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## RICH DIVERSITY OF REDLANDS MESA ON DISPLAY AT FIRST FARM, GARDEN & ARTIST TOUR SEPT. 10!

By Caitlin Switzer

HOTCHKISS-Have you been to Redlands Mesa recently? If the answer is no, mark your calendar for Sept. 10, and be sure to wear comfortable shoes. Redlands community members will host the first What's Up on Redlands Mesa? A Farm, Garden and Artists' Studio Tour. The self-guided tour takes place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and includes eight stops.

According to a news release, those stops include five farms and gardens and three artist studios. Demonstrations throughout the day will cover topics such as cheese making, blacksmith forging, seed saving, kombucha making, potter's wheel techniques and three-dimensional embroidery.

Though each location on the tour will be interesting and unique, "the views from every stop will be amazing," organizer and artist Gini McNair said. Planning for the first

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*Lance Swigert's Garden will be one of eight stops on the Redlands Mesa Farm, Garden & Artist Tour. Courtesy photo.*

## CITY OF MONTROSE SEEKS TO END CONTRIBUTIONS TO COLORADO FLIGHTS, DIVERT FUNDS TO OFFICE OF BUSINESS & TOURISM (OBT)



*The OBT is asking to manage any air marketing funding that council approves so it can work to create marketing programs that feature Montrose as the destination.*

Mirror Staff Report

MONTROSE-Whether or not to continue helping to fund the Colorado Flights Alliance, or to give the funds instead to the City of Montrose Office of Business & Tourism (OBT) will be a subject of City Council discussion at the [Work Session of Aug. 15](#).

According to the web site for Colorado Flights Alliance (CFA), CFA leads economic development on Colorado's western slope by attracting and retaining air service through risk mitigation partnerships. Funding comes from a variety of sources across the region, including the towns of Telluride, Mountain Village and Montrose through lodging and restaurant taxes and other funding, Telluride Ski Resort, retailers, real estate firms, private businesses and individuals. Since 2004, Colorado Flights has provided 1.13 million air seats into the region, accounting for 830,000 passenger trips, and approximately \$300 Million in

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## DAY TRIPPING...PLAN YOUR BEST DAY EVER AT POWDERHORN MOUNTAIN RESORT!



*Powderhorn is now a year-round destination! Photos courtesy Powderhorn Mountain Resort.*

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Powderhorn Mountain Resort's 1,600 acres of mountain terrain signify ski season fun for many locals. But did you know that Powderhorn is fast becoming a regional destination for fun during the summer months as well?

Powderhorn Mountain Resort is currently rated No. 1 of "Things to Do in Mesa County" on the [TripAdvisor](http://TripAdvisor) web site, and has long been considered among Colorado's best family-friendly small ski areas. Located roughly two hours from Montrose and 45 minutes from Grand Junction, the popular Western Slope ski area claims to receive more than 250 inches of "light, dry Colorado powder" each year.

Thanks to the recent addition of the Flat Top Flyer high-speed quad lift, however, the resort is now attracting mountain bikers, hikers, and sightseers all summer long.

By becoming a year-round attraction, Powderhorn has also benefited the economic health of the entire region, said Mistalynn Meyeran, spokesperson for the Grand Junction Convention and Visitor

Bureau.

"Any time a local attraction can expand and create a new product, it is incredible for the local tourism industry," she said. "New products always generate attention - and that's what Powderhorn has done—they have created a new product, and have become a year-round destination." Want a cool getaway? Come and see the changes at Powderhorn for yourself—and bring the family and your out-of-town guests too.

"It's so much fun up here in the summer," Powderhorn Marketing Coordinator Adam Evarts said. "It's about 15 degrees cooler than everywhere else, and mountain biking is a blast! We have \$10 scenic lift rides that are just beautiful.

"There is usually live music on the weekends, and we have a really cool racing series that has intrigued the biking community on the Western Slope." Powderhorn Pub is open as well, offering food and beverages, he added.

For Montrose residents, Powderhorn Mountain Resort offers an accessible getaway powered by outdoor fun. "It's closer

to Montrose than you think," Evarts said.

A reviewer named Zhiv from New York referred to Powderhorn as, "The best kept summer secret in Colorado... a small resort, family-friendly, a great place for kids to learn how to ski, just 35 miles from Grand Junction," he wrote.

"Summertime the resort is just minutes away from the Colorado National Forest on Grand Mesa. Also, within driving distance are the Colorado National Monument, the Gunnison National Park and the Black Canyon, Canyonlands National Park and the Arches National Park... views from the perch this resort has downslope from Grand Mesa is breathtaking," he wrote.

Powderhorn Mountain Resort is located at 48338 Powderhorn Road in Mesa. The phone number is 970-268-5700, Find them on Facebook or [email](mailto:ski@powderhorn.com) them at at [ski@powderhorn.com](mailto:ski@powderhorn.com).



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## CITY WANTS TO CEASE FUNDING FOR COLORADO FLIGHTS ALLIANCE *Frm pg 1*



*According to a City memo, "The City Manager's office and the OBT believe it is time to ask if we should have more direct involvement and control over air marketing funds." Mirror file photo of passengers arriving on the first Allegiant Flight into Montrose in December of 2012, above.*

Direct Spending. With a 2.75 multiplier, total economic benefit is estimated at \$850 Million. According to an [OBT memo to City Council](#), The City of Montrose has traditionally been a mid-level CFA contributor, providing \$270,000 to the alliance in FY 2013 and 2014 (\$200,000 from the general fund and \$70,000 from OBT). In 2015,

the memo states, the provision was reduced to \$100,000 and earmarked for certain beautification enhancements at the Montrose Regional Airport.

Now, City officials would like to cease funding Colorado Flights Alliance entirely and give those funds instead to the OBT. "The Visit Montrose program is considered successful as is the CFA effort," the OBT memo states.

"The City Manager's office and the OBT believe it is time to ask if we should have more direct involvement and control over air marketing funds.

"Current CFA marketing is solely focused on Telluride; therefore, for the overwhelming majority of passengers the terminus is destination Telluride. The OBT is asking to manage any air marketing funding that council approves so it can work with CFA and/or the airlines to create marketing programs that feature Montrose as the destination."

Also up for discussion on Aug. 15 will be a Public Works Department fuel purchase and delivery contract recommendation

and Montrose Police Department (MPD) sale of impound vehicles. Included in the [meeting packet](#) is an MPD quarterly report.

The agenda notes that City Council has expressed an interest in discussing the following topics as time allows: development of a first class/model dog park; continued development of projects along the river corridor following master plan; Fostering and facilitating Colorado Mesa University campus growth; free downtown street wifi; and the City Council expense reimbursement policy.

Topics up for discussion in upcoming work sessions include the Hill Street Park Ordinance on Sept. 1; the R. Simpson Addition Annexation Hearing on Sept. 6; a Roundabout Update on Sept. 19; a new Beer and Wine Liquor License for the Montrose Event Center on Sept. 20; an Asset Management System Presentation on Oct. 3; the Colorado Outdoors Additions No. 1 and No. 2 Annexation Hearing on Oct. 4; and Kings' Riverbend RV Park Land Transaction, as yet unscheduled.

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

# 2016 CHILI COOK-OFF WILL BE HOT & SPICY!

### Special to the Mirror

PAONIA-The Blue Sage Center for the Arts is now receiving registration for cooks interested in competing in the 2016 Chili Cook-Off which will take place on Friday, September 23 from 5:00-7:00pm during Mountain Harvest Festival, in Paonia Town Park. The cost to enter is \$10 and the deadline is Friday, September 16. Registration information is available online at [www.bluesage.org](http://www.bluesage.org), as well as at Paonia Farm & Home Supply on Grand Ave, Don's Market in Paonia and at City market in Hotchkiss. Late registration fees are \$25 and the deadline is September 22, 2016. This year, church, youth and sport groups are invited to challenge each other. Who will take home the coveted people's choice award of \$150?

A secret panel of three culinary specialists will judge each chili in one of the 5 judged categories. The People's Choice award will be determined by the tasting audience. The cook with the most audience votes will receive the highly coveted People's Choice award. Cash prizes are awarded to the winner in each category as follows:

Best Green Chili \$75  
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Best Meatless \$75  
Best Exotic \$75



"Frog" Gifford competes in the Chili Cook-Off every year. Courtesy photo.

Best in Town Plaque (for restaurants)  
People's Choice \$150

The Blue Sage Center for the Arts is the keystone of the North Fork Valley arts community. Founded in 1996 the Blue Sage serves about 10,000 residents of the North Fork Valley annually through clas-

ses, events, gallery exhibits, venue rentals and arts outreach into local schools. The Blue Sage is a registered charitable 501(c)(3) organization located in Paonia, CO providing education and expression in the arts and humanities in order to engage and enrich the North Fork community.

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## OPINION/EDITORIAL: COMMENTARY

**Editor's Note:** Montrose BOCC Candidate (Dem, District 3) Beatrice Lucero sent the following letter to the Mirror last week, using her Candidate Information in the email signature. Though she later claimed

the letter was not intended for publication, she is running for an important position in local government and her reaction is telling. Here is Lucero's response to the article regarding the Aug. 1 BOCC meeting

which I (not Gail) attended and wrote about. See below also her response to my brief email stating, "Thank you for your letter Ms. Lucero."

*Caitlin Switzer, Publisher, Montrose Mirror*

### BOCC CANDIDATE BEATRICE LUCERO RESPONDS TO MIRROR COVERAGE

*Dear Editor:*

My attention was brought to the inaccuracy of the article written by Gail in your latest Mirror. Its representation of my being angry at the BOCC is totally inaccurate. I adamantly deny that I said, "Smell your agenda! Smell your agenda!" I said it once and there was no exclamation point.

The article also took my statement about having asthma way out of context and implied that I was demanding accommodation for my own benefit. And I stood up to address the BOCC for the second time to respond to comments by the sales persons.

The article was so slanted that I would ask that you, Ms. Swietzer, review the BOCC video for yourself and retract this gross misrepresentation.

My presentation to the BOCC was professional, factual, and rational, not the angry rant that your article made it out to be. Your article was sensational, unethical, and non-factual. If you do not retract this gross misrepresentation, then I will seek to sue your biased publication for libel. The proof that it is a gross misrepresentation and libelous is in the BOCC video that is publicly available on the Montrose County website. If you do not retract your libelous statements in your next publication, then you will be hearing from my lawyer.

Further, if this is what I can expect from you, then you do not have my permission

to write anything further about me, and you will most certainly not be included in any press releases or invited to any future speaking events.

Sincerely,

Beatrice Lucero, Ph.D.

Montrose Board of County Commissioner Candidate

### SECOND RESPONSE:

...Actually, it's Dr Lucero. I suppose it was presumptuous of me to think that you would know the meaning of Ph.D.

It's your move. I would advise you to consider it carefully. I do not believe that your readers would appreciate your unwarranted defamation of my character, or the little games that your paper obviously plays, judging from Gail's reply to my email, or your obvious efforts to affect the outcome of an election with biased reporting. In addition, unlike the City of Montrose, the Montrose Police Department, and the Library Board, I will hold you accountable for your actions.

*Beatrice Lucero, Ph.D.*

*Montrose County Commissioner Candidate*

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Arthur is married to his wife of six years, Angle, and is the proud father to his six year old daughter Neela.

When not busy working, Arthur enjoys hobbies such as snowboarding, hiking, fishing, and most importantly, spending quality time with family.

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### **VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA CEO MIKE KING SPEAKS WITH MONTROSE STAFFERS AT LEADERSHIP UNIVERSITY**

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-Mike King, CEO of Volunteers of America, made a special visit from Alexandria, Virginia to Montrose on Thursday to talk with 30 VOA employees attending the organization's Leadership University. The year-long program is in its third year and is designed to develop individual leadership skills. Core tenets of the training are strength based leadership methods, teamwork and collaboration, and transformational and motivational leadership skills. Participants also work in teams on an innovative action project to be implemented within their prospective programs upon completion of the training. Pictured are Senior Community Care's Tom Smith, LCSW and Regional Palliative and End-of-life Coordinator (left) and Mike King (right).







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Mountain States Ranch Rodeo Finals - Main Arena

**Saturday, September 10th - Downtown Montrose**

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MSRR Celebration Parade

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# ACCIDENT CLAIMS LIFE OF YOUNG DRIVER

## Mirror Staff Report

REGIONAL-A motor vehicle accident last week on Highway 50 at Milepost 44 took the life of Rachael White, 21, of Grand Junction. According to Colorado State Patrol, the accident took place at 1:09 p.m. on Aug. 8. A 2006 Pontiac Gran Prix was parked on the shoulder of the highway when a 2006 Nissan Ultima traveling eastbound lost control and left the roadway, colliding with the back of the Pontiac, troopers said. The Nissan came to rest down an embankment. The driver of the Nissan, Rachael White, was transported to St. Mary's Hospital where she died. The driver of the Pontiac, 29-year-old Ayla Black of Grand Junction, was transported by ground to St. Mary's with minor injuries. One male and one female passenger were also transported to St. Mary's Hospital with minor injuries. Heavy rains were reported at the time of the accident.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Rachael's family and loved ones in this time of loss.



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# CANFIELD SUGGESTS A RUMBLE STRIP FOR 550 SOUTH

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-The August 9, 2016 Board of County Commissioner's (BOCC) work session began with a review of the collective calendar of upcoming events and activities.

## Manager Items:

County Manager Ken Norris gave an update on roof repairs for the airport, jail and sheriff's office. With the recent heavy rains buckets have on occasion been placed under the leaks at the airport.

A draft of a General Fund flow chart was presented by Assistant County Manager Dave Laursen, "This gives you a feel of what happens to those funds; the flow of money into fund and the flow of money out of the fund. It assists the logical thought process and is a visual help."

Laursen also discussed surplus county properties and the process for disposing (sale) of the properties. Some of the properties have already been appraised and Laursen said, "We can't get on Multiple Listing Service (MLS) without selecting a realtor...How would we pick a realtor?" The process suggested for selling the surplus property is to first notify surrounding property owners that the property is available and then erect for sale signs that contain county contact information.

## Government Affairs Update:

County Commissioner Ron Henderson was contacted by Republican commissioner candidates Roger Rash and Keith Caddy with a request to meet with department heads, "Because they both work they are having trouble meeting with some department heads (HHS, Finance, Road and Bridge and Planning)." Commissioner Glen Davis said, "If we do, we need to have it for all candidates [Republican and Democrat]." Noting there are a couple of months between the election and being sworn in as a commissioner Davis said, "I'm all in favor of accommodating them once they are elected." Commissioner David White said, "Neither has indicated they are going to quit their jobs until after the election...Sharing information with a candidate is different than sharing with someone who is already elected. They have no obligation to maintain confidentiality until they have taken an oath of office."

Both Henderson and White expressed concern that department heads would be asked to give up their personal time in order to meet with commissioner candidates. Davis said, "After 5 [p.m.] we don't have the right to tell employees to meet with candidates. I have a problem with it if it's on employee's personal time."

## Cooperative Agreement with USFS:

Justin Musser, Ecological Services Manager, called in on a conference call to discuss a pending cooperation agreement between the county and the US Forest Service. "The work supports logging projects [such as] the invasive species population they want to move around. We help with the manpower. There is no additional cost to Montrose County." Updates on the Rimrocker Trail and the upcoming Rally included acquiring right-of-way on highway 141 from entities that have property adjoining pavement; mountain bike and marathon races; and promotional videos.

## Assistant Attorney: IGA with Tri-County/ Right-of-way Permit Fees

Montrose County could charge Tri-County Water for permit fees, but the decision is to treat the organization similarly to other water companies. Staff personnel reported, "Tri-County already signed the agreement. They are happy we're not charging them right now, but they understand we could."

## Elected Officials:

Coroner Dr. Thomas Canfield reported on a request for autopsy records information covering a 10-year period. "It will cost about \$625 to research...\$20 an hour. We'll initiate if they send a check."

Canfield updated the group on his efforts to make improvement on highway 550 south, "When I started this project I wasn't going to tell CDOT how to do their job...I've changed my mind." Canfield's



*During the August 9<sup>th</sup> work session Montrose County Elected Officials and staff consider the seriousness of speed and traffic safety on highway 550 south. Photo by Gal Marvel.*

research reveals that most accidents are caused by vehicles crossing the center line (drugs, falling asleep, alcohol, etc.), "I'm going to suggest a center rumble strip. It's not terribly expensive."

Canfield described 10 miles of 550 south as a hot-zone, "A rumble strip is relatively inexpensive; CDOT talked about [it costing] \$10,000 a mile."

Discussion ensued with the commissioners, Sheriff Rick Dunlap and staff brainstorming on what can be done locally on the county level. Suggestions included greater law enforcement presence and the possibility of using aircraft or drones. Commissioner Davis said, "Can we get the word out... [we need to] start getting a reputation out there that we are going to enforce speed limits."

## County Attorney Update:

County Attorney Teresa Williams is researching parking on public right-of-way and prohibiting parking where there is a safety concern, for example areas such as Chipeta Drive. Work continues on the dog ordinance and tightening up the language which will make cases easier to prosecute. The current dog ordinance mandates if a resident receives a ticket they must go to court. There is interest in changing the mandate to a penalty assessment, which will allow paying a fine without going to court. Williams said, "We have a big problem with dogs running at-large in the county. One person has been ticketed five times this summer. We need to educate the public that their dog has to stay on their property."

## REDLANDS MESA FARM, GARDEN & ARTIST TOUR SEPT. 10! Frm pg 1

What's Up on Redlands Mesa? Tour began in January, she said.

"It was an idea that we had been kicking around for a while," McNair said.

"Originally it was an artists' studio tour. "But there are so many interesting things on Redlands Mesa!"

Redlands Mesa is a true community, where neighbors know one another and make an effort to stay in touch. "We know who might need looking in on," McNair said. "And at the heart of it all is the Grange—it's where we gather for birthdays, memorials, fundraisers, and dinners in summer and fall."

"The tour is more or less circular," McNair said. "Make your way back to the Grange when you're hungry for a fabulous lunch." Local ranchers have contributed the elk, buffalo and alpaca meat for the chili. Pick up maps at the Grange between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. the day of the event.

And because this is the first What's Up on Redlands Mesa? Event, "It's a screaming deal," McNair said. "We decided to make it affordable, and you can't beat it; there are some good cooks here on the Mesa."



Tickets for the tour itself are \$5 per person. Lunch is \$10. Happy hour at Jackrabbit Hill Winery, which includes two glasses of wine or two simple cocktails, is \$15 per person. "We will have pie by the slice for \$2," McNair said. One reason for the diversity of the Redlands Mesa agricultural community is the natural geography, which encompasses significant variations in elevation. "We will have all kinds of things for sale," McNair said, "So bring a cooler." You may need that cooler even if you don't purchase a thing. "All of our participants who are sharing in the tour—ranchers, farmers, artists—are all donating door prizes, and they are good prizes," she said. "If you get your tour ticket



*Gini McNair at her studio, top left, Peace & Plenty Farm, above. Courtesy photos.*

before Sept. 5 you will automatically be entered for a door prize." Proceeds from ticket sales will benefit the Redlands Mesa Grange, she said.

"We would like to have a couple of pickle ball courts for our community."

According to the event news release, "Redlands Mesa has a history of creative residents. This collaborative event is a natural outcome of neighbors sharing their creativity with the community. Here are the places you will be able to explore during your self-guided tour:

Doug and Debbie Christner's **Akuna Matada Suri Alpacas**: where luxurious fiber becomes sustainable fashion. Come meet the alpacas and all the items they provide: knit and woven items, socks, rugs, & leather, meat (low fat, high in protein), and manure for your garden.

**Gini McNair's Pottery Studio** will have a large variety of pottery, fused glass jewelry and slumped bottles on display. Don't miss the "fence people" and be sure and take a stroll through the garden. Gini will also be giving kombucha making and wheel throwing demonstrations.

**Doug Fritz - Blacksmith**: Since 1977, Doug has created custom railings, gates and fireplace furnishings for homes throughout the Western Slope utilizing old-time methods, often combined with state-of-

the-art technology. His demonstrations of forging techniques throughout the day will be a unique opportunity to see an amazing artist at work.

Pat and Paul Frazier's **Peace and Plenty Farm** is an off-grid, diversified farm, perennial nursery, and micro-dairy homestead, which uses biodynamic and permaculture practices. A variety of tough, drought resistant nursery stock will be available for purchase. Plus, Pat will be giving a cheese making demonstration.

**Lance Swigart's Garden** is one of the most amazing gardens in the North Fork Valley. Lance grows all his own grains, dry beans, fruits, veggies and seeds at 6000' elevation without a greenhouse. He is also one of the featured experts on KVN Public Radio's weekly garden show: "As the Worm Turns." Lance will be offering tips on seed saving throughout the day.

**Colwell Cedars Retreat** blends art and nature. You're sure to enjoy Katherine and Joe Colwell's art studio and gallery, where you can learn about Nature and Art Journeys for families and small groups,

reserve the guest house, and marvel at views large and small during a hike through diverse ecosystems.

At **High Wire Elk and Buffalo Ranch**, Dave and Sue Whittlesey have been raising farm-to-plate, grass-fed bison and elk for over thirty years. Their meat products are non-GMO and gluten free, USDA inspected, with no antibiotics, hormones, nitrates or MSG.

A visit to Lance and Anna Hanson's **Jack Rabbit Hill Winery and Peak Spirits Distillery** takes you back in time as you sample tasty Jack Rabbit Hill Wines, New Avalon Hard Ciders, Caprock Gin, Vodka, Brandy, and more. They will also host a happy hour following the tour; offering wine and cocktails, appetizers, and live music from 4 to 7pm."

Tickets are available online at [www.redlandsmesagrangeweebly.com](http://www.redlandsmesagrangeweebly.com) or in Hotchkiss at the Creamery Arts Center. You can also follow the **What's Up On Redlands Mesa?** Facebook page. For more information contact Gini McNair at 970-589-3331 or [gini McNair@gmail.com](mailto:gini McNair@gmail.com).



## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### DOWNTOWN MONTROSE CELEBRATES MT. STATES RANCH RODEO FINALS!

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-The Montrose DDA Promotions Team has announced their plans to celebrate the Mountain States Ranch Rodeo Finals on Saturday, Sept. 10, 2016. The event is expected to bring thousands of visitors to Montrose.

Main Street Montrose will be closed from the 300 to 500 blocks all day for outstanding events scheduled from 10:30 am to 10:30 pm.

The celebration commences at 10:30 am with the National Anthem (song by Jaime Walsh) to start the parade. The parade will feature County Fair Royalty, alumni of Semper Fi, members of the Ute Indian tribe, trucks, trailers, cowboy poet Waddie Mitchell and singer Brooke Turner along with many more surprises. The parade will also be live broadcasted on 94 KIX (94.1 FM)

Following the parade, live music will be played all day with at the main stage. At 8 pm, the Matt Skinner Band is the feature band for



the western street dance. Throughout the day, featured events at our second staged area include live gun-fight & shoot-out shows, ferrier exhibits, Cold Creek Training & Boarding Stables providing horsemanship clinics, steer-roping contests, Ute Indian demonstrations, petting zoo, and excavator competitions by Black Dog Equipment.

No rodeo celebration is complete without western foods. Many styles of BBQ will be there as well as a beer, wine and spirits garden.

There will be a shuttle from Main Street to the fairgrounds every ½ hour for all to enjoy the events taking place at the fairgrounds.

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE TO DISCUSS BUDGET ISSUES AT PUBLIC MEETING IN MONTROSE



*The public is invited to hear a presentation on future funding and budget issues facing Colorado Parks and Wildlife, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Aug. 16 at the Montrose CPW office. Courtesy photo.*

#### Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE — Colorado Parks and Wildlife is facing a budget shortfall and the agency is holding public meetings to discuss the issue with hunters and anglers. For the Montrose area, a meeting will be held 6:30-8:30 p.m., Aug. 16, at the CPW office in Montrose, 2300 S. Townsend Ave. (U.S. Highway 550).

The budget shortfall has been affecting the wildlife section of the agency for several years. Demands are growing for wildlife and habitat management as the human population in Colorado increases. In

addition, overall costs for the agency are rising — everything from hatchery fish food to water leases, explained Southwest Regional Manager Patt Dorsey.

“Colorado hunters and anglers care deeply about wildlife resources in the state and CPW works around-the-clock to maintain and improve those resources,” Dorsey said. “To maintain effective management and services, Colorado Parks and Wildlife needs to increase its revenue.” CPW is managed as an “enterprise agency”, which means it does not receive any general sales tax dollars from Colorado taxpayers. The majority of the agency’s revenue comes from the sale of hunting and fishing licenses; it also receives grants from Great Outdoors Colorado, and from excise taxes levied on the sale of hunting and fishing equipment. Funds for the wildlife section and the parks section are completely separate; there are no co-mingling of revenues or expenditures.

In the past six years, CPW has cut \$40

million from its budget and eliminated 50 positions.

At the meetings CPW staff will explain the financial issues facing the agency, and talk about the need to raise prices for resident hunting and fishing licenses. The last time CPW raised resident license prices was 2005. A license fee increase must be approved by the Colorado State Legislature.

For reference, a license for a Colorado resident elk hunter costs \$49, while a non-resident elk license cost \$649. Non-resident hunting fees are adjusted every year according to the consumer price index.

“As sportsmen and sportswomen of Colorado you have always been willing to pay for the privilege to hunt and fish in Colorado. We want to discuss this important issue with you,” Dorsey said. CPW is an enterprise agency, relying primarily on license sales, state parks fees and registration fees to support its operations, including: 42 state parks and more than 350 wildlife areas covering approximately 900,000 acres, management of fishing and hunting, wildlife watching, camping, motorized and non-motorized trails, boating and outdoor education. CPW’s work contributes approximately \$6 billion in total economic impact annually throughout Colorado.



## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### MONTROSE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CITIZENS ACADEMY

#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-The Montrose County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) will be accepting applications for the MCSO Citizens Academy. The academy is scheduled to begin on October 6th, and will run for 10 weeks with the graduation ceremony on December 15th.

"The citizens academy is designed to give the public a working knowledge of MCSO personnel and policies," said Sheriff Rick Dunlap. "It is important to educate our community members on the scope of duties of the sheriff's office."

The classes will be held for 10 weeks, every Thursday, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Training will take place at the MCSO—1200 North Grand Avenue—in the Conference Room.

Applicants must be 18 years of age to attend. The comprehensive instruction will cover a wide variety of law enforcement issues including the Sheriff's Posse, traffic stops and DUI investigation, response to resistance, communications, less lethal applications, crime scene and evidence collection, records, civil process, K-9 Unit, Special Response Team (SRT) demonstration, school resource assistance, and detentions.

Class size is limited; applications may be picked up at the front desk of the Sheriff's Office or filled out [online](#). Applications are due by September 16th. For more information, please contact Lieutenant Ben Halsey at [bhalsey@montrosecounty.net](mailto:bhalsey@montrosecounty.net) or 970-252-4023.

### MONTROSE COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN PRESENT THE REPUBLICAN CAUCUS REWIND!

#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-On Tuesday Aug. 16 Montrose County Republican Women-80th Anniversary-present the Republican Caucus Rewind at 6:30 p.m. at Columbine Middle School. An educational speakers panel with question/answer session will cover CMS school initiative, truths about Republican Party, caucus, election and voting, the Constitution, Club 20 and state ballot initiatives. Voter registration and educational booths. Find out how to get involved in the 2016 Election! **Evening schedule below:**

#### **TUESDAY AUGUST 16, 2016 – CMS –**

6:30pm-8:30pm

Welcome to the Republican Caucus

Rewind

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Introduction -

What the program is about

Speakers and topics

US Senate Candidate Darryl Glenn – Represented by

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10min questions and answers

Superintendent Steven Schiell – CMS  
bond initiative

Daniel Tyler - History of Republican Party-  
truths/myths

Dave Laursen – What is a Caucus

Montrose County Clerk and Recorder

Tressa Guynes –

Election and voting

Lori Riewaldt - Constitution

Christian Reece – Club 20 and #69 and  
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# MIRROR IMAGES...YOUTH APPRECIATE K-9 OXX



*Special to the Mirror*  
**MONTROSE**-A positive role model for local kids, K-9 Oxx and his handler, Montrose County Sheriff's Officer Keith Sanders, visited with families and spoke about their work at Chow Down Pet Supplies on Montrose Youth Appreciation Day Aug. 13. Though he resembles a German Shepherd, Oxx is a Belgian Malinois, a breed known for intelligence and strength. Below left, the Fox Theater Downtown held a free showing for kids on Youth Appreciation Day.



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## LIESL'S SMALL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: GREAT OUTDOORS COMPANY

### *Helping you make the most of your life outdoors!*

By Liesl Greathouse

MONTROSE-For lovers of the great outdoors, as well as those new to exploring all that nature has to offer, The Great Outdoors Company in downtown Montrose has all you need for your next adventure.

The Great Outdoors Company is passionate about helping families and individuals get the most out of their outdoor experiences. They specialize in purpose-built outdoor gear, including tents, sleeping bags, kayaks, paddleboards and more. They look at outdoor apparel the same way, offering outdoor specialized apparel for men, women and children. They are a Marmot Authorized Full Line Dealer, a Woolrich Pinacle Account, and they offer Mountain Khakis.

Owner Steve Omernik has aimed to offer the highest quality outdoor apparel and gear available on the market today since August 2014, although his family history goes back even further. "My family has over 45 years of history operating retail stores in Montrose, and we always work to keep them downtown," he said. "We have a long, dedicated history of trying to make downtown Montrose vibrant."

Omernik had previously owned a sporting goods and apparel store, but he closed it in 2012. However, he missed the outdoor industry so much that he looked for a new way to get back into it. "The customers in the outdoor [industry] are some of the nicest, most easy going people you will find," he said. "On the other side, our suppliers are equally as outgoing and eager to help businesses succeed. There is nothing that makes me happier than introducing someone who is not used to the outdoors, is intimidated by it or has limited experience, and turning them into a person who loves to be outdoors."

He added, "We live in Colorado, who doesn't like to be outdoors?"

Look ahead to the Fall season, the store will be offering new Nordic equipment in preparation for the ski season, including 'skate ski' items (a form of cross country skiing). They will also be partnering with



*The Great Outdoors Company is located at 10 S Selig Ave. Courtesy photo.*

Telluride and Crested Butte to offer their season passes and products. For apparel, down puffy jackets and quarter zips will be returning. As Marmot is one of their primary apparel lines, Omernik is excited to share what new products they have to offer. "They have excellent consumer driven products," he explained. "They are a great company and are an absolute delight. They are a big company that started in Grand Junction, so they are relevant to the Western Slope."

Over the years of running retail stores, Omernik's family has earned some incredibly loyal customers, some having been with them for 20-40 years. "They have been extremely generous, having followed us into each of our new ventures into the market," he said. "We are certainly very appreciative of that loyalty and work very diligently to earn it. It is a very fulfilling day if we solve a problem for a customer, instead of just making sales."

Owning a store in such a specialized industry is something that Omernik finds great enjoyment in. "I absolutely love

interacting with the public and bringing a new perspective of the outdoors to customers," he said. "There is also a certain amount of appreciation for owning your own business and being your own boss. Whether you are failing or succeeding, you can very quickly identify it and figure out [what to do next]."

The biggest challenge for the store is one that most retail stores have to deal with. "To be able to create a sense of awareness within a community that you exist and what type of business you are," he explained. "People often don't look [for us] until they have a need, then they say 'we didn't even realize you were here.' Operating within our downtown area, we need to synergize and partner with other local independent stores. We want to create that fun shopping environment, [so people will] explore what we have down here." The Great Outdoors Company is located at 10 S Selig Ave. They are seven days a week: Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information, call 249-4226.

## RE-1J THANKS FILES FOR LEADERSHIP, HEARS FEEDBACK ON FEE HIKE



*Singing a capella, 11-year-old Ciana Beller (center) opens the August 9 school board meeting with her rendition of the National Anthem. Photo by Gail Marvel.*

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE—On Aug. 9, 2016 the Montrose County School Board District RE-1J Board of Education met for a regular business meeting. Following the call to order 11-year-old Ciana Beller, who will be en-

tering the sixth grade, sang her rendition of the National Anthem. Following the presentation Ciana was introduced by Ms. Balash as a “budding star.” Ciana is scheduled to sing the National Anthem for upcoming rodeo and parade events.

Christina Files was introduced and thanked by the board for stepping forward in a leadership role to help with the ballot initiative to increase the mill levy. Board President Leann Tobin said, “We have to be careful with what we can do as a board.”

Superintendent Stephen Schiell reported on the board’s four goals for 2015-2016. Board member Phoebe Benziger said, “We didn’t do this as a board, we gave direction to the school principals and they embraced it. It was a lofty goal. I’m really proud of all of you guys.”

RE-1J anticipates they will be in the top half of the state for achievement; however, the data will not be available until later in the week. Board President Leann Tobin was not confident in looking at goals for 2016-2017 until the data is in.

During community input Keith Distel, union representative, addressed the board with concerns on the proposed policy changes, “We are having conversations with the administration and we ask the board to

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hold off until we have more time."

President Tobin explained that this was the first reading and a decision would not be made for a month. She indicated the board would give consideration if more time was needed.

Schiell reported on computers that are needed for satellite campuses (i.e., Maslow Academy and Pope John Paul's). He explained that satellite campuses use the district's academic software and academic content and in exchange the students at those schools are counted in PPF (per pupil funding), which is the amount of money the district gets from the State.

Benziger asked, "Is this about it for computers? It seems like every board meeting

we're getting more computers." The short answer from Schiell was, "No," but he explained, "We haven't bought textbooks for several years. They don't lease textbooks."

The 2016 registration is in the early stages and to date there have been no phone calls to the district about a new \$30 (secondary) and \$10 (elementary) technology fee.

A staff person reported that one mother however was overwhelmed because she has three students to register and was unprepared for the fee. Parents now have an alternative to standing in line to register students and they can register online.

Under new business the topic of fire drills

and lockdowns was addressed.

Deputy Superintendent Kirk Henwood said, "They still look like what they did when you were in grade school...everyone lines up outside." All schools practice monthly fire drills and quarterly lockdowns. Henwood said, "The high school loves it!" Henwood's report on personnel included retirements, one termination and an update on the previous Reduction in Force (RIF). He said, "All of our employees were recalled. Everyone laid off in the RIF had the opportunity to remain employed with the district." The next school board meeting will be held September 13, 2016, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the District Office Board Room.

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### MONTROSE COUNTY DEMOCRATS TO HOST ANNUAL BBQ AUG. 26

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MONTROSE-It's time again for The Annual Montrose County Democratic Party Barbecue set for Friday, August 26, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. Montrose County Fairgrounds, 1001 N. 2nd Street, Cattle Women's Pavilion Tickets \$15 available at Coffee Trader or call 240-0399 for info.

### CPW OFFERS BIG-GAME PROCESSING WORKSHOP IN MONTROSE, AUG. 23

#### Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE- Do you know how to prepare a big game animal after the hunt? Making sure an animal is field-dressed properly and then processed for consumption is a critical part of hunting in Colorado.

If you're new to big game hunting or if you want to brush up on game-processing skills, plan to attend an evening seminar, 6-9 p.m., Aug 23, at the Colorado Parks and Wildlife office in Montrose, 2300 S. Townsend Ave. (U.S. Hwy. 550)

## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### SOPHISTICATED PHONE SCAMS HIT DMEA AREA

*Special to the Mirror*

REGIONAL - Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) members in the Hotchkiss area have recently reported receiving scam phone calls from individuals posing as DMEA employees. The scammers are using more sophisticated technology to ensure DMEA's 1-877-687-3236 number appears on caller IDs and are providing fake names, employee ID numbers, and supervisor names. They are demanding payment and threatening disconnection. DMEA urges members to be extra vigilant and trust their gut when they receive calls

from individuals demanding money or information.

"When in doubt, just call the office. We follow a multi-step process to alert members who are at risk of disconnection and we never demand individuals give us their credit card information over the phone," stressed Greg Hobbs, DMEA Member Services Supervisor.

Members who may be at risk of disconnection, receive a written notice and automated call. Members that receive threatening calls from individuals are encouraged to confirm the status of their ac-

count by calling DMEA directly at 1-877-687-3632 and report the fraudulent call to local law enforcement.

"Unfortunately, we see the scam calls cycle through our area at least once a year. Each time, the callers use different tactics to seem more legitimate. It's always better to be safe than sorry," said Hobbs. In addition to calling DMEA's office directly to confirm their account status, members can also access their accounts and make payments 24/7 at [www.dmea.com](http://www.dmea.com) through SmartHub.

### STATE MINIMUM WAGE MAKES COLORADO BALLOT

*Special to the Mirror*

DENVER -- Colorado Secretary of State Wayne Williams announced last week that the proposed ballot measure "State Minimum Wage" will be on the ballot this November. The proposed constitutional amendment would [boost Colorado's minimum wage](#) to \$12 an hour by 2020. Backers of No. 101 submitted their petitions to the Secretary of State's Office on July 26. A five-percent random sample of the submitted signatures projected the number of valid signatures to be greater than 110 percent of the total number of signatures required for placement on the

ballot. Seven other ballot measures recently turned in [are still under review](#). The Secretary of State has until Sept. 7 to notify proponents of the outcome.

#### Two items of note:

During signature processing by a separate state agency, a section of the petition was misplaced. Section No. 6570 contained three signature lines marked for review in the random sample.

Because the section was misplaced before determining the validity of the three lines, the Secretary of State's Office credited the proponents with three valid signatures. As an ample number of

valid signatures were submitted, the three signatures did not affect the outcome of the random sample. Also, that same state agency identified a petition section that contained several potentially forged signature lines.

The Secretary of State does not conduct signature verification when reviewing petitions so our office has referred the questionable section to the Attorney General's Office. Section No. 6469 had one line marked for review in the random sample.

After reviewing that line, our office included it in the number of projected valid signatures.







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# ART & SOL

## SERIOUS PLAY SHARPENS MINDS: BLACK CANYON DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB



*Don Barnett (center) contemplates his next play. Photo by Gail Marvel.*

*By Gail Marvel*

Organized more than 20 years ago, the Black Canyon Duplicate Bridge Club meets twice a week at the Lion's Club House. Membership numbers about 50 and dues of \$39 for a regular one-year membership are paid to the American Contract Bridge League. Each week a \$5 per person pay-to-play fee is charged.

President Gail Hamilton has been the Club Manager since January and the club has a three-member board. The make-up of the club consists of men, women, sin-

gles and couples. Gail said, "We have mostly retirees because we play in the daytime." She laughed and then said, "The age demographic is that we're all old people!"

While not an official mission statement Gail said, "The game provides good entertainment for older people who want to keep their minds fresh...it's a memory game of strategy. We have one 92-year-old who still plays."

Contract bridge, which is played with a standard deck of 52 cards, is a two team

(partners) event with four people at a table. Gail explained, "The game is not easy to pick up. Most people start with party bridge, but this is tournament bridge...it minimizes luck. Every trick counts. Match points are different than raw score and match points wins."

Prior to the game cards are shuffled and placed in trays. Each foursome has the exact same cards as those at other tables. A game lasts three and a half hours with three or four hands in a round. Players bid to take a contract and during the auction converse about the strength and weakness of their hand. The side with the winning bid tries to fulfill their contract, while their opposition tries to keep them from reaching that goal.

The game is very structured and after rounds players refer to a chart to tell them which table they are to move to. Scores are recorded in individual booklets as well as documented on handheld devices that are then uploaded to a computer and sent to a national data base.

On July 26<sup>th</sup> there were five tables spread around the clubhouse. Throughout play conversations were kept to a minimum and sidebar comments seemed to stay at individual tables.

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## **SERIOUS PLAY SHARPENS MINDS: BLACK CANYON DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB**

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"You were lucky to have those diamonds go twice."

"Hey, I was nice to you!"

"Ah-Ha...we call this a friendly game?"

"Oh my...I had an isolated king of hearts."

"I wondered why you didn't play that before."

In general, when players moved to a new table there was a lull in the talkativeness as people adjusted to new tablemates. However, Don Barnett, who has a booming voice, and his partner Jim May did not have that problem. On the contrary, these men had a hard time keeping their voices and table talk quiet.

Frequently those around the room would send them a disapproving glance, while others said, "Shhh...Shhh...Shhh. Goodness gracious guys!"

The formality, seriousness, and need for quiet in the room is better understood when you realize that each table is playing the same hand, at the same time and with the same cards. Aside from possibly breaking the concentration of other players, any

talk about the cards in your hand, the cards that were played, or the order in which they were played, could conceivably give others in the room an advantage in their play.

Marilyn Cohen, who belongs to a

huge club in Florida, visits her brother in Montrose once a year and has nothing but praise for the local club, "This is one of the nicest bridge clubs around. I come for nine or 10 days and get to play twice a week. Gail always finds me a partner...and they serve food!"



*Unlike other card games there is no sound of cards being shuffled during duplicate bridge. Cards are pre-shuffled, put in trays and then taken to each table. The trays contain four hands of 13 cards each and the same hands are played at each table. Photo by Gail Marvel.*

### *Contact Information:*

*Black Canyon Duplicate Bridge Club  
Meets Tuesday and Friday - 12:30 p.m.  
Montrose Lion's Clubhouse  
602 N. Nevada  
Montrose, CO  
President Gail Hamilton 970-249-5422*

## Colorado West Christian School will be hosting **Biblical Worldview Shaping**

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- 9:40 - 10:40 a.m. What Makes Education Christian? (Part 2)
- 10:50 - 11:50 a.m. NOT "Just the Facts, Ma'am"
- 12:00 - 1:45 p.m. Lunch together at facility
- 12:50 - 1:50 Technology Giveth, Technology Taketh Away
- 2:00 - 3:00 Christian vs. Secular: Does the Difference Matter?

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### *Special to Art & Sol*

MONTROSE- Savor the flavor of the Western Slope! If you have an interest in great kitchens and great food, then mark your calendar for the 4th annual local foods, chefs, and home tour on Sunday, Sept. 11. Savor the San Juans showcases local agriculture and nearly 60 other local businesses including contractors, florists, bakers, vintners, and home design specialists in support of two area non-profits.

This year's tour features a Santa Fe Style Hacienda, a Vintage Four Square, a Spacious River Lodge, an Elegant Western Masterpiece, a Chic Rustic Ranch, and a Classic Southwestern Transitional home. Unique this year are numerous outbuildings that can also be toured including a restored 1904 carriage house, an antique print shop, a cowboy heaven bunkhouse, a fantastic riverside recreation area and a top of the line woodshop. These carefully curated and diverse homes span the gambit from historic renovations to contemporary alternative energy homes.

The craftsmanship of local contractors, florists, and table decorators will be on full display at each decorated home along with a full array of regional culinary talent as chefs prepare seasonal tastings from

the farms and ranches of Valley Food Partners. The brunch sampler at Cobble Creek Golf Club and a local wine, beer, cider and dessert tasting reception at Remington's at The Bridges Golf Club make for a complete culinary and design adventure not to be missed.

A limited number of tickets are available to the public beginning August 10th at the following Montrose locations: Tiffany's, ETC, The Aqua Studio, The Bridges Golf Shop, Montrose Farmers' Market, and Timberline Bank. Tickets are \$35 before September 1 and then go up to \$40 and are available for sale online at [www.valleyfoodpartnership.org/savorthesanjuans/](http://www.valleyfoodpartnership.org/savorthesanjuans/). The brunch sampler begins at 10:30 am at Cobble Creek, ticketholders can tour the homes from 11 am -3 pm, and then celebrate at The Bridges anytime from 1:00-4:00 pm.

The tour benefits the Valley Food Partnership and the Montrose Community Foundation and is presented by Alpine Bank and the David and Gaynelle Mize Family, with special thanks to Remington's at The Bridges, *Montrose Daily Press*, TEI Rock Drills, ElderAdo Financial, Budget Blinds, Camelot Gardens, and Intermountain Pathologist Group.



The Valley Food Partnership strives to improve the health of all community members and to invigorate the economy by expanding access to locally grown foods. As a mission driven organization, the Valley Food Partnership is committed to working together to grow a healthy community by connecting local farms to forks.

The Montrose Community Foundation serves the agenda of the community by providing capacity-building workshops for nonprofit organizations, scholarships to deserving students, philanthropy programs to area youth, community service recognition programs, partnership for community initiatives, and grants to non-profits. More information at [www.valleyfoodpartnership.org/savorthesanjuans/](http://www.valleyfoodpartnership.org/savorthesanjuans/) or 249-3900.





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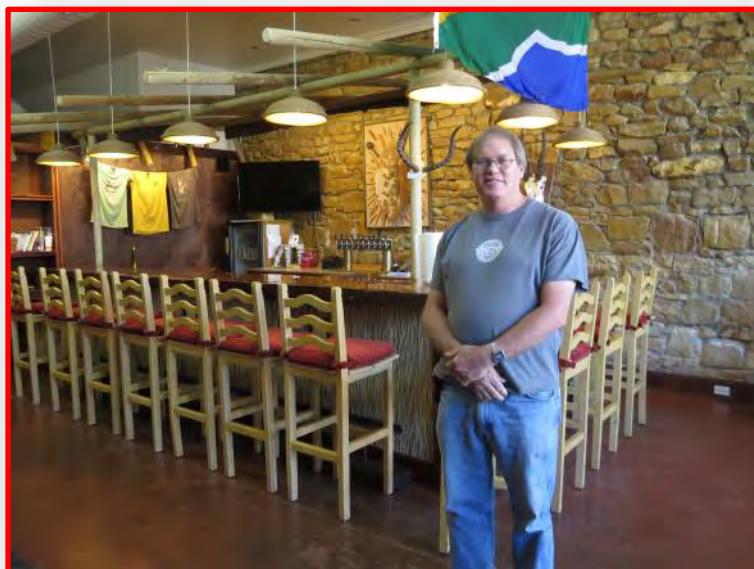
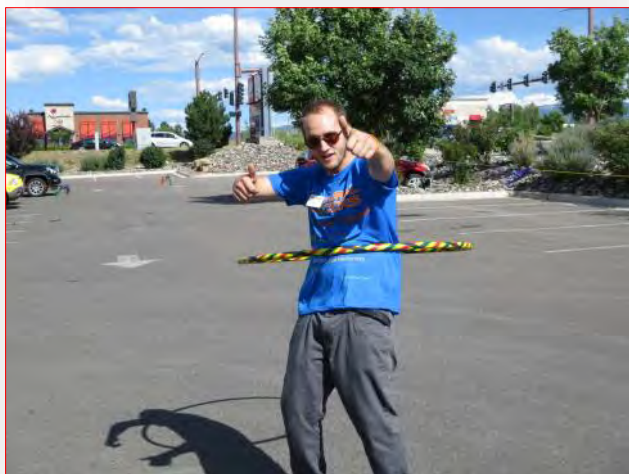
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## MIRROR IMAGES...MONTROSE @ WORK & PLAY!



*Clockwise from center left, Natural Grocers celebrated 61 years in business with a day of fun activities Aug. 11, including an attempt to break the Guinness Book of World Records world record for simultaneous hula hoopers at different locations; Damon Pace at the newly opened Zulu Brewing Co on Main Street; a shop cat looks through the glass at Chow Down Pet Supplies.*





## NOTES FOR THE JOURNEY...

Exploring Classical Music With Rob Brethouwer

### SMALL SETTING, MAJOR TALENT AT SJCMF MONTROSE

On Aug. 7, 2016, the San Juan Chamber Music Festival made a rare appearance in Montrose. The program was music by and for children and offered a nice sample of chamber music, some not often heard in a concert setting.

The musicians were of the highest caliber with international careers. Hearing this level of technical virtuosity was nice to see up close and personal. By design, chamber music is to be performed in intimate settings and the venue at the Montrose United Methodist Church did not disappoint.

*"The Swan" from "Carnaval of the Animals" by Camille Saint-Saens.* The piano is accompaniment in this piece and offers a lilting and barely melodic background. This is a piece where you do not want anything to detract from the solo cello. The first few notes from the cello sounded as if they were coming straight out of the ground. They simply materialized into existence as if out of the very ether. The sound was in your ears before you could comprehend the movement of the cellist's bow. This is pure melody that invokes the vision of a swan gently moving across tranquil water. The listener is immediately captured by the melody and the flow of one note into another. One simple and small mistake by the solo cellist would ruin the moment and bring the joy of this already short piece to a premature end. This did not happen of course and the end came all too soon.

*Scenes from Childhood, Op. 15 by Robert Schumann.* The piano soloist Max Levinson gave some excellent background information on this piece prior to sitting at the piano to perform. Without this background describing memories of childhood, this piece would have sounded overly melancholy and dreary. Just enough information was provided that the music took

on a different meaning and that elements of childhood could be heard. In the middle of the piece came the most familiar melody in the *Traumerei (Dreaming)* and gave the listener just a hint of a known melody. The piece consists of thirteen short musical vignettes with titles such as *A Curious Story, Pleading Child, Knight of the Hobby-Horse, and Child Falling Asleep.* A piece that is not so familiar but was perfect for the theme of the concert.

*Divertimento from "The Fairy's Kiss" by Igor Stravinsky.* Max Levinson and Harumi Rhodes performed this wonderful piece for violin and piano flawlessly. Ms. Rhodes, who is now Professor of Violin at the University of Colorado-Boulder, gave a performance full of gentle emotion and strong outbursts of pure virtuosity accompanied by full body movement. This was something that was exciting to witness close-up and added greatly to the overall performance.

Harumi Rhodes provided background and it was very helpful in understanding the origins of the piece, the homage paid to Piotr Ilych Tchaikovsky, the story details from Hans Christian Andersen, and elements for the ballet. Composed in four movements, the piece passed far too quickly. This was one of those performances that inspire the purchasing of the music on iTunes or on CD and further reading on the background of the piece.

*Raindrops by Jean Sibelius.* This very short but fun piece sounded just like its title, raindrops. Less than a minute long, the ditty for cello and violin was pure fun and offered a small amount of humor before the final piano quartet.

*Piano Quartet in f minor, Op. 2 by Felix Mendelssohn.* Written when the composer was only thirteen years old, the quartet features piano, violin, viola, and cello. The quartet has the musical maturity of a piece composed by someone much older



Max Levinson. Courtesy photo.

than a mere thirteen. Consisting of four movements, the music is a textbook example of how instruments play off of each other and are featured independently in chamber music.

The piano quartet is at the heart and core of chamber music and hearing it performed by some of the best players in the world is a rare treat in cultural centers and almost unheard of in Montrose, Colorado.

A small setting offers the opportunity to closely watch the individual performers and notice the small facial gestures and looks they give each other during the piece. The communication between chamber players is musical and non-verbal and is vital to a successful performance.

This piano quartet would be an excellent introduction to the world of chamber music for the first time listener and for those who want to hear the genius produced by a boy composer.

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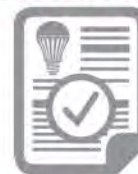


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## MIRROR IMAGES...REBECCA LOEBE HOUSE CONCERT!



### *Mirror Staff Report*

*MONTROSE-On Aug. 13, Harris, Yvonne and Julia Meek welcomed friends and neighbors to the gorgeous space at 511 Main Street for a house concert with Austin, Texas-based singer/songwriter Rebecca Loeb.*







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# Community Potluck

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*However, participation in Potluck is \$5 per person for families bringing a dish –  
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### Potluck Information

Those participating in the community potluck dinner are encouraged to bring a dish with ingredients from our local farms or farmer's market (*held on Fridays from 10-3*):

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# COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & CULTURE

## SCOTTISH RITE PROGRAM EXPANDS ACCESS TO ESSENTIAL SPEECH THERAPY



More than 100 attendees visited Buckley Park in Montrose for a picnic celebrating patients of the RiteCare program. Courtesy photos.



### Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-- More than 100 attendees visited Buckley Park in Montrose for a picnic celebrating patients of the *RiteCare* program. Established by the Scottish Rite—charitable arm of the Masons—the program expands care to families in Montrose and Delta by increasing access to Mountain View Therapy's speech therapy

services. The picnic featured a BBQ meal, clowns, face-painting and balloon animals for the various pediatric patients and their families who are assisted by the program. Specifically, the program aids families whose insurance does not cover the cost of speech therapy services—often due to developmental delays.

For the Scottish Rite, the picnic is a celebration that makes their program feel

“real.”

“It puts a face to the people we’re trying to help,” said Bill Kledus, a Scottish Rite member who organized the event. “I can see the parents, grandparents, the caregivers and the kids- it all comes together in the picture. When we have the meetings, we have the first name. We never see the child, or the care giver. So to at least put a smiling face to it...it helps us see who we’re helping.” According to Patti Anderson, a Speech Language Pathologist at Mountain View Therapy who works with pediatric patients regularly, the program is important for bringing essential services to young patients who would otherwise not get the care they need. “We’re delighted by the work the Scottish Rite performs each year to increase access to the high-quality pediatric care delivered by Mountain View Therapy at Montrose Memorial Hospital,” said Steve Hannah, MHA, CEO of Montrose Memorial Hospital. “We’re proud to work with them to increase the health status of our community.” The Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado’s mission is to enhance the quality of life for Colorado’s children and their families by supporting high quality, collaborative programs for the prevention and treatment of childhood language disorders. The foundation is a 501(c)3 public charity that has spent \$37 million on speech-language services, including \$849,000 in 2015.

For more information, contact Bill Kledus at (970) 209-0170.

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10 am-10:45 Pre-Ballet with Miss Leeann (ages 2.5-5)  
3:45-4:30 Primary ballet Miss Leeann  
4:30-5:30 Ballet 1/2 with Miss Wendy (ages 8-10)  
5:30-6:30 Intermediate Hip-Hop with Miss Valerie (ages 8-11)  
6:30-7:30 Advanced Hip Hop with Miss Valerie (ages 12 and up)

### Tuesdays

12pm-12:45 Intro to Tap and Jazz! With Miss Natasha (ages 2.5-5)  
3:45-4:45 Wee/Jr CO with Miss Natasha (4-8th grade)  
4:45-6:00 Sr. Co with Miss Natasha (grades 9-12, or w/ instructor approval)  
6:00-8:00 Ballet 4/5 with Miss Natasha (w/ instructor approval)

### Wednesdays

2:45-3:30 Pre-Ballet with Miss Leeann  
3:30-4:30 Poms/Cheer Funk with Miss Valerie (ages 9 and up)  
4:30-6:00 Ballet 3/4 with Miss Caroline (ages 10+ w/ instructor approval)  
6:00-8:00 Ballet 4/5 with Miss Caroline (w/ instructor approval)

### Thursdays

4:00-5:00 Wee little Hip Hop with Miss Leeann (ages 4-7)  
5:00-6:00 Kid's Tap (ages-11) with Madison  
6:00-7:00 Tween/Teen Tap (ages 12 and up) with Madison  
7:00-8:00 **Adult Tap** with Madison

### Fridays

3:45-4:30 Primary ballet (ages 5-7) w/ Miss Natasha & Miss Leeann  
4:30-5:30 Tap/jazz (ages 5-8) with Miss Natasha  
5:30-6:30 Ballet 1/2 (ages 7.5 -9) with Miss Natasha  
6:30-8:00 Ballet 3/4 (ages 10-14) with Miss Natasha  
8:00-8:30 Pre-Pointe/Pointe (by approval) with Miss Natasha

Classes begin the week of September 12th and run for 12 weeks (no class Thanksgiving Week)

All students (unless opting-out by week 3) will perform in the end-of-the-semester performance of "The Polar Express" at the Montrose Pavilion on \*December 16 & 17 (\*pre-k students will perform in only one performance as the cast will be split).

### PRICING

Once-Annual Registration Fee: \$25

30 min class = \$70  
45-60 min class = \$162 + \$28 show fee  
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2 hour class = \$265 + \$28 show fee

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# COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & CULTURE

## COMMUNITY FORESTRY CONFERENCE OFFERED SEPT. 9 IN ALAMOSA

### Special to the Mirror

ALAMOSA-The Colorado State Forest Service, City of Alamosa, Adams State University and Colorado Tree Coalition are together hosting western Colorado's premier community forestry conference on Friday, Sept. 9, at ASU's Student Union Building in Alamosa.

At the 26th Annual Western Colorado Community Forestry Conference, forestry professionals, arborists, local landscaping experts, green industry consultants and others will present information and offer updates on community forestry issues relevant to small communities in western and southern Colorado. Anyone interest-

ed in tree care and community forestry is invited to attend.

This year's conference theme, *Adding Value to Communities*, will focus on tree values, funding needs and costs associated with community forestry programs. In addition to community tree finances, the group will also look at urban trees from the perspective of the arborist, landscaper and city department responsible for public trees.

"We want this conference to educate everyone, including citizens who care about trees, anybody planning a landscaping project with trees, business owners and city managers who handle budgets. We

have a great line-up of speakers that will ensure you come away with useful information," said Adam Moore, district forester for the CSFS Alamosa District. The district serves the San Luis Valley, including Alamosa, Saguache, Rio Grande, Mineral, Conejos and Costilla counties.

At this year's conference, experts from the CSFS, local landscape companies, regional businesses with International Society of Arboriculture-certified arborists and other organizations will provide 45- to 60-minute presentations in the morning, followed by field tours in the afternoon and a closing panel discussion.

The cost of the workshop is \$25 per per-

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### ELK HUNTERS, INCREASE YOUR CHANCE OF SUCCESS WITH CPW'S FREE 'ELK HUNTING 101' SEMINAR, AUG. 17 IN GRAND JUNCTION!

#### Special to the Mirror

GRAND JUNCTION - Colorado Parks and Wildlife reminds elk hunters that now is the time to start planning for your fall hunts, both with boots-on-the-ground scouting trips and free seminars like CPW's free 'Elk Hunting 101' class, scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 17 at the Hunter Education Building, 711 Independent Avenue in Grand Junction.

The one-evening seminar is offered through CPW's Hunter Outreach Program and is co-sponsored by the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. Space is limited and registration is required. To reserve your spot call 970-255-6181.

"This is one of our more popular seminars because it covers a lot of ground and information that is very useful for both novices or experienced hunters," said Dick Severin, assistant hunter outreach coordinator for CPW. "Success depends on how much preparation you do now, before the

hunting seasons begin, so we encourage everyone to take advantage of the opportunity."

The class will cover numerous topics, including basic elk biology, preferred forage, migration patterns, calling techniques, equipment and field dressing tips.

Colorado's elk populations remain the largest in North America. Millions of acres of public land and the availability of unlimited over-the-counter licenses continues to attract hunters eager to enjoy excellent hunting opportunities in some of the most scenic areas in the country.

The Hunter Outreach Program teaches novice and inexperienced hunters the knowledge, skills, ethics, and traditions of hunting. Through workshops, clinics, seminars, and educational hunts, the program appeals to diverse interests, backgrounds and levels of ability, helping novices through the first steps toward becoming a part of Colorado's hunting heritage and



traditions.

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Wed. Aug. 17, 6-9 p. m.

CPW's Hunter Education Building, 711 Independent Ave. Grand Junction

Registration required: Call 970-255-6181

For more information about the Hunter Outreach Program, go

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### **NUVISTA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION HIRES LOCAL CEO, BJ CORAM**



*Special to the Mirror*  
MONTROSE-NuVista Federal Credit Union is overjoyed to announce the selection of BJ Coram as CEO of the organization. After the retirement of former CEO Dan Sheeting, the Credit Union performed a nationwide search for its CEO spanning a five week period. The search resulted in sixty-five applications from all areas of the country. In the end, the Board of Directors and staff conducted final interviews with two candidates, Coram among them. Coram was ultimately selected as CEO and began his employment with the Credit Union on July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Coram brings twenty-two years of banking experience to the Credit Union. He was born and raised in Montrose. Coram has been a member of NuVista for 13 years.



## OPINION/EDITORIAL: COMMENTARY

### AN OPEN LETTER TO THE PEOPLE OF WESTERN COLORADO

Dear Caitlin:

On behalf of the Old Spanish Trail Association, may I express our deep appreciation to all of the wonderful friendly people who hosted us in both Grand Junction & Delta during our recent Old Spanish Trail Annual Conference!

Vicki Felmlee, Colorado State Director for the Old Spanish Trail Association and her crew who organized the Annual Conference, along with Chris Miller and crew at Fort Uncompahgre & the Museum of Western Colorado all deserve special recognition for their outstanding efforts.

We also wish to thank the Colorado & Utah BLM offices & the NPS office from Santa Fe for their cooperation & support of our efforts to preserve, protect & interpret the Old Spanish Trail!

Spending time on the Trail with well over 100 of the best people from Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada, Utah & California and other parts of the country, was an experience of a lifetime!

We enjoyed your hospitality, your food & your peaches.

Thank you again & happy trails to all of you!

Ashley Hall

Ashley Hall, President

Old Spanish Trail Association

PS: Learn more about the Old Spanish Trail Association by logging into: [www.oldspanishtrail.org](http://www.oldspanishtrail.org).

### CLASSIFIED NOTICE: MMH: NOTICE OF DIRECTOR APPLICATIONS

The Board of Directors of Montrose Memorial Hospital, Inc., a Colorado community nonprofit corporation, is accepting applications from residents of Montrose County, Colorado for positions as Directors of Montrose Memorial Hospital.

Application packets are available for download at [MontroseHospital.com](http://MontroseHospital.com) or at the Montrose Memorial Hospi-

tal Administration office, 800 South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Montrose, Colorado, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday or by request at [gstone@montrosehospital.com](mailto:gstone@montrosehospital.com). Deadline for completed applications is August 26, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. at MMH Administration Office. Emailed applications will not be accepted. Interviews will be conducted the

week of August 29, 2016 and elections will be held by the Board of Directors at its annual meeting in October, date to be announced. Casey Corrigan, Chairman Nominating Committee Montrose Memorial Hospital, Inc. Posted: Montrose Memorial Hospital Administration Offices July 27, 2016

### The Center for Mental Health welcomes Dena Ridenour!

Dena graduated from the University of Kansas Medical Center with a Master's Degree in Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing.

Dena is a fully qualified and experienced advanced nurse practitioner with prescriptive authority since 1995. Dena is efficient, thorough and passionate about delivering the best levels of care to patients. She possesses extensive healthcare experience in a wide range of key nursing fields.

Dena will be providing services at the Miami Clinic located at 605 E. Miami Rd. in Montrose, CO.

We are very excited to welcome Dena to our team!



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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### WESTERN SLOPE WINS \$90K TO SUPPORT FARMERS

**THE COLORADO FARM TO SCHOOL TASK FORCE AND COBANK JOIN FORCES TO SUPPORT FARM TO SCHOOL**

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-The Western Slope group, headed by the Valley Food Partnership, won a \$90k grant to support local producers who would like to sell their produce directly to local schools, but face structural hurdles. Now underway, the program will reimburse farmers – up to \$10k per farm – for any investments they make that will improve on-farm food safety. In exchange, farmers must demonstrate increased sales of fruits and vegetables to local schools.

The Colorado Farm to School Task Force and CoBank joined forces to create this pilot program in an effort to support farm to school in the region. The funding was allocated through a regional competition between Western Slope, the North Front

Range, and the South Front Range. Regions identified a lead community-based organization, at least two school districts, and at least five local farmers to apply for the grant.

The Western Slope area, known as the state's "fruit basket", is well-situated to take full advantage of this program. "We couldn't be more pleased to see the Western Slope area win the competition. We are confident the program will help them significantly expand the supply of local fruits and vegetables sold to their schools" said Sarah Tyree, Vice President of Government Affairs at CoBank.

The innovative program directly addresses food safety, which is a major barrier for producers to sell to schools. While many small- to mid-sized producers sell directly

to consumers, such as at farmers' markets, selling to most schools necessitates they have formal farm food safety plans. This poses a big jump in costs and time. The pilot program directly addresses this barrier by providing a supply-side investment in farm to school. Ultimately, this investment will promote a healthier Colorado by expanding the amount of local produce sold to schools and a stronger economy by increasing the number of producers selling produce to schools. Lyn Kathlene from Spark Policy Institute said, "This initiative will make Colorado a vanguard in the Farm to School movement. Very few states in the country are approaching the supply side of Farm to School expansion by investing in on-farm food safety improvements."

Eight growers joined in the grant application. Joining them are two school districts – Montrose and Mesa – which have begun buying local produce and want to buy a great deal more. Valley Food Partnership is the community lead partner and brings a strong track record of implementing local food programs. Spark Policy Institute will be evaluating the impact of the pilot program to see if on-farm food safety investments help farmers participate in the school food marketplace. If successful, the Colorado Farm to School Task Force and CoBank hope to expand the program to other regions.



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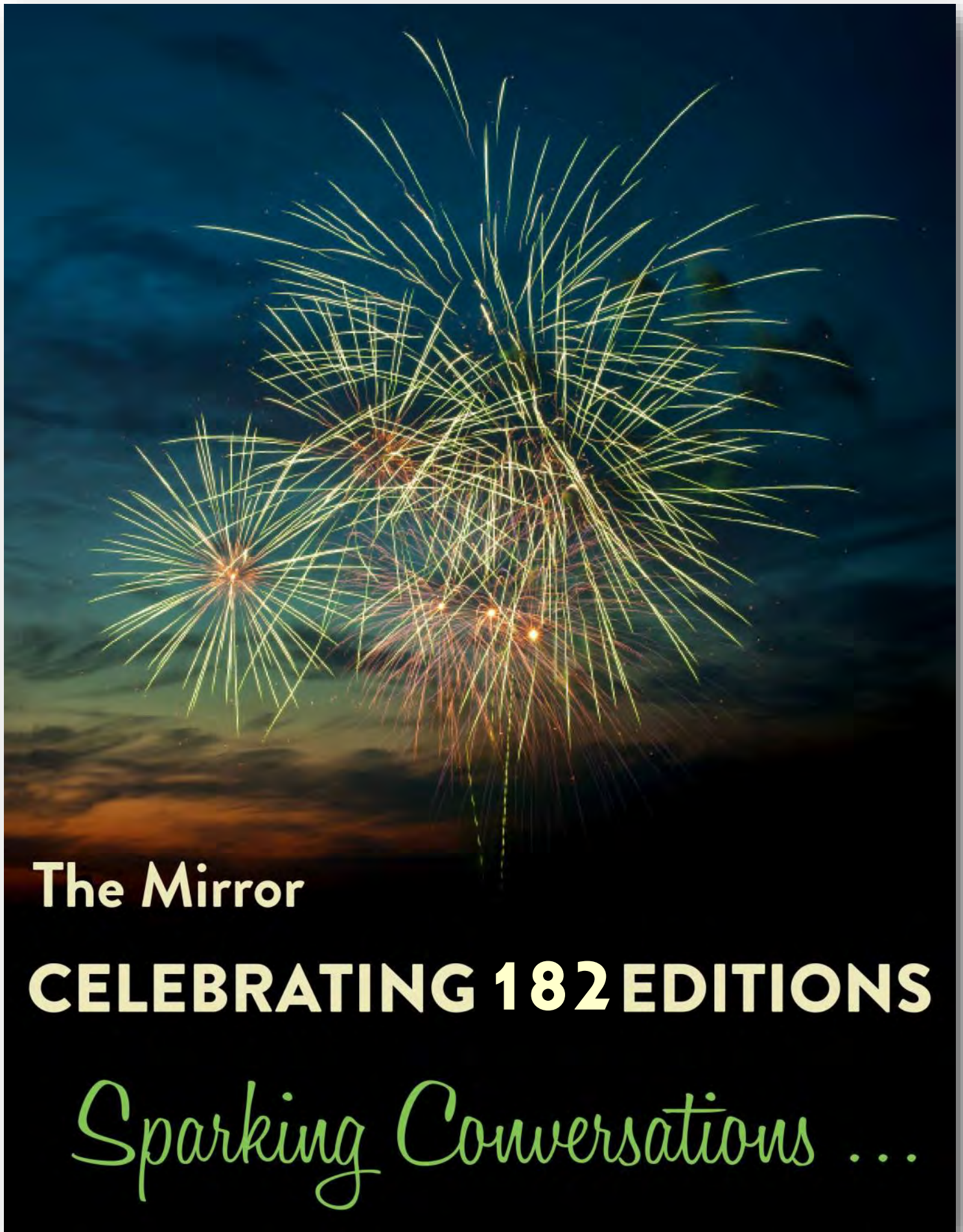
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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### PROXIMITY SPACE CO-FOUNDER TO SPEAK IN GUNNISON

#### *Special to Art & Sol*

GUNNISON-Proximity Space in Montrose, CO, was named "Best CoWorking Space on Earth" by *Forbes* Magazine, and its co-founder, Dennis Lankes, will speak in Gunnison on Friday, Sept. 16.

Lankes will keynote "The Topnotch Non-profit" conference in the Student Center on the Western State Colorado University campus at 9 a.m. that day. The title of his presentation is "Creativity, Collaboration & Community: Keys to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century."

Lankes, who co-owns two other businesses in the region, has worked with Michael's Arts & Crafts, Fox Sports, Village Voice Media, and CheckPoint Software. At Proximity Space, he works with new and existing startups to focus on acceleration and development of small business ideas in small to medium markets, maximizing the use of technology to do so. As a "big idea man," he says "I live the slogan 'Ideas not Ads.' The ideas help me put new businesses in touch with their clients. I am an action consultant, using digital action to create in-person experi-

ences."

Proximity Space co-founder Josh Freed, speaking of the *Forbes* designation said, "The problems faced today, specifically in a small market economy, will require solutions built by leaders both in the public and private sectors who are willing to reach for distant goals, whether the topic is housing, education, or keeping a diverse talent pool. Doing so depends upon connecting communities, leveraging regional strengths and deepening collaborations." Lankes' keynote kicks off "The Topnotch Nonprofit," sponsored by the Western Slope Nonprofit Council. The all-day gathering, open to anyone, features seminars by prominent local and Western Slope specialists in topics ranging from financial reporting to understanding a community's needs to team-building to the provocative topic, "Life-Work Balance: Pure Fiction?"

For the full agenda, or to register, go to <http://www.western.edu/academics/extended-studies/topnotch-nonprofit>. Anyone registering before Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> will have the opportunity to direct specific



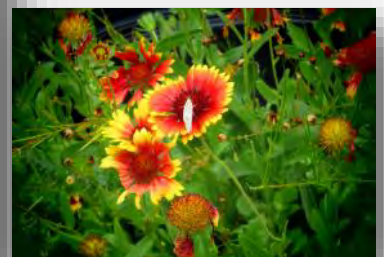
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questions to presenters prior to the conference. Call Maryo Ewell, 970/641-3570 or email [maryo@cfgv.org](mailto:maryo@cfgv.org) for additional information. The general public may attend Lankes' keynote only for \$5 by coming to the registration door at the Ballroom in the University Center on Western's campus the morning of the Institute.

## MIRROR IMAGES...RAINBOW OVER POMONA SCHOOL



**Mirror Staff Photo**  
**MONTROSE-Mirror Reporter**  
**Gail Marvel snapped this photo**  
**of Pomona Elementary School**  
**between rain showers last**  
**week. Students of Montrose**  
**County School District RE-1J**  
**head back to the classroom**  
**beginning this week.**



# Hold the Date! Upcoming Business and Cultural Events

## ONGOING-

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

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

**MAGIC CIRCLE THEATRE FOR CHILDREN: JUNE**-A musical version of "The Velveteen Rabbit", based on the 1922 classic tale by Margery Williams, will be presented by Magic Circle Players' *Theatre for Children*. Evening performances are scheduled for June 10, 17, 18, at 7 pm and matinees on June 11, 12, and 18, at 2 pm. For information visit the website at [www.magiccircleplayers.com](http://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](http://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](mailto: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-

**Aug. 15**-Ouray County Players present "The Great Ice Cream Scheme" melodrama, Aug. 1, 8, 15. Show time 7:30 box office opens 6:30 at the Wright Opera House. Adults \$10 Children \$5. Purchase on line at [www.thewrightoperahouse.org](http://www.thewrightoperahouse.org). or at the box office.

**Aug. 16**-Republican Caucus Rewind-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.

**Aug. 17**-CPW's free 'Elk Hunting 101' class, scheduled for 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17 at the Hunter Education Building, 711 Independent Avenue in Grand Junction. The one-evening seminar is offered through CPW's Hunter Outreach Program and is co-sponsored by the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. Space is limited and registration is required. To reserve your spot call 970-255-6181. For more information about the Hunter Outreach Program, go to [www.cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/HunterOutreach.aspx](http://www.cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/HunterOutreach.aspx).

**Aug. 18**-Healthy Rhythm Gallery presents Jordan Johnson solo exhibition opening night, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. 68 South Grand Avenue.

**Aug. 18**-Learn how to antique furniture and work with Old Fashioned Milk Paint: Aug. 18, Aug. 25, Sept. 1, Painted Wall 345 E Main Street Montrose, Co. 6-8 pm \$35 Jennifer Tate will be teaching this workshop. All supplies, demo/instruction, a glass of wine and a good time all included! Please RSVP in advance to reserve your spot Bring a chair if you want to participate in the Chair-ity fundraiser September 3 or Any other small item to work on. Purchase a package of four workshops for the price of 3. Buy paint during a workshop and receive 10 percent off. RSVP 970 219-7260.

**Aug. 19-20**-ForkFest 2016 — various locations in Ridgway and Ouray. Chefs demos, restaurant crawl, cooking classes, farm-to-table community potluck dinner and more. Info: [www.weehawkenarts.org](http://www.weehawkenarts.org).

**Aug. 23**- If you're new to big game hunting or if you want to brush up on game-processing skills, plan to attend an evening seminar, 6-9 p.m., Aug 23, at the Colorado Parks and Wildlife office in Montrose, 2300 S. Townsend Ave. (U.S. Hwy. 550). The seminar will cover how to cut a big-game animal into manageable pieces in the field, and then how to cut, wrap and freeze meat for storage when you get home. The session is free, but space is limited; please call CPW's Montrose office to sign up at 970-252-6000. For those who can't attend the seminar, view this helpful how-to video from CPW: <https://vimeo.com/17100180>.

**Aug. 25**-Learn how to antique furniture and work with Old Fashioned Milk Paint: Aug. 25, Sept. 1, Painted Wall 345 E Main Street Montrose, Co. 6-8 pm \$35 Jennifer Tate will be teaching this workshop. All supplies, demo/instruction, a glass of wine and a good time all included! Please RSVP in advance to reserve your spot Bring a chair if you want to participate in the Chair-ity fundraiser September 3 or Any other small item to work on. Purchase a package of four workshops for the price of 3. Buy paint during a workshop and receive 10 percent off. RSVP 970 219-7260.

**Aug 26** -"Legends and True Tales" historical walking tour at 7 pm - \$5 per person.

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**Sept. 3**-Chair-ity Fundraiser for Montrose Center for the Arts, Montrose Farmers Market . Call 970-249-1350 for information or to pre-register.

**Sept. 6**-Ignite Montrose is Tuesday (9/6) at Two Rascals Brewing Company (7 pm). Listen to fast paced presentations (5 minutes each) and get inspired! Interested in sharing your passions, hobbies, adventures? Call Nancy (970- 209-2175) and get on the schedule!

**Sept. 10**- Mountain States Ranch Rodeo at the Montrose County Fairgrounds. Gates will open at 2 PM. The rodeo performance begins at 3 PM. Tickets outlets will be announced soon. For group ticket sales of 25 or more, contact 970-240-4176.

**Sept. 10**-Kara Huber Piano Concert Saturday, Sept. 10 7:30 p.m. Wright Opera House, 472 Main Street, Ouray Adults \$25, Students \$5 Buy Tickets URL: <http://www.ocpag.org/>



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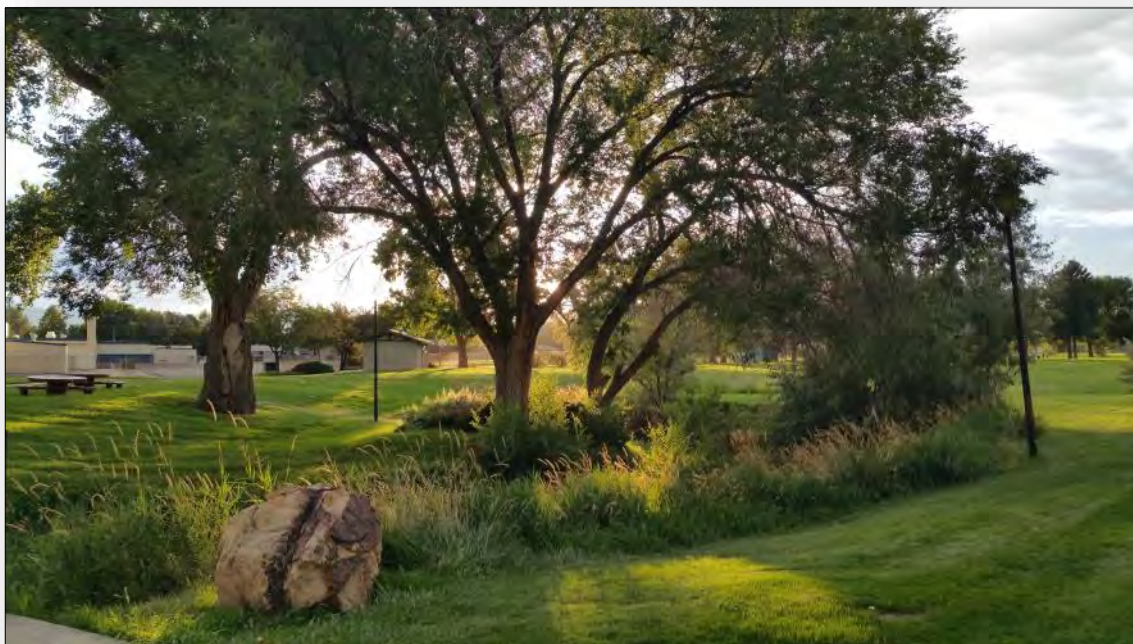
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