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## TURNING TRAGEDY INTO LOVE...FARAGHER FOUNDATION BRINGS LIGHT THROUGH EDUCATION!

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—Her own life ended far too soon, in the devastation that followed the World Trade Center attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Still, Kit Faragher continues to make a difference in countless other lives, through a Foundation created in honor of those who loved her. And along with the funds to award scholarships, the love that fuels the Kit Faragher Scholarship Foundation continues to blossom and to grow.

Just ask Jana Faragher, the Foundation's founder and the wife of Dr. William Faragher, Kit's brother. "I love my husband," Jana said. "And I just saw how much he hurts every year, and how this continues to affect him."

When their own child was born, the official due date was Sept. 11, Jana said.

"I could see the pain," Jana said. "I wondered, how do we make something good come from

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**2016 Faragher scholarship recipients Rafael Nieto and Michele Medina plan to study biology and nursing, respectively.**

## YOUR BEST DAY EVER...DESTINATION MONTROSE COUNTY!



**Kent Wollert and Doug Roberts bring the Second Annual Mountain States Ranch Rodeo Finals to Montrose Sept. 9-11. Courtesy photo Mountain States Ranch Rodeo.**

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—For those not fortunate enough to live in Montrose County year-round, there are plenty of reasons to make this your "home for a day." Because no matter how you get here—by automobile, bus, plane, ATV, or even on horseback—a day trip to Montrose can be as individual as you are.

The community is rich with resources, whether you seek opportunities for recreation, hunting, arts and culture, or just want to sip a delicious beverage and shop the local boutiques. The continued expansion of flights at Montrose Regional Airport has established Montrose County as the Western Slope's regional air travel center, while the newly opened, 160-mile Rimrock Trail from Montrose to Moab will position the County's West End as a destination for OHV and ATV enthusiasts. And organizers of the upcoming Mountain States Ranch Rodeo hope to build Montrose County's

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## **FARAGHER FOUNDATION BRINGS LIGHT THROUGH EDUCATION**

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tragedy? How can we celebrate her life?"

Around that time, the family moved to Montrose, and Jana started the Faragher Foundation with the help of close friends. By providing scholarships, the family is now able to share Kit Faragher's enthusiasm for education and accomplishment. And each year, "We can keep her memory alive," Jana said.

With the Foundation, the Annual Faragher Foundation Dinner, Wine Event and Silent Auction was born. The first year, one scholarship worth \$1,500 was awarded, Foundation Board member Phuong Nguyen said. "This year, we are awarding four scholarships of \$6,000 each. The growth is really significant for us." Over the past six years, the response from the Montrose Community has been phenomenal, Jana said.

"Last year we were able to offer the first dedicated Montrose County scholarship," Foundation Board member Dee Coram said. "The Foundation has taken on a life of its own—last year we also received an anonymous \$5,000 donation.

"I have found out through this how incredibly gracious our community is."

The Annual Celebration is a chance to take something tragic and turn it into something that benefits many people, Coram said. "We encourage you to come," he said, "but if you can't make it and you see the worthiness of what we are doing, you can still donate. We are a 501 c 3, and your donation is tax deductible."

As the Foundation continues to build, a formal mentorship component for youth will be included, Jana Faragher said, allowing high school students access to more tools that will help them achieve success with their educational goals.

This year's event Dinner and Wine Event

& Silent Auction will take place at the Bridges of Montrose on Sept. 17, beginning at 5:30 p.m. And in keeping with the original mission, it is a full-on celebration of life complete with red carpet pictures and bubbles, silent and live auctions, live music, dinner and plenty of love in the form of scholarships for local youth. And at the end of the evening, Montrose Ford will even drive you safely home.

Two of the 2016 scholarship recipients intend to pursue education in fields related to health care, however, recipients are free to use the funds to pursue education in any form, including for trade school or online programs, Nguyen said. "Everybody should apply," he said, "because it is not based only on a traditional, four-year college education. You can use it for an online college if that is what you choose."

This year, scholarships for \$6000 apiece are being awarded to Rafael Nieto and Michelle Medina, both 18 years old. Rafael, an Olathe High School graduate for whom English is a second language, intends to study Biology at Mesa State Montrose, and eventually transfer to Grand Junction and then Denver to continue his studies in physical therapy. Michelle, who graduated from Montrose High School and who is already a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), will study nursing.

"I was introduced to the scholarship by a CNA at Montrose Memorial Hospital," she said. "I decided to give it a try, and I felt confident, so I applied."

Rafael heard about the scholarship from Michelle.

"I said sure, I'll give it a try, and I gave it my best," he said.

The two were surprised to learn that they would be competing against one another



**The Faragher Family at the 2011 Foundation event. Courtesy file photo.**

for the award.

"I said, hopefully you'll get it," Michelle said.

"I said, 'no, you,'" Rafael said. "And then we both just said, good luck!"

Rafael and Michelle first met in pre-school, spoke again in fifth grade, and are now a couple. They both express gratitude for the scholarships that will help them pursue their dreams, and are now helping to spread the word about the Faragher Foundation scholarships so that others will know to apply.

For Jana Faragher, the growth of the Foundation that she started out of love for her husband is a reward in itself. "This was about how we could celebrate Kit's life, and how we can keep her memory alive," Jana said. "The scholarships fill a need. We keep our overhead low so we can give back. The dedicated Montrose County scholarship helps us give back to our community. In a way, we are making sure people continue to think about what happened on 9-11. This is what hatred will do; we need to have love.

"The first year we held the Celebration, a big rainbow appeared in the sky just as they were giving a toast," she said. "You just know Kit was looking down."



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## TANYA'S IMAGES! REGIONAL PHOTOS BY TANYA ISHIKAWA



On Friday, Aug. 26, volunteers from the League of Women Voters commemorated the United States' passage of the Nineteenth Amendment giving women the right to vote in August 1920. Nancy Ball, Silke Printz, Barb Krebs and Suzy Gingery paraded in 1920s-style attire through the Ridgway Farmer's Market, talked with market-goers and helped people register to vote. Photos by Tanya Ishikawa.



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## ***YOUR BEST DAY EVER...DESTINATION MONTROSE COUNTY! From page 1***

reputation as the premiere destination in the entire region for Western lifestyle events.

When it comes to [TripAdvisor web site's](#) listing for [fun and games](#) in Montrose, the top attraction remains the Star Drive Inn Theatre, followed by the Fox Theater downtown and Mack's Family Entertainment and Sports Center. The community's history as a railroad town also continues to attract history buffs, and Montrose's three local museums (Montrose Historical Museum, Ute Indian Museum and the Museum of the Mountain West) are all included in the TripAdvisor web site's list of 24 [things to do](#) in Montrose.

Museum of the Mountain West (68169 Miami Road) has held the number one spot on this list for years, thanks to an eclectic collection of artifacts and well-trained volunteer tour guides. Museum staffer April McGahhey credits the Museum of the Mountain West's popularity to the personal touch. "We are a unique museum—we offer guided tours for a personal experience," she said. "The heart of the museum is our group of volunteer tour guides; they are knowledgeable and have such a passion for what they do."

Museum Founder Rich Fike believes that the one-on-one experience of leading a guided tour enriches the tour guides as well. "Our guides get to meet interesting people from all over the world," Fike said. The Museum drew 31 percent more visitors this season than last, he said.

"(Local businessman and philanthropist) Ralph Walchle acquired the Ouray County jail, and he and his wife donated it here, so now we are building a Sheriff's Office," Fike said. "And the Second Empire House that we have acquired will sit right next to a Montgomery Ward plan house from 1909. They are two distinctly different homes—one much nicer than the other, both furnished with things representing the time period and income level."

New tour guides are always welcome, he said.

Montrose's Magic Circle Theatre (420 South 12<sup>th</sup> Street) also ranks high on the "Things to do list," at number three out of 24. How does a small town community

theater become a regional tourist attraction? "Well, I think now that we are in our 56<sup>th</sup> year, we are a very well-supported community theater with a loyal following," Theater tech Mitch Hamilton said. "I have worked with two other community theaters, and the Magic Circle is by far the most successful."

"It is a nice place, with comfortable seating. Every seat is close to the stage. We have a comfortable lobby, our shows are good, and the talent just seems to keep showing up! Our community has got a lot of talented people, and Magic Circle Theatre is a great showcase for that."

Magic Circle also chooses its productions with the community in mind, he said. "We definitely produce the crowd pleasers—shows like Annie, and Mary Poppins—and we do classical theater. But we also push the envelope every once in a while."

Magic Circle continues to improve the Theatre building, which has an excellent location on East South 12<sup>th</sup> Street just off of Townsend Avenue. "We are always trying to better ourselves," Hamilton said. "We are improving the lighting as we speak; it will be softer, warmer, and more inviting."

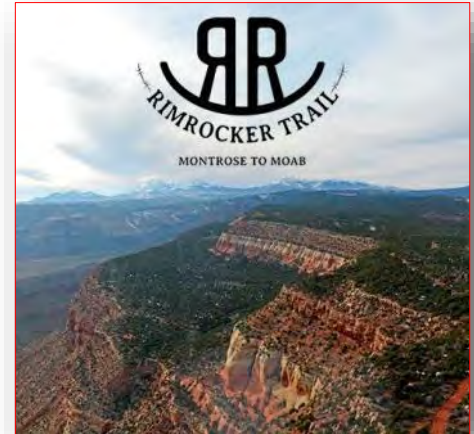
With the exception of Box Office staff, Magic Circle Players continues to be run entirely by a dedicated team of volunteers, he added.

Though the 2016 County Fair is over for the year, the Montrose County Fairgrounds continues to draw crowds for events nearly every weekend, and the second annual Mountain States Ranch Rodeo will kick up the dust here for the second year on Sept. 9-11.

"We just have an amazing little community," Montrose County Fairgrounds Interim Manager Cynthia Harlow said. "There is always something fun going on every weekend."

And while the inaugural Mountain States Ranch Rodeo in 2015 drew an "awesome" turnout, expect this year's ranch rodeo to be even bigger and better, Harlow said.

"We just have a huge weekend coming up," she said, "especially with the Downtown events. And along with the rodeo, we will have the CWBRA Barrel Races, the



***The Rimrocker Trail, a Montrose County initiative, will help build the economic base of the County's West End communities. Courtesy photo.***

tack swap & sale, the pancake breakfast, and Jack's Auction."

Mountain States Ranch Rodeo Organizer Doug Roberts explained, "[Mountain States Ranch Rodeo](#) is producing professional equine competitions and agriculture expositions to promote Montrose as the premier destination in the Intermountain region for Western lifestyle events."

From Montrose County's perspective, thoughtful growth is a win-win for the whole community.

"We're very excited," Montrose County Board of Commissioners Chair Glen Davis said.

"The (Rimrocker) Trail came about because of conversations with the forest service, and because our government affairs person, Jon Waschbusch, was able to move things forward and get that trail open. This should help to create an economic base on the West End, and the whole county will benefit."

The new Montrose County Fairgrounds Events Center will also help drive up the economic base, he said, as does continued growth and expansion at Montrose Regional Airport.

"Those planes flying in and out of here mean income that can be spent in Montrose, and jobs created," Davis said.

Learn more about Montrose by visiting [www.montrosecounty.net](http://www.montrosecounty.net). Reach the Montrose Chamber of Commerce at 970-249-5000.

## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

# ALPINE BANK GRANTS \$30K IN FUNDS TO COMMUNITY IN CELEBRATION OF COLORADO DAY



**Ouray County Historical Society Photo – Left to Right: Alpine Bank SVP/ Branch Manager, Dennis Alexander; Alpine Bank Ouray Operations Specialist, Koree Schmidt; and OCHS Board President, Kevin Chismire. Courtesy photo.**



**Delta County Museum Photo – Left to Right: DCM Board Member, Keith Lucy; Alpine Bank AVP/Branch Manager, Barbara Wolfe; and DCM Curator & Director, Jim Wetzel. Courtesy photo.**

## Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE, Colo. – Colorado became a state in 1876, exactly 100 years after the signing of the Declaration of Independence, earning it the moniker of Centennial State. Colorado Day is an annual observance that commemorates the state's birthday on Aug. 1, 1876. Alpine Bank, with 38 branches in 28 Colorado communities from Denver to Durango, is celebrating the 140<sup>th</sup> Colorado Day with awards totaling \$30,000 to nonprofits with a historic preservation or cultural mission. In the San Juan region, the Delta County Museum and the Ouray County Historical Society are the selected beneficiaries of the grants, each in the amount of \$1,876.

The Delta County Museum is the place to go if you are searching for treasures from Delta County and around the world. Here you can see many items of interest from Delta County's pioneer days, such as housewares, toys, clothing and early farming and ranch utensils. Some interesting highlights include the Leslie J. Savage Bell collection, the butterfly display, and a

prehistoric dinosaur bones.

Also at the museum is a rare 38-Star American flag commemorating Colorado as the 38th state to join the Union (included in check presentation photo). The 38-star flag was the 20<sup>th</sup> version of the flag and was in use until 1890 when five additional states were added to the Union, thus creating the 43 star flag.

Jim Wetzel, Museum Director, said that this donation came at a great time as they are in need of additional preservation supplies and additional storage shelving units for their growing collections of historical items.

Ouray County Historical Society is dedicated to preserve, protect, procure, exhibit and interpret whatever relates to the natural, social and cultural history of Ouray County and the adjoining San Juan Mountain region of Colorado.

The Museum is housed in the original St. Joseph's Miners' Hospital that was built in 1886 and finished in 1887. In its early days it was operated by the Sisters of Mercy, all of whom came to Ouray from Durango, Colorado and Omaha, Nebraska. It was a

unique collection of

hospital until 1964. In 1976 the historical society purchased the building for a museum. The Museum features mining, ranching and railroading, the three main means of employment in Ouray's early history. It houses many artifacts dating back to Ouray's earliest days which began in 1875. There are large displays of minerals and Indian artifacts in the building. The photo was taken in the Walsh-Zanett Room, a recreation of an upper-class parlor during the Victorian era. Thomas Walsh was born an Irish peasant, came to the United States at age 19, owned and operated a hotel in Leadville and then made a huge fortune in the mine fields in and around Ouray County, he was the owner of the Camp Bird Mine. Among his many good deeds, he paid off the mortgage on the hospital building when the hospital was in serious financial trouble. Evalyn Walsh McLean, Thomas Walsh's daughter even owned the supposedly cursed Hope Diamond. Kevin Chismire, President of the Ouray County Historical Society Board of Directors, shared that this donation will be put to good use as there are always needs and ongoing project for the historical society and museum with exhibit, additional collections and research.



## FIND PERSONAL SERVICE, SELECTION@ BICYCLE OUTFITTERS



Store Manager Chris Davis at Bicycle Outfitters. Photo by Clay Greathouse.

By Liesl Greathouse

MONTROSE-For anyone looking to get a new bike, fix up their old one, or who need bike accessories, Montrose Bicycle Outfitters has services and products to fulfill all your biking needs.

In addition to being a full-service bicycle shop offering top-notch service, repair, and wheelbuilding, they also offer great bikes from Santa Cruz, Felt, Salsa, Scott, Intense, Haro, Pivot and more. "We cover all kinds of bicycles: BMX, mountain bikes and road bikes, along with lots of parts and accessories," said store manager Chris Davis. "The service aspect of the business

is where we hang our hats. We offer friendly service, and we help people fix their bikes so that they work great and they can go back to enjoying the ride."

Montrose Bicycle Outfitters opened in March of 2015, started by Bicycle Outfitters in Grand Junction, which opened in 1993, as an expansion into the Montrose area. "The mountain cycles scene was growing here, so we saw the opportunity to open a shop down here," Davis explained. "There has been a lot of trail development here, opening up the back country." A relatively new phenomenon with bikes has been the growing pop-

ularity of 'fat tire' bikes. "They are wider tires, some 3 inches wide, others 5 inches wide," Davis said. "They are designed for riding on packed snow and they are fun, opening up places to bike to. They have great traction, comfort and stability for trails."

The selection of products and bikes that Outfitters offers is what keeps customers coming back. "We offer great brands that are not available in other stores," Davis said. "We also provide personal service, working to figure out people's needs and fill those needs instead of just selling products." The shop just recently started a clearance sale for their older model bikes. "Now is the time when model bikes change over, so all of our 2016 and older bikes are on sale," Davis said.

Davis loves being able to get people excited about riding bikes. "Whether we fix someone's 20 year old bike or sell them a new one, we're all about just getting them out there biking," he said. "We're definitely here to answer any questions. People think that they 'have to know a lot to come in' and people can be intimidated, but that shouldn't be the case. We're here to help people from novices to experts. Whether you want to fix your old bike or you want to buy a new one, we're very friendly and we want to help."

Montrose Bicycle Outfitters is located at 223 N 1st Street in Montrose. They are open Monday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-6p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

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### MONTROSE-DELTA BEACONFEST A BOUNTY OF SENIOR FUN!



*The sixth annual Montrose-Delta BeaconFest Boomer & Senior Fair will be held from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 15 at the Montrose Pavilion. Courtesy photo.*

#### Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The BEACON Senior Newspaper is having a party and you're invited. The sixth annual Montrose-Delta BeaconFest Boomer & Senior Fair will be held from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. on Thursday, September 15 at the Montrose Pavilion, 1800 Pavilion Drive in Montrose.

This year's BeaconFest features an exciting lineup of entertainment, free food, lively seminars and informational booths from 50 senior-related agencies and busi-

nesses.

"It's surprising how much fun people have at BeaconFest," BEACON Publisher Kevin VanGundy said. "I'd expect folks to stop by for an hour or two, but we are having a growing number of people who stay the whole day."

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## THIRTEENTH ANNUAL LADYBUG INVITATIONAL @ COBBLE CREEK PROVES LUCKY FOR TWO LOCAL NONPROFITS!

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-Officers and Co-Chairs of the Cobble Creek Women's Golf Association (CCWGA) Ladybug Invitational present a check for \$4,500 to the Montrose Community Foundation.

On July 16<sup>th</sup>, the Cobble Creek Women's Golf Association (CCWGA) hosted the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Ladybug Invitational. Ninety six entrants played in the tournament this year. The event was generously sponsored by Timberline Bank and Tiff and Joanne Hayden of The Enclave. Each year the CCWGA donates the proceeds of the Ladybug Invitational to a local nonprofit and this year they chose to split the proceeds between Sharing Ministries and the Montrose Community Foundation. Each organization will receive a generous \$2,250. Since 2011, the CCWGA has donated almost \$23,000 to the Montrose Community Foundation thru Ladybug Invitational



proceeds. Pictured: Randy Havens, President, Timberline Bank; Lynne Thomas, CCWGA Treasurer; Deb Brown, CCWGA President; Bonnie Tasch, Chair, Ladybug Invitational; and Sara Plumhoff, Executive

Director, Montrose Community Foundation. For questions, please contact Sara Plumhoff, Montrose Community Foundation 249-3900 or [sarap.montrosecf@gmail.com](mailto:sarap.montrosecf@gmail.com).



## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### TOUCH OF CARE AND REGION 10 PRESENT MATTER OF BALANCE CLASSES

*Special to the Mirror*

REGIONAL-Touch of Care and Region 10's Area Agency on Aging are bringing Matter of Balance classes to older adults throughout Region 10. The Matter of Balance classes are available for a donation only to anyone age 60 and older who is concerned about falling. This program is Evidence-Based, which means it has been proven effective in university studies to reduce the fear of falling. This program emphasizes practical strategies to manage falls. Each Matter of Balance class includes eight, two-hour sessions. The next Montrose class begins on Thursday, Sept. 22, at the Meadowlark Court Apartments' Community Room in Montrose, and will be held weekly from 1 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. every Thursday through Nov. 10, 2016.

Registration is required, and classes are limited to the first 12 participants. To register, please contact Touch of Care at 970-249-6080, or Toll Free at 1-866-874-6115. For additional information on these classes, please contact: Touch of Care, 1100 East Main Street, Montrose, CO 81401 [www.touchofcarepcp.com](http://www.touchofcarepcp.com). April Martinez or Juli Messenger 970.249.6080 [april@touchofcarepcp.com](mailto:april@touchofcarepcp.com); [jmessenger@touchofcarepcp.com](mailto:jmessenger@touchofcarepcp.com) or follow us on Facebook.

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## BEAVER HILL RESIDENTS TALK ROAD MAINTENANCE, HENDERSON QUESTIONS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE STATUS @ BOCC WORK SESSION AUG. 23



*Approximately 20 residents of Beaver Hill approached the BOCC to present their concerns about upgrades and maintenance needed on the Old Paradox Road. Photo by Gail Marvel.*

By Gail Marvel

### **MONTROSE-Manager Items:**

County Manager Ken Norris discussed the Fairgrounds Manager position. Previously three candidates had been interviewed, but no one hired. For the last six months an interim manager has been in place, "The interim has done a good job and has a lot of potential."

Commissioner Glen Davis brought up the need for training between the department heads and commissioners, "With new commissioners coming on board we need to sit down with the finance department... A lot of my experience was trial and error. We need orientation for the new commissioners with HR, IT and finance. Train people in the departments before they start trying to set policy."

Commissioner Ron Henderson said, "We need to have a skull session; a work session to itemize it out. Get a to-do-list rather than a re-do [list]...something that's already been done." Bringing the conversation back to the Fairgrounds Manager position Henderson said, "This was the best year [county fair] by far...not that it couldn't be improved. I suggest we have a work session on it. It's a personnel matter to review in closed session."

County Media Relations Manager Katherine Yergensen reported on after-action of

the Rimrocker event and whether the commissioners wanted to consider a similar event for 2017. "It was very positive. There were a lot of people from Moab and Grand Junction." Caterers served 340 people.

### **Shooting Range:**

Paul Miller, owner of San Juan Shooting Range, presented an aerial photo of the shooting range and possible upgrades to the facility which would allow city and county law enforcement to train at the same time. Miller proposed a 25-year lease agreement with the county, similar to one in place with the City of Montrose, which would trade in-kind services. The Sheriff's office would have unlimited access to the rifle range in exchange for the county doing dozer work on the property. The proposal will go before the BOCC at a regular scheduled meeting.

### **Road Maintenance:**

Phil Booker, spokesperson for county residents living on Beaver Hill, thanked the commissioners for their work on Old Paradox Road, but he described the road as, "better than a level-one road." Booker presented county data on Average Daily Traffic (ADT) which he thought was understated. The county's Standards and Specifications for Roads and Bridges, Section 4.04 Maintenance Service Levels, assigns

one of four levels to county roads, "In order to adequately distribute available public funding." Booker said, "The county would get a lot of good-will if they filled some potholes."

Approximately 20 Beaver Hill residents turned out to discuss the road with the commissioners. At the heart of the matter is a six-tenths of a mile section of road that is owned by the county, but has been maintained by the subdivision/HOA. In 2016, access to BLM land opened up on the Old Paradox Road, which has resulted in more traffic.

One woman said, "I don't get it why we are even having this discussion. Do you represent me and the taxes I pay? I'd like to have the road maintained." Commissioner Davis said, "I understand your frustration..." And the woman responded, "I don't think you do."

Davis assured the woman the county can maintain the road, "We own that six-tenths of a mile... [but we can't] go in and take on your subdivision road. That's our road to the top of the hill and we're not going to turn our back on it. We're going to look at it."

While residents are concerned about safety, potholes and maintenance; the commissioners are concerned with drainage, contract work and legal issues. Davis said, "We will look at it, go to legal [department] and talk to Road and Bridge."

### **Commissioner Ron Henderson:**

Henderson brought up the Montrose Chamber of Commerce, "Increasingly it is a great concern to me that the Chamber seems to be losing its way. We [community] had a lot of people put up money to put the facility up 20 years ago. There's no comments or discussion from the community anymore...the only thing left is the equity in the building." The Chamber building is for sale and Henderson suggested that the Chamber be invited to a work session to give the commissioners a review, "We are duplicating ourselves [serving the community] or something." Davis said, "Let's get them on the agenda."

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## **BEAVER HILL RESIDENTS TALK ROAD MAINTENANCE, HENDERSON QUESTIONS CHAMBER From page 13**

Also up for discussion was the recent flooding in Naturita that happened the previous day. Henderson said, "It's a huge problem. We need to take a hard look at it. The drainage catcher [surge pond] was designed to take care of a 100-year flood, but for a 500-year flood it doesn't work very well." The cloud burst on August 22 was timely in that representatives from Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) were in the community and witnessed the event first hand. DOLA is the State entity that helps with grants and Henderson quipped, "Devine Intervention took place in Naturita."

Damage to the Naturita community included two-feet of water flowing down the street, seven houses damaged and two families evacuated. Sheriff Rick Dunlap said, "This is the third time this year... and today might be number four [more

rain predicted]."

The surge dam, estimated to have cost more than \$400,000 when it was built, was completely destroyed. It was suggested that the Soil Conservation District be added to an upcoming work session agenda.

### **Elected Officials:**

Montrose Coroner Dr. Thomas Canfield reported, "Things have been slower [autopsies] so I'm back on budget. The hospital raised the rent a fair amount and then raised it again, doubling the price. I took exception and the second raise [rent increase] was rescinded."

Canfield continues his crusade to improve safety on HWY 550 south, "CDOT Regions Five and Three have been real good to return my calls...the local CDOT representative's answering machine must not be working."

Davis weighed in on his concern with early morning bicyclists and traffic on HWY 50 East and 6700 Road.

The Sheriff said, "Bicyclists are supposed to obey the traffic laws just like everybody else." Davis said, "...but they don't."

### **Reports from Assistant County Manager:**

Dave Laursen reported that bids on surplus county property have been received. Bids that meet the appraised value of the land will be considered.

Discussion on the county health insurance and the disparity of services and prices throughout the State.

Laursen said, "The cost of an MRI in Colorado ranges from \$400 to \$6,500."

### **County Attorney:**

Concerning forest land issues, the commissioners were asked if they wanted a full trial notebook, or an executive version and they opted for the executive version.



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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### AIR SERVICE ADDITIONS: NEW FLIGHTS & ADDED CAPACITY

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TELLURIDE— Heading into the Winter 2016 -17 season, the Montrose/Telluride region will once again see a major jump in air service, continuing to add options and ranking among the best in mountain destinations for access. Additions this year include new or added flights on United, American and Allegiant airlines.

Montrose Regional Airport (MTJ) is boasting new Denver service with the addition of twice-weekly Allegiant Air flights. The low-cost carrier looks to provide an affordable option to the I-70 corridor skier from the Denver area, as well as great local outbound access. Along with the new 35-minute, \$9 commuter train from downtown Denver to Denver International Airport, the ease and cost of getting to destination skiing for Denver locals just took a major turn for the better.

For the third straight year, MTJ will see a major jump in service on the American Airlines network. Flights from Dallas/Ft. Worth (DFW) will now begin on November 18<sup>th</sup> and run twice daily during the core parts of the season, including mainline jets. Flights from Phoenix-Sky Harbor (PHX) will now run daily through the season, where they had been 2-5x weekly previously. Service will also continue from Chicago (ORD) and Los Angeles (LAX) on American.

For MTJ core carrier United, Denver

(DEN) will see mainline jets on the midday flights, among the 3-6 daily options through the season. United is offering larger jets from Houston (IAH) on Saturdays once again, and adding a flight to make three-per-week from San Francisco (SFO). Daily flights continue from ORD, with 1-3 flights weekly from New York (LGA), New York/New Jersey (EWR) and Los Angeles (LAX).

“We’re continuing to charge up the ladder of accessibility,” said Colorado Flights COO Matt Skinner. “We now rank among the best in mountain airports for direct flight options, and are one of the few to have major network connectivity and a low cost carrier. Both our guests and locals alike will enjoy the multiple options with easy access to and from domestic and international destinations.”

Telluride Regional Airport (TEX) will once again see daily commercial service beginning December 17<sup>th</sup>. The Denver to Telluride flights will be provided by Great Lakes (United partners) and will run year-round, averaging 10 flights per week.

This 2016-17 winter season will see an overall increase in air service to the Montrose/Telluride region of approximately 12%, with the additions accounting for a 30% increase over two years.

“Connectivity to the world is a key element for businesses to thrive in a community,” said Sandy Head, Executive Director

of the Montrose Economic Development Corporation. “The continued expansion of air service to MTJ provides a great tool for business growth. The economic impact of MTJ to our region exceeds \$220 million per year which demonstrates the fact that all businesses in the region benefit from this service and the economic wealth it creates.”

Highlights for Montrose/Telluride winter air schedule include:

New flight from Denver (DEN) to Montrose (MTJ) on Allegiant

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### COLORADO SUPREME COURT DENIES GOLD HILL DEVELOPMENT REQUEST TO REVIEW COURT OF APPEALS' DECISION, AFFIRMS TRIAL COURT DECISION

#### Special to the Mirror

SAN MIGUEL COUNTY—Once again, the original trial court verdict in a case involving multiple entities, public and private landowners, and public access to trails in the high country above Telluride has been upheld.

On Monday, Aug. 22, the Colorado Supreme Court decision not to review the December 2015 Court of Appeals' decision effectively affirmed the May 2014 judgment and order of District Court Judge Mary Deganhart in the lawsuit filed by Gold Hill Development Company, L.P., Plaintiff-Appellant against the Board of County Commissioners of the County of San Miguel Colorado; TSG Ski & Golf, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company; and TSG Asset Holdings, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, Defendants-

Appellees.

Well known Western Colorado realtor Thomas Chapman is associated with the Gold Hill Development Company.

Grand Junction Attorney Earl Rhodes, who represented San Miguel County as it took the lead in litigating the case, said he is pleased with the outcome.

"My view is that this is the end of the road for Mr. Chapman," Rhodes said. "He has lost and there is now an award against him for costs--\$42,000 for TSG and \$25,000 for San Miguel County. There is now a published decision by the Colorado Court of Appeals that provides guidance to the State of Colorado and affirms the right of the public to use trails in the high country. And the ruling also cut back and clarified the McIntyre decision, which is a good thing for counties."

On Dec. 17, the Colorado Court of Appeals upheld the original decision of the trial court in this matter: in a decision released Monday the Plaintiff's Petitions for Writ of Certiorari were denied on all counts by the Colorado Supreme Court.

Though Plaintiffs may pursue their interests through other routes, few legal avenues remain open following the decision of the Colorado Supreme Court.

San Miguel County stepped forward to defend the public right to access after Gold Hill Development Company launched a campaign to inform hikers that access to the Wasatch Trail had been closed. Former Assistant County Attorney Becky King spent two years researching the case, San Miguel County Parks and Open Space Director Linda Luther Broderick said.

"The county Open Space program spent \$186,000 over a three or four year period to pay for the litigation," Luther Broderick said. "Without the Open Space program's dedicated mill levy, it is very unlikely the county would have been able to mount this battle, especially since the trail is a Forest Service trail."

"It is a relief that the litigation is over and the trail remains officially open to the public."

San Miguel County Commissioner Amy Levek said of the Supreme Court ruling, "This really is a big win for public access and the recreational uses so valued by those who live and visit here."

"Kudos to the county staff and others who did some amazing historical research to show that the County and public had legal access across the Gold Hill Development Company parcel. While I respect property rights, there are times when government needs to stand firm and not be bullied. We're grateful that the Court system agreed."

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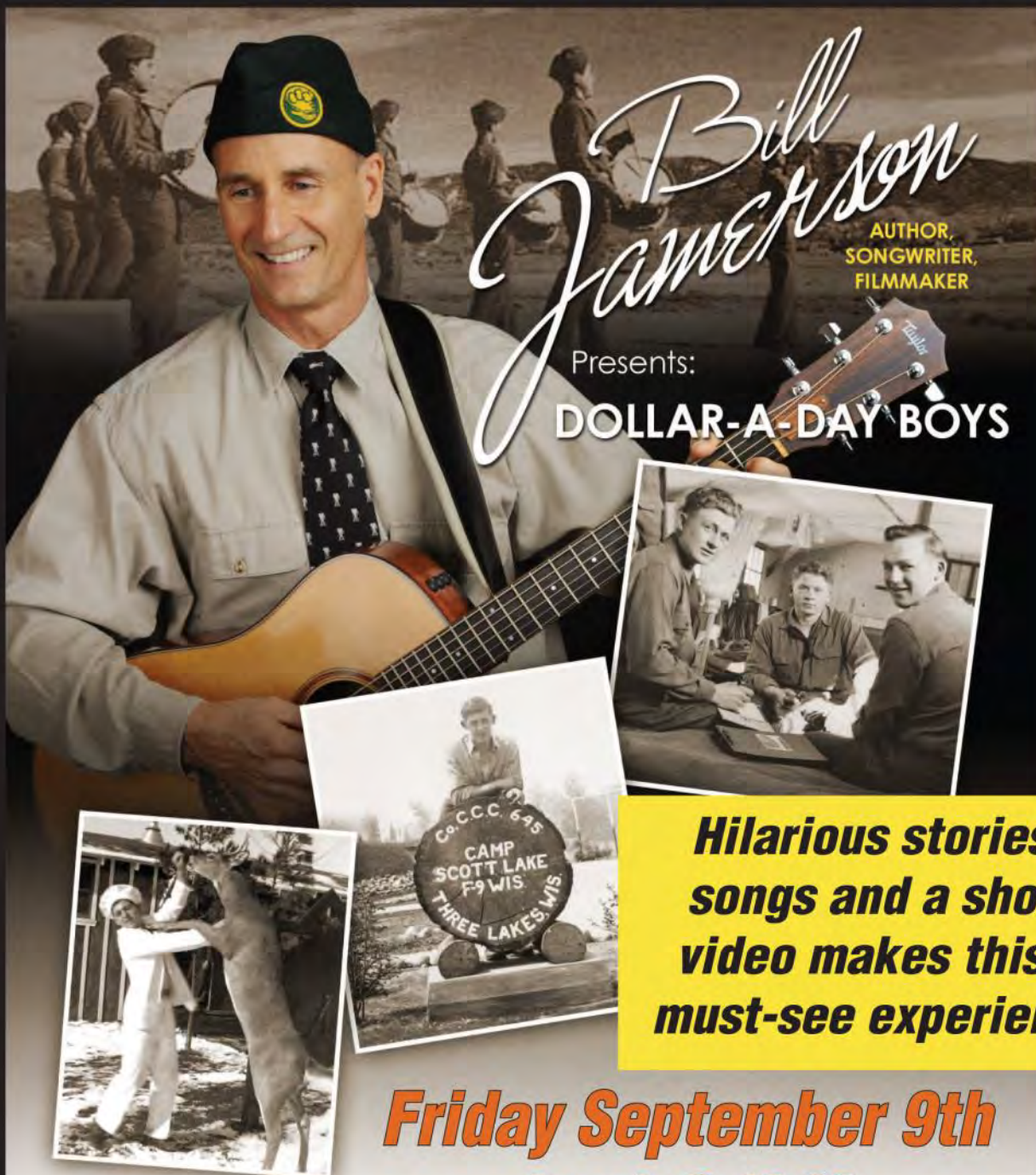
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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### LOCAL CREDIT UNION TAKES ADVANTAGE OF POKÉMON CRAZE!

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE—On Aug. 20th NuVista Federal Credit Union lit up Montrose, CO for one hour by setting Pokémon Lure Modules at eleven different Pokéstops in the downtown area.

Pokémon Go was a global phenomenon even before its release on July 6th of this year. Since then, more than 9.5 million people in the United States alone are considered “daily, active users.”

The small town of Montrose, CO is no exception. NuVista Federal Credit Union decided to help local Pokémon

“Trainers” (users of the app) by luring more wild Pokémon to the area. NuVista aimed toward passive marketing by promoting the event through social media and email. “We knew we had to do something with Pokémon Go, and do it soon. It’s just too pervasive to not pay attention to.” Said Chelsea Rosty, VP of Marketing and Community Relations at NuVista. Rosty and two other employees, both proud Pokémon Trainers, came up with a plan to buy the Lure Modules and place them downtown on a Saturday morning, all courtesy of the Credit Union.

In essence, Lure Modules, which are purchased with real money, can be placed at Pokéstops, which are pre-determined “stops” (usually historical monuments, pieces of outdoor art, or well-known locations) that are real-time pieces of the game. For thirty minutes after a Lure is placed at a Pokéstop, Wild Pokémon are “attracted” to the stop at more frequent intervals than when the stop has no Lure Module.

One of the objectives of the game is to catch all the different Pokémon (there are currently 151 different kinds).

Being in close proximity of a Pokéstop with a Lure Module gives the user a better chance of catching more Pokémon, both common and, if the user is lucky, rare. Long story short, Lure Modules help and can make for an exciting thirty minutes. The event, which was advertised by NuVista to be from 10 am to 11 am, was well planned out.

“You can’t set Lures remotely,” said Korey Hehn, Community Relations Specialist at NuVista, “so we had to figure out how we were going to set Lures at eleven different Pokéstops in a matter of

minutes. All the stops were downtown, but they were too spread out to walk or even run to in that amount of time. It was a ton of fun!” Hehn and Rosty set off in their cars at 9:55 to set the first batch of Lures with pre-made maps containing planned stops for each Lure setter. They then walked around the local farmer’s market for half an hour, spotting many Pokémon Go players, phones in hand, going from stop to stop. When 10:25 came, Hehn and Rosty set the second batch of Lures, thus providing a full hour of enhanced gameplay for local Pokémon Trainers.

NuVista experienced positive Social Media response when they shared the ad for the event, and after the morning was over they received several “thank you’s” from happy players. “It was definitely a success, and there is always joy in giving people something,” said Rosty. “Setting the Lures was an easy, inexpensive way for NuVista to reach out to the community, both Credit Union members and non-members, provide a fun Saturday morning, and portray NuVista in a friendly, approachable, and positive light.”

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### EXPECT TOWNSEND AVENUE DELAYS THIS WEEK FOR SIGNAL WORK

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MONTROSE-Townsend Avenue Delays Expected for Traffic Signal Work Beginning Monday, August 29, through Wednesday, August 31, three intersections of US Highway 550 (US 550) in Montrose will have periodic stops and right lane closures. The intersection of US-550 and 12 th Street will be impacted on August 29, the intersection of US-550 and S. 7 th Street will be impacted August 30 and the intersection of US-50 and LaSalle Street will be impacted on Aug. 31. The work is necessary for the turn-on of traffic signal lights at each intersection. From 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. all right lanes in all directions will be closed with periodic traffic stops. Officers will be onsite helping to direct traffic. Delays of 5-10 minutes may be expected throughout the day. Alternate routes are advised. Contact the Project Team If you have questions about the project, you can contact the Public Information Team at 970-964-9534, or email [us50signals@publicinfoteam.com](mailto:us50signals@publicinfoteam.com).

### TRA PLANT AND TREE SALE AUCTION @ MESA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

*Special to the Mirror*

GRAND JUNCTION-Colorado State University Tri-River Area Extension invites you to join us for the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Plant and Tree Sale Auction, Saturday, October 8, located at the Mesa County Fairgrounds. Plants and trees are donated from local area nurseries and growers. Plant sale starts at 9 a.m and ends at 1 p.m. Tree auction begins at 10 a.m. All proceeds benefit the Tri-River Area Master Gardener Program. For more information please contact CSU Master Gardener Coordinator, Susan Honea at 970-244-1834.



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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### ROAD WORK ON KEBLER PASS WILL RESULT IN TRAVEL DELAYS

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DELTA—Gunnison County Road 12 at Kebler Pass, located approximately four miles west of Crested Butte, will be closed for two hour periods between 8 am-5:30 pm Monday through Friday from Sept. 7 through approximately Oct. 15, 2016.

Travelers should expect up to two hour delays. Waiting traffic (one direction at a time) will be allowed to pass through the construction area every two hours, in order to accomplish increments of work. The passage times will occur at approximately 10 a.m., 12:30, and at 3 p.m.. Once waiting traffic in both directions has

passed through the construction site, the road will be closed for continued work. After approximately 5:30 PM until 8 AM the road will be open for through traffic.

The road closures will occur at the winter trailhead outside of Crested Butte on the east end of the project and at Splains Gulch on the west side of the project.

In the spring of 2015, heavy rains and the instability of the upper slope required emergency repairs to prevent the road from washing out.

This project involves stabilizing and re-enforcing a cut bank and includes constructing a rock wall, installing buttressing

and adding additional culverts to help prevent future damage to the road.

An alternative bypass route can be taken over Ohio Pass (CR 730) but will add approximately one hour or more to the driving time between Paonia and Crested Butte.

This route will not accommodate trailers or large trucks. Travelers are advised that trucks hauling rock associated with the project will be coming from both Taylor Canyon (NFSR 742) and Ohio Pass. We apologize for this inconvenience and ask the for the public's patience while this necessary work is accomplished.



## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### WWII B-25 BOMBER MAID IN THE SHADE EXHIBITION COMING TO MONTROSE

#### Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The type of fast, muscular aircraft made famous in the 1942 Doolittle Raid and the film *30 Seconds Over Tokyo* will be on public exhibition at Montrose Regional Airport Sept. 7-11, 2016, from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

The B-25J Mitchell 'Maid in the Shade' is a fully restored WWII Bomber - one of the Commemorative Air Force's combat aircraft from its world-famous military aviation flying museum based at Airbase Arizona (ABAZ).

The B-25J will arrive on Tuesday, September 6, approximately 12 p.m. It will be on exhibit for the public to climb inside and tour from Wednesday, Sept. 7 through September 11. Bucket-list B-25 Bomber rides will be scheduled on Friday through Sunday, Sept. 9, 10, and 11. This once-in-a-lifetime experience in a meticulously restored and maintained Warbird will thrill those on the ground as they enviously watch passengers brief-and-board, and roar overhead in tribute to every service man and woman in the U.S.A. past and present.

The exhibition of *Maid in the Shade* as part of the *Flying Legends of Victory Summer Air Show Tour*, expected to visit approximately 40 towns in the U.S. and Can-



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**On Sept. 7-11-The B-25J Mitchell 'Maid in the Shade' will be on public exhibition at Montrose Regional Airport Sept. 7 through Sept. 11, 2016, from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Courtesy photo.**

ada. The other Warbird in the tour, the B-17 Bomber, *Sentimental Journey*, will be on exhibit in Wheeling, West Virginia, that same weekend.

#### For more information:

**Tours:** \$5 Donations requested. Wednesday - Sunday, 9am - 5 pm. We're a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. All proceeds

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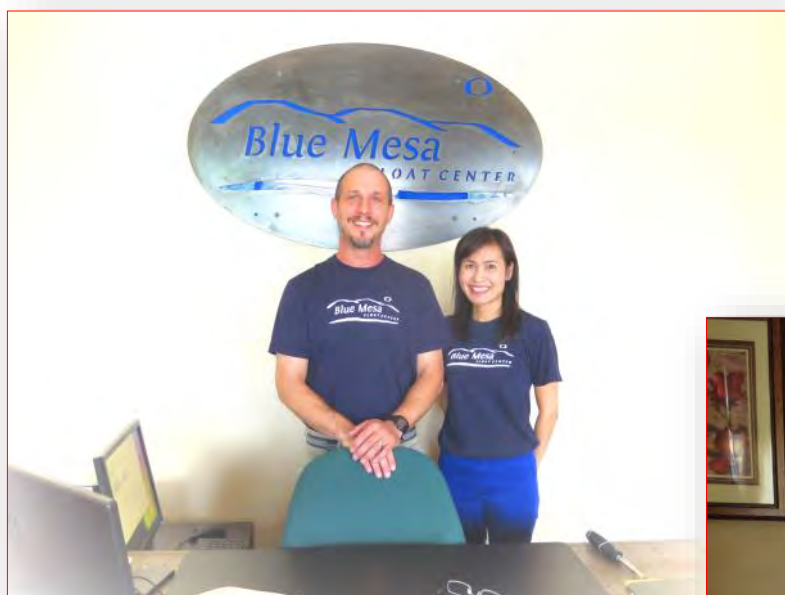
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Below, Kim from the fantastic Lighthouse Café & Eatery at 1047 North First Street shows a map, shared by a grateful diner, placing the Lighthouse Café on the map of Montrose. "We are not a drive-through," explains Kim. "We are a destination!"



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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### PREScribed BURN PLANNED FOR SIMMS MESA

#### Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE- The Bureau of Land Management's Uncompahgre Field Office plans to begin a prescribed burn on Simms Mesa as early as Sept. 1, or as conditions allow.

The prescribed burn, located twelve miles south of Montrose, Colorado on BLM-managed lands, will reduce hazardous fuels; protect wildland urban interface communities; improve big game habitat; improve species diversity; and reintroduce fire to a fire adapted ecosystem. The project will treat up to 200 acres of pinion-juniper woodlands, Gambel oak, and sagebrush.

A detailed burn plan outlines the parameters for prescribed burn.

"The burn plan contains specific criteria regarding weather conditions and air quality that must be met to help ensure control of the burn as well as to minimize the

potential smoke impacts to local communities," said Rusty Stark, BLM Fire Management Specialist.

The BLM has obtained a Smoke Permit from the Colorado State Air Pollution Control Division which identifies atmospheric conditions under which the burn can be implemented. Prescribed fire smoke may affect your health. For more information, visit <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/wood-smoke-and-health>.

This prescribed burn may take up to eight days to complete once initiated, and will be monitored once completed to ensure public safety. While smoke may be visible in the area at times, most of the smoke will lift and dissipate during the warmest parts of the day.

Smoke may be visible in the area for several days after the burn is completed as vegetation in the interior continues to

smolder.

For information on wildfires and restrictions in the area, call the Southwest District Fire Management Information line (970.240.1070), visit the MIFMU website ([http://gacc.nifc.gov/rmcc/dispatch\\_centers/r2mtc/](http://gacc.nifc.gov/rmcc/dispatch_centers/r2mtc/)), or follow us on Twitter ([https://twitter.com/SWD\\_Fire](https://twitter.com/SWD_Fire)) and Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/BLMMontroseFireUnit>).

The Southwest District Fire Management program covers the BLM Colorado's Southwest District and the Gunnison Field Office (BLM), the Uncompahgre Field Office (BLM), and Tres Rios Field Office (BLM) in the Colorado counties of Archuleta, Conejos, Delta, Dolores, Gunnison, Hinsdale, La Plata, Mesa, Mineral, Montezuma, Montrose, Ouray, Rio Grande, Saguache, San Juan and San Miguel.

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### NEW STUDENTS ENROLL AT FORT LEWIS COLLEGE

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DURANGO- The Fall 2016 semester welcomed new transfer and freshmen students from all over the country to Durango, Colorado:

Marcos Amaya of Montrose (81401); Amaya's major is undeclared.

Danielle Hauger of Montrose (81401); Hauger's major is undeclared.

Elise Hill of Montrose (81401); Hill's major is Elementary Education.

Kourtney Keltz of Montrose (81401); Keltz's major is undeclared.

Caitlin McKinney of Montrose (81403); McKinney's major is Biology.

Bridget Pneuman of Montrose (81401); Pneuman's major is Psychology.

Marcus Rice of Montrose (81401); Rice's major is Exercise Physiology.

Audrey Stansberry of Montrose (81403); Stansberry's major is Biology.



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# ART & SOL

## OLD SCHOOL HARVEST GATHERS OATS, FRIENDS, FELLOWSHIP



**Matt Miles drives a team and wagon while employees and friends stack shocks of dried oats. Photo by Gail Marvel.**

*By Gail Marvel*

MONTROSE-Depending on the project, developer Matt Miles, Leadership Circle, LLC (Oxbow Crossing and River Landing Shopping Center) impacts local conversations. However, there are times Matt would rather just have fun than talk development and he likes to invite friends and neighbors to join him in the fun.

Two years ago Matt purchased a 1940 McCormick thresher and his wife, Marci, then began an Internet search looking for

operation manuals. Matt even watched YouTube videos and called in Amish reinforcements to help educate him on his newly acquired old equipment. The thresher predates the combine harvester, which is a piece of equipment that combined a thresher with a reaper.

The Miles family, who also own four Percheron workhorses, went to great lengths to transport friends and neighbors back to yesteryear and demonstrate the types of harvesting that took place in the late

1920's. This year Matt planted a little less than four acres of oats and then hand cut, bundled and stacked about half of the crop. After the shocks dried for 2-3 weeks he called together those who wanted to relive the old days. It was quickly revealed that the machinery and the labor intensive harvesting by hand even predated some of the old-timers.

Matt hooked up a wagon to a team of two Percherons and drove slowly through the mounds of stacked oats while employees and volunteers trailed along grabbing bundles and putting them on the trailer. Jim Rock, observing from his perch on a tractor (which would power the thresher) said, "They've got the middle piled too high and it's going to fall off the sides." He hollered a little louder and said, "You guys get a C (grade) for stacking."

Jim started the tractor and the belt attached to the thresher brought the McCormick to life. The 10-12 gears of varying sizes turning on the side of the thresher became a man-magnet of epic proportions; as chaff flew in the air and grain into the hopper, the gears began to grind and the auger became plugged. David Kearns to the rescue. From his perch Jim watch David make adjustments and said, "I sure am glad David read the manual!" Jim, a

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## OLD SCHOOL HARVEST GATHERS OATS, FRIENDS, FELLOWSHIP From pg 26



**A 1940 McCormick thresher, above; at left, there's horse power...and then there's horse power. Each Percheron eats 40 pounds of hay a day and the Miles own four of these giants. Photos by Gail Marvel.**



landscaper by trade, has asthma, "That's why I'm up here and not out there...I'm a little smart in my old age." Following the thresher demonstration Matt hooked up four Percherons to pull a harvester combine and single-handedly harvested the other half of the oats standing in the field. Jerry Sieverson said, "It's been a long time since we've seen this in the valley."

Eighty-six-year-old Jack Lee said, "It's nice to look back at it now...look back at it and not look forward to doing it [the back breaking work]." Seventy-seven-year-old

Larry Wiltse, said, "We did this up in North Dakota. I'm glad I did it when I was young."

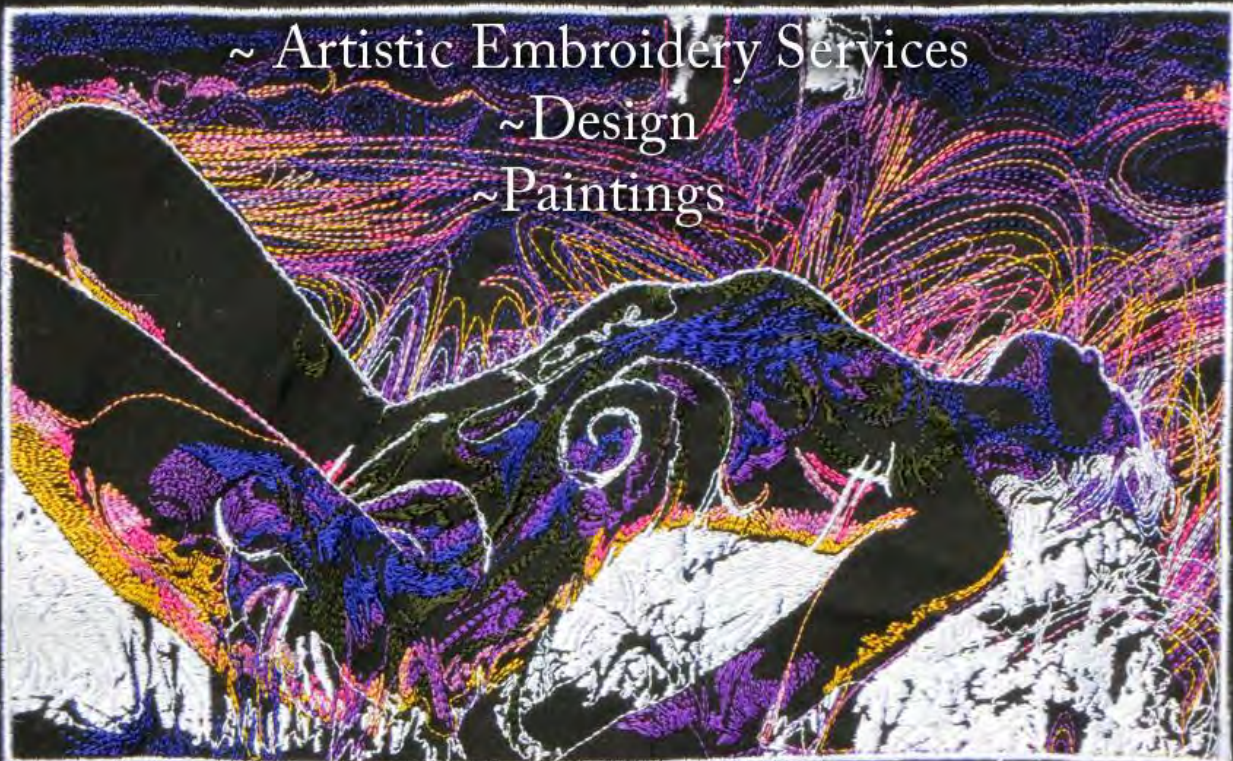
Offering advice from the side Jack said, "They're supposed to stack with the butts out and the heads in...you feed head first." Larry and Jack surmised that pulling the combine was the modern way to harvest, "This is the way the Amish do, they pull the combine."

In a contemplative voice Larry said, "He could have bought a nice tractor for what he paid for those horses." Jack chimed in, "Matt does all of this for the fun of it...he does it just for all of us."

When learning of the sidebar comments about the price of a tractor vs. the price of the Percherons, Matt laughed and said, "Heck, I could have bought a tractor for what I paid for just one horse."

## Art by Jeremy Robinson

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## VISION CHARTER ACADEMY WELCOMES NEW TEACHING STAFF



*Pictured above are (left to right) new Vision Charter Academy Teachers Carissa Scroggins; Christy Hill; David Garrett; Jackie Johnson; Janet Freed; Karoline Roome; Tamela Seipel. Courtesy photos.*

*By Kami Collins*

*Vision Charter Academy*

DELTA COUNTY-Learners enrolled at Vision Charter Academy (VCA) headed back to school on Aug. 31, where some new faces greeted them in the classroom. VCA, with campuses in Delta, Cedaredge and Paonia, serving the needs of K-12 learners in Delta, Montrose, Mesa and Gunnison counties, is excited to welcome several new teachers to our excellent, innovative and caring staff.

"We are so excited to welcome such a highly qualified group of individuals to Vision Charter Academy," said Willyn Webb, executive director of VCA. "The experience, education, and heart for kids that each of these individuals bring will help us continue to be an exemplary model of education-- inspiring learners through relationships and interactive learning."

**Janet Freed**

**5th & 6th Grade**

"What interests me in teaching for VCA is the parental support kids have and the small class sizes. I am also very interested in Expeditionary Learning and implementing it in the classroom.

"I am married to Robert, and we have two high school-aged sons, Logan and Grant. I enjoy hiking, biking and all things outdoors; playing the piano and organ; cooking; watching high school sports; and all 4-H and kids' activities."

**David Garrett**

**Science**

"I like the small classes and that learners are encouraged and directed to be successful in both their studies and in life. This is why I wanted to teach at Vision Charter Academy. In my spare time, I en-

joy all outdoor activities, especially in the mountains, as well as yard and garden work.

**Christy Hill**

**Social Studies**

"I am drawn to VCA because of the warm work environment and because the small class sizes allow me to make a more meaningful impact on the students I serve. I am married with two kids in elementary school. I enjoy spending time with my animals and pursuing my love of art."

**Jackie Johnson**

**3rd & 4th Grade**

"For me, it is a great and fulfilling challenge to tap into every learner's potential for success with VCA's mission and philosophy at the heart of my teaching. I am so blessed to be a part of the VCA team as the third and fourth grade teacher at the Delta campus. I started my teaching career out in Delta.

"My husband, my 2 year-old daughter and I are thankful to be home, where we get to be closer to family and enjoy the great Western Slope outdoors more!"

**Karoline Roome**

**Special Education**

"VCA has an amazing program that involves both the parents and the students. Vision Charter also allows me time to spend with my family as a new mother. My family means the world to me, and I love spending time with them. My husband is truly supportive with my teaching and my hobbies. I am currently the head coach for the Delta County School District swimming team and the Delta Barracudas swim team."

**.Carissa Scroggins**

**7th & 8th Grade**

"I'm most excited about the small class

sizes and being able to devote more time to each student's needs. I have a background in music and an avid love of reading, both of which I'm going to be bringing to my classroom."

**Tamela Seipel**

**Language Arts**

"I love working at VCA because it gives me the opportunity to develop close relationships with my learners. I enjoy the small class size as it allows me to really know the learners in order to meet their academic needs more effectively. I feel blessed to be able to work with such great people and a wonderful company.

"I am the mother of four adult sons, with two daughters-in-law, three grandsons, and a grandson and a granddaughter on the way. I am an avid reader and foodie, and I enjoy travel, music, computers/technology, movies and writing. I also have a lovely husband. We live in Crawford and enjoy living in the mountains."

Vision Charter Academy is a tuition-free public charter school which emphasizes a learner-driven optimal learning environment that is tailored to each student's interests and needs.

VCA is the regional expert in individualized education and the school is designed to meet the needs of the whole child by utilizing a variety of materials that address the Colorado Academic Standards while maintaining a focus on the individual child's needs.

VCA offers a variety of learning paths, including parent guided, class based and online learning.

If you are interested in seeing how your child can thrive at VCA, please give us a call at 874-8226 or visit us at [visioncharteracademy.org](http://visioncharteracademy.org).





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FFA Tack Swap & Sale - Sale Barn

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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3:00 PM - 8:30 PM

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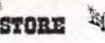
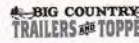
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## NOTES FOR THE JOURNEY...

Exploring Classical Music With Rob Brethouwer

### REPORT FROM THE ROAD...MUSIC IN SANTA FE!

The topic this week once again turns to opera and chamber music. If you have not figured it out by now, these are topics that will come up with great frequency. The Santa Fe Opera gave a performance of W.A. Mozart's opera *Don Giovanni* on Aug. 20 and the Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival offered a Schubert String Quintet along with two lesser-known works. An overview/listener's review will take up our time in this issue.

Attending a performance at the Santa Fe Opera is always a great experience because you never know what you are going to get. A few things are guaranteed, a spectacular setting, great people watching, first-rate musicians in the orchestra pit, and world-class opera on the stage. As an audience member, one thing you cannot predict is the weather. Approximately halfway through the first act, nature presented itself in grand fashion with huge flashes of lighting and rolls of growling thunder. Almost without any notice, the rain started to come down in sheets. This being an open sided theatre, mists of water began rolling over the audience and could be clearly seen through the stage lights. The set design was sparse so the lightning could be seen clear off many miles to the west. The weather has made itself known and there on stage is Don Giovanni, singing his heart out, solo on stage, with the crash and roar of the unpredictable weather acting as an accompanist.

It is a rare thing when something on the Santa Fe stage is worth mentioning as disappointing. The title character of Don Giovanni is on stage for the majority of the opera. The performer at Santa Fe on Aug. 20<sup>th</sup> simply did not have a voice that projected much beyond the orchestra pit. You have to remember that nobody is mic'd on the stage and what you hear is what is being produced naturally by the performers. The voice heard in this perfor-

mance sounded a bit like tin and was simply too weak to engage the listener with the character.

On the other side of the same performance coin was the performer who sang the role of Leporello. This is the first character the audience sees on stage and like Don Giovanni, rarely leaves the stage the entire opera. This performer and performance was simply outstanding. The baritone voice cut through the audience like a knife and projected to the very last balcony row and beyond to the parking lot. The acting was supreme and the performer was able to have the audience in the palm of his hand the entire three+ hours. A virtuosic performance musically and theatrically.

*Jan Dismas Zilenka Trio Sonata No. 3 in B-flat major for Oboe, Violin, Bassoon, and Continuo ZWV 181/3 (ca. 1715-16)*

The Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival offers six weeks of music performed by some of the greatest players on the planet. This year once again brought a Sunday evening performance to the schedule. The first performed piece, listed above, was a bright combination featuring a somewhat unusual combination of instruments. It is always a treat to see a bassoonist featured in a chamber work. This piece did not disappoint and the bassoonist was a busy man. The second movement especially brought great fast paced up and down lines from the bassoonist. Audience members could tell that the players on stage were having a great time and feeding off of each other musically.

*Ferruccio Busoni Fantasia contrappuntistica (1912)*

It would take listening to several more performances of the Busoni piano duet in order for it to become comfortable in one's ears. This piece was on the long side and there were several sections where spacing out completely was an option.

Now, the performers of course were world class, but the music itself would be an acquired taste. Many parts seemed disjointed and dissonant while others began to feel nice and tonal and would then divert once again into the realm of somewhat scratch and spacy background music. This is definitely worth another listen just so something is not judged merely as average after only one listening.

*Franz Schubert String Quintet in C major D. 956 (1828)*

The third and final piece on the program came after intermission and lasted a full 50 minutes. This string quintet occupied the stage with two violins, two cellos, and a viola. Two of the musicians, a cellist and the violist, had their music on very small stands because they were reading off of an iPad. As far as someone in row P of orchestra seating could tell, the device was either operated by the players foot on a floor pad or the music was programmed to scroll/move and a pre-determined pace. Great to see the new and the old come together in this way.

One of the many great things about hearing chamber music live is watching the performers and seeing how they interact with each other. In an ensemble such as this, the first violin is off the de facto leader of the group and all others turn to that player for subtle guidance during the performance. The violist and the cellist to her right were also involved with watching each other and giving non-verbal cues while playing. Amusing, entertaining, and educational.

The quintet itself brought audience members firmly into the world of traditional chamber music. The expectation of a slow movement, knowing that the piece will end at the conclusion of a fast and upbeat movement. This piece did not disappoint on any of these levels and the 50 minutes, at least to this listener, went by in a mere flash.





# Alzheimer's Disease

## FREE PROGRAMS

### **Living with Alzheimer's: For Caregivers - Early Stage**

**Sept 20 - Part 1 - 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. | Sept 27 - Part 2 - 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.**

**Oct 4 - Part 3 - 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.**

Hear from those directly affected and learn what you can do to cope with the changes that come with an early-stage diagnosis. In the early stage of Alzheimer's disease, families face new questions as they adjust. This three-part program provides practical answers to the questions that arise in the early stage. Attending all sessions is recommended, attending only one or two sessions can still be helpful.

### **Living with Alzheimer's: For Caregivers - Middle Stage**

**Oct 11 - Part 1 - 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. | Oct 18 - Part 2 - 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.**

**Oct 25 - Part 3 - 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.**

In the middle stage of Alzheimer's disease, care partners now become hands-on caregivers. During this three-part series, you will hear caregivers and professionals discuss helpful strategies to provide safe, effective and comfortable care. Attending all sessions is recommended, attending one or two sessions can still be helpful.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & CULTURE

## BLACK CANYON VOICES TOASTMASTERS CLUB ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

### Special to Art & Sol

DELTA-New Officers were elected for the local chapter of Toastmaster International in Delta. The new president of The Black Canyon Voices, Edith Johnston has plans for the coming year. Since Toastmasters is about improving public speaking, each month members will present to the group various topics to help improve speech writing and speaking! Topics will include how to prepare an ice breaker, where the group gets tips on speaking about oneself (September 1), and how to organize a speech (September 15). "These are just a few of the sessions we plan to host to help members, and guests overcome their fear of public speaking and develop an effective speech," said Johnston.

The power of good public speaking can take you far! Learning to speak on your feet and express yourself effectively can be vital to one's success! "Our chapter is very supportive and emphasizes professional growth. The goal is to make our members successful in all their endeavors, with communicating being the key component to personal success," she added.

Toastmasters International (TI) is a non-profit educational organization that operates clubs worldwide for the purpose of helping members improve their communication, public speaking and leadership skills.

Black Canyon Voices meets twice monthly, the first and third Thursdays at 12:15. September meetings are the 1st and 15<sup>th</sup> at the Forest Service Office at 2250 Hwy 50, Delta Colorado.

For more information:

email [mesawalker@gmail.com](mailto:mesawalker@gmail.com) or call Peter at (970) 260-5030 or visit the Black Canyon Voices website: <http://blackcanyonvoices.toastmastersclubs.org/>



*Newly elected officers of the Black Canyon Voices (from left to right): Edith Johnston (President), Peter Sullivan (Vice President of Education), Anne Janik (Vice President of Public Relations), Nancy Pierce (Vice President of Education), Christina Harriman (Secretary/Treasurer) and Wyatt Harriman – youngest and newest member! Courtesy photo.*

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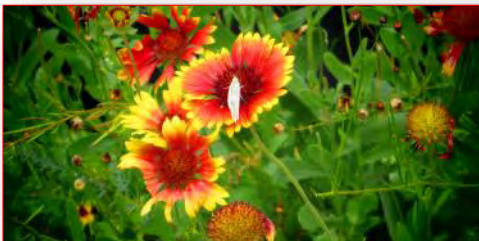
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Fall 2016 WCA Dance Schedule - MONTROSE  
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### Mondays

- 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
- 2 hour class = \$265 + \$28 show fee

Ballet students must wear a uniform (levels primary +)

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*Rob and Cathy Fritz were hard at work last week setting up their space at Montrose's newest vintage shopping destination, Country Flair, 337 East Main Street in Montrose! The new vintage mall has more than 50 vendors!*





# COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & CULTURE

## COLORADO CREATIVE INDUSTRIES AND DOLA ANNOUNCE SPACE TO CREATE RIDGWAY

### Special to Art & Sol

DENVER -- The Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT), Colorado Creative Industries Division (CCI) and the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) along with Boettcher Foundation, Artspace and the Town of Ridgway gathered today to announce Ridgway as the community selected for Space to Create in Southwest Colorado. The program will develop affordable workforce housing for the creative sector, as well as position Colorado as the nation's leader in artist-led community transformation in rural creative placemaking.

"Housing and economic development are vital needs in rural Colorado, and the Space to Create initiative advances both of these issues by harnessing the power of the public, private and philanthropic sectors, as well as the creative community, to elevate rural economies," said Fiona Ar-

nold, executive director of OEDIT.

Space to Create Ridgway will advance a creative sector workforce project in the town of Ridgway. The project will begin with a preliminary feasibility study and community engagement work scheduled for September 28 - 30, 2016, followed by an arts market survey.

Space to Create Ridgway, is one of nine projects that will be launched in eight regions in Colorado's rural, small town and mountain communities over the next three years. Each project will be driven by community needs for workforce housing and commercial space for artists and creative entrepreneurs. The first demonstration project was launched last year in Trinidad. Regional selections are prioritized based on readiness, public will, commitment of local resources and housing demands.

"This is an amazing and much-needed opportunity for the Town of Ridgway and

our region," said Jen Coates, Ridgway town manager. "We are honored to be selected for Space to Create in Southwest Colorado and to join such an incredible team of partners. Workforce housing and growing our local economy have been top priorities for many years. As a Creative District and Main Street community that is investing in downtown infrastructure today, Ridgway could not be more prepared or better suited to welcome this fantastic project."

"The Space to Create Ridgway initiative will unite local and regional partners in an effort to create an important catalyst for economic development in Colorado's rural communities," said Irv Halter, DOLA executive director.

Artspace, America's leader in artist-led community transformation, will act as lead consultant with CCI.

For more information, please visit [coloradocreativeindustries.org](http://coloradocreativeindustries.org).

## 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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### **MONTROSE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MONTROSE AUTHOR STEVEN BAKER PRESENT JUAN RIVERA'S COLORADO**

#### *Special to Art & Sol*

MONTROSE-Montrose County Historical Society Presents "Juan Rivera's 1765 Western Colorado Journeys." Steven G. Baker, archaeologist and author will trace the route of the first recorded exploration of western Colorado, from New Mexico to the Gunnison River. Presented Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm, in the Pioneer Room of Friendship Hall, 1001 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Admission is free and the public is invited. Call 323-6466 for more information.

### **RIDGWAY CREATIVE DISTRICT ANNOUNCES FUNK CONTEST WINNERS**

#### *Special to Art & Sol*

RIDGWAY-Top honors go to Funkalicious for best live performance and Weehawken for best video in the Get Some Ridgway Funk Contest. Mayor John Clark awarded each \$200 in prize money at the August 20 Get Some Ridgway Funk recognition ceremony.

The contest involved entrants presenting their own version — in the form of a live performance or video — of the wildly popular, impossible-not-to-dance-to Mark Ronson and Bruno Mars hit music video "Uptown Funk." The Get Some Ridgway Funk campaign is sponsored by the Creative District and the town of Ridgway. According to Mayor Clark, Get Some Ridgway Funk is a nod to Ridgway's connection to and support of music...as evidenced by success of the town's free Thursday night concerts in July. Thousands attend to hear musicians of considerable reputation and talent who come from all over the country. "Given our very popular concert series and our sense of fun and community, Get Some Ridgway Funk seems an appropriate way to celebrate the town's love of music and creativity," said Clark. "The competition is intended to promote and

bring visibility to Ridgway. Ridgway definitely has funk and we'd like to be known for this in the same way Fruita is known for Mike the Headless Chicken and Nederland for the Frozen Dead Guy."

The two live performance finalists were asked to repeat their acts at the awards ceremony. Funkalicious took first place... no surprise, considering five of its six dancers have choreographed numbers for the Second Chance fundraiser, Wine and Whiskers. Troupe members enthusiastically displayed funk aptitude and dance prowess via a synchronized, get down, rocking routine. Funkalicious coordinator Angela Ferrelli also organizes A Night of Burlesque September 24 at the Sherbino. Runners-up Kevin Mears and Emarae Garcia delivered a smooth, elegant demonstration of swing dancing to a blues version of "Uptown Funk" by the Kicks.

Mears recently founded a public Facebook group called Montrose Swing and Blues Dancing (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/816157758530746/>), and leads \$10 weekly instruction and open dance sessions Monday evenings at Snow Shad-

ow Gym in Montrose. Natasha Pyaette, Weehawken artistic director, filmed, edited and produced the winning video. Pyaette's dance students wrote and sang new lyrics about the Weehawken dance experience to the "Uptown Funk" tune. Other contestants included Equine Style in the video category and Ridgway High-School Jazz Band, Dance Around and Fabulous Over Fifty Funk in the live performance category. Given the fact that the contest got a late start with the first announcement not out until May, seven entries — five live performances and two videos — are a respectable turnout for the inaugural year. Search "Get Some Ridgway Funk" to locate the videos on YouTube. In 2016 contestants showed their stuff at Love Your Valley Festival, July concert intermissions and the Rendezvous Art & Crafts show. Townie Tuesday Picture Shows and Sherbino Movie Nights were designated for viewing video entries.

Venues, awareness and participation are all expected to increase and a new music video would be selected to copy if Get Some Ridgway Funk continues.

While no decision has been made, contest renewal would seem likely.





## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### SILT WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT POSTPONES DRAINING OPERATIONS AT HARVEY GAP RESERVOIR, CPW CANCELS FISH SALVAGE, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

*Special to the Mirror*

SILT - The Silt Water Conservancy District has postponed plans to drain Harvey Gap Reservoir this year and Colorado Parks and Wildlife will reinstate all bag, possession and size limits at the reservoir, effective immediately.

For details, visit the Garfield County website, or go to [www.garfield-county.com/news/road-bridge-extended-closure-harvey-gap-road-aug25.aspx](http://www.garfield-county.com/news/road-bridge-extended-closure-harvey-gap-road-aug25.aspx)

The salvage operation was announced Aug. 18.

All day-use regulations will remain in place at Harvey Gap State Park.

Current special regulations for Harvey Gap Reservoir include: Largemouth bass must be at least 15 inches long ; Bag and possession limit for channel catfish is two The use of spearfishing, archery and gigs to catch northern pike is prohibited; Bag and possession limits for tiger muskie is one fish, 36 inches or longer

For additional information about fishing regulations in Colorado, including bag, possession and size limits at Harvey Gap and fisheries across the state, see the Colorado Fishing Brochure at [www.cpw.state.co.us/Documents/RulesRegs/Brochure/fishing.pdf](http://www.cpw.state.co.us/Documents/RulesRegs/Brochure/fishing.pdf)

Harvey Gap Reservoir is primarily a source of irrigation for local landowners. CPW is responsible for managing the fishery, but is not responsible for the reservoir or the operation and maintenance of associated infrastructure.

For questions about the reservoir draining, inspection and repairs, contact the Silt Water Conservancy District at 970-876-2393 or by email at [swcd@rof.net](mailto:swcd@rof.net).

For questions about the fish salvage, contact Northwest Region Senior Aquatic Biologist Lori Martin at 970-255-6186. For the latest conditions at the reservoir, contact Harvey Gap State Park at 970-625-1607.

### TALKING GOURDS POETRY CLUB RESUMES FIRST TUESDAY SERIES

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TELLURIDE – The Telluride Institute's Talking Gourds Poetry Club resumes its first

Tuesday series on Sept. 6th at Arroyo's in Telluride, beginning at 6 p.m.

Telluride émigré Richard Lowenberg -- a

famed artist, IT wizard and poet -- will return to town from New Mexico for a Film Fest poetry reading, along with award-winning Denver poet and author Jacqueline St. Joan. St. Joan will go it alone on the Traveling Gourds tour and will appear in Ridgway at Cimarron Books at 1 p.m. on Wednesday Sept. 7th, and again in Montrose that evening at the Centennial Room in Bldg. #1 in Centennial Plaza at 6:30 p.m. Finally, on Thurs. Sept. 8th, St. Joan will be featured at the Lithic Bookstore in Fruita at 7 p.m. Richard will also have a gallery show of his photographs, "Shot in the Dark: At the Movies", opening on Sept. 1, with a special 'artist's projects' presentation on Aug. 31., at the Ah Haa Gallery. St. Joan will also be featured at 1 p.m. Sept. 7th at Cimarron Books in Ridgway. For info there, contact Sara Doehrman at [sara-doehrman@gmail.com](mailto:sara-doehrman@gmail.com) or 970-708-4027. Then, later the same day the St. Joan will perform at Open Mic series in the Centennial Room in Bldg. #1 on Centennial Plaza between Main and South 1st on Uncompahgre. The reading starts at 6:30 p.m. For info call Nancy Ballantyne at 970-249-1346. St. Joan will appear with John Nizalowski of Grand Junction on Thursday Sept. 8th at the Lithic Bookstore & Gallery at 138 South Park Square #202 in Fruita.

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## *Hold the Date! Upcoming Business and Cultural Events*

### ONGOING-

**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\*.

**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](mailto:Snowshadowgymnastics@yahoo.com).

### MONTHLY-

**Sept. 1**-Learn how to antique furniture and work with Old Fashioned Milk Paint: 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.

**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. 7-11**-The B-25J Mitchell 'Maid in the Shade' will be on public exhibition at Montrose Regional Airport Sept. 7 through Sept. 11, 2016, from 9 a.m. — 5 p.m.

**Sept. 9**-A Musical Tribute to the Civilian Conservation Corps, Bill Jamerson presents The Dollar a Day Boys. Montrose Pavilion Senior Center, 1800 Pavilion Drive, @ Noon. Lunch is \$5. Reservations required. Please call 970-252-7797.

**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**-Downtown Montrose Rodeo Celebration! Parade at 10: 30 a.m., events, games, food, fun, live music until 10:30 p.m.

**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>.

**Sept 10**-6th Annual RACC Golf Scramble, Divide Ranch & Club, Ridgway. Check in, 8 a.m. Shotgun Start 9 a.m. Call 970-626-5181 for info.

**Sept. 15**-The sixth annual Montrose-Delta BeaconFest Boomer & Senior Fair will be held from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. on Thursday, September 15 at the Montrose Pavilion, 1800 Pavilion Drive in Montrose. BeaconFest is free to attend. For questions and booth information, call 970-243-8829 or visit [www.BeaconSeniorNews.com](http://www.BeaconSeniorNews.com).

**Sept. 17**-2016 TRA 4H Golf Tournament Fundraiser, 10 a.m. shotgun start, @ Devil's Thumb Golf Course in Delta. Visit <http://www.tra4h.org> for info.

**Sept. 17**-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. 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).

**Sept. 17**-6th Annual Faragher Foundation Dinner and Wine event & Silent Auction. 5:30 p.m. red carpet pictures, and bubbles, 6:45 p.m. toast, 7 p.m. dinner. Tickets \$75. Tickets at [info@rmrestorativemedicine.com](mailto:info@rmrestorativemedicine.com).

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

**Sept. 28**- Please join us for a time of education and support. Coronary Stents & Surgery. 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Montrose Memorial Hospital Conference Room B, 800 South Third Street.

**Oct. 1 & 2** -John Fielder two-day Photographic Workshop, a benefit for the Ouray County Historical Society, offers field shoots in the San Juan Mountains and hands-on photography and editing instruction from Colorado's master photographer. \$850 per person includes some meals and transportation to all shooting locations. Call (970) 325-4576 to register and for more information.



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*RIDGWAY-Left, Kelley Lindquist, president of nonprofit real estate developer Artspace, talks to Ouray County Commissioner Lynn Padgett during an Aug. 23 party announcing Ridgway's selection for the development of an affordable housing project for artists and creative professionals. As part of Colorado's Space to Create Initiative, the town will work with Artspace, the state Office of Economic Development and International Trade, Department of Local Affairs, Colorado Creative Industries Division, and Boettcher Foundation to conduct a feasibility study to determine the project's scope and to put together financing for it. The tentative plans are to build 20 to 30 affordable apartments on a lot on Clinton Street in downtown Ridgway within three to five years. Space to Create Ridgway is one of nine artist housing projects being launched in eight regions in Colorado's rural, small town and mountain communities over the next three years.*



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