his play time to pick up trash in Cerise Park July 5. Courtesy photo.

Mirror Staff Report

MONTROSE-In addition to hearing from concerned citizens, the Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) took time to recognize a number of staffers and volunteers at the regular BOCC meeting July 18.

Most impressive was little Wilson Woody, who was honored for giving up his own play time to pick up trash in Cerise Park on the fifth of July. "This young man did something above and beyond," County Media Relations Manager Katie Yergensen said, calling Wilson, "one of our shining

stars."

"He did something that he didn't need to do, and that other people probably should have done," Yergensen said. "We are honoring Wilson as a top community member." Wilson received tickets to the Montrose County Fair Moto Mayhem and Ranch Rodeo events.

County Government Affairs Director Jon Washbusch introduced CMU Montrose President Gary Ratcliff and some of the first recipients of the Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative, each of whom received \$1,500 to pursue higher educa-

tion. Student recipients of the COSI scholarship who posed with the Montrose County Commissioners include Toni Amrein, Marissa Archuleta, Cheyenne Foster, April Lakin, and Rafael Nieto. Montrose County had secured a COSI funding grant from the Colorado Department of Higher Education and the CMU Foundation for the purpose of raising matching funds. County Emergency Services Manager Don Angell expressed gratitude for nine women who assist the Montrose County Sheriff's Office, for working in multiple capacities and helping the County plan for emergencies. "Does this mean we don't need you?" BOCC Chair Glen Davis quipped, to which Angell replied, "If these nine ladies would replace me." Davis then took a moment to speak "out of order."

"Without order in our society it produces chaos," he said. "The people who protect order come under severe attack...I don't know how we educate the public or change attitudes across the country, but we need to do something...this chaos, the assassinations, the shootings should never be tolerated in a society such as ours. We are as close as we have been in history to being able to get order; if we destroy that we will be ruled from a Federal government by a Federal police force—this isn't what any of us want. So I thank the Montrose Police Department and the Montrose County Sheriff's Office, and the people who support us as we all consider how we can move forward in supporting law and order." Commissioners voted to approve [Consent Agenda and Planning & Development items](#) before reconvening as the County Liquor Board.



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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 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 astcolorado.org. More information, call Vicki Felmlee, OSTA Colorado Director, 245-8585 or info@tcsmg.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, 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 <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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For information on the nonprofit organizers, go to: www.mountainstudies.org, mining.state.co.us, www.uncompahgrewatershed.org, www.willowcreede.org, and www.animasrivercommunity.org.

Aug. 3-San Juan Chamber MusicFest — "Musical Postcards" Classical Café Wednesday, Aug. 3 at 7:30 p.m. Ouray County 4-H Event Center, 22739 Highway 550, Ridgway Adults \$25, Students \$5 Buy Tickets URL: <http://www.ocpag.org/purchase-tickets/> Info: <http://ocpag.org/> Phone number: 970-626-2970 Email: ocpaginfo@gmail.com The 15th Annual San Juan Chamber MusicFest kicks off with this delightfully informal concert, featuring the Dvorak "American" Quartet and other music depicting different places in the world. Presented by the Ouray County Performing Arts Guild, this concert is part of the inaugural [Dave and Mary Wood Classical Concert Series](#). Two ticket levels are available. \$40 ticket holders and Concert Series subscribers are welcome at 6:15 for appetizers and one glass of complimentary wine from the 4-H Event Center's bar; \$25 ticket holders can come at 7 p.m. for concert only and can buy their own beverages. As always, students get in for just \$5.

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of your total check to a local non-profit.

Every Wednesday...Every Month...All Day (11 am - 10 pm)

Over 200 entrees to choose from!

1st Wed: The Homestead at Montrose

2nd Wed: All Points Transit

3rd Wed: Montrose Rec Foundation

4th Wed: Valley Manor Care Center

5th Wed: Community Options Inc.

(Note: 5th Wed dates are: March 30, June 29, Aug 31, Nov 30, 2016)

After dining, attach the coupon to the bill
and deposit it in the box labeled
"Give Back Days." 20% of your total
bill will be donated to the
designated charity.

**SUPPORTING IS
NOW DELICIOUSLY
REWARDING.**



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*Coupon must be present

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Mirror Reporter Gail Marvel captured these ducks, above, making their way across S. Tenth street, keeping to the crosswalk...and Melanie and her water gun at left, had more fun during the Montrose County Fair & Rodeo Parade than most folks have in a lifetime!



SCORE SOME FUN!

Rec Fest
10am - 2pm
Ute Park

Score big at Rec Fest on
Youth Appreciation Day: hot dogs,
snow cones, games, archery,
speed throw & more!

See full schedule at
www.montroserec.com.



Saturday, August 13