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## PEACH OF A FUNDRAISER HELPS LOCAL ORCHARD, BENEFITS MONTROSE & OLATHE FFA PROGRAMS



*Montrose and Olathe Future Farmers of America (FFA) students are selling locally grown peaches this week, as part of the annual FFA fundraiser. Mirror file photo.*

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—Like any small, agricultural business owner, John Murray of Olathe has learned to adapt to industry change. “We have been in the orchard business here since the 1980’s,” Murray said. “It has been interesting here lately—there used to be dozens of packing sheds, and now there are just two. Our orchard is changing directions because of that; we want to sell more of our fruit local.”

So Murray, who sells mostly peaches and sweet cherries, is turning to some local kids for help. A partnership with students in the Montrose High School Future Farmers of America (FFA) will help raise funds for the FFA program and get more local fruit in the hands of local shoppers.

“It just occurred to me, because I have friends in Palisade and they do lots of fundraisers,” Murray said. “We can help the kids of Montrose and

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## TOWNE CENTRE SHOPS TO INCLUDE COFFEE TRADER 2, JIMMY JOHN’S

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—A blighted, rubble-filled city block will soon be transformed into a beautiful, fully-landscaped shopping center—one that includes the long-awaited Coffee Trader 2 and a [Jimmy John’s](#) franchise—thanks to two local businessmen.

The new Towne Centre breaks ground this week, just one block off Townsend at South Fifth Street. Other tenants will eventually be joining Coffee Trader 2 and Jimmy John’s, including an ice cream franchise and the headquarters for a local insurance company.

Coffee Trader Partner Dee Coram told the *Mirror* Saturday that expanding to a second Downtown location—with a convenient drive-through—is another way of serving the loyal customers who have patronized Coffee Trader for nearly 17 years.

“We are excited to offer our clientele another location,” Coram said. “We have

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*Architectural rendering of the new Towne Centre shops, to be located at South Fifth and Townsend near Montrose High School. So far, tenants include Coffee Trader 2 and Jimmy John’s Subs. Courtesy image.*

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## DAY TRIPPING...RIDE THE RIMROCKER TRAIL TO MOAB!



*Dead Horse Point, above, is one of the earth's most photographed landscapes. Center, four-wheel drive enthusiasts take to the Hell's Revenge Trail; at left, Canyonlands National Park. Photos courtesy Moab Area Travel Council.*

By Caitlin Switzer

MOAB, UTAH—There are some who remember Moab as a sleepy little town. Not today! Moab is a City defined by action and excitement, where visitors come from around the world to live life to the fullest. Top local attractions include two national parks, Arches and Canyonlands, and Dead Horse Point State Park, one of the most photographed locations on the planet. Moab also boasts world class biking terrain and three scenic byways.

What's not to love? Perhaps best of all, the new Rimrocker Trail runs from Montrose, Colorado to Moab, Utah, building yet another connection between the two communities and two states, and more ways to engage with the great outdoors. According to the Rimrocker Trail web site, the trail spans a distance of 160 miles, with 4WD, OHV and bicycle access through some of the West's most stunning scenery.

Excitement continues to build on the Colorado side of the Rimrocker Trail, and on the Utah side as well.

"Everyone here is very enthusiastic," Moab Area Travel Council Executive Director

Elaine Gizler said. "Especially with the approvals from the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service agreeing to what was laid out, we think it is great and we are very excited.

"We think it will really help you on the Colorado side too."

The Rimrocker Trail may be in its infancy, but has the potential to become a "need-to-do-it" experience for ATV and OHV riders, she said. "I believe this will morph into something that is a real destination for people with ATV's."

Also sharing the sense of excitement is Travel Council member and Moab Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jodie Hugentobler.

"We are excited and our business owners are excited," she said. "Anything that helps tourists go back and forth is great for our community!"

According to the Moab Tourism web site, Moab served as the Colorado River crossing for travelers on the Old Spanish Trail, which was used extensively to transport goods on horseback.

Utah History To Go writer Margaret Bearnson points out that Moab is located

near the east bank of the Colorado River on the west side of the 12,500-foot-high La Sal Mountains.

The biblical name Moab was adopted in 1880 when a mail route was established between Salina, Utah, and Ouray, Colorado. The first permanent settlers arrived in 1878-79; but before that date Native Americans occupied the valley and used the nearby crossing of the Colorado River. Tourism has been a staple of the local economy since the 1970's, according to Bearnson.

In addition to recreationalists, Moab is home to a growing arts and culture scene as well, and lays claim to having the most artists per capita of any town in the State of Utah.

Late summer here has plenty to offer music lovers, with a musical raft trip planned for Aug. 24-26 and the Moab Music Festival set for Sept. 1-12, 2016.

Learn more by visiting the Moab Area Travel Council at <http://www.discovermoab.com/profile.htm>. Reach them by phone at 435-259-1370.



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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### BENEFIT FOR JINX MCCAIN HORSEMANSHIP PROGRAM

#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-You are cordially invited to join us for a special evening of western hospitality and entertainment to benefit the Jinx McCain Horsemanship Program of the Semper Fi Fund for critically injured and disabled veterans.

The evening starts with a cowboy dinner catered by Jimmer's Barbecue followed by a live auction of several unique and collectable pieces of western art, apparel, and merchandise which have been donated by local and national friends of Mountain States Ranch Rodeo. Afterwards, we'll enjoy a performance by troubadour Brooke Turner. Brooke is a highly regarded song writer and performer. America's favorite buckaroo poet Waddie Mitchell will close the evening as only Waddie can.

Thanks to the generous support from Alpine Bank, The Stone House, Jimmer's Barbecue, and host of others, 100 percent

of the proceeds from this evening will directly impact the lives of our veterans.

This event will be held at The Turn of the Century Saloon located at 121 N. 4th Street in Montrose. Doors will open at 6 PM. Western attire is always in fashion. Ticket donations are \$100 per person. These are available from both Alpine Bank locations in Montrose, MEDC's office, and at New West Marketing located at 203 W. Main Street. You may call 970/240-4176 for more information.

The Semper Fi Fund provides immediate financial assistance and lifetime support to post-9/11 wounded, critically ill and injured members of all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces, and their families, ensuring that they have the resources they need during their recovery and transition back to their communities.

One of its most successful programs is the Jinx McCain Horsemanship Program

(JMHP) that provides confidence building clinics to critically injured and disabled service members, and provides them the opportunity to learn basic and more advanced skills, to include performance, ranch, and recreational horsemanship. Since its inception in 2011, the JMHP has enabled over 350 veterans to learn first-hand that "the best thing for the inside of a person is the outside of a horse." Most importantly, the JMHP uses horsemanship as its venue to build its riders' confidence, renew their sense of self-worth as an individual and a team member, and assist them to live purpose-filled lives. Working in partnership with Semper Fi Fund's Apprenticeship Program, 20 JMHP riders are being trained to start their own home-based business in trades such as saddle making, boot making, hat making, baking, service dog training, sail making, and furniture making.

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## GOLF COURSE WILL ALWAYS OPERATE AT A LOSS, AUDITOR WARNS CITY OF MONTROSE, YOUTH COUNCIL DRAFTS CHANGES TO SKATEBOARD ORDINANCE



**The City recently purchased 18 new trash/recycle containers for the Black Canyon Golf Course.**

### Mirror Staff Report

MONTROSE-The City of Montrose received an “unmodified clean opinion” from Auditor Tim Mayberry during the annual Audit presentation Aug. 16. However, Mayberry once again cautioned, as he did last year, that the City has too many funds, creating unnecessary layers of complexity. “You have a lot of different funds and different sets of books for different activities,” Mayberry said. Sixteen governmental funds were reviewed in this audit... simplify your accounting structure as much as possible.” The City’s Trash & Recycling fund has a much better financial cushion this year compared to last year,

when it has less than one month, he said.

Mayberry also discussed the Black Canyon Golf Course, which sustained a loss after its first full year of operation. “Municipal Golf Courses are hard to operate and manage,” he said. “You will have to subsidize it as an amenity to the community, and you must decide how much you want to put into that program.

“It’s hard to make money on a golf course.”

When Councilor David Romero later said to the City Youth Council rep that, “We need you to recommend how we can make money on a golf course,” Mayberry responded with, “If you can come up with that, please share it!” Mayberry also reminded City Finance Director Shani Wittenberg that she needs to delegate accounting tasks to her staff, and that her own role should be that of a reviewer. “We don’t want Shani doing, we want her reviewing,” Mayberry said. “Your office structure is getting better, but you need to get the capital asset reconciliation out of your office; Shani has enough high level things to do.”

Council members (Mayor Rex Swanson

was absent) voted unanimously to approve the 2016 Audit as presented. [Read the full audit on the City’s web site.](#)

Also on Aug. 16, City Youth Council members presented council with recent achievements, including an educational booth at FUNC Fest; a mural on a parking barrier; social media efforts; a summer food drive; and working with Assistant City Attorney Andrew Boyko on a draft City Ordinance revising the laws for skateboard riders on city sidewalks.

“There are some restrictions, and this is an opportunity for us to make a change... the law isn’t applicable today.”

Youth Council continues to work to clean up City Parks as well.

During his Public Information Officer report, City Manager Bill Bell praised Assistant City Manager Rob Joseph for stepping up to serve on the board of an international destination marketing association. “I think a round of applause is in order for Rob,” Bell said. After addressing citizen concerns about green waste disposal—non-commercial residents can dispose of green waste by checking in at public works and providing proof of residency—Bell noted that the City may build a deck for music events at the Black Canyon Golf Course. He reminded City residents to step up and support an Aug. 20 “Special Projects” golf tournament planned to raise operating costs for the course. “Please come out and support your community’s

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## ***GOLF COURSE WILL ALWAYS OPERATE AT A LOSS, AUDITOR WARNS CITY OF MONTROSE, YOUTH COUNCIL DRAFTS SKATEBOARD ORDINANCE From pg 4***

golf course," he said. "We need more players and teams to step up."

The public should also be aware of the good being done by the City, he said. "People in our community should be very supportive of Council and staff."

After noting that the City had purchased 18 new trash/recycle containers for the golf course at \$1,000 each, "it was a good investment," Bell said, a youth council member asked whether Council intended to do the same for the City itself.

Bell promised that the City would purchase similar trash/recycle containers for the Downtown area soon. Councilor Dave Bowman reminded community members of the DDA's Downtown Celebration dur-

ing the Mountain States Ranch Rodeo, and urged Youth Council members to create a float. In other business, Council approved Ordinance 2372 on second reading, for the annexation of the Museum of the Mountain West Addition; and Ordinance 2373 on second reading, zoning the Museum of the Mountain West Addition as a "P" Public Place District. Also approved on first reading were Ordinance 2374 for the annexation of the 2016 City of Montrose Addition No. 1; Ordinance 2375 for the zoning of the 2016 City of Montrose Addition No. 1 as a "P", Public District; Ordinance 2376 for the annexation of the 2016 City of Montrose Addition No. 2; Ordinance 2377 for the zoning

of the 2016 City of Montrose Addition No. 2 as a "P" Public District; Ordinance 2378 for the annexation of the 2016 City of Montrose Addition No. 3; Ordinance 2379 for the zoning of the 2016 City of Montrose Addition No. 3 as a "P" Public District; Ordinance 2380 for the annexation of the 2016 City of Montrose Addition No. 4; and Ordinance 2381 for the zoning of the 2016 City of Montrose Addition No. 4 as a "P" Public District. Council approved Ordinance 2382 on first reading as well, for the annexation of the 2016 City of Montrose Addition No. 5, as well as Ordinance 2383 on first reading for the zoning of the 2016 City of Montrose Addition No. 5 as a "P" Public District.

## ***TOWNE CENTRE SHOPS INCLUDE COFFEE TRADER 2, JIMMY JOHN'S From pg 1***



***Site preparation has begun for the new Towne Centre Shops at South Fifth Street and Townsend.***

been able to meet all of our projections for what we wanted to do, and this winter's flight season looks to be pretty amazing."

Towne Centre's developers are two great Coffee Trader customers, he added, Jim Elder and David Coker

Both businesses will have drive-through access, he said.

Coker, who also owns Coker Homes, noted that the location is one of the only spots in town that allows the access and egress needed to truly serve the community's largest employers, from Montrose High School and Re-1J School District to Montrose Memorial Hospital, the City and County offices, as well as the Downtown business community.

The project will include new sidewalks, landscaping, a plaza behind the building, and 58 parking spots. Elder said that the City of Montrose will help with the sidewalks, setting a standard for new development.

"We will clean up this whole part of town," Elder said. "We want to bring excitement, and be a part of the solution for this town as it becomes a destination. And this will be a great place for school groups to meet."

"We are so pleased to offer a drive-through location, and excited that Jimmy John's will be our neighbor," Dee Coram said. Watch for a grand opening celebration in the near future, with Jimmy John's business partner and former Bronco tight end Ron Egloff on hand to help the community celebrate, Elder said.

been interested in looking for a drive-through for some time, and this one is fun because it will be right next to the High School."

Coffee Trader has just celebrated the first anniversary of its concession at Montrose Regional Airport, which has proven to be a resounding success. "Things are going great over there," Coram said. "We have

of Coker Homes.

Elder and Coker met at a Christmas party in Montrose, and found that they shared an interest in bringing some exciting, well-thought-out changes to the Downtown area.

"I am the money and marketing guy, and David is a builder," Elder said. "Also, his son has the franchise for Jimmy John's."

## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### FUNDING STILL AVAILABLE FOR EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE - Rebate funds remain for Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) members who plan to improve the energy efficiency of their home or business. The local electric co-op opened its 2016 rebate program in January and has received a steady stream of applications.

"Far and away, our most successful rebate program this year has been the LED light bulb rebate. Members are taking advantage of the upfront savings that the rebate provides as well as the long-term energy savings that LEDs provide," said Phil Zimmer, DMEA Energy Services Supervisor.

With the 2016 rebate program set to expire on December 31, 2016, DMEA urges members who are considering appliance purchases or home upgrades to do so while funds remain available. Specifically, the co-op anticipates that the LED bulb rebate will decrease in the coming year. Currently, DMEA provides a rebate of 50% of the bulb cost up to \$10 per bulb for LEDs. In 2017, that incentive will drop to 33%.

DMEA also offers rebates for numerous energy efficient technologies including Energy Star appliances, motors, water heaters, and heating and cooling systems. The co-op also has a full lineup of commercial rebate programs including interior

and exterior lighting, heat pumps, case lighting and variable frequency drives. Visit [www.dmea.com/content/rebates](http://www.dmea.com/content/rebates) or call 1-877-687-3632 to learn more about DMEA's rebate programs.

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.

### MONTROSE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL INVITES COMMUNITY INPUT

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-Montrose Memorial Hospital is encouraging feedback from the community regarding its facilities and services. Beginning Monday August 15, we invite you to complete a short, anonymous survey online at [MontroseHospital.com](http://MontroseHospital.com). Survey completion should take approximately 5 minutes. After you complete the survey participants can print off a coupon for a free small specialty coffee from the Lobby Grille's Barista bar.

"Montrose Memorial Hospital is a forward-looking healthcare system, and direct community feedback plays an important role in our approach to meeting our region's healthcare needs," said Steve Hannah, MHA, CEO of Montrose Memorial Hospital. "We want to encourage the community to tell us what is on their mind so we can do our best to meet their needs and continue to be the healthcare provider of choice."

Community members are encouraged to complete the survey at their earliest convenience to ensure their feedback is incorporated in the survey results. Survey participants are not limited by residence: any-



*Montrose Memorial Hospital is encouraging feedback from the community regarding its facilities and services. Courtesy photo.*

one 18 years and older may complete the survey. The survey will be available August 15-31.

For those without internet access, a paper survey is available in several locations

including: the MMH front information desk, the Senior Center at the Montrose Pavilion, Mountain View Therapy (MVT) at Hawk Park and the MVT location in Ridgeway



## **PEACH OF A FUNDRAISER HELPS LOCAL ORCHARD, BENEFITS MONTROSE & OLATHE FFA PROGRAMS From page 1**

Olathe too. I can supply good, quality local fruit, and the kids can make money.

"Buyers get a local, quality product."

The North Fork Valley and the Olathe area are considered to be among the world's highest elevation growing regions. Thank to that, "We think we grow a pretty good peach," Murray said.

The sale began Friday, with more peaches available Monday Aug. 22.

While most of the students have already sold a number of boxes, there will be extras available for community members to purchase at the MHS Ag Building after

school on Monday, Montrose FFA Instructor Bret Saunders said.

Saunders said that while as a parent himself he understands that fundraising can be tiresome, this particular fundraiser is a good one for all concerned.

"This is our fundraiser for the year," he said, noting that the monies raised will pay for things like state and national FFA dues, leadership development programs, career development contests, and the state national FFA conventions.

Roughly 70 students are enrolled in the Montrose High School FFA program this

year, he said.

"Programs cost money, and it seems like we have more and more fees," Saunders said.

"The peach fundraiser a great opportunity; the kids receive 40 percent of the proceeds, and this is an all-local product from a local producer.


"The money stays right here in our community and has a multiplier effect."

The FFA Peach Fundraiser is a first time project, and locals can learn more by calling Murray at 970-640-6013, or MHS FFA Instructor Bret Saunders at 970-250-5550.

### **1346 PEPPERTREE DRIVE ESTATE SALE!**

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## OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

### LUCERO PASSIONATE ABOUT CREATING HEALTHY WORK ENVIRONMENTS

To the Editor Montrose Mirror:

I viewed the video of the Board of County Commissioners meeting on Aug. 1, 2016 and was surprised by Caitlin Switzer's description of Beatrice Lucero's comments requesting that a no-bid contract for the purchase of 21 Konica-Minolta printers be opened up for bids. She was advocating for citizens and county employees whose health she believes could be affected by the chemical odor that may be specific to these printers. She stated legitimate concerns and certainly did not create a "fracas" as stated by Switzer. It is possible to have different perceptions of strong emotions. Lucero is passionate about creating healthy work environments for county employees and is an advocate for transparency in government.

Sincerely,

Jane Ryan, Montrose



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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### FOREST SERVICE CLOSES HORNET TRAIL ON THE UNCOMPAHGRE PLATEAU

*Special to the Mirror*

DELTA – The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests will close a section of the Hornet Trail (NFST 131) located on the south end of the Uncompahgre Plateau due to logging operations in the area. Approximately 1 mile of the trail located between NFSR 540 and NFSR 549 will be closed for the remainder of the summer and fall for safety reasons while the logging operations continue. Please contact the Norwood District Office (970) 327-4261 if you have questions or need more information.

### CITY ACCEPTING YOUTH COUNCIL APPLICATIONS

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-Join the City of Montrose Youth Council and let your voice be heard. The Youth Council is composed of 11 high school students between the ages of 14-18 years who attend school and/or residing in the city's boundaries. Members must have and maintain a grade point

average of 3.0 or greater. Montrose City Council will appoint members based on their application and an interview to be held at the regular City Council meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2016. Members serve one-year terms and may reapply until they graduate from high school. Scholarships of \$250 per year served are available

to those who meet minimum requirements. The Youth Council Manual and application is now available for download at [CityofMontrose.org/497/Youth-Council](http://CityofMontrose.org/497/Youth-Council) or can be requested at City Hall, 433 S. 1st Street. Contact Youth Council Coordinator Tina Woodrum at [970-240-1415](tel:970-240-1415) for more information. Deadline is Sept. 22 at 4 p.m.





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## COUNCIL GIVES NOD TO AIR FUNDING FOR CITY MANAGER, OBT DURING CITY WORK SESSION



**Council gave the nod to giving \$100K in air marketing funds to the City Manager and OBT rather than to Colorado Flights Alliance at the City Council work session of Aug. 15, 2016.**

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE—On Aug. 15, 2016, following a three and a half-hour retreat, the Montrose City Council held a work session from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Discussion items under Office of Business and Tourism (OBT) included Tourism, Events and Air Marketing, which were presented as individual items by Assistant Manager Rob Joseph.

### Tourism:

Joseph asked the council if they were satisfied with the direction OBT is taking, or if they have concerns or ideas. Joseph said, "...tourism is a component of eco-

nomics development, [but it] does have a way to change the face of the community."

Mayor Swanson interjected, "You're doing the right stuff."

Councilman Bowman expressed concern, "There's nothing to back it up, no data and reports...There's no budget information on OBT."

Joseph said, "That was not part of the conversation today." He then directed council to the city website for information and continued, "I really [need] a gut check to see if we are on the right track. I want

to see if we are doing what you had in mind."

Councilman Roy Anderson said, "The tourism part of what you are doing is going really well. How do you propose to put more emphasis on the business part of OBT? Get some people in the community who might want to be here. Not neglect retirees, but get some younger people."

Joseph said, "OBT is a marketing company as per your direction. We are not an event organization."

"We don't want to compete with MEDC (Montrose Economic Development Corporation). I would be hesitant to present programs from OBT that promote businesses."

Councilman David Romero thought OBT should stick with the current direction.

### Events:

OBT was created in 2013 and administered funds for events that were in the five figures. Joseph said, "For the first year we continued with the practice of special event coordinators. [But] we thought our funds could be better invested. I have a problem spending money where we could do better investing."

In 2014-2015 \$5,000 a year was set aside and community organizers submitted an application for funds to help with their events. Joseph said that, staying true to the OBT mission he is now in discussion with the Chamber of Commerce to see if

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## ***COUNCIL GIVES NOD TO AIR FUNDING PLAN AT WORK SESSION From page 12***

they will take back special events (parades, Santa's House, i.e.). "I'm looking for direction from council, how do we trickle into events." Councilwoman Judy Ann Files suggested Joseph pursue the idea of taking events out of OBT.

Bowman said, "It was not that long ago that we took that [events] away from the Chamber. Why are we giving it back to the Chamber?" Joseph said that at that time the Chamber was not interested in continuing with parades, "So we took it."

Bowman reminded the group of the ping-pong history of event's leadership — MA-MA, the Chamber, Montrose ACT, the City, now back to the Chamber. He said, "Are you saying you want to give up the responsibility, but not the funding? The funds go with the events." Joseph responded, "Yes, that's what I'm saying."

Anderson said he is not interested in the city doing events, "...but keeping them alive." Group discussion ensued on a variety of events, Corn Fest, the Wine Show, FUNC Fest, etc. City Manager Bill Bell said he felt there were still concerns over special events funding. Bowman responded, "Your philosophies are best explained by your budget. What are you spending your money on? ...go back to your stakeholders and ask how they want to see how the money should be spent." Joseph apologized to Bowman for not having more documentation at the moment and directed Bowman to minutes of meetings that were previously sent to council which have more detailed information.

Bell mentioned beefing up the amount of money going into special events, "...but wanted to get the big picture and general guidance." Retail Enhancement Funds (REF), which funds OBT, came up and once again Bowman asked to see the budget and data. "The original intent of the fund [REF] was not to attract new business, but to support existing businesses." REF is paid by the merchants and there are longstanding disagreements on who administers the funds and how they are spent.

### **Air Marketing:**

Joseph gave a brief history of the city's involvement with air marketing and the current relationship with Colorado Flights

Alliance (CFA). The 2016 budgeted amount for air marketing was reduced to \$100,000 and earmarked for beautification enhancements at the Montrose County Airport. To date none of those funds have been expended.

Joseph suggested that the city could do a better job with those funds and proposed that for the balance of the year OBT be given \$50,000 for an air marketing pilot program. Later in the meeting it was suggested that the remaining \$50,000 be placed with the city manager to use at his discretion for air marketing. "We propose that the council allow us to focus on our community. You have asked me to promote Montrose, not the region."

The underlying thought of the pilot program is to get tourists to spend nights in Montrose so that not just grocery and liquor stores benefit from pass-through traffic, but local hotels, restaurants and businesses would benefit with heads-in-beds. Joseph said, "We'll get them up there to ski."

The transportation component was not explained.

Joseph revealed different marketing strategies that could be implemented (i.e. social media, video, relocation guide), which included promoting Telluride, Ouray and Crested Butte. "We're excited about reaching out to our mountain neighbors. "[We could] create reasons for people to fly into Montrose and visit Ouray."

Anderson wanted to make sure there was some way to measure results with the pilot program. Files asked if funding could still be given to CFA, but with earmarks. Joseph was clear that he wants to work with CFA, "...but we want to feature Montrose as a destination, not Telluride." Joseph said of the air marketing relationship between the city and Telluride, "We have benefited over the years, but this is a different day."

**Although CFA had requested council make no decision until after they had an opportunity to come before them, Mayor Swanson called for a decision on reallocating \$50,000 to OBT and \$50,000 to the manager's office. He asked fellow councilmembers for a nod and all gave a nod**

### **of agreement at the Work Session.**

**Fuel Purchase and Delivery Contract Recommendation:** Public Works Director John Harris reported that Parish Oil was the low bidder, "The money will stay in Montrose with Parish."

**Sale of Police Department Impound Vehicles:** Police Chief Tom Chinn said there are three police auction cars and three cars to be crushed. The proceeds from auctioned cars go back to the State; proceeds from cars to be crushed goes to the tow company who take the vehicle to be crushed.

### **General Discussion:**

Mayor Swanson announced that two items on the work session agenda were discussed earlier during the retreat. Those items were: Continued development of projects along river corridor following master plan; City Council expense reimbursement policy.

Remaining agenda items:

Development of first class/model dog park – project is now with city staff  
Foster/facilitate CMU campus growth – Mayor Swanson said, "I want us to have our mind in helping them grow. This isn't public knowledge, but there is communication with a party right now to do student housing."

Free downtown street Wi-Fi – Anderson said, "I think it will help town; help us look like a high-tech place." Director of Innovation and Citizen Engagement Virgil Turner explained there are some areas downtown with Wi-Fi, but not as many businesses willing to host.

Turner said, "We think there is a need for more free Wi-Fi downtown; [we're] looking to put a budget together."

Following the agenda items Councilman Anderson asked for an update on the "asbestos house" on South 1<sup>st</sup> Street. The house, deemed structurally unsound, was recently demolished.

City staff would still like to build a facility to house interns, such as medical interns, on the site.

Turner said, "I'm looking for partners to go into it. There is a great need if we can solve the need for housing. [We're] kind of at a point where we can reconfigure the project since the house didn't work."

## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### ROB JOSEPH JOINS BOARD OF DESTINATION MARKETING ASSOCIATION

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE--Rob Joseph, assistant city manager and director of the Office of Business and Tourism (OBT), was elected to the Destination Marketing Association International (DMAI) Board of Directors earlier this month at the 2016 Annual DMAI Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Over 1,500 tourism marketing professionals from all over the world attended the conference.

In a relatively short period of time, Rob has become a certified destination management executive (CDME) and led the OBT to successful completion of the Destination Marketing Accreditation Program (DMAP). Additionally, he and his Visit Montrose team have received statewide recognition for their work on the new visitor center and annual visitor guide.

Visit Montrose serves the community by designing innovative tourism and retail programs that work in tandem to create a thriving business, tourism, and lifestyle culture. Referring to his election, Joseph said, "I am honored, thrilled, and humbled to represent our community at this level and left speechless by the trust and confidence that my tourism colleagues place in me. It's a new day for Montrose as we work together to recognize and seize

those opportunities that will bring value and collaboration across the industry. Today's travelers are seeking unique destination experiences, which presents a promising opportunity for DMOs like never before. None of this would have happened were it not for the support and trust of city council, Manager Bell, the OBT team, the city organization, and our community partners. It's their commitment to our community that's really making the changes we see in Montrose."

The DMAI board is led by Visit Newport Beach & Company President and CEO Gary C. Sherwin, CDME. In his new role as DMAI Board Chairman, Sherwin will work alongside Don Welsh, DMAI CEO and President (formerly with Choose Chicago) and the global trade association's new executive team to transition the organization into a high-performing association focused on supporting its members.

Under Sherwin's leadership, he will spearhead a renewed focus on education, certification, accreditation, and advocacy opportunities for DMAI members around the world.

The DMAI Board Officers for the 2016-2017 term are:

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### **CBA RECOGNIZES ALPINE BANK FOR EXCEPTIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICE** *Receives National Honor for its Community Solar Power Donation*

*Special to the Mirror*

GLENWOOD SPRINGS-The Independent Community Bankers of America® (ICBA) announces Alpine Bank has been selected as the Grand National Award winner for its Community Solar Garden program and commitment to providing environmentally sustainable energy for low-income families.

"Community banks have a proud tradition of volunteer service in their communities: lending a hand where most needed," said ICBA President and CEO Camden R. Fine. "It is an honor and a privilege to shine a light on this year's award recipients whose extraordinary and generous acts of charity uplift us all."

ICBA established the National Community Bank Service Awards 15 years ago to celebrate the outstanding volunteer efforts of the nation's community banks.

Alpine Bank was chosen from hundreds of nominations nationwide for its many contributions to green energy production, which date back to 2014, and includes one

of its most innovative environmentally friendly projects to date: the purchase of 82 individual solar panels from Boulder, Colo.-based Clean Energy Collective to help create a community solar garden.

The bank subsequently donated ownership of the panels to the Family and Intercultural Resource Center, a local nonprofit that helps subsidize the energy bills for local families in need.

Since the program's inception, the bank has invested \$896,480 in 1,092 solar panels from five different community solar projects.

"We are extremely honored to receive this recognition, but what really makes this an honor is the fact that we get to help make a difference in local families'



day-to-day lives," said Alpine Bank President and Vice Chairman Glen Jammarron. "The longevity of this program is based on a strong public-private partnership that sets an example for other projects going forward." The bank's Community Solar Power Donation campaign is featured in the August issue of ICBA's Independent Banker® magazine and on its website at [www.independentbanker.org](http://www.independentbanker.org).

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## COUNTY MUST REPLACE RADIO EQUIPMENT BY 2019



*The Montrose Board of County Commissioners met for a regularly scheduled Work Session on Tuesday, Aug. 16. Photo by Gail Marvel.*

By Gail Marvel

### MONTROSE-Manager Items:

Montrose County Manager Ken Norris reported on communication tower maintenance taking place at Raspberry 1 and Gobblers Knob. "These are extremely difficult to get to in the winter (helicopter, snowmobile), but now we can get to them

by vehicle. Replacement battery banks are on order and we'll be in good shape for winter."

Assistant County Manager Dave Laursen reported on a win-win for both the county and Sharing Ministries. The county will remove excess dirt from the Sharing Ministries building site in exchange for the dirt

itself, which is needed for fill on Sunset Mesa.

There is also an in-kind opportunity between the county and the San Juan Shooting Range which could include unlimited use of the shooting range for the Sheriff's department in exchange for dozer work on the property. Discussions are to continue.

### Road and Bridge Update:

Road and Bridge Manager Joe Budagher reported on finishing 15 miles of chip and seal. There is still one mile of chip and seal to do on Transfer Road, but when finished that project will total eight miles, "The people on Transfer Road are pleased." Updates included maintenance activity on Jasmine and 5850 Road, with gravel applications on other roads.

### WRETAC:

Emergency Manager Don Angell reported on the flooding that occurred in Naturita on Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> when the town received more than two inches of rain in less than 30 minutes; some areas received upwards of six-inches in 45 minutes. Don's written report stated, "The flood

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## ***COUNTY MUST REPLACE RADIO EQUIPMENT BY 2019 From pg 16***

written report stated, "The flood mitigation pond did work however, it did sustain some damage. The manhole cover on the transition vault was blown off and is still missing as the engineers calculated that the amount of water flowing out of the pond was two times the 100-year flood average."

Angell also reported on the communication towers; however, his report was not on maintenance, but on replacement of the Gold Elite radio system racks. By March of 2017 the current equipment will no longer be operational and replacement cost is approximately \$350,000.

Don also reported that by 2019, in order

to meet State required upgrades, Montrose County will have to buy and replace 13 to 16 800 MHz Channel controllers and associated equipment. "Basically they are removing the old DTR equipment and replacing all of it with new Motorola GTR 8000 Expandable Site Subsystem. We have two years to start budgeting for it." The estimated cost of \$1.5M could rise as other entities in similar situations are facing the same deadline.

### **Elected Officials Update:**

Sheriff Rick Dunlap weighed in on the proposed dog ordinance reviewing past difficulties with dog barking enforcement. He proposed minor word changes to the

draft ordinance. Conversations and conference calls about a jail expansion are ongoing.

Montrose County Coroner Dr. Thomas Canfield reported on his continued efforts to improve safety on HWY 550 south, "I'm rattling a lot of cages." Putting on his Coroner's hat Canfield spoke briefly about adhering to statutes when determining when, or when not, to perform an autopsy.

### **County Attorney Updates:**

County Attorney Teresa Williams presented the dog ordinance draft and spoke about finalizing the HWY 550 south Resolution.

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## NEW REC CENTER ON TRACK FOR COMPLETION BY YEAR'S END, OPTS FOR CHARTER BROADBAND FOR NOW

### Mirror staff report

MONTROSE-The new Montrose Community Recreation Center is on track for completion by year's end, and to open by 2017. "We have been able to stick to our schedule," Montrose Recreation District Executive Director Ken Sherbenou said. "Pretty much every opportunity to do business with the rec district has been put out for public bid, which is why we are on budget too. We gave everyone a chance to propose." Though the Rec Center is

presently committed to Charter internet service, Delta Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) has asked for the opportunity to provide a quote for service once DMEA's new Elevate Fiber is ready.

"The City of Montrose is also working on a broadband initiative," Sherbenou noted. "But for now we are engaged with Charter as we do the infrastructure; we need cable for our treadmills and cardio machines, and we also need internet."

As other options emerge that are com-

petitive to Charter, expect to see competition. "This is a chance to get the best possible proposal, and do right by our mission to get the best price for the best product," Sherbenou said.

The Rec District and the City of Montrose have had a Memorandum of Understanding in place for the past five years, designating the City as provider for services such as Information Technology.

The MOU is updated each year, Rec District Board President Barbara Bynum said.



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## COUNTY THANKS MARIE SIMONS, APPROVES IGA OVER TRI-COUNTY ROW FEES



Commissioner Ron Henderson, above right, voted against an IGA with Tri-County Water Conservancy District Aug. 15. Mirror staff photo.

### Mirror Staff Report

MONTROSE- When Assistant Montrose County Attorney Julie Andress presented Montrose County Commissioners with an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) between the County and Tri-County Water Conservancy District over right-of-way (ROW) permit fees at the Aug. 15 BOCC meeting, BOCC Chair Glen Davis thanked

her.

"This has been a bone of contention for some time," Davis said. "Thank you."

Still, when the matter came before the board for a vote, it passed by a vote of just two to one-- Commissioner Ron Henderson voted "Nay."

Henderson said that he objected to the use of the term "decided" in the agreement, rather than "at the county's discretion."

"It's not a ladies' club decision," Henderson said. "I think it's not well said; I think we should table it."

Under the IGA, Montrose County continues to waive Right-of-way-use permit fees for the time being, and Tri-County Water Conservancy District agrees to comply with county road standards when using rights of way.

Andress said that no fees have been charged over the past 20 years, and no changes to the fee structure will be made

without 60 days prior notice. Commissioner White also thanked Andress for the IGA.

Other items of interest Aug. 15 included the Montrose Memorial Hospital Semi-Annual Report, presented by MMH Board Trustee Mark Rackay.

Commissioner Henderson asked if the hospital could present the report in "a more timely manner" in future.

"So it's not a month late," Henderson said, who also questioned Rackay over a billing matter concerning the hospital and River Valley Health Center.

"I am completely without knowledge on that," Rackay said, and explained that the quarter ends June 30, and to present a report on July 1 would require a change of the hospital's fiscal year.

The BOCC and staff also took a few minutes to honor Deputy Clerk to the Commissioners Marie Simons, who is leaving the County's employment.

"Thank you for your service, you have been a Godsend to me," BOCC Chair Davis said.

"I wish you Godspeed and the best."

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### SENIOR COMMUNITY CARE PACE PROGRAM CELEBRATES EIGHT YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF PROVIDING INNOVATIVE CARE FOR AGING INDIVIDUALS

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE — Montrose and Eckert, Colo. — Senior Community Care, a Volunteers of America program, is celebrating its eight year anniversary for the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) which features comprehensive, coordinated care for adults age 55 and older.

The PACE program is currently serving a total of 306 participants in both Montrose and Delta Counties with the care, medical treatment and support they need to achieve the highest quality of life — while remaining independent as long as possible.

“Our staff of elder care professionals offer an alternative to nursing home placement that provides comprehensive, coordinated care for an older adult’s medical,

social and physical needs,” Tai Blair, marketing manager for PACE said. “We also provide peace of mind for family caregivers.”

The PACE program model is centered on the belief that the well-being of seniors with chronic care needs are better served by providing health care and supportive services that enable them to remain living in their home for as long as possible.

In Western Colorado, Senior Community Care PACE has three day center locations in their service area - Montrose, Eckert, and Paonia. The day center is a physical location where medical, recreational, social and other support services are provided to participants in addition to serving a nutritious meal. The number of days per week a participant comes in to the day center is based on their needs. On average,

the Montrose center serves 57 participants per day and the Eckert center serves 44 per day.

“Since the beginning of 2016, we have seen a ten percent growth rate,” Blair said. “This rate is high compared to other PACE programs across the country. We continue to look for innovative partnerships with local health care providers and ways to communicate the benefits of the PACE program in the local communities.”

The public is invited to help celebrate the anniversary at two open houses: a Montrose celebration will be held Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup> from 4:30p.m. — 6 p.m., at the Montrose Day Center, 2377 Robins Way, Montrose, Colo. An Eckert celebration will be held on Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Eckert Day Center, 11485 Hwy 65, Eckert, Colo.

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### 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)

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## ART &amp; SOL

## TASTE THE BEST! COFFEE, ESPRESSO @ CIMARRON COFFEE ROASTERS

By Liesl Greathouse

MONTROSE-A sign above the counter greets you when you enter Cimarron Coffee Roasters in Montrose, explaining, 'Our methods have purpose. Please ask for details.' That sign helps you to realize that this is not your typical coffee shop.

Recently opened in the Sampler Square building, Cimarron Coffee Roasters is setting out to simply provide high quality coffee. "We have a very simple menu, with just coffee and espresso," explained owner Eric Palumbo, who is also the man behind the counter. "Everything is made to order by hand, drop or espresso. We might not be the fastest or cheapest, but everything is crafted specially for you."

Palumbo is no stranger to coffee, also being the owner of Cimarron Books and Coffee in Ridgway since 2013. "I love all the people I get to meet," he said. "I feel like I know all of Ridgway as a barista. While I don't expect to meet all the people in Montrose, hopefully they'll give us a chance. The Montrose shop this is my passion project. I envisioned a really simple coffee bar. I do the coffee that I want to and share it the way I want to."

While I sat waiting to do my interview with Palumbo, I watched him interact with the other customers. With his simple menu, he'll ask each customer 'What do you usually drink?' and then goes from

there, helping them pick a drink that fits their preferences. He takes his time and treats making coffee almost like an art form, not to be rushed. While customers wait, he's engaging and funny, greatly enjoying discussing the different aspects of coffee.

"Not everybody thinks about coffee all day," he told me later. "It's fun to share what I've discovered myself in making coffee. I'm happy to totally geek out about coffee with people or just make their coffee as fast as I can so they can go where they need to go."

Palumbo knew that the Sampler Square location was perfect for his coffee shop when he moved into the space to use it for his roastery. "This building screams coffee," he said. "With the exposed brick walls and high ceilings, I walked in and said, 'I'll take it.' It's exactly the kind of place I want to be in. Our product differentiates itself enough that those who want it and value the craft will help build the traffic here."

Palumbo's goal is what he enjoyed most when he took over the Ridgway location.



Barista and business owner Eric Palumbo creates every drink by hand. Courtesy photo.

"It was writing the first paychecks," he said. "I feel like I contribute to the economy by providing good jobs to people who want to work and enjoy what we do. I would like to build [the Montrose location] and make it sustainable."

With all the talk about coffee, Palumbo doesn't want people to get the wrong impression about his shop. "We're not snooty here," he said. "I just want to make good coffee...I'm glad to be here."

Cimarron Coffee Roasters is located at 72 S Grand Ave.

They are open Monday-Friday, 7 a.m.-noon. For more information, call 615-7214.



## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS:ARTS & CULTURE

### MONTROSE AREA BICYCLE ALLIANCE SCHEDULES FREE BIKE-IN MOVIE NIGHT AT NEW SAN JUAN POCKET PARK AUG. 25!



#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-The Montrose Area Bicycle Alliance is excited to be hosting a free Bike in Movie Night on Aug. 25 at the new San Juan Pocket Park. The park, located at 401 E Main St. (between San Juan Construction and Brown's Shoe Fit) is Montrose's newest public space.

Dynamic Planning + Science and Dynamic Fire Protection Systems will be sponsoring the movie, which will be the classic film Jaws. Local artist Meghan Baker will be playing live music beginning at 7:45pm and Jaws will begin at dusk.

Ride your bike down to the park and enjoy free valet bicycle parking all night. Don't forget to bring a chair or comfy blanket as parklet seating is limited.

The Montrose Area Bicycle Alliance will be selling popcorn and beverages for a small donation. All proceeds will benefit MABA and their mission to make Montrose a more bicycle friendly city.

This event is FREE and open to the public. RSVP on the Montrose Area Bicycle Alliance's Facebook page and don't forget to tell your friends!

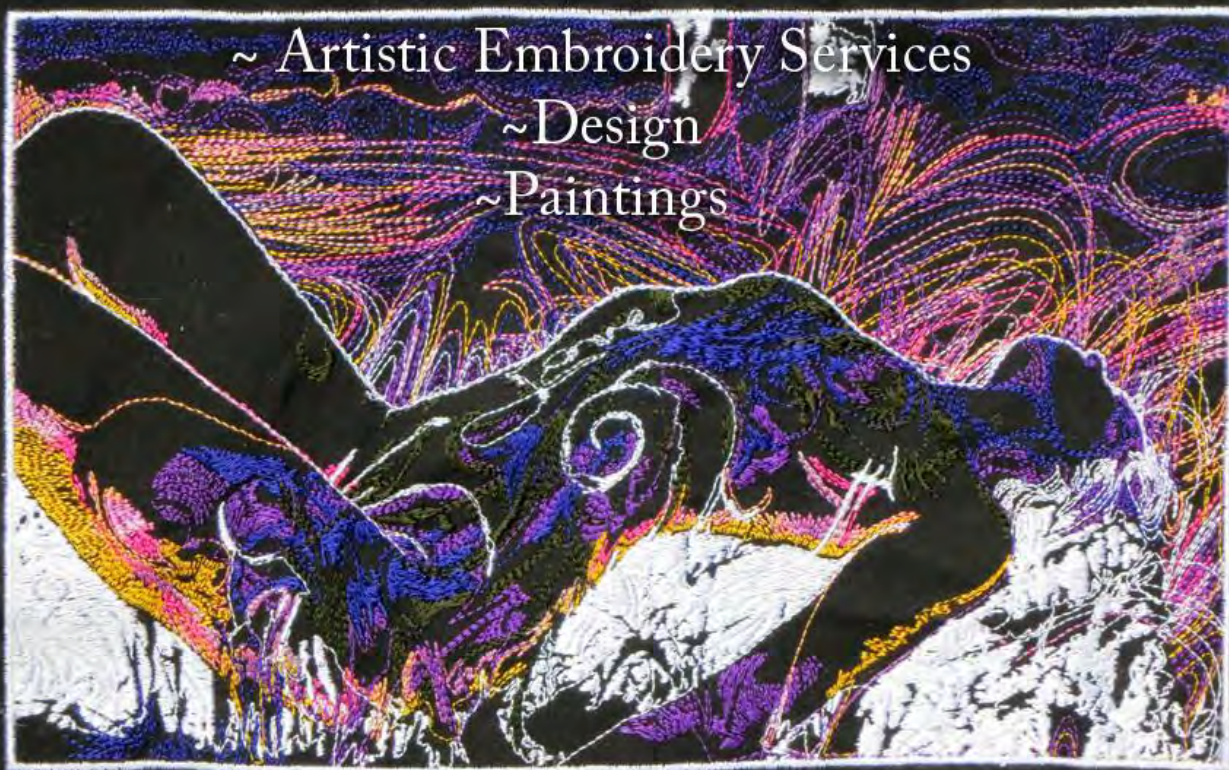
*Join Montrose Area Bicycle Alliance for a free Bike in Movie Night at 401 East Main Street on Aug. 25. Courtesy photo MABA.*

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## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE BY SENATOR ELLEN ROBERTS

### FOCUSING ON FOREST HEALTH, WILDFIRES, WATER

**M**y summer was filled with lots of travel for legislative interim committee tours, attending a senior executive program at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government in July and participating in the National Conference of State Legislatures' annual summit in Chicago. Back home, I've been able to attend meetings with constituents on topics such as the potential consequences of a state-level single payer system proposed as a constitutional amendment, economic development including efforts to establish markets for local biomass products in Durango and Pagosa Springs and visiting with the local Kiwanis on what's happening at the legislature. The wildfire and water interim committees that I serve on are in the process of meeting to consider what legislative proposals might be presented as committee bills next session. The deadlines for these proposals are advanced this year due to election season. This rush is unfortunate in the sense that we've not had enough time to do the better "deep dive" into the policy topics covered by each committee to produce bipartisan consensus of what, if any, legislation is needed.

That said, the wildfire matters com-

mittee, which I chair, did take two very educational field trips to see the important hazardous fuels reduction work being done in many Colorado's communities facing high risk of wildfire. Water utilities such as Denver Water and Colorado Springs Utilities assisted in the field tours as they want legislators and their constituents to realize how long fire damage lasts and how expensive recovery is in the fire-impacted watersheds.

These costs are borne by their ratepayers, so Coloradans are paying for the wildfires long after they are no longer burning.

We visited a Pueblo-based biochar and wood products facility and a combined biomass electricity generation and biochar plant in Gypsum. Good things are happening in the private sector, but challenges remain to achieving long-term profitability. Legislators were especially interested in learning about challenges imposed by governmental bodies and we got useful feedback. The US Forest Service and the Colorado State Forest Service joined our tours to provide input and to learn as well. The forest health challenges we face will require collaboration among local, state, federal governments and private land owners. Underscoring this message, the

USFS Deputy Chief of State and Private Forestry, Jim Hubbard, and USFS associate deputy chief, Vicki Christiansen, recently visited northern New Mexico and southwest Colorado to see the impressive work being accomplished by the many stakeholders in our combined region.

By joining the visit with the federal officials, their regional directors and others, I had the opportunity to provide them with my state legislative perspective. I'm in complete agreement that we need to work on a watershed basis, rather than on solely political boundaries since fire and watersheds won't stop at county or state lines. In turn, they emphasized the critical importance of the state's grant program to reduce wildfire risk as resources are limited at all levels. It'll be the combined efforts that make the difference.

Over the next couple of weeks, I'll be attending more water committee meetings where a predominant topic of concern is what progress will be made on the "to do" list identified in the state's newly minted water plan. Water storage and other proposed efforts to address the impacts of Colorado's future population growth present more policymaker puzzles to solve.

## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### CHILD KILLED, THREE OTHERS INJURED IN SINGLE VEHICLE ACCIDENT

*Special to the Mirror*

SAN MIGUEL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE-A child was killed and three others were seriously injured, in a single vehicle motor vehicle accident with five occupants outside Norwood Sunday evening requiring a multiple agency response and medical air evacuation.

A Ford SUV was travelling eastbound on Highway 145 in the San Miguel canyon when just before 6:30pm it went off the roadway for an unknown reason, traveling 20 feet down an embankment and striking a tree.

A six year-old boy was pronounced dead on scene. A ten year-old girl was extricated from the vehicle and flown by medical

helicopter to St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Junction. The 30 year-old mother of the deceased child was also extricated and flown in another medical helicopter to a Denver Hospital. The driver, a 23 year-old female, was transported by Norwood EMS to Montrose Memorial Hospital. A two year-old girl was uninjured and released to her father on scene.

Sheriff Bill Masters said, "Fatalities are always horrible, but when a child is killed, it's particularly tragic. On behalf of all of the agencies that responded to this incident, our thoughts are with the family at this most difficult time." The five passengers were believed to have visited relatives in the Norwood area and were re-

turning home to Ridgway and Montrose. San Miguel County Sheriff's Deputies, Norwood EMS and Fire, Telluride Fire Protection District Fire and EMS, United States Forest Service, Colorado Division of Wildlife, Colorado Department of Transportation, Colorado State Patrol and two helicopters responded to the incident, which occurred on Highway 145, mile marker 93 just outside of Norwood. Deputy Mike Kimball who was Incident Commander said, "We had much needed multi-agency response which was critical for this type of incident." Colorado State Patrol is investigating the incident. Norwood, Colorado is a small town approximately thirty-three miles Northeast of Telluride, Colorado.



## CO EDCC MEETS IN MONTROSE, PANELISTS DISCUSS REGIONAL CHALLENGES, SHIFTING NEEDS & NEW PRIORITIES



*(R) Laura Lewis Marchino, Deputy Director for Region 9 Economic Development District moderates last Thursday's panel discussion on Air Service Challenges in Our Regional & Rural Airports. Panelists (L to R) Matt Skinner, Kip Turner and Bill Swelbar. Photo by Gail Marvel.*

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE—On Aug. 18<sup>th</sup> the Economic Development Council of Colorado (EDCC) held the second of two statewide forums at the Bridges Golf Course in Montrose. The forums are, "...an opportunity for us to come together as a statewide organization and gain knowledge of these issues, acquire tools and resources to implement in our communities, and to better the economy as a whole."

More than 100 people were in attendance for the daylong forum which included local leaders, government agencies, non-profit organizations and the educational community.

Kelly Flenniken, EDCC Board Chair and Area Manager for Xcel Energy, welcomed attendees and immediately set the tone for the day, "There is a shift in economic development. Lifestyle is driving a lot of decisions. How do you make a community where people want to come and grow and find companies that fit?"

Kelly Manning, Deputy Director for OED-

IT; Director for Colorado SBDC presented the outcomes of the State's Blueprint 2.0 strategic sessions and the implementation process for partnering with communities to leverage opportunities and resources. The sessions began with an overview from local organizations about their challenges and innovative solutions. The presenters were: Kristi Pollard, Director for Grand Junction Economic Partnership; Michelle Haynes, Executive Director for Region 10; and Laura Lewis Marchino, Deputy Director for Region 9 EDD.

The forum itself was structured with five separate panels of three people each; each panel having a different topic of discussion. The five panel topics were: A Generational Movement; Supporting Our Small Manufacturers; Growing and Attracting Business to Rural Areas; How Air Service Challenges Our Regional & Rural Airports & Local Economy; and The Changing Landscape of Agriculture. The panelists were all highly credentialed; however, for this report we will set aside the individual

bios and formal titles in order to get to the gist of comments, insights and soundbites.

**A Generational Movement** (Josh Hudson, Dennis Lankes, Gerrit McGowan): The younger generation is looking for more collaboration, more safety net. Working in a co-space and working together, rather than the lone-wolf.

"Forget the 9-5 job...it's in decline. Young folks don't want that. They would rather see upward mobility than make money." "They want to feel they have a purpose. They like perks."

Younger workers have less attachment to companies. There is a shift in priorities and a bigger migration for amenities (recreation).

There needs to be change from a business focus to a people focus; attract people. Focus on the assets around us.

"People should become familiar with, "Internet of Things."

**Supporting Our Small Manufacturers** (Glenn Plagens, Sumer Sorensen-Bain, Brigitta Sundermann):

## **CO EDC MEETS IN MONTROSE, PANELISTS DISCUSS REGIONAL CHALLENGES, SHIFTING NEEDS & NEW PRIORITIES *Frm pg 25***

Manufacturers are the essence of small business.

Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> is Manufacturing Day and an opportunity to get kids excited about manufacturing.

The importance of working together with a united front needs to include schools and the workforce center, "Everyone wants to progress in some way."

Professional consultants can help you do things faster and cheaper.

There is an emerging workforce; encourage students to, "try it and see if you like it."

It's important to network and know all the small manufacturers in your area. Rather than looking to the Front Range, or out of state, there may be someone local that can provide your manufacturing needs.

**Growing and Attracting Business to Rural Areas** (Sam Bailey, Laura Brandt, Sara Maffey):

Partnerships are crucial — local EDC, county, city and state.

"Make sure we really know our community up and down."

"Inquiries come from someone who has been in our community (visiting or passing through)."

Speaking to phone inquiries, "You need to respond immediately. Don't let it go to voice mail. Pick up the d\*\*\* phone and talk to them! If you don't answer the phone, people wonder if you care."

Communication with prospects must be kept confidential because it could affect stock prices, employees, and the hiring process. It's up to the company, not the EDC, to take the lead in what is announced.

From a site selector's point of view, work as a region, work as a team, "Even if a business goes to a different town it doesn't mean it is a loss for you."

"Not responding with one voice regionally is a problem. Answer with the same

voice."

Incentives are not at the top of the list.

"Come together as a region and sell yourselves as a region. Region 10, Region 9...I don't know what that is. I know what Western Colorado is. Showcase your region."

There are 64 counties in Colorado and too many organizations, "Businesses want to know who to talk to, be as lean as possible."

"I don't want to talk to 30 people who don't want to talk to each other."

"It's all about relationships and the point of contact."

Dueling heads can come together, but clients can see through it.

**How Air Service Challenges Our Regional & Rural Airports & Local Economy** (Bill Swelbar, Kip Turner, Matt Skinner):

There is a pilot supply issue and not enough pilots to fly.

Pilots retire at 60-65, "Everyone is 65 today."

"The military is having trouble too. The flow of people who want to become pilots has been choked off." Pay for pilots at the regional level is low.

The trend is toward larger airplanes, which smaller airports can't support.

Larger airports benefited by deregulation. Larger airlines benefited by consolidation. Because of regulations airports can't invest in themselves; i.e. guarantee flights. Regionalized air service has been a hot topic, "We take a regional approach. We compete, but we complement each other very well."

"We don't see Montrose as a risk. We want to make sure that Montrose continues to have good health."

Durango and Grand Junction airports have more business travel; Montrose has more leisure travel. "The central part of the West slope is Seasonal driven, not business driven." Gunnison has struggled in

part because there have been three or four groups negotiating with airlines,

"They have now consolidated that into one group. Hopefully it will be positive."

"We are looking for the air service that will benefit the whole, not just one area."

**The Changing Landscape of Agriculture** (Dave Gann, Margaret Richardson, Lloyd Quesenberry):

"Agriculture is the largest industry in our area. Aquaponics combines fish farming with plant production. The greenhouse, which leaves a small footprint, is operated 325 days out of the year and maintains a temperature of 80 degrees.

The fish produce nutrients which go to the plants; the plants then clean the water and it is returned to the fish. There is no soil, plants float on Styrofoam boards.

The local operation is in its third year and the produce, qualified as organic, is now being test marketed (exotic mushrooms, lettuce)."

"Last year a one-acre plot of hemp near Collbran was planted, watered and harvested by hand, "It was hemp 101. On the business side we are into research. This is the cutting edge to grow hemp at 6,200 feet elevation."

"The US is the only industrialized country that made growing hemp illegal. However, when divided up, every part of the hemp plant is legal. The Controlled Substance Act of 1970 declared all cannabis varieties as controlled substances and under the regulatory authority of the DEA (Drug Enforcement Agency)."

"You could make a living farming hemp." Hemp uses 2/3 less water than what is needed for hay.

"What we need are processors. That's the missing piece."

"It's a gamble right now...but people on the Front Range are willing to gamble."

"Agriculture is a risky business."

Both aquaponics and hemp use less water.

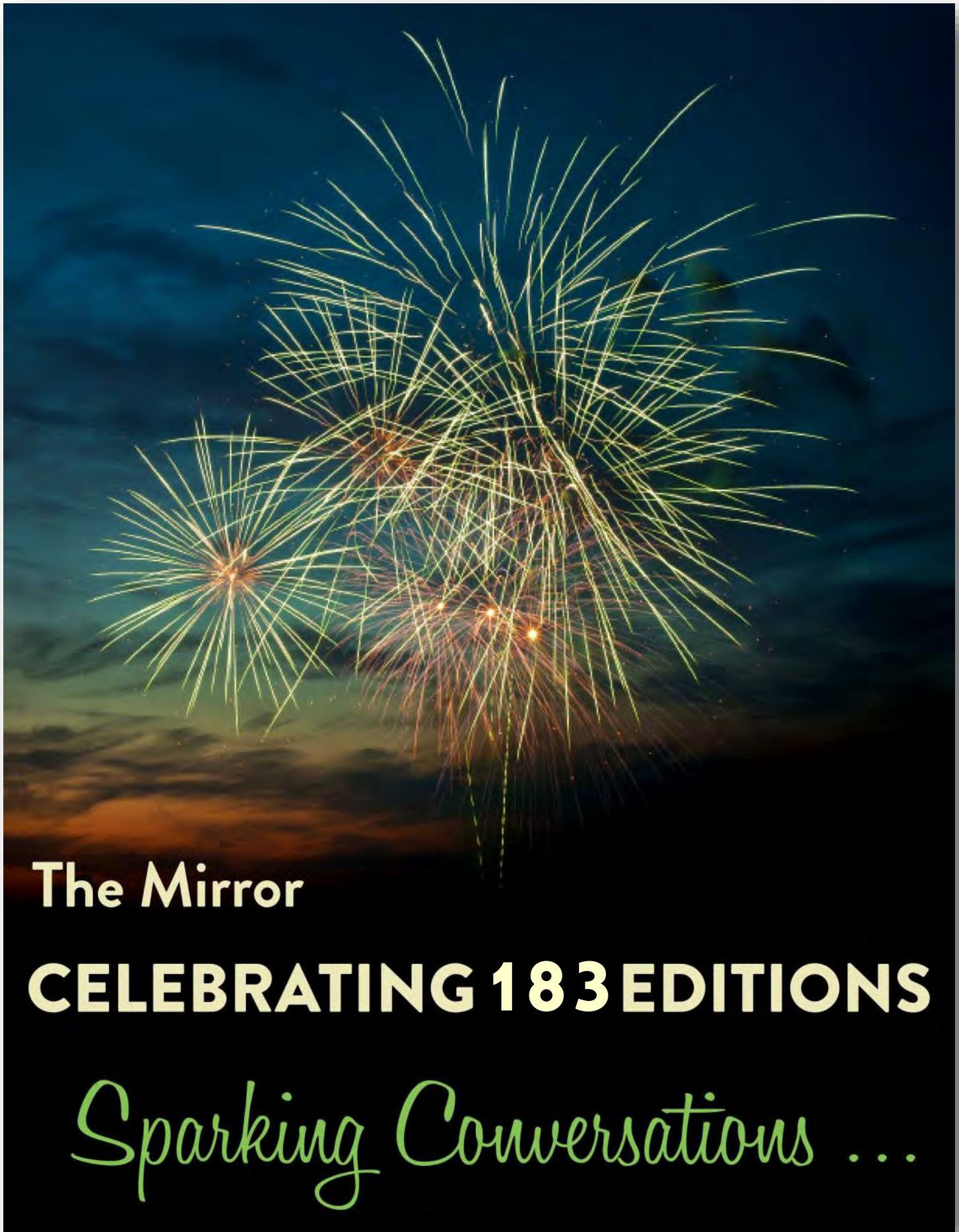


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## NOTES FOR THE JOURNEY...

Exploring Classical Music With Rob Brethouwer

### EXPLORING A BUILDING CREATED TO SHOWCASE MUSIC

The exterior is simple brick, two stories high with six steps leading to the front door. A wrought iron railing extends at the top to form a short and small fence. It resembles a Brooklyn brownstone but the observer immediately knows that they are nowhere near Brooklyn. Four windows, two on each level, face the street and are fully covered with a basic cream-colored drape. The surrounding neighborhood and the building itself is quiet and serene.

The front door is of a heavy wood and moves silently on its hinges, as it swings inward. After closing the door, the smell of old paper and wood is immediately apparent, overlaid with a slight smell of electronics and technology. A hundred year old library just collided with a living space of the future. It is at this point that any resemblance to a normal home abruptly ends. The hardwood floor extends in every direction and the space is completely open from the front to the rear of the structure. Looking to the right there is a black grand piano nestled in one corner where the performer would be facing into the core of the building. The walls are covered in wallpaper that looks like something out of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. It is not ornate but has simple and elegant drawings over its surface. The color of the wallpaper is a faded orange that somehow fits perfectly. Framed lithographs, paintings, and faded certificates cover the walls and are spaced approximately one foot apart. A closer look shows that various composers did the paintings and the certificates showing honors bestowed on composers and musicians from W.A. Mozart to George Gershwin to John Cage. The observer must get up close and personal to read any detail, and nothing else draws the eyes towards these wall hangings. At this point it is clear that this elegant building is a monument to music.

Seating covers a portion of the space to the left of the front door. This is not your typical dining room seating, but small, comfortable pieces that could be moved around to accommodate a performance

by someone at the piano. The seating does not match at first glance but quickly blends into the room in a cohesive way despite being mostly of a different color and pattern. The center of the space to the rear is made up of a large kitchen with all the usual bells and whistles. This is a kitchen designed for preparation and serving and not so much for mingling and feeding a family. The thing that jumps out is the large storage area for approximately 40 bottles of wine. A wine refrigerator placed discretely under a countertop accompanies this. Near the kitchen are framed photographs of various musicians shown cooking in their own kitchens and in other spaces around the world. Placed prominently is a 12x16-framed photo of Luciano Pavarotti gleefully cooking pasta alongside Julia Child.

Things begin to look functional and industrial at the rear and to the right of the structure. A small and very old looking cage elevator with exposed cables and machinery sits next to a wood and brass spiral staircase that leads above and below the main space. Step onto the staircase to begin the descent to the lower level, and you will activate some sort of mechanism that causes the staircase to corkscrew itself and lower ever so gently. The person on the staircase merely has to stand there until they arrive on the next level. The lower level is unexpected, and is dominated with musical instruments and several rooms behind closed doors. Small-medium-large and long wooden cabinets line the walls. Beside each cabinet is an instrument in a stand. A cursory glance shows that each instrument of the orchestra is represented and the cabinets themselves hold three or four additional instruments of each kind. The makers of the instruments are the best in the world and the space resembles a lending library for world-class instruments.

A door on one end has a simple sign above the door saying "library" and nothing else. Opening this door reveals row upon row of books and manuscripts, all

dedicated to the world of opera, chamber music, classical music, composition, biography, music history, and guides to instrument making. The smell of old paper that was so evident at the front door has its origins in this impeccably organized music library.

Stepping out of the library and back into the main room, the observer is confronted with a wall dedicated to audio equipment of the highest caliber. Several different setups are arranged next to each other and consist of receivers, turntables, and speakers of various sizes, CD players, refurbished cassette players, and even eight-track players in pristine condition. The systems are capable of playing HD audio, MP3, and Bluetooth capability. In front of these systems are a listening space with a large couch and armchairs. A rack holds corded and cordless headphones of various sizes.

A room to the side of sound system is a space dedicated to thousands of pieces of vinyl, eight-tracks, cassettes, CD's, and digital audio files. The recordings are organized in a way that is intuitive and anybody looking for a specific piece of music would have no issue finding exactly what they are looking for. All recordings are cross-referenced by orchestra, conductor, soloist, and composer. A person could easily spend days in this one room alone, searching for recordings from all decades. Other rooms in the lower space consist of rehearsal spaces, a small recital area, and a recording studio where performers can record whatever they wish with the assistance of a staff Recording Engineer.

This a building dedicated to music and does not advertise itself anywhere. From the street, the building looks like any other residence of an upper middle class family. The location could be anywhere in the world and the space may or may not actually exist. Clearly, this building was put together by somebody with a deep love of music who wanted to share that love with others who are fortunate enough to find this musical building.



# TANYA'S IMAGES: RIDGWAY ARTS & CRAFTS RENDEZVOUS!



## PHOTOS BY TANYA ISHIKAWA

*Clockwise from top left: Til Willis pleased fair-goers with his lyric-driven rock solos, as the Ridgway Fire Department barrel train made the rounds; Performers from the Yogini Circus camp showed off their talents, while circus member Elle painted faces at the Yogini Circus booth; The sand art booth benefiting Weehawken Creative Arts programs was popular with the young crowd; Colona resident Yasuo Ishikawa performs jazz in the mid-afternoon on stage in Hartwell Park Niko Culevski, right, shows off the fine art of Chule's Wool Blankets – 2016 Ridgway Rendezvous second place winner for fiber art, to Ridgway resident Caroline Lescroart, left.*





# COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & CULTURE

## HOSPITAL DONATES EQUIPMENT FOR HEALTH SCIENCE EDUCATION



*Rusty George, Science Teacher and Head of the Science Department at Montrose High School (left) receiving equipment donation from Michael Benziger, M.D. (right). Courtesy photo.*

### *Special to Art&Sol*

MONTROSE—In an effort to improve science learning for local students, Montrose Memorial Hospital has donated equipment worth hundreds of dollars to Montrose High School including a microscope and illuminator box.

The microscope, featuring exceptional optics and mechanical stage, is expected to increase Montrose high school students' access to scientific information in the classroom by providing an improved educational outcome. The illumination box—often used in hospital settings for x-ray images—will enhance students' ability to make observations in the classroom setting.

"As regional leader in health science, we feel it is important to support our community's foundations and help improve science education for the next generation," said Steve Hannah, MHA, CEO of MMH.

"I see the equipment predominantly being used next year in A.P. Biology," said Rusty George, Science Teacher and Head of the Science Department at Montrose High School. "It will help to have kids be able to see specific types of cellular structures by projecting the image."

Mr. George indicated the equipment may be used in the future for a biomedical Project Lead the Way (PLTW) class focusing on forensic science. According to PLTW's website about the class, students ascertain factors that determined the death of a fictional person as a means to explore concepts of biology and medicine. Students are taught to solve problems by designing their own experiments and are introduced to concepts regarding basic biology, human physiology, medicine and the research process. "The microscope will play a really important role there, along with the illumination board for viewing x-rays," stated Mr. George.

PLTW classes are part of the school district's emphasis on STEM education, a Colorado-wide initiative driven by Gov. John Hickenlooper's Education Leadership Council's STEM committee. The STEM committee has worked to advance science, technology, engineering, and math education to better prepare Colorado students for the future.

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## **Mondays**

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  
 75 min class = \$185 + \$28 show fee  
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## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & CULTURE

### HELP LAUNCH YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL YEAR WITH WEEHAWKEN'S "ART OF THE ROCKET" AFTER SCHOOL ART PROGRAM IN MONTROSE



*Weehawken Instructor Miss Allison Wofford. Courtesy photo.*

#### *Special to Art & Sol*

MONTROSE--Weehawken Creative Arts announces a fun after school art program in Montrose for ages 7-11 called, "The Art of the Rocket!"

The Art of the Rocket will be held on Wednesdays for four weeks at Weehawken Montrose (310 S. 9th Street - behind Budget Blinds) with instructor, Miss Allison Wofford, starting Sept. 7.

Students will join Ms. Allison each week

and learn the different techniques and materials to paint rockets. This class combines the art of the rocket with the science of how it works. Every student will not only build his or her own rocket during this process, but will also paint the rocket and then at the end class, launch the rocket! This enrichment class combines art and science making it fun and full of learning, painting and more.

"Arts education and creative and thoughtful after school activities lead to increased creativity, higher graduation rates and greater aspirations," said Ashley King, Executive Director of Weehawken Creative Arts. "Rotary Club of Montrose has demonstrated that they understand the value of such programs and Weehawken is fortunate to have been funded in their "Year of the Healthy Child Grant" earlier this year. This grant will help fund scholarships for students interested in our Montrose youth programs."

The instructor, Allison Wofford is a Colorado native who fell in love with the Western Slope while attending Western State College in Gunnison. She has degrees in Art History and Elementary Education and

is passionate about using the creative process to empower her students. King added, "Allison prides herself in making learning fun and her personality makes her classes a blast to attend. We love having her as part of our Weehawken team!"

"Art of the Rocket" classes will take place weekly from 4pm to 5pm on Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28th with the launch Oct. 1st in Montrose. Space is limited to only 8 students. In this, advance registration is highly encouraged. All materials for the project are provided, but an additional after school snack (packed by parents) is encouraged.

This series is offered at a cost of \$65 with an additional \$20 Rocket Fee for materials. This includes the four hours of instruction, all materials and the additional launch day.

Scholarships are available through Weehawken Creative Arts thanks to the Montrose Rotary club's "Year of the Healthy Child" initiative. Scholarship applications are available

at [www.weehawkenarts.org](http://www.weehawkenarts.org) or by emailing: [questions@weehawkenarts.org](mailto:questions@weehawkenarts.org) or calling 970-318-0150.

### SHERBINO THEATER WELCOMES GYPSY JAZZ SOCIAL CLUB AUG. 27



*Gypsy Jazz Social Club. Courtesy photo.*

#### *Special to Art & Sol*

RIDGWAY-The Sherbino welcomes back The Gypsy Jazz Social Club for an evening of wonderful music, with The Gypsy Jazz Social Club playing as a quartet for the show on Saturday, Aug. 27. Doors and cash bar at 7:30 pm with music starting at 8 pm. \$12 cover at the door. Mysterious... yet strangely familiar, the Gypsy Jazz Social Club musical journey embraces the acoustic swing sound pioneered in the 1930s and 1940s by Django Reinhardt and others and is today enjoying a resurgence in popularity among musicians and jazz aficionados alike. Gypsy Jazz Social Club is a consortium of versatile musicians

scattered throughout western Colorado commonly inspired by the style of acoustic string-band jazz known as "Le jazz hot". GJSC showcases material dating from the early 1900s to present day, sourcing traditional and modern repertoire. The GJSC performance includes vocalized and instrumental arrangements of jazz and swing standards, Latin-rhythms, and original material, as well as contemporary and traditional gypsy tunes. Configuration of the band and instrumentation is tailored to each venue and occasion, easily adaptable in a range from duo to quintet, and may employ combinations of guitar, violin, mandolin, upright bass, percussion, and other instruments.

# COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & CULTURE

## MAGIC CIRCLE PLAYERS OPEN SEASON WITH MOONLIGHT & MAGNOLIAS

### *Special to Art & Sol*

Magic Circle Players are pleased to open their 57th season with the comedy "Moonlight & Magnolias". Written by Ron Hutchinson, and directed by local Tony Ryan, the play opens on Friday, September 9, at 7:30 pm. Evening performances continue on September 10, 16-17, 23-24, with Sunday matinees at 2:00 pm on September 11 and 18.

The play is set in the Hollywood studio office of the legendary film producer David O. Selznick. In 1939, after a two year search for a leading lady, the movie of Margaret Mitchell's bestselling epic novel, "Gone with the Wind," is finally in production. Three weeks later, Selznick (played by Jim Mitchell), in a frantic effort to save the movie from disaster, has fired the uncooperative director and shut down the set due to a flawed script. He hires one of Hollywood's most respected writers, Ben Hecht (played by M. A. Smith) to rewrite the script, and takes director Victor Fleming (played by Bob Dietrich) off the set of "The Wizard of Oz" to replace the former director. The only hitch is that Hecht can only give him one week, and he hasn't read the popular novel.

With his reputation and fortune tipping towards ruin, Selznick locks Hecht and Fleming into his office and won't let them leave until he has a screenplay for the best movie of all time. Their only link to the outside world is through Selznick's assistant, Miss Poppenghul (played by Suzanne Rose).

Due to adult themes, situations and language, parental discretion is advised.

Magic Circle Theatre is located at 420 S. 12th St., Montrose. For information or tickets visit the website at [www.magiccircleplayers.com](http://www.magiccircleplayers.com) or call 970-249-7838. The box office is open beginning August 30 from 2 to 5 pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

## NEXT SHERB TALK ON THURSDAY, AUG. 25

### *Special to Art & Sol*

RIDGWAY-Dr. Steding returns to the Sherbino as a Sherb Talk speaker for August's Sherb Talk titled, *Is it Always this Weird?* During this lecture, Dr. Steding will examine and discuss American Identity. The pundits call it the polarization of America. Most of the rest of us just call it weird. How can we Americans embrace the same fundamental values and yet disagree vehemently about so many issues? Presidential elections are a proxy for this arm wrestle over American identity and the election of 2016 has set many records for 'weirdness.' Dr. Steding will share his research that shows how we actually endure this type of polarization about every 80 years, which not only allows us to explain what is happening today, but also provides a lens to predict our future. A future, which Dr. Steding argues, is very bright indeed. Doors and cash bar for this event are at 7:00pm with the lecture starting at 7:30 pm. Suggested \$10 donation at the door.

## OURAY COUNTY FUNDRAISING DANCE AUG. 27 TO FEATURE GHOST RIVER BAND

### *Special to the Mirror*

RIDGWAY-Saturday, Aug. 27 kicks off the beginning of the Fair and Rodeo Labor Day 2016 Celebration with a new tradition. The Ouray County Fairgrounds will be hosting a Fundraising Dance featuring live music with Ghost River Band at the 4-H Event Center. The doors will open at 6pm and the music starts at 6:30pm. In order to compete for more regional and national outdoor equestrian events, the Ouray County Fairgrounds is now commencing Phase Two of the Fairgrounds Master Plan with this first, annual, Fundraising event.

Phase Two will include a new pole barn for event stables, 36 electric pedestals for event trailer accommodations, nighttime lighting to expand the times available for scheduled events, and new concessions stands and permanent restrooms.

Ghost River Band will be playing from 6:30p to 10:30pm on Saturday evening. The Ouray County Fair Board members will be offering hamburger or hot dog dinner for sale on the patio. Advance tickets are available at the Fairgrounds office or at the front door on August 27<sup>th</sup>. Ticket costs are \$25 per couple, \$15 single adults, \$10 for Kids ages 6 to 16, 5 and

under are free with parents.

If you can not make the dance but wish to donate to this very special cause, any donation of \$50 or more will qualify for a 25% of amount State of Colorado Tax Credit through the Ouray County Fairgrounds Project with the Colorado State Enterprise Zone. Special donations made at the dance also qualify for this tax credit. Come join the fun on Aug. 27, kick off the Fair and Rodeo Annual Labor Day celebration with this new event and help the Fairgrounds continue to expand for bigger and better events for our entire community.



## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & CULTURE

### EXPERIENCE THE SIXTIES AT THE FRIENDS OF THE RIDGWAY LIBRARY POT PARTY... 35 FLOWER POTS TO BE AUCTIONED TO FUND UPDATED TEEN SPACE!

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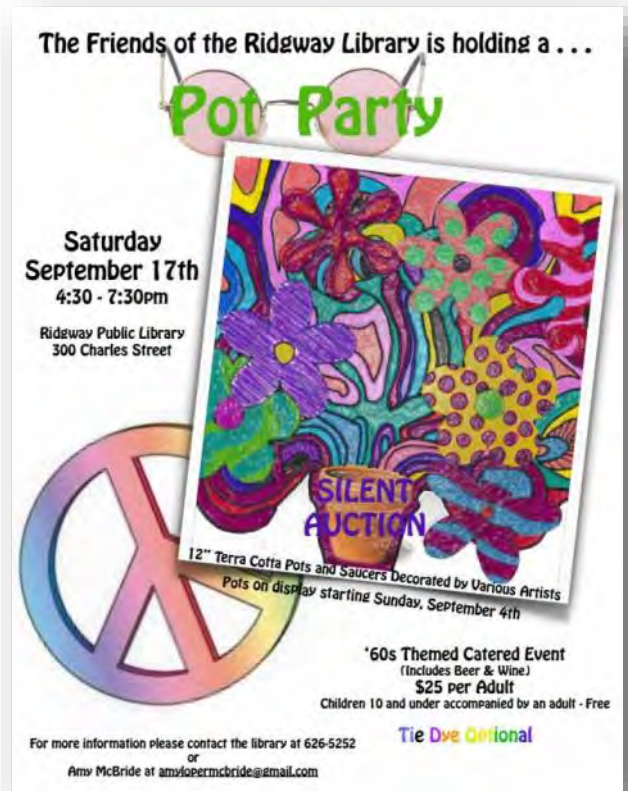
RIDGWAY- The Friends of the Ridgway Library invite you to break out your tie-dye and bell bottoms for a 60s-themed Pot Party at the Ridgway Library (300 Charles Street) on Saturday, Sept. 17, 2016 from 4:30 pm -7:30 pm.

The Pot Party features 35 flower pots, made or decorated by local artists, which will be auctioned to the highest bidders. Proceeds will fund an updated teen space and meeting room at the Library. Pots will be on display at the Library from September 4-17, where people can vote for their favorites. The top five vote-getters will be announced and sold at a live auction at 6 pm at the Party. The other 30 pots will be sold by silent auction, also at the Party.

Party attendees will enjoy 60s music, catering from Amie Minnick, beer from Colorado Boy, and wine from Garrett Estate Cellars. Tickets are \$25 and are available at the Ridgway Library or at the door. Children 10 and under are free. For more information, contact Amy McBride, President of Friends of the Ridgway Library, at [970/433-8779](tel:9704338779) or [amylopermcbride@gmail.com](mailto:amylopermcbride@gmail.com).

### THE SHERBINO SEEKS YOUR TRAVEL STORIES, ADVENTURES, AND KNOWLEDGE...

RIDGWAY-In a world filled with unique cultures and stunning destinations, nothing is better than getting to hear and share in the experiences of your friends and community members who have traveled to such far off places and exotic destinations. With the *Sherb Travel Talks Series*, travel enthusiasts in the community will get the "inside scoop" of what was learned and experienced during travels to different areas of the world. In order to make the *Sherb Travel Talk Series* a special and 'worldly' event, the Sherbino Theater is looking for individuals to present on the Sherbino stage. Individuals presenting will have 10-15 minutes to share their travels with their choice of using a template of auto-advancing power point slides OR can craft their own power point presentation. If you are interested in presenting, please email, [mu-sic@sherbinotheater.com](mailto:mu-sic@sherbinotheater.com). The inaugural *Sherb Travel Talks* will take place on Thursday, Sept. 8. Doors at 7 pm with talks starting at 7:30pm. Entry by donation.



**PEPPERTREE ESTATE SALE!**  
1346 Peppertree Drive Estate Sale. Aug. 25, 26 and 27 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Items for sale include: furniture, crystal, chinaware, kitchen accessories, hand made linens, and antiques. Many items date from the early 20th century.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & CULTURE

### OPENING RECEPTION FOR SETH WEBER SHOW SEPT. 9 @GALLERY DE LA LUZ



#### *Special to Art & Sol*

MONTROSE-Seth Weber, recognized North Fork Valley Artist shares his art with Gallery de la Luz, 128 Palmer Street, Delta CO, Sept. 9th through October 29th. Seth has four commissioned murals in the City of Delta, "A Piece of Art," located on The Delta House building, Main Street. Murals on the Delta County Independent building at 4th & Meeker, also "Gateway to the Canyons" and "Delta, The City of Murals." Opening reception on Friday, Sept. 9, 5 - 8 pm. Special Showing during Second Saturday Stroll September Edition, September 10th, 10 am - 2 pm. Please join us for this true art experience.

*Pictured at left, "Art on the Bench."  
Courtesy image.*

### SHERBINO DOCUSERIES FEATURES MITCHELL 20 ON AUG. 26

#### *Special to Art & Sol*

RIDGWAY-The "Sherbino Docuseries" is the Sherbino's documentary film program featuring films that are intended to provoke thought, conversation, inform, and inspire creativity. This month's film, *Mitchell 20*, showing Aug. 26, takes a look at the education system and follows teachers that take a stand and start a movement of change and inspiration for teachers country wide. Doors at 7 pm with the film starting at 7:30 pm. \$7 at the door (\$5 for students).

This is the story of teachers as heroes during a tough time to be a teacher. In 2007, one teacher at Mitchell School in Phoenix, AZ set out to change her school. Little did she know she was starting a movement that would inspire others and change schools in Arizona and around the country. Along the way, the teachers at Mitchell have encountered no shortage of drama in and out of the school. The *Mitchell 20* is a story of teachers and schools everywhere. Running time of 1hr 20min. NR.



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# COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & CULTURE

## WEEHAWKEN, SHERBINO PRESENT ART BAR

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RIDGWAY-Each month, Weehawken Creative Arts and the Sherbino team up to provide a positive, creative outlet in a fun and relaxed atmosphere called "Art Bar." At Art Bar, adults are invited to relax and discover their inner artist, with a little "liquid courage" and the leadership of a professional artist/instructor in a variety of mediums. This month's "Art Bar" will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 24th and is called "Mosaics and Madeira." The workshop will be focused on the art of mosaics with seasoned instructor, and mosaic artist, Ann Cheeks.

Using cut and / or broken glass on a wood base, students will design creating a colorful, glittering piece of artwork. Students will learn about the tools, adhesives, materials, gluing, cutting and grouting techniques involved with the mosaic art form. Students should expect a fun, loose evening to splash some color around. The instructor, Cheeks noted "Play and experimentation are key to creating everything. Come play with mosaics and tiles to see what you can create!" Students need no experience to participate. All supplies are included in the price of the class as

**THE SHERBINO LIVING ROOM LOUNGE SET FOR SUNDAY, AUG. 28**

### Special to the Mirror

RIDGWAY-Grab a glass of wine or beer at the cash bar and enjoy in the intimate and artistic setting that is the Living Room Lounge.

Aug. 28's event will feature musician, Tiffany Christopher, and photography from local, Shauna Tewksbury. Tiffany Christopher has a unique sound that pulls from many different genres of music. Her songwriting is both soothing and invigorating. Shauna Tewksbury graduated from Prescott College with a BFA in Fine Arts Photography. When speaking on her portfolio work Shauna states, "I am interested in what shapes us as individuals much like I am interested in how the Grand Canyon came to be; the geography of the individual."

well. "Our hope is to inspire members of our community to discover their imaginative side and cross the bar into other dimensions of creativity," said Programs Coordinator, Kentee Pasek. The cost for this workshop is just \$35, which includes instruction, all materials and a drink.

In addition, students will have a completed "masterpiece" they will keep at the end of the workshop. Cheeks further encouraged, "Grab some friends, bring a date, or

just come solo! Play with design and glass, get a drink from the bar and enjoy a fun-filled, artistic evening full of good music and great company!"

Due to materials planning, it is highly recommended and encouraged to pre-register for this workshop. For more information and online registration, visit [www.weehawkenarts.org](http://www.weehawkenarts.org) or call Weehawken at 970-318-0150.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & CULTURE

## TELLURIDE FIRE FESTIVAL SENDS 2<sup>ND</sup> ART CAR TO BURNING MAN

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TELLURIDE-The Shack To-Hell-U-Ride has many people to thank for making this important journey possible. We hope to meet new artists and spread the word in Black Rock City about the Jan. 20-22 Festival in Telluride.

THANK YOU TO THE BELOW PEOPLE FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS:

Leif Juell, owner of Alternative Power Enterprises in Ridgway, CO.

Maciej Mrotek of Dance of the Sacred Fire of Carbondale, CO

Bud and Leslie Crane, Damon and Lanie Demas, Marshall Whiting and Richard Ar-

nold, Curtis Marble

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Adam Messier, owner of Telluride Complete Auto Repair

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*Shack To-Hell-U-Ride.  
Courtesy photo Telluride Fire Festival.*

## 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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# RANCH RODEO SERIES FINALS

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**SEPTEMBER 9, 10 & 11, 2016**

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**Saturday, September 10th - Montrose County Fairgrounds**

7:30 AM - 10:30 AM

FFA Pancake Breakfast - Cattlewomen's Pavilion

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

FFA Tack Swap & Sale - Sale Barn

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Working Draft Horse Competition - Main Arena

3:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Mountain States Ranch Rodeo Finals - Main Arena

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

10:30 AM

MSRR Celebration Parade

12:00 PM

Live Music / Beer Gardens / Kid Activities / Ute Indian Demonstrations

8:00 PM

Street Dance with The Matt Skinner Band

**Sunday, September 11th - Montrose County Fairgrounds**

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Cowboy Church by Circle 3 Fellowship - Arena Pavilion

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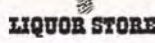
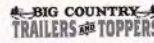
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### MONTROSE-DELTA LOWV PRESENTS COLORADCARE FORUM

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MONTROSE-Montrose-Delta League of Women Voters present Colorado can take back its healthcare from Washington and from Wall Street! Amendment 69, Coloradocare, is on the November ballot. Come to learn and get answers to your questions. Guest Speaker: Senator Irene Aguilar, M.D., architect of Coloradocare.

Wednesday, Aug. 31, 5:30 pm at the Holiday Inn Express, Montrose, Apex Room - light refreshments

Coloradocare proposes to save families and employers billions and cover every Coloradan with a Medicare-for-all system. And you get to elect the board of trustees.

### VEHICLE REGISTRATION RENEWAL CARD ERROR

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-The Montrose County Clerk and Recorder's Office recently discovered that the State Department of Revenue had a print error on the vehicle registration renewal card issued for the month of September. The last two digits of the amount due did not print (ie. \$100.55 was

shown as \$100), and some counties also experienced spelling errors. The State Department of Revenue is aware of the errors and corrected renewal cards will be mailed today. This error affected approximately 3,500 renewals for Montrose County. The Colorado State Department of Revenue prints and sends vehicle regis-

tration renewal cards as a courtesy to owners.

Corrected cards should be received in the mail this week. Please contact the Clerk & Recorder's Office at 249-3362 X1 for your correct amount owed if you need to pay your renewal fee prior to receiving the corrected card.

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### CONSTRUCTION WORK ON 6530 ROAD TO BEGIN MONDAY AUG. 22

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MONTROSE – City street crews will begin major construction activities on 6530 Road between Lincoln Road and Angel Trail Street beginning Monday, August 22. The project is intended to improve road safety and includes removing failed pavement sections and overlaying the road.

Access will remain open throughout the duration of the project with periodic road and lane closures expected to occur during major elements of construction to maintain safe working conditions for city workers, contractors, and the motoring public.

The closure is expected to be completed by mid-September.

Motorists and pedestrians are asked to exercise caution around the work area and to please respect all coned-off areas.

Questions regarding the project may be directed to Street Division Superintendent Ryan Cushenan at [\(970\) 240-1482](tel:9702401482) or [rcushenan@ci.montrose.co.us](mailto:rcushenan@ci.montrose.co.us).

### FOREST SERVICE SEEKS COMMENTS ON NEW TRAIL

#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-The U.S. Forest Service, in collaboration with the Town of Telluride, is seeking comments on the construction

of a new 450-foot long trail segment in Bear Creek. The trail segment would be part of a new trail segment 300 feet in length that would connect to existing

trails in the Bear Creek Valley to create a 6-mile trail loop. A map of the proposed trail is posted on the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forest website at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/BearCreekTrail>

The purpose of the project is to create a continuous public trail loop in the Bear Creek Valley to enable recreationists to experience a greater portion of the Bear Creek Preserve Open Space.

The entire 6-mile trail loop would be open to mountain bikes, horse, and foot travel.

The trail segment on National Forest System lands would be constructed to Forest Service trail standards. It would be 18 – 24 inches in width and have a native surface tread. The Town of Telluride is taking the lead on the project with tentative plans to have a Southwest Conservation Corp crew begin trail construction this fall.

Public comments must be received by September, 16, 2016.

Written comments can be mailed, emailed, faxed or hand delivered to the Norwood Ranger District as follows: Norwood Ranger District, 1150 Forest Street, Norwood, Colorado 81423; Email: [comments-rocky-mountain-gmug-norwood@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-rocky-mountain-gmug-norwood@fs.fed.us); and/or Fax: 970-327-4854. Oral comments can be made by calling the Norwood Ranger District office at Ph. 970-327-4261.



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# Hold the Date! Upcoming Business and Cultural Events

## ONGOING-

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

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

**MAGIC CIRCLE THEATRE FOR CHILDREN: JUNE**-A musical version of "The Velveteen Rabbit", based on the 1922 classic tale by Margery Williams, will be presented by Magic Circle Players' *Theatre for Children*. Evening performances are scheduled for June 10, 17, 18, at 7 pm and matinees on June 11, 12, and 18, at 2 pm. For information visit the website at [www.magiccircleplayers.com](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 ActivitiesLocal 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. 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/purchase-tickets/> Info: <http://ocpag.org/> Phone number: 970-626-2970 Email: [ocpaginfo@gmail.com](mailto:ocpaginfo@gmail.com) Pianist Kara Huber, a young rising star in North America's classical music scene, is back by popular demand at the Wright Opera House, with a crowd-pleasing concert featuring works by Gershwin, Chopin, Rachmaninoff and more! Presented by the Ouray County Performing Arts Guild, this concert is part of the inaugural *Dave and Mary Wood Classical Concert Series*.

**Sept. 10** - The VOICE of the San Juans, brought to you by Altrusa of Montrose. Final competition at Montrose Pavilion. Tickets & details: <http://TheVoiceSanJuans.wordpress.com>.

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**Sept. 24-25-**Sneffels Fiber Arts Festival, Downtown Ridgway.



# Give Back Days

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**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)

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