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LOVE @ COMMUNITY: MONTROSE ANIMAL SHELTER



Caring for new kittens is part of a day's work for staff and volunteers @ the Montrose Animal Shelter. Courtesy photo.

By Liesl Greathouse

Animal shelters across the country provide vital services and Montrose is fortunate to have a fantastic one of its own. I sat down with Kari Kishiya, Animal Shelter Manager/ACO, to learn about the various services our shelter provides, some of their upcoming events and the things that make our animal shelter the best it can be.

The Montrose Animal Shelter provides services to the city of Montrose, Montrose County, the Town of Olathe, Ridgway State Park, Sweitzer State Park, Black Canyon National Park, and the Colorado State Patrol. They also work with Dolphin House to house the pets of people who stay there.

Spay and neuter clinics are well-known and well used community services at the shelter. But the shelter could not provide this service without additional help. "The Telluride

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CITY NAMES URBAN RENEWAL (URA) BOARD BYNUM, HALL, BELL, ROWAN, CADDY & COUNCIL

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-During the Montrose City Council meeting on Feb. 7, Montrose Recreation District Executive Director Ken Sherbenou acknowledged and thanked the council and City Manager Bill Bell for their support and partnership with the Recreation Center. The goal for annual passes was 2,600, which represents 70 percent of the operational budget. Sherbenou said, "As of now we have 3,100 passes and 1,400 Silver Sneakers (seniors). We will do what we can to hold on to members. We want to be the hub of the community."

Public Comment:

Downtown Development Authority (DDA) board member Debbie Blanchard addressed council concerning the need to enforce the two-hour parking limit in the downtown area. Blanchard



Voting electronically the Montrose City Council unanimously approved Ordinance 2411 - First Reading. Photo by Gail Marvel.

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HOUSES OF WORSHIP: CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY

By Gail Marvel

Jesus said, "For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them" (Matt 18:20 NIV).

MONTROSE-At the Christian Science Society on January 1, 2017 the greeter shook my hand and offered me a quarterly and the supplemental hymn book.

The quarterly for January through March lists the order of service, *Bible* readings and correlative readings from the *Christian Science* textbook, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, by Mary Baker Eddy.

I started to sit in the back of the room, but learned four spaces in that pew were reserved for the Sunday School. Heading for another pew I began to take off my coat when the greeter said, "The mother of the Sunday school teacher usually sits there." We both laughed when she said, "You're welcome to sit in the front...no one ever sits there!"

On the east wall of the small auditorium is a quote from Jesus, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free," (John 8:32 KJV). On the west wall the correlative quote from Mary Baker Eddy, "Divine love always has met and always will meet every human need."

Twelve adults were in attendance and while attendees could be heard visiting in the foyer and the antechamber, the cozy auditorium remained relatively quiet.

A couple of minutes before services the pianist took her place and played the prelude, "Fairest Lord Jesus," which was the only recognizable traditional hymn as all others songs were from the denominational hymnals.

Titles to songs in the hymnal and supplemental hymnal were listed simply as hymns # 267, # 56 and #44. One professional recording of a soloist was played.

The service is scripted, with no impromptu comments, sidebars or preacher per se.

The opening statement of the service, "The *Bible* and the *Christian Science* textbook are our only preachers. We shall now read Scriptural text, and their correlative passages from our denominational textbook; these comprise our sermon."

The group did not actually read the 40 different portions of the text, but rather the text was read to us by Reader One and Reader Two.

Absent any introductions the Readers presented the text flawlessly with a poetic, yet monotone delivery. However, the speed of the reading, coupled with the lack of a hard copy of the denominational text, made the parallel being drawn unclear.

The Lord's Prayer is an example of the correlative reading. The *King James Version* (KJV) in bold is followed by Mary Baker Eddy's parallel from *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*.

Our Father which art in heaven,

Our Father-Mother God, all-harmonious,
Hallowed be Thy name.

Adorable One.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy kingdom is come; Thou art ever-present.

Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Enable us to know, —as in heaven, so on earth, — God is omnipotent, supreme.



The Christian Science Society sermon on Jan. 1, 2017 was presented by readers Linda Copley (left) and Trudy DePui. Photo by Gail Marvel.

Give us this day our daily bread;

Give us grace for to-day; feed the famished affections;

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And love is reflected in love;

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;

And God leadeth us not into temptation, but delivereth us from sin, disease, and death.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

For God is infinite, all-power, all Life, Truth, Love, over all and All. Evangelism is not a component of this denomination and after the service I visited with Linda Copley about the importance of church members introducing themselves to visitors. A few days later I ran into Linda in the produce aisle at Wal-Mart where she good naturedly put me to the test, "I bet you don't remember my name!"

Contact Information:

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129 South Park Ave.
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Sunday worship 10 a.m.



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By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—Students from a Vista Charter School class had a first-hand lesson in local governance as they observed the Montrose Board of County [Commissioners' \(BOCC\) meeting Feb. 6](#). "...hopefully we will have an interesting day for them, not too exciting, but show how we do government in a rational polite manner," BOCC Chair Caddy said, as he welcomed the class.

Citizen Wayne Quade addressed the BOCC during the time for public comment on non-agenda items.

"I just wanted to welcome you, Keith, and Roger aboard," Quade said. "I look forward to working with you and offering any help I can do."

Following passage of Consent Agenda items, Commissioners voted unanimously to approve three General Business items in quick succession—two airport-related contract amendments to a contract with Jacobs Engineering Group at Hopkins Field, and Resolution 10-2017, establishing the rate of charge on other communication services for emergency telephone service within Montrose County.

General Business Item 4, however, generated discussion prior to being tabled; [the item involved](#) approval of an engagement letter with Ryan J. Klein of Denver law firm Sherman & Howard to review documents and processes involved in the award of the construction contract for

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MONTROSE ELKS LODGE: ELK TRACKS!



Montrose Elks Lodge

MONTROSE-Welcome to Elk Tracks, a periodic update of what is taking place at

our local Montrose Elks Lodge, located at 801 So. Hillcrest, Montrose CO 81401.

Bingo:

It's going to be an exciting night at Montrose Elks Bingo on Valentine's Day February 14th. Progressive Games #2 & #4 both have reached "Must Go" status and both Jackpots must be given away no matter how many numbers it takes.

Progressive Game #2 will go at \$500.00 and Progressive Game #4 will go at \$1,199.00. Also, based on attendance, as an added bonus *the last Game #8 should reach \$700.00!* Treat your sweetheart to some cool cash.

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Bingo on February 7, 2017 Four (4) Games paid \$104.00 each, three (3) Games paid \$100.00 each, and the last Game #8 paid \$420.00 to 2 Winners. Jackpots are paying better as the more people that play, the bigger the Jackpots.



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NO QUORUM @ MRLD MEETING OF FEB. 6

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-The Montrose Regional Library District (MRLD) Board of Trustees failed to have a quorum for the Feb. 6 meeting. With three of seven trustees in attendance the board gave reports and had discussion; however, no votes could be taken on agenda action items. Two community members were present.

Friends of the Library: The Little Library Project, a physical space filled with books where students using the honor system can take and leave books, is taking shape at Pomona Elementary School. The project will be evaluated after a school year cycle.

Librarian's Report - Executive Director Paul Paladino.

Libraries of Montrose County Foundation Report:

There are more than 100 Book Funds managed by seven different people who are working from three different spread sheets causing confusion with record keeping. Book Fund donors designate the category of books they want to purchase for the library; however, if the category is not specified it is listed as unrestricted. Paladino said, "We need better tracking. We're talking to people about broadening their categories." It is problematic for the library if the donor specifies a category, but there are no new books published in that category during the year.

Urban Renewal Authority (URA)/Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Discussion and Adoption: Ed Hagins, Caroline Evans and Anne Gulliksen had no objections to the URA and TIF; however, lacking a quorum no vote was taken.

Personnel Policy – Ed Hagins. Hagins reported seven applications were received for the two open board positions. Candidates will be interviewed by the first of March. The names of the applicants will then be forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC), the appointing authority. With a new BOCC it is unknown if they will interview each applicant prior to making the appointments.

Strategic Planning Committee – Caroline Evans.

Evans took further comment and wording recommendations for the Strategic Plan. For lack of a quorum no vote was taken. The next MRLD Board of Trustee is scheduled for 3 p.m. on March 6, 2017.



The Feb. 6, 2017 MRLD Board of Trustees meeting (left to right) Ed Hagins, Vice President Caroline Evans and Anne Gulliksen; MRLD Executive Director Paul Paladino. Photo by Gail Marvel.

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GEOFF SCHRAM ELECTED TO CHAIR MONTROSE COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY



On Feb. 8, 2017 Geoff Schram was elected as the new Chairman for the Montrose County Republican Party Central Committee. Photo by Gail Marvel.

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE—On Feb. 8, 2017 the Montrose County Republican Party (Central Committee) held their organizational meeting for the election of officers.

Scott Riba, who has served as Chair since August of 2015, opened the meeting by thanking everyone for their support and recapping the accomplishments of the last year and a half.

Riba acknowledged that the transition in leadership resulted in hurt feelings and a lot of things being said within the party that cannot be taken back. Citing personal frustration that some members of the party and the media (the *Mirror*) had mischaracterized his leadership style, Riba announced he would not seek reelection.

The meeting proceeded with nominations, voting and election of officers.

While each round of ballots was being tallied the floor was open for members to address the party. Those speaking made a conscious effort to address problems and factions without causing more division.

Brian White said, "There were individuals in the community who had bad things to say about the Tea Party. The majority of the Tea Party people were doing the work. I'm ashamed of anyone in here who wouldn't reach out to the Tea Party." Referring to draining the swamp on the federal level White said, "We've got a swamp here. It's in s*** trouble!"

Tricia Joy said, "I found myself being polarized...I didn't have enough information."

Speaking of the divided party Montrose County Sheriff Rick Dunlap said, "The only way to put it back together is respect. No matter what office you're in, you make decisions. I make decisions for 42,000 people. I show them respect and I get respect in return. You don't demand respect...you earn it."

Nominees were given five minutes to address the audience and answer questions. Vetting the nominees included; wanting to know what, if any, role the nominee felt they played in the division of

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of the party and what they would do to bring the party back together.

Proxy votes were not allowed and of the 66 members qualified to vote, only 40 were present to cast ballots. The positions for Chairman, 2nd Vice Chair and Secretary were unopposed. The position for 1st Vice Chair pitted Spencer Hamner against Dave Laursen, with Hamner winning the seat.

Five candidates were nominated to fill two position for Bonus Members. Barb Hulet withdrew her name from consideration and threw her support behind to Kay Heinschel. Candidates Rick Fellabaum and Doug Casebier also withdrew their names, which left Heinschel and Dianna Coram as the only nominees. Hulet then asked to

“withdraw her withdrawal” and be reconsidered as a nominee.

When questioned about her abrupt change of mind Hulet said, “I feel like we need a good conservative representative.” Insinuating there were issues in the past when Hulet served as a Bonus Member she said, “I don’t know if I should say what I’ve seen because it might incriminate someone.” In the first round of voting Coram and Hulet tied with 19 votes each and in the following vote Coram was elected. Bonus Members are Dianna Coram and Kay Heinschel.

Referring to the innuendo and withdrawing the withdrawal, a non-voting member said to the person sitting next to him,

“And that’s what causes the division!” Those elected to serve two-year terms:

Chair – Geoff Schram

1st Vice Chair – Spencer Hamner

2nd Vice Chair - Dave Laursen

Secretary - Charlie Oswald

Bonus Members - Kay Heinschel, Dianna Coram

The Treasurer is an appointed, rather than elected position.

Three of the recently elected officials for the two year terms (Schram, Hamner and Oswald) have extensive political backgrounds in other locations; however, they are relative newcomers to Montrose with their residence ranging from 4 ½ years to 1 ½ years.



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Dennis Olmstead, with documents, addressed the BOCC on Feb. 6.

for the new Montrose County Events Center.

Once the item was introduced by County Attorney Teresa Williams, Citizen Dennis Olmstead spoke. "I found out there were no marching orders or business

plan," Olmstead said, brandishing documents. Noting that the facility will operate at a \$7.2 million loss, "I have been interested over the last year in looking at this how we will put 500 to 800 people in 200 hotel rooms."

Marie Fouche said she had prepared comments, but changed her mind. "... There are several groups that are very interested in using that arena...if you go down to that (present) arena, the parking lot is abysmal...and the facilities are falling apart." Events can be rained out due to monsoons, she said. "People want to put on concerts there. They want to have car

shows...we have to widen our economic base." She questioned the cost to taxpayers of paying Sherman & Howard to conduct an open ended review of the events center contract.

Roger Brown asked the BOCC if there was a budget or not-to-exceed number for Agenda Item 4. "What's the financial commitment?"

Williams informed Brown that the attorney had "dropped his rate" to \$350 an hour.

"I fully support Item 4, but I don't understand how we can be going into this with no idea or concept of what the cost is going to be," Brown said.

"...I think you're wasting our tax dollars," Donna Valencich told the BOCC. "I fully support this events center."

Commissioner Glen Davis expressed opposition to Item 4. "...we have no cost on this, it could, it will run into the thousands...my educated guess would be somewhere in the vicinity of \$30,000 but that's not the way the letter reads or the contract."

The outcome will "make no difference whatsoever," Davis said. "I don't believe it will change anything."

"There have been public concerns about

the entire process," Commissioner Roger Rash said. "It does need to be looked at... the entire process of the RFP and that whole situation."

The events center project had not been well-vetted, BOCC Chair Caddy said. "A lot of people didn't do their homework. A lot of people didn't do their due diligence when this was put together. That's why we're doing this."

Rash moved to adopt Item 4 with a cost cap of \$30,000, but the motion died for lack of a second.

"I think we need to table this," Caddy said.

In other business, the BOCC changed the start time of BOCC meetings in Olathe from 6 to 7 p.m.; approved the appointment of Linda Riba to the board of directors of the Region 10 League for Economic Assistance & Planning; and appointed Ray David, David Seymour and Jim Free to the Weed Commission and Uncompahgre Valley Pest Control District.

After discussion, a public hearing on whether or not to vacate a portion of Mailbox Park Road and dedicate a new easement on property owned by Thomas Flynn, Jr. was continued time-date-certain until April 17.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

2017 YOUTH COMPETITIVE BASEBALL KEY DATES ANNOUNCED

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE—The Montrose Youth Competitive Baseball League, a program through the Office of the City Manager, is pleased to announce the 2017 season key dates. Players, ages nine to 15 who seek the opportunity to play competitively in a regionally traveling league are invited to attend player evaluations. Travel is required at the competitive level. Teams will travel to Gunnison, Telluride, Nucla/Naturita, Cedaredge, Hotchkiss, Paonia, and possibly further, depending on age and division participation. Some weekday travel is required.

Registration—Baseball registration will begin March 1 and end April 5. Late registrations will not be accepted under any circumstances. The total registration fee is \$100 per player. The \$95 player fee (discounting the \$5 administrative fee) will be refunded in the case a player is not recommended to participate at the competitive level.

Visit cityofmontrose.org/baseball for more information on registration.

New Parent Orientation—A new parent orientation is scheduled for April 11, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. at the Montrose Aquatic Center (25 Colorado Avenue).

Please note that this is the “old” recreation center building and is not the new building. The orientation is designed to outline the program’s foundation, goals, and expectations. It is a requirement for new players in the league. Parents who are unable to attend the meeting should contact the program coordinator.

Player Evaluations—All players must attend player evaluations in order to be placed on a team.

Player evaluations will begin April 15 at 1 p.m. at the Sunset Mesa Sports Complex. Players will complete drills designed for coaches to assess skills and interactions and are scored anonymously. The makeup player evaluation date is April 17 at 5:30 pm and is also at the sports complex. Any changes to these dates and times will be noticed as soon as possible.

Team Draft—Coaches will conduct the team drafts on Wednesday, April 19 at 6

p.m. and teams will be announced Thursday, April 20. The draft will be held at Centennial Plaza Meeting Room, located north of City Hall at 433 S. First Street.

Practices—Practices will begin the week of April 24. Coaches will announce practice schedules.

Opening Day—Opening day is scheduled Saturday, May 13.

2017 Season Tournament

The league end-of-season tournament is scheduled to begin Friday, June 23 with championship games scheduled for Monday, June 26. *Games may begin as early as Friday morning.* Parents and coaches are encouraged to schedule accordingly.

Coaches and Umpires—For those interested in coaching or umpiring, please contact program coordinator Erica Weeks at eweeks@ci.montrose.co.us or (970) 497-8525.

Coaches must pass a background test and attend all meetings listed as a prerequisite.



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CITY AND COUNTY TO HOLD JOINT MEETING TODAY



Bob Brown supplies Montrose City Council and staff with information on the "Save the Sculptures for Montrose Campaign." A campaign team of local citizens hopes to raise \$360,000 to purchase two massive loaned sculptures by Wyoming Artist Vic Payne from Ridgway resident Bill Widger, and donations are being accepted through the Montrose Community Foundation, a 501-C3 organization.

By Gail Marvel

Introduction of New Employees:

Rex Burr, Facilities Maintenance Technician

Brandon Owens, Parks & Special Projects Division Worker

Darren Payne, Parks & Special Projects Division Worker

Travis Gurule, Parks & Special Projects Division Worker

Vanessa Sandoval, Public Works Environmental Compliance and Safety Coordinator

Chelsea Rosty, Director of Business Innovation/Chamber Executive Director

Ryan Henderson, Pavilion Technician

Ryan Hanson, Patrol Officer

Jace Cline, Line Mechanic

Large Sculpture Discussion and Art Loan Extension Agreement – Deputy City Clerk Carolyn Bellavance and City Attorney Stephen Alcorn.

Bellavance reported on recent meetings and the efforts to save the large sculptures located in the downtown area. Alcorn presented the one-year contract extension; however, an email received by the city from the local representative of sculpture owner Bill Widger requested some amend-

ments to the contract.

Alcorn said, "We would be entering a new contract, rather than extending the old contract." The city would be put at a disadvantage if the contract language were changed and Alcorn said, "I could not recommend the city remove those areas."

Generally speaking the council does not take public comment during a work session; however, Bob Brown offered to give the council background on the sculptures and answer any question on the campaign to secure local financing to buy the sculptures. Working with the Community Foundation Brown said, "We've got a dozen checks and we're also seeing overwhelming support on keeping the sculptures here. We wholeheartedly want the extension...we can't have a campaign without it."

Councilwoman Judy Ann Files said, "There is a misconception that the City of Montrose does nothing to support the PAX [Public Art eXperience] program. I would disagree. The City of Montrose does support the arts." Brown said, "We do have a tendency to think in terms of cash." The contract extension will come before council during their regular meeting.

Contract Award for Design of Sanitary Sewer Master Plan Capital Improvement Project 1 and 2 – City Engineer Scott Murphy.

Seven bidders responded to the RFP. Although big projects are stacking up, Murphy said, "The Master Plans calls for this project to be completed sometime between 2017 and 2020."

Contract Award for Sanitary Sewer Collection System Hydrogen Sulfide Assessment

– Public Works Director John Harris and Utility Superintendent David Bries. The contract calls for a more specialized design and the project addresses manhole cover deterioration and odors caused by sewage retention in larger sewage pipes. Bries said, "We're looking at the root of the problem, not just put a band aid on the problem."

General Council Discussion:

Councilman Dave Bowman requested an update on the \$50,000 expenditure that council approved for marketing air travel and keeping tourists in Montrose, which was approved at a Special Council meeting on Nov. 10, 2016. Assistant City Attorney Rob Joseph said, "We did not use all of it; \$30,000 is still in the general fund and we've expended \$20,000."

Joseph explained the funds have been spent on a very nice web page, Visit Montrose promotion and a central reservation place. Bowman said, "How many people have stayed in Montrose?" Joseph said, "As of yet that number is zero. We are still confident we can have 100 people and stays [in hotels] by April." The conversation included the status of shuttling tourists to Telluride, which appears to be an ongoing discussion with local vendors.

Bowman said, "The measure of success was 100 people. By April you should be able to tell us."

In a related tourism component City Manager Bill Bell reported on the \$50,000 earmarked for joint study with Colorado Flights Alliance (CFA). Bell anticipated the first response to the RFP will come the third week of February, "It's moving forward."

Councilman Roy Anderson requested an

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an update on the homeless situation. Addressing the emergency winter plan of housing the homeless in migrant housing in Olathe Bell said, "The city is providing \$1,000 to offset transportation and meals for five months." There are ongoing discussions about the situation and possible

plans for future migrant housing, similar to that in Olathe, to be located north of Montrose.

Swanson announced a meeting scheduled for February 22 with the golf course community. "I want the entire golf community to know what we've done...to up-

date them. I want to get some input from them on what they want to see in five years." Bell reported that there will be a joint city and county meeting on the Feb. 13th. "We want to keep it positive. Keep history out of the issues and focus on the big picture."

HEROIC CUSTOMER SERVICE BRIGHTENS SKI DAY @ BRIAN HEAD

By Christopher Larsen

BRIAN HEAD, UTAH-The silver lining in life for me has always been the snow and more specifically, snowboarding. Snowboarding makes me whole again and for a few hours frees me from the monotony that life inexplicably hurls at me. The lost art of customer service is so deplorable these days, however, that heroic levels of customer care become news worthy.

Such was the case in [Brian Head Utah](#) the day after one of the busiest holidays of the ski season. MLK Day is one of those rare three day weekends in the winter season, and for Colorado and Utah the skiing is prime.

I showed up to the mountain in the late morning with my good friend Joey. We had been planning this trip for some time and neither of us could sleep the night before. When we did finally get there, we discovered that the electrical power had failed. Our hearts sunk for Joey has young children, including twins, at home and this was going to be his only trip of the year. As despair started sinking into both of our hearts we noticed one lift running...and there was hope.

Keep in mind it says right on the ticket window "no refunds" so when the power went out the owner of the mountain could have pulled the plug on the whole day—but he did no such thing. The great stewards of this wonderful mountain buckled down and found generators and barbeques and got to work. They turned lemons into lemonade on a day where there where only a few hundred people on the mountain. It must have been a



The family-owned [Brian Head Ski](#) resort in Utah. Courtesy photo.

horrible financial loss for the good people of Brian Head Utah. Despite this loss of revenue they pressed on and made Joey and my day epic.

There is a lesson to be learned here folks. Brian Head ski resort is a family-owned mountain with Colorado Plateau values. They know what snow days mean to us because they feel the same way about our beloved snow sports. They knew how crushed the twelve-year-old hearts that beat in all of us there would have felt and could not let that pass. So, they entered the breach, smiled and forged ahead. The kitchen staff made due with barbeques and the office staff used a little generator to process payment. Most heroically of all the ski lift staff carried diesel fuel up a precarious ladder to three older lifts and the show went on. Even the

police didn't hassle the 20-somethings drinking beer in the parking lot.

If you are thinking of taking the family skiing someplace different, please check these guys out. I know the beer is weaker and you can't smoke ganja in Utah but is that really so important? You can take your children there to learn to ski or board, all-inclusive for an affordable price. Meanwhile mom and dad can enjoy time together doing what probably brought them together in the first place.

I am proud to be part of the whole Colorado Plateau scene and the people it attracts.

The call of our beautiful mountains majesty that unite all of we the mountain people. Brian Head just set the standard for Rocky Mountain excellence a little higher folks. Thanks for a great day BH!

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GET TO KNOW YOUR CO-OP AT THE MORNING BUZZ WITH DMEA

DMEA and Elevate Fiber invite public to open house at Backstreet Bagel

Special to the Mirror

REGIONAL— Members of Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) are invited to join the co-op for coffee and bagels at The Morning Buzz next Friday, February 17 at Backstreet Bagel in Montrose between 7 and 9 a.m. Both DMEA and Elevate fiber representatives will be on hand to answer questions and get to know the membership.

"We're looking forward to getting back out there and having one-on-one conversations with our members. It's a great opportunity for us to personally address questions and really listen to what our members have to say. We won't be providing a formal presentation—our members will dictate the conversations," said DMEA CEO, Jasen Bronec.

The Morning Buzz was created as part of the co-op's renewed efforts to be accessible to its members. This year, DMEA is hosting the Morning Buzz in Montrose, Hotchkiss, Cedaredge, Olathe, and Paonia. All events are free and open to the public. Additionally, members will also have the opportunity to learn more about Elevate Fiber, DMEA's fiber internet subsidiary. Elevate staff members will be there to help people pre-register for service and answer questions.

"The most valuable conversations and the most insightful feedback always come when we're able directly meet up with our members. But making that personal connection is hard today—our lives are busy, so why not go to our members and meet them where they already are," said Bronec.

The Morning Buzz is free to attend. There will be no formal topic or presentation and the public can come and go as they please. Members are encouraged to ask questions on the topics of their choosing. For more information and the full schedule of Morning Buzz events visit www.dmea.com or contact Becky at (970) 240-1263 or becky.mashburn@dmea.com.



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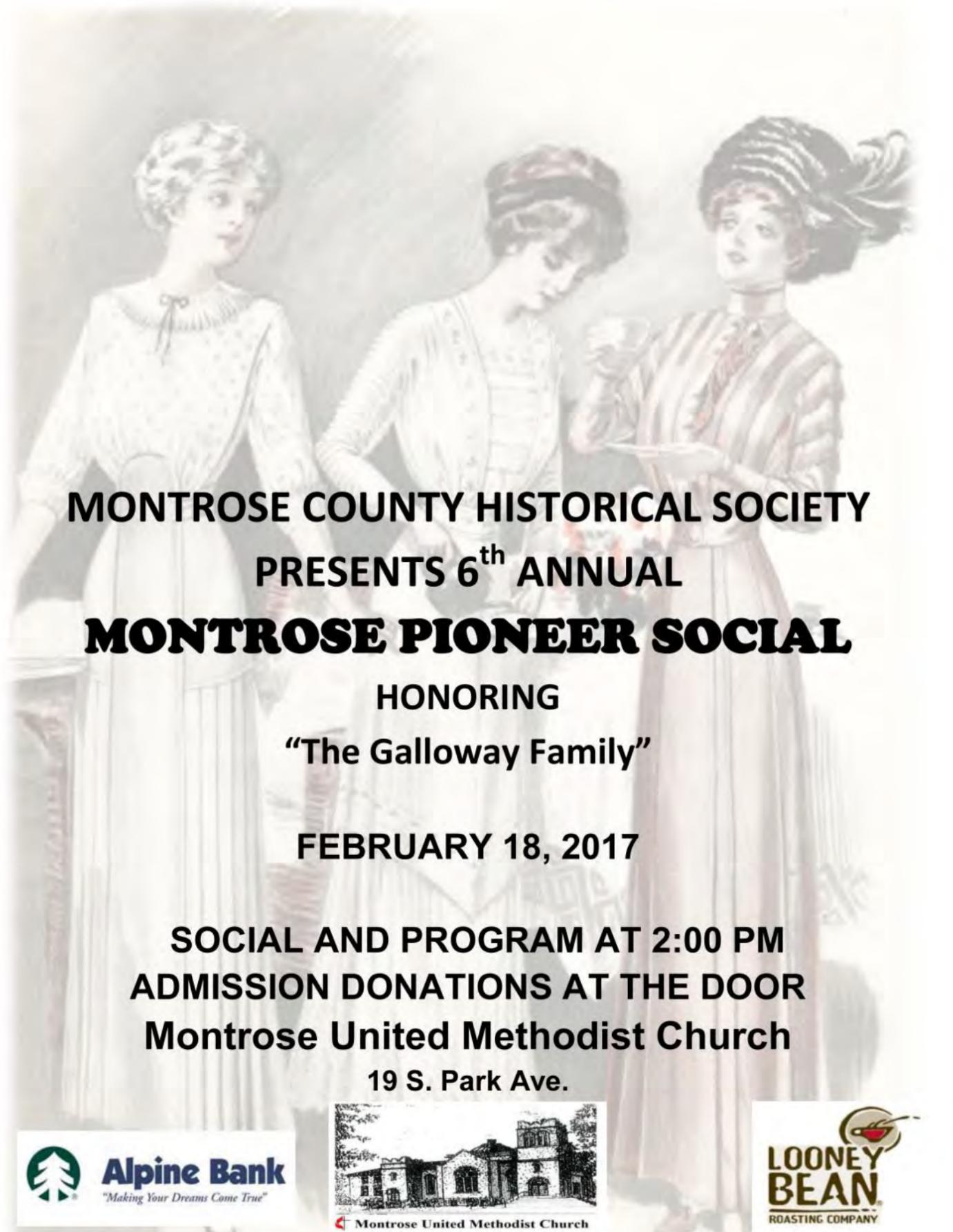
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Colorado State University Extension's Open House will be held on Wednesday, March 22 from 5-7 PM, located at

the Montrose Friendship Hall in the Pioneer Room.

This event offers a perfect opportunity for the community to come find out what Extension has to offer, ask questions, and meet all the Agents and staff.

It is also a great way to explore options for enrolling and signing up for upcoming events throughout the Tri River Area!

Chat with our Family and Consumer Science Agent (FCS, traditionally called Home Economics) about food safety, nutrition, and health & wellness, or discuss your spring lawn & garden

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Many other programs will be featured including: 4-H, STEM, Livestock and Range, Entomology, Small Acreage Management, and Soils & Agronomy.

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SEVENTH ANNUAL SOIL HEALTH CONFERENCE WILL BE FEB 23 & 24 @ THE DELTA CENTER FOR PERFORMING ARTS

Special to the Mirror

DELTA—The Seventh Annual Soil Health Conference will be held on Feb. 23 and 24, 2017 at the Delta Center for Performing Arts, located at 822 Grand Avenue in Delta. Information about the conference can be reviewed online at www.westerncoloradsoilhealth.com, or please call DCED at 970-874-4992.

Nationally renowned speakers Jon Lundgren and Keith Berns will highlight the 2017 conference. They will present on a number of topics including Biodiversity and How it Affects You, Carbonomics, and Rebuild Soil: Rebuild It and They Will Come. Both bring a diverse background of experiences and education to their presentations.

Jon Lundgren is an agroecologist, Director ECDYSIS Foundation, and CEO for Blue Dasher Farm. He received his PhD in Entomology from the University of Illinois in

2004, and was a top scientist with USDA-ARS for 11 years. Lundgren's research program focuses on assessing the ecological risk of pest management strategies and developing long-term solutions for sustainable food systems.

His ecological research focuses heavily on conserving healthy biological communities within agroecosystems by reducing disturbance and increasing biodiversity within cropland.

Keith Berns combines 20 years of no-till farming with 10 years of teaching Agriculture and Computers. In addition to no-tilling 2,500 acres of irrigated and dryland corn, soybeans, rye, triticale, peas, sunflowers, and buckwheat in South Central Nebraska, he also co-owns and operates Green Cover Seed, one of the major cover crop seed providers and educators in the United States. Through Green Cover Seed, Keith has experimented with over 100

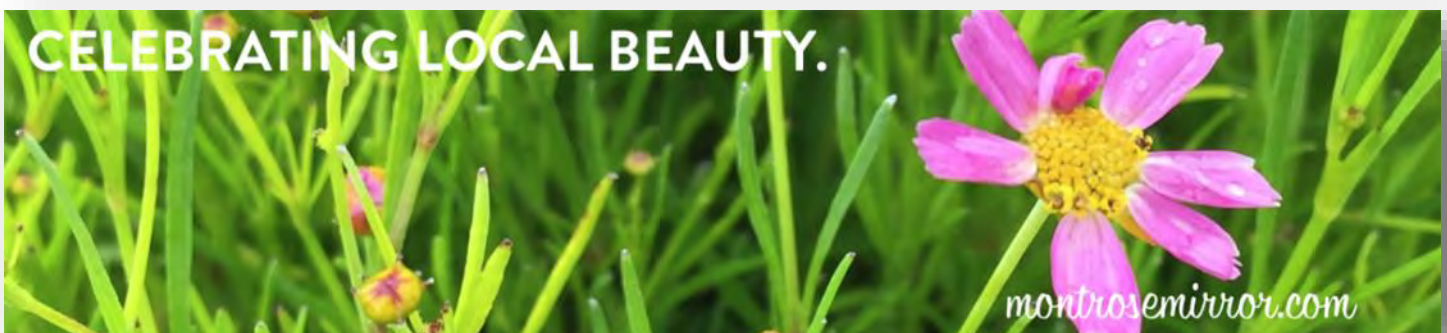
different cover crop types and hundreds of mixes planted into various situations and has learned a great deal about cover crop growth, nitrogen fixation, moisture usage, and grazing utilization of cover crops.

Keith has a Master's Degree in Agricultural Education from the University of Nebraska and teaches on cover crops and soil health more than 20 times per year to various groups and audiences. Delta County Economic Development is the fiscal and administrative agent for the Soil Health Conference. Understanding that soil is a treasure, DCED in conjunction with NRCS, Delta Conservation District, Shavano Conservation District as well as individuals active in the agricultural community have come together to prepare the Seventh Annual Western Slope Soil Health Conference. For more information please visit www.westerncoloradsoilhealth.com or call DCED at 970-874-4992.

ASPENRIDGE INSURANCE HONORED BY FARMERS ALLIANCE COMPANIES

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MONTROSE—The Farmers Alliance Companies in McPherson, Kansas, have announced that Aspenridge Insurance Agency LLC in Montrose has been named a Farmers Alliance Advantage Agent for 2017. To qualify as an Advantage Agent, an agency must exhibit superior professionalism and profitability over five consecutive years. Advantage agents are recognized by Farmers Alliance as the best of the best. To reach this level of distinction is a reflection of this agency's commitment to their customers and their community. Congratulations to Aspenridge Insurance Agency for this achievement. The Farmers Alliance Companies are represented by independent agents and serve eight states. Farmers Alliance was established in 1888.



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CITY HOLIDAY TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

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MONTROSE-The City of Montrose reminds customers that scheduled residential trash collections falling on a city-observed holiday will be rescheduled to occur on another day of the same week. Recycling collections occurring on a city-observed holiday will be delayed until the customer's next scheduled collection day. Recycling pickups regularly scheduled to occur Monday, Feb. 20 will be picked up at the next regular pickup day. For Presidents' Day holiday on Monday, February 20, 2016, collections for addresses south of San Juan Avenue/Highway 50 will occur on Tuesday, Feb. 21. Collections for addresses north of San Juan Avenue/Highway 50 will occur on Wednesday, Feb. 22. Alternative trash collection days apply only to customers whose normal

collection day falls on the holidays shown. All non-holiday collection days will not be affected. City offices that will be closed in

observance of Presidents' Day include Montrose City Hall, Elks Civic Building, Visitor Center, Montrose Pavilion, Animal Shelter and City Shop. The Police Department offices will also be closed. However, officers will be on duty and responding to calls.

Remaining 2017 city-observed holidays are Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas which will be observed Monday, December 26. To view the "Holiday Schedule and Routes Map" document for information about holiday collection schedules and for additional information about the city's sanitation and recycling services, please visit www.CityofMontrose.org/trash. Customers with questions about holiday collection schedules may call (970) 240-1480.

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LOVE @ COMMUNITY: MONTROSE ANIMAL SHELTER From pg 1



Montrose Animal Shelter Staff. Courtesy photo.

Telluride Animal Foundation basically pays for the clinics,” Kari said. “Customers pay a certain amount, the shelter covers the supplies and the Foundation covers the difference. They are a huge help and we would not be able to do it without them.”

A special Feline Spay & Neuter Clinic will be on March 2, with registration beginning February 14 at 7:30 a.m. at the shelter. There is no cost for this clinic, but donations are welcome to help cover the surgeries. “If someone can make a donation, great, it helps the cause, but if you can’t afford it, we still want to help you,” Kari explained. “Our goal is to have as many animals spayed and neutered as we can, so they do not over populate.”

The next regular Low Cost Spay & Neuter Clinic, for both dogs and cats, will be March 30, with registration beginning March 7 at 7:30 a.m. at the shelter. Cost will be \$30 per dog and \$20 per cat.

All clinics are first come, first serve and fill up quickly. Registration must be done in person at the shelter. For all the details, contact the shelter.

While the shelter hosts different fundraiser events throughout the year, their first main event will be a Wag & Walk 5K on Saturday, May 20. Details are still being decided, but it will be \$20 per person and children are free. Anyone interested can sign up at the shelter or at Chow Down Pet Supplies on Main Street. “It is open to anybody, whether they want to bring their pet or walk without a pet,” Kari said. “We wanted to make it an event for everybody in the family.”

The money raised from events like the Wag & Walk, along with all the donation funds the shelter receives otherwise, goes into the Animal Benefit Fund. The money from that fund is used to help fund spay and neuter clinics, any special surgeries needed for animals, grooming for the animals and more. “Anything that will make the pets healthier and help them be adopted,” Kari said. “We had a cat with bladder stones and it was a \$500 surgery that we would not have been able to afford out of our operations fund. This fund is specifically for the animals; it does not go into the City’s general fund.”

For anyone who would like to help at the shelter, foster homes and volunteers are always needed. “We especially need foster homes with the puppy and kitten season coming up,” Kari explained. “If someone is interested in being a foster home, they can contact us and we will go over the whole foster program with them.”

For the more volunteer-inclined, the shelter provides various opportunities to put your special skills to use. “We need help with cleaning, planning fundraisers, walking the dogs and socializing with the cats,” Kari said. “We also have a small group of photographers that come and take nice photos of the animals that we can post on Facebook and on our website.”

Donations of towels, blankets and dog treats are always welcome. If someone is interested in donating pet food, Kari refers them to Chow Down as the shelter just started switching to a new brand of

food for their animals, called Fromm. “We did a lot of research and worked with Tim and Krista Bush at Chow Down,” Kari said. “We wanted to start feeding our animals better quality, corn-free food, which is better for them all the way around. It’s a little bit more expensive, but it’s better quality and better for them.”

One aspect of the shelter that Kari emphasized is that they are an adopt-only facility, and have been for 10 years now. That means that they do not euthanize animals to make space at their shelter. “Many people worry that if they relinquish their pet or bring in a stray animal, that we’ll kill the animals [to make room],” Kari explained.

“If we run out of room or are getting low on space, we will transfer animals to other agencies that also have first-adopt policies. If an animal is adoptable, they are not euthanized. We are even able to re-home feral cats or people will use them as barn cats.”

She also added, “And we don’t provide euthanasia for family pets if the owners can’t take their pet to a vet themselves.”

Kari greatly appreciates the good job the City of Montrose has done in making sure that the shelter has the funding it needs to do all the services it provides. “Our community is fortunate to have a city-owned animal shelter, as a lot are privately owned,” she said. “Our city is doing a good job of keeping our shelter going.”

While being able to work with animals all day is a highlight for Kari, being able to interact with our community in that way truly puts things in perspective.

“It’s kind of heartwarming to realize how many great people we have in our community who care about animals,” she said. “We see people every day who either volunteer time or donate materials or money to giving animals a second chance, sometimes even taking them home. There are really a lot of good people out there.”

The Montrose Animal Shelter is located at 3383 N. Townsend Ave. in Montrose. For more information, call 240-1487 or visit their Facebook page at facebook.com/Montrose-Animal-Shelter-254061984637107/

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RAISE A MUG FOR COMMUNITY HEROES FEB. 14!

Stop by Coffee Trader on Valentine's Day for a Free Beverage, chance to win instant cash!



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MONTROSE- Have a heart, and a delicious beverage too! Bank of Colorado invites you to participate in our Second Annual Heartfelt Thanks Event! Stop by Coffee Trader (845 East Main Street) between 7:30 and 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 14 Valentine's Day for a complimentary drink of your choice, courtesy of [Bank of Colorado](#). The first 100 people to arrive will receive a free insulated mug, and there are chances to win instant cash in the cash money vault. Bank of Colorado will donate a percentage of all drinks purchased during the Fundraiser to the [Welcome Home Alliance for Veterans](#). "Bank of Colorado is being awesomely supportive," Welcome Home Alliance for Veterans Executive Director Emily Smith said. "They are thanking the community for support, and supporting veterans."

"I'm proud to be with Bank of Colorado as we take a moment to pause with Heartfelt Thanks in appreciation for the Montrose community," Bank of Colorado Montrose President Kelsey McCarthy Said. "Our team is thrilled to be growing and

hopefully we can delight people with a drink of their choice on us, support gathering at a beloved local establishment, and continue building our partnership with Welcome Home Alliance for Veterans. "Thank you Montrose, and we're looking forward to sharing 2017 with you!" **ABOUT WHAV-**The Welcome Home Alliance for Veterans (WHAFV) began as a grassroots, community initiative in 2011, to help medically-discharged military veterans through its targeted programs and dedicated Warrior Resource Center (WRC) at 11 South Park Avenue. Today, WHAFV continues to be a groundbreaking community resource center for local veterans, while expanding into an all-inclusive and comprehensive source of support for military veterans and their families across Western Colorado.

The organization is not-for-profit, volunteer-based, donation and small grant funded, reliant on community and business partnerships and is entirely independent of the government.

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2017

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COUNCIL NAMES URBAN RENEWAL BOARD From pg 1

stressed the problem was not with customers, but rather with "...building owners and employees who are not willing to walk a couple of blocks." The DDA has gone to great lengths to contact offenders, but that has not deterred them from taking up space needed for customers. It is the recommendation of the DDA that the city hire a part-time parking officer for parking enforcement in the downtown area.

Resolution 2017-01 – City Manager Bill Bell. A resolution to approve the Urban Renewal Plan for the Colorado Outdoors Urban Renewal Project.

Resident Larry Elts asked the council for a definition of urban, "The area doesn't seem to me like it's ever been urban and much of that area is in the flood plain." Bell described the area along the river is underdeveloped and there is nothing there, "We want to turn that nothing into something for the community."

Eelts expressed concern that if there were a flood the city would foot the bill for damages to buildings in the URA.

Bell responded that private businesses would be responsible for any flood damage done to their property.

Bell announced the following individuals make up the URA Board:

Rex Swanson, Mayor

Judy Ann Files, Mayor Pro Tem

Roy Anderson, City Council Member

Dave Bowman, City Council Member

David Romero, City Council Member

Melanie Hall, School District Appointee

Barbara Bynum, Special District Appointee

Tad Rowan, Mayoral Appointee

Keith Caddy, Montrose County Commissioner Appointee (pending BOCC approval)

Bill Bell, Montrose City Manager will serve as the Executive Director

Included in the [city council meeting packet](#), although not discussed during the

meeting, is the Urban Renewal Plan for the Colorado Outdoors Urban Renewal Project. The 48-page document contains legal description, maps and exhibits.

The Urban Renewal statute requires a finding by the Planning Commission that the Urban Renewal Plan is in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan.

A memo from the City Planning Department to the Planning Commission reads, "The general scope of the proposed Plan includes undertakings of the Authority, the City, and private enterprise for the elimination and prevention of blight, including, without limitation, use of tax increment financing and other tools and activities authorized by law and the proposed Plan for the redevelopment of the Area." The Planning Commission approved the plan.

Structure Survey Photos of homes and buildings in the URA survey area given as examples of blight are: 301 Beach Lane, 305 Beach Lane, 421 N. Grand Ave., 841 N. Grand Ave., 1621 N. Townsend Ave. and 1631 N. Townsend Ave. Council unanimously passed Resolution 2017-01.

DeNovo Hearing – City Attorney Stephen Alcorn, Senior Planner Garry Baker and Planner I Ty Johnson.

This item requested of a Conditional Use Permit to allow a daycare center, located at 1023 Highland Street, for more than eight, but less than 16 children in an R-2 zone. Applicant Angie Frasier/Kishbaugh has operated a daycare since 2007, but wanted to increase the number of children allowed in the zoning. Testimony of support was given by Frasier/Kishbaugh's neighbors and clients, as well as opposition from one neighbor, Dixie Pierce. City Planner I Ty Johnson said, "The daycare is limited to 12 children per State regulations." The permit was approved unanimously.

2017 Annual Annexation Report and 3-

mile Plan – Senior Planner Garry Baker.

The Plan fulfills the State statutory requirement to have a plan in place to annex new properties in 2017. Property in the 3-mile plan is a projection of growth and annexation plans must be adopted each year. The plan was approved unanimously.

Ordinance 2411 (first reading) – Senior Planner Garry Baker.

This item involves a property swap with resident Noonan. The exchange would result in the City obtaining approximately 0.9 acres of land, and Ms. Noonan would obtain approximately 0.47 acres of land. The property gained by the city will enhance the future recreational trail corridor. The ordinance passed unanimously.

Bid Approvals – Public Works Director John Harris.

Council approved unanimously the purchase of 10 vehicles/equipment.

Staff Reports:

Public Information Officer Report – City Manager Bill Bell.

The Teen Opportunity Expo, for ages 13-19, will be held Feb. 22, 2:30-4:30.

City Budget Advisory Committee, which is seeking new members, will meet March 1st, 5 p.m.

2017 Black Canyon Golf Course Kick Off Social will take place Feb. 22nd at 6 p.m.

Applications are being taken for the Community Garden Project for 2017.

Bell said, "It's pot-hole season and the citizen engagement app lets citizens be our eyes and ears." The app is a tool for citizens to alert the city to potholes, lights that are out, etc.

City offices will be closed on President's Day, Feb. 20th and the council work session will be moved to the 21st.

City Council Comments:

Comments from the councilmembers promoted upcoming events and offered kudos for employees, community organizations and businesses.



STATE SENATE NEWS: SENATOR DON CORAM



Senator Don Coram
Courtesy photo.

It seems to me as if the session just started yesterday, but the fact of the matter is, we are closing in on one month. It has been the slowest month I recall in my previous six years. This session I serve on Senate Ag and Judiciary. I hold Senator Roberts

responsible for that. I guess that Senate leadership thought she did such a great job that I was the logical replacement. I was a little grumpy about Judiciary in the beginning, because my experience in the General Assembly had been in Ag and Natural Resources along with Transportation and Energy. I still receive a lot of calls on Transportation issues in my new position, but I am actually enjoying the Judiciary Committee. The load has been heavy, it seems, with Judiciary Committee meeting three to four times per week. By comparison, Ag Committee has been very light. There have not been many bills making it

through to third reading and final passage. I suppose, a lot of the Senators are doing what I am doing, and that is, doing a lot of changes and redrafting prior to introduction.

Only two bills have had, what I would refer to as, significant discussion. Senate Bill 5, which deals with training for concealed weapons by school personnel, has been the most misunderstood bill so far. The perception is that the General Assembly is authorizing the school personnel to carry concealed weapons; however, the fact is that it is already legal for School Districts to approve concealed carry by personnel in their district. In fact, about 25 school districts have enacted this policy, and most of these districts are from rural and very remote schools. This bill actually does let the County Sheriff, who must be the person to issue the permit, to set the level of training required to insure the safety of the permittee, as well as, staff and students. It had passed second reading in the Senate on a 21/14 vote, and I would expect a similar vote in third reading and will be sent to the House.

Also in Committee this week, Senate Bill 36, dealing with the appellate process for ground water. I ran this bill last year along with Senator Ray Scott.

This was kind of a "slam dunk" in the

House, passing 60 to 5. Politics reared its ugly head last year and it was killed in the Senate. It is the opinion of this legislator that former Governor, Bill Owens, and a group of investors were buying up water rights, then attempting to sell them to municipalities. The problem is that they have lost their proposal in before Ground Water Commission, then filed an appeal stating that they have more evidence.

Objectors are then required to hire water engineers and attorneys to go back to court. Cost of defending your water rights can cost as much as \$100,000 each and every time you are in such a litigation. I have had farmers tell me they have spent in the neighborhood of \$900,000. If you want to break a farm operation, I can think of nothing quicker. Senate Bill 36 will change the appellate process to mirror that of surface water, which states you can appeal only on the evidence presented.

I am currently working on many bills, and they are starting to make their way through the legislative process. I plan to give you another update about my proceedings in a couple of weeks.

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MONTROSE A MAGNET FOR RETIREES; JOBS WILL BRING YOUNG WORKERS HERE



Colorado Mesa University is key to attracting young people, Head said.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—As the population of local seniors rises, the number of people under age 18 appears to be on the decline in Montrose County. SmartAsset, a financial technology company, recently released its third annual study on the Best Places to Retire. According to the company's web site, the study rates cities by their tax friendliness, recreational and social opportunities for seniors, and for access to medical care. According to the study, Montrose ranks ninth in the state as an

attractive retirement community, and first on the Western Slope. At the same time, however, statistics from Kids Count Colorado show that in Montrose County, the number of youth age five to 17 declined from 7,465 in 2011 to 7180 in 2015.

What do the numbers really mean for Montrose?

"The reality is that a lot of communities are aging," said Montrose Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) President Sandy Head. "We have been seen as a retirement community for years. We are also a place where young people want to raise families. Montrose is safe; we don't have big city crime.

"But those young people have to be able to find employment."

Primary jobs—those that can support a family—are essential, she said. "From an economic standpoint, we need young people to have a strong work force. We need a work force with the skills that they need to have to work in manufacturing and technology; they are programming robots at Gordon Composites, and working in aviation technology at Western Sky-

ways.

"We need to continue to grow our primary jobs," Head said, "and continue to attract solo entrepreneurs who can work anywhere. They are all part of the equation."

Solo entrepreneurs, or "lone eagles," are frequently drawn to a community for its appeal as a place to raise children, she said. "Our recreation opportunities really make us appealing to this mindset," Head said. "They want to choose their hours, and work from home. But there are also some very good paying jobs in Montrose that require working from eight to five—I would hope that we don't get locked into segments. Because all things combined are what create a healthy community." Among the tools that will help Montrose create primary jobs and attract young workers are the vibrant local hospital, and the emerging higher education sector.

"The more we can continue to grow Colorado Mesa University here, the more we can grow our job base," Head said. "We have to think big picture on what it takes to make our community strong."

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

ALL POINTS TRANSIT KICKS OFF IMPROVED MONTROSE BUS ROUTES FEB. 13 WITH TWO WEEKS OF FREE RIDES

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE – On Monday, Feb. 13th, the Montrose public bus routes will undergo their first major change since the program launched in 2010.

All Points Transit is offering free rides on the public buses through the end of February to promote the new routes and to help passengers learn the changes.

“The community is changing,” said Sarah Curtis, Executive Director at All Points Transit, “and our service must evolve to meet new demands.”

New construction, including the Community Recreation Center on Woodgate Rd and the planned River Valley Family Health Center Clinic on Apollo Road, played a role in forming the new routes.

“These buses are open to everyone. We are seeing increasing numbers of youth and students using the bus, as well as adults getting to work. As our system becomes more popular, the Gold Mine route that runs up and down South Townsend Avenue has been increasingly challenged to stay on schedule. Safety is our number one priority.”

When creating the changes, the All Points Transit team also made sure that the service area was not reduced. “We know our passengers rely on this service to travel around town. Service cuts would have been hard on them, especially for our sen-

iors and people with disabilities,” said TJ Burr, Mobility Manager at All Points Transit.

“We are here to help our current passengers learn the route changes and to educate new passengers on how the system works.” TJ offers a service called ‘travel training.’

He meets potential passengers at their house or at the closest bus stop, rides the bus with them and educates them on how to transfer buses, purchase passes, and read the map and schedule.

Many of the changes came from passenger input, including a new stop at City Market south on the east side of the parking lot. TJ said other ideas came from passengers at the public comment meeting in January.

“We had a few passengers who suggested that the stop at the Montrose Pavilion move from its current location on the west side of the building to the east side on Pavilion Drive, closer to the housing complexes. They said it would be more convenient for them and that they knew of others who would ride if they did not have to walk as far. We truly want what is best for our passengers and the community.”

All Points Transit is launching the new routes with some help from their partners. New, larger bus stop signs are being

acquired through a CDOT State FASTER grant.

The City of Montrose is assisting with the installation of the new signs. The installation of the new signs begins this week, but the buses will stay on their current schedule through 7pm on Friday, Feb. 10th. The Montrose Community Foundation funded a grant that supported the design and printing of the new brochure maps.

“As always, we are thankful for the support of our partners,” said Sarah Curtis.

“As a private non-profit organization, we rely on these kinds of contributions to keep our buses running.”

The Montrose / Olathe public bus flex routes will be free for all riders from Feb. 13th through Feb. 28th. An online photo contest is running during that time on Instagram and Facebook.

Passengers are encouraged to snap a “selfie” on the bus and share it with the hashtag #ridefreeAPT. Winners will be drawn on Wednesday, March 1st.

Prizes include a 20-punch pass to the new Montrose Recreation Center.

The Rec Center will be served by Gold Route hourly, on demand.

To see the new route change map and schedule, visit www.allpointstransit.org.

For more information on the changes or to schedule travel training, contact TJ Burr at 970-249-6204.



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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

MONTROSE COUNTY INVESTING IN WHAT MATTERS: KIDS

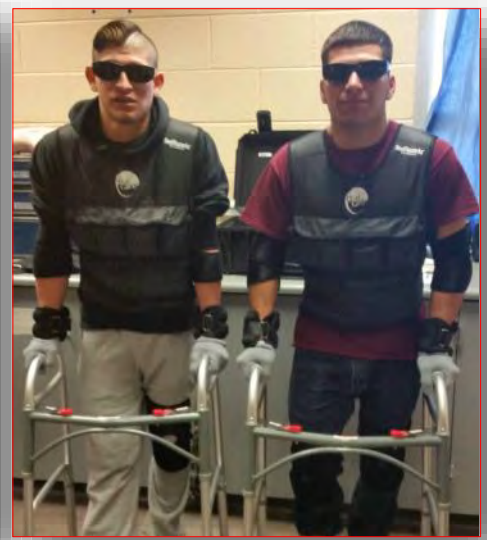
Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE- Montrose County, a proponent of youth development services, has invested \$2100.00 in the Black Canyon Boys & Girls Club. The Club is excited for the donation and plans to use the money for a summertime music program where kids have the opportunity to learn how to play instruments and read sheet music. "We are thrilled to be able to offer this program in the summertime, this music program is a first for the Club" says Executive Director Bud Taylor. "Once members get into the swing of things we hope to have an end of summer concert for the community." With the support of the County the Club is providing a safe, positive environment, filled with fun activities, supportive relationships, opportunities and expectations, and most importantly recognition. The Club has about 450 registered members with 160 members attending on a daily basis between the Montrose and Olathe sites.



Pictured are members from the Montrose Club, County Commissioner Glen Davis, County Manager Ken Norris, and County Commissioner Roger Rash.

GERIATRIC SIMULATION HELPS STUDENTS APPRECIATE CHALLENGES OF AGING



At left, Nursing Aide students Manuel Santiago and Saydee Culver ; at right, Reyes Meraz and Livan Santander Calderon.

Special to the Mirror

DELTA-Students in the high school sections of the Nursing Aide program at Delta-Montrose Technical College recently had an opportunity to gain a greater appreciation for the physical changes and special care needs of the elderly during a geriatric simulation. Students wore special glasses to experience the vision alterations caused by glaucoma and retinitis. They also wore weighted vests, wrist, knee, and elbow restraints, and gloves, and walked with a walker to give them an understanding of the physical constraints often caused by aging.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF SAN JUANS HIRES ASSISTANT DIRECTOR



James Broscheid. Courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-James Broscheid has been hired as the Assistant Director at the Habitat for Humanity of the San Juans to provide a variety of support services to the

organization.

Habitat's Executive Director, Colleen Burke, said this new position is part of an effort to more effectively manage the organization's growing efforts and housing projects in Ouray and San Miguel counties, including two new residential triplexes announced for Montrose and Ridgway.

In this newly created position Broscheid will oversee family services, mortgage processing and servicing, reporting, while also partnering with Burke to manage staff volunteers and human resource functions.

Last week Habitat released an [impact report](#) to supporters that illustrated continued and unprecedented growth for the organization in construction spending,

families served, local economic impact and sales tax revenue generated.

"Borscheid will no doubt contribute to our mission to connect more local families with decent and affordable homes," said Burke.

Borscheid brings over twenty years of operational leadership and management to the position; a background in strategic planning and community outreach; and a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Colorado Mesa University.

In 2008, Borscheid co-founded an international non-profit organization that specializes in micro-industry support and education in sub-Saharan Africa.

"He also has over fifteen years of experience as a volunteer, lending his organizational and fundraising skills to various non-profit agencies," said Burke.

"We just couldn't be more thrilled to have him on our team," she added.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

PATRICK J. NOONAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The family of Patrick J. Noonan has announced that they will be awarding one \$5,000 scholarship to a 2017 graduating senior from Montrose High School, Olathe High School, Peak Academy, Passage Charter School or Vista High School. Applications for the *Patrick J Noonan Memorial Scholarship* are now available online. To access the application, go to the Montrose High School Counseling Center's website @ mhs.mcsd.org and click on "Counseling Center", or call 970-249-2429 for assistance. Applications must be submitted no later than April 14, 2017. Applicants may be either a female student whose father works or has worked in a vocational/trade or construction-related field and who plans to pursue a 2 or 4-year degree beyond high school; or a male student who plans to pursue a career in a vocational/trade or construction related field by pursuing a college program or degree. This may include, but is not limited to engineering, architecture, drafting, construction management, etc.

SHAUN PETER CASSIDY AUTO MECHANICS SCHOLARSHIP

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The family of Shaun Peter Cassidy is happy to announce that an *Auto Mechanics Scholarship for \$1,000* honoring Shaun will be offered again this year to a student who plans to enroll or is currently enrolled in an accredited auto mechanics or related program. Applicants must be either graduating high school seniors or have graduated from a Montrose County high school or accredited program within the past two years. Applications are available online. To access the application, go to the Montrose High School Counseling Center's website @ mhs.mcsd.org and click on "Counseling Center" or call 970-249-2429 for assistance. Applications must be submitted no later than April 14, 2017.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

DOUG SEVERSON NAMED PRESIDENT OF COLORADO YURT

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REGIONAL-In 1976, Dan and Emma Kigar founded the company now known as Colorado Yurt. The Company has grown from a simple mom-and-pop operation with a few sewing machines to a bustling campus where our team crafts yurts, tipis and tents for customers around the world.

Dan and Emma have remained at the helm of the company, contributing their creativity, expertise, ethics and management every day.

Starting this 41st year, the Company will implement some changes.

Dan and Emma will take a step back and a few more days off to enjoy some well-earned free time. They will still be the heart and soul of The Colorado Yurt Company, working on new product development and maintaining executive oversight. With this change, they are handing management over to very skilled and trusted members of the team.

Doug Severson has been promoted to President of Colorado Yurt Company, responsible for the day-to-day business operations. Joining him in an expanded role is Cliff Connaughton- Vice President of Sales and Customer Relations.

Rounding out the management team are Henry Wolfe as Production Manager and Ivy Fife as Marketing Manager.



TOUCH OF CARE AND REGION 10 PRESENT MATTER OF BALANCE CLASSES IN OLATHE

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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 Olathe class begins on Tuesday, February 21, at Town of Olathe Community Center, Olathe, CO, and will be held weekly from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. every Tuesday through April 11, 2017.

Registration is required, and classes are limited to the first 12 participants. To register, please contact Touch of Care at 970-874-6115, or Toll Free at 1-866-874-

6115.

For additional information on these classes, please contact:

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

ALICE PENICK MEMORIAL NURSING SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

Special to the Mirror

REGIONAL-P.E.O. Chapter BK is pleased to award this year's Alice Penick Memorial Nursing Scholarship to Linda Castillo. Castillo is currently in her final semester of the Practical Nurse program at Delta-Montrose Technical College. She plans to continue her nursing education and receive her RN degree, her BSN degree, and eventually her Masters' in Nursing. Most recently Castillo has worked as a CNA at the VA Nursing Home in Rifle and at the Colorado State Veterans Home. She has also worked as a Medical Assistant at the Premier Medical Center in Basalt. The Alice Penick Memorial Nursing Scholarship was first awarded in December 2013 to honor the memory of Alice Penick. Alice had been a member of P.E.O. Chapter BK and several other community organizations. She was also instrumental in starting the Hospice program in Grand Junction in the late 1970's and was a

former member of the advisory board for Hospice & Palliative Care of Western Colorado. P.E.O. is an international philanthropic educational organization promoting educational opportunities for women. It was founded at Iowa Wesleyan College in Iowa, in January 1869.

The Colorado State Chapter was the fourth state chapter of P.E.O. and was organized on Jan. 23, 1903.

Delta-Montrose Technical College is a public career and technical college in Delta, Colorado. It offers 57 secondary and postsecondary certificates in 12 different programs. All certificates can be earned in two semesters or less, with many of them only one semester in length.



Pictured from left to right- John Jones, Director of Delta-Montrose Technical College; Carol Phelps, P.E.O. Chapter BK; Linda Castillo; Lana Kevan, P.E.O. Chapter BK; and Birdie Young, Nursing Program Coordinator at DMTC. Courtesy photo.

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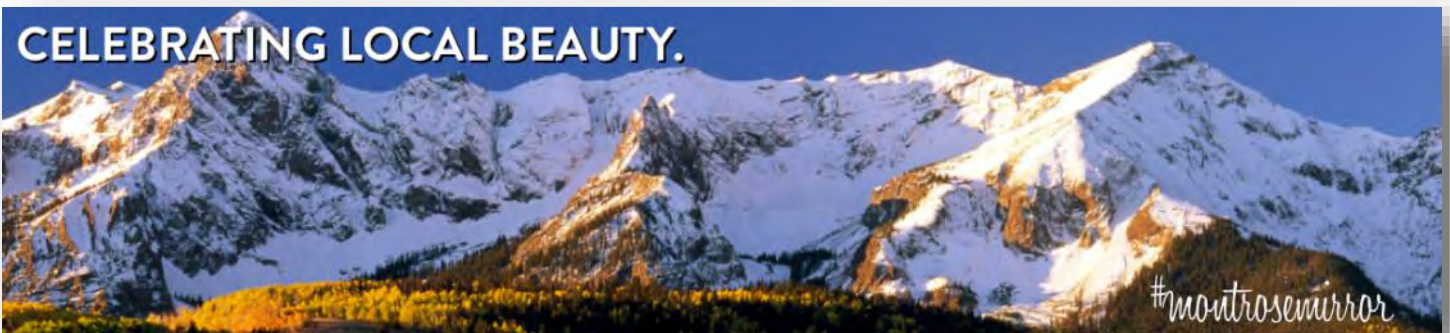
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ROSS WELCOMES CUSTOMERS TO DONATE AT THE REGISTER THIS MONTH

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REGIONAL-Throughout February, customers in Montrose and Grand Junction can make a monetary contribution at their local Ross Dress for Less location during checkout to be donated to the Black Canyon Boys & Girls Club this month. "In February, we invite our customers to join us in donating to the Boys & Girls Clubs of America," said Gary Cribb, executive vice president, Stores and Loss Prevention for Ross Stores, Inc. "Our company believes in giving back to our community, and we are proud to support the Power Hour program to help youth develop the skills they need to excel in school and beyond." 100 percent of proceeds raised at each store will benefit local Boys & Girls Clubs Every \$3 donation helps provide one hour of homework help for a Club youth.

CELEBRATING LOCAL BEAUTY.





WEEHAWKEN BRINGS JUMP START SPANISH TO MONTROSE, RIDGWAY



Christi Berry, above, will teach classes in Ridgway and Montrose. Courtesy photo Weehawken Creative Arts.

Mirror Staff Report

REGIONAL—Starting this month, those who want to learn a second language have an exciting new opportunity to learn to speak Spanish. Weehawken Creative Arts is offering Jump Start Spanish for learners age 13 to adult starting on Feb. 23. Taught by Christi Berry of Montrose, the class will be interactive and fun, Weehawken's Tri-sha Oakland said.

"Christi helps you have fun while you

learn the language," Oakland said. "She is a dynamic, energetic instructor and there will be a lot of class interaction."

Jump Start Spanish teaches Spanish for use in daily life. "As spring break approaches, this is a chance to learn the language of the place you are traveling to," Oakland said. "You can also take the class so you can talk to co-workers, or just for the fact that you want to build your language skills."

So far, interest has been strong, with a number of families planning to take the class together.

"This is not just for kids," Oakland said. "Spanish is hugely prevalent in our region."

According to a Weehawken news release, Berry studied at CMU and The University of Costa Rica and holds a BA in Applied Professional Spanish. She has taught more than 30 Spanish classes and summer camps over the past four years. Students will learn many common terms used in real-life situations, such as how to ask and answer common questions in order to communicate information and build relationships through conversation.

"Students are rarely bored in my class," Berry said. "They are too busy moving,

acting out, singing and practicing newly-acquired knowledge through games and conversational simulations."

In addition to better communication skills, learning a second language can help young people gain educational and career advantages. The American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages reports that a correlation exists between language study and higher scores on the SAT and ACT Tests.

"If the class is well attended, we will definitely continue to offer it," Oakland said, "and maybe offer language summer camps for kids."

Weehawken Creative Arts is offering the four week series in Montrose and Ridgway. The Montrose class will begin on Feb. 23 from 6-7:45 pm. The Ridgway class will start Feb. 25 from 10 am to 12 pm. Registration is just \$130 for the series. A minimum number of students must be met in advance in order to guarantee the class, so those interested are highly encouraged to register in advance. For more information or to save your spot and register in advance, head to Weehawken's website at www.weehawkenarts.org or call Weehawken at 970.318.0150.

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: OUTSTANDING YOUTH

BRAEDYN COLLINS NAMED BCB&G MONTROSE UNIT YOUTH OF THE MONTH!

Special to Art & Sol

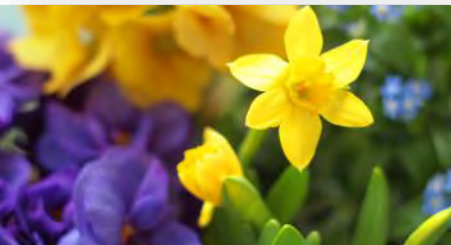
MONTROSE- The Black Canyon Boys & Girls Club Montrose Unit announced today that Braedyn Collins was January Youth of the Month. Mr. Collins was selected because he is kind, never says no to staff and tries to include everyone in anything he is participating in. Proudly sponsoring Braedyn this month is Montrose County. "I'm thrilled to have the County here supporting our organization and seeing all the kids we interact with on a daily basis." -Bud Taylor. *Pictured from left to right are County Manager Ken Norris, County Commissioner Glen Davis, Member Braedyn Collins, Executive Director Bud Taylor, and County Commissioner Roger Rash.*



MONTROSE COUNTY SPONSORS BLACK CANYON BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OLATHE UNIT STUDENT OF THE MONTH ORLANDO AVILA

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE- The Black Canyon Boys & Girls Club Olathe Unit announced today that Orlando Avila was January's Youth of the Month. Mr. Avila was selected because he always gives 100 percent, a true team player, and has never been asked if he has more homework. Proudly sponsoring Orlando this month is Montrose County.



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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & EDUCATION

ALL EYES ON YOU: IMPROVING YOUR PERFORMANCE ON STAGE!

Special to Art & Sol

RIDGWAY-Weehawken Creative Arts offers "All Eyes on You: Improving Your Performance on Stage" with Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer on Feb. 26 in Ridgway and invites all interested in improving their presentation skills. Rosemerry poses the question, "You have something to say—how do you present it as authentically and confidently as possible?" While it was initially designed as an offering to poets, it's also a workshop designed for anyone who wants to feel more self-assured and comfortable when speaking in front of a crowd. The workshop will focus on the ideas of "practice, practice, practice—which is to say PLAY—with how to relax before you go on stage, how to connect with an audience, how to introduce your work, how to choose appropriate material, how to make your presentation more engaging, how to vary volume and pacing, how to hold your body, how

to memorize, and more. "

Trommer is widely anthologized, including *An Elevated View: Colorado Writers on Writing*, *Poems of Awakening*, and *Red Thread*, *Gold Thread: The Poet's Voice*. Her work has appeared on *A Prairie Home Companion*, in *O Magazine*, on back alley fences, on rocks she leaves around town, and in dozens of literary journals including *Rattle*, *Clover* and *Spectrum*. Her poetry was chosen for the 2016 *Shared Visions* project, in which composer Paul Fowler arranged "Yet Another Layer" for the *Ars Nova Singers*.

Trommer has taught and performed poetry for Think 360, Craig Hospital, Hospice, 12-Step programs, meditation retreats, Ah Haa School for the Arts, Weehawken Arts, Camp Coca Cola, SpiritFest, Business & Professional Women, Wellspring of Imagination, and for hundreds of libraries, colleges, festivals, schools and groups. She directed the Telluride Writers Guild for 10

years and now co-hosts the Talking Gourds Poetry Club. She has twice won Rattle's Ekphrastic Challenge, the Fischer Prize, twice won the Writer's Studio Literary Contest, won the Dwell Press Solstice Prize, was a finalist for Dogwood's Poetry Prize, and has been nominated three times for a Pushcart Prize. She curates "Heard of Poets," an interactive poetry map of Western Colorado poets. Since 1999, she's performed with Telluride's seven-woman acappella group, Heartbeat, and since 2006, she's written a poem a day. Her MA is in English Language & Linguistics.

"All Eyes On You: Improving Your Performance on Stage" will held on Feb. 26th at the Sherbino Theater 12-4 pm. Registration is \$85. For more information, visit Weehawken Creative Arts at www.weehawkenarts.org or visit facebook at facebook.com/weehawkenarts - or call them at 970.318.0150.

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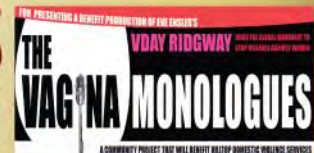
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Thursday
Feb 23

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & POETRY

TALKING GOURDS TOUR PRESENTS WILD ROSE & MCREDEYE

Special to Art & Sol

TELLURIDE – Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer of Placerville and Art Goodtimes of Norwood will be featured performers for the Telluride Institute's Traveling Gourds Tour Feb. 21-24, visiting Telluride, Colona and Fruita.

A regularly scheduled Thursday night stop at Cimarron Coffeeroasters in Ridgeway has been cancelled for the rest of the season.

"We'd love to have a reading Thursday nights late in the month in Montrose or Delta County," explained Goodtimes, who co-directs the Institute's Talking Gourds programs with Trommer. "If anyone in the towns of Montrose, Delta, Hotchkiss, Paonia or Olathe is willing to sponsor a poet or two for the night, we will make the arrangements to provide performers. Get a hold of us."

Writers often write in the voice of different personae. Rosemerry likes to reserve her more daring pieces for a persona she calls Wild Rose. And Art likes to write in his poems with a voice different from his own, or his narrator, which he calls McRedeye.

Thanks to juggling schedules, Art will read in Telluride, Colona and Fruita, and Rosemerry will join him for the Telluride and Fruita readings, but not Colona.

In Telluride the performance occurs at the Telluride Arts Gallery and Offices, 135 West Pacific, across the street from the library, on Tues. Feb. 21 at 6 p.m.

The Ouray County reading takes place at La Zona Colona just off U.S. Highway 550 on Wed. Feb. 22 at 5 p.m. And in Mesa County the event is held at the Lithic Bookstore & Gallery, which is located at 138 South Park Square #202 in Fruita (Upstairs -- enter through lobby door by the east side of the building on Mesa Street).

Rosemerry is the Western Slope Poet Laureate, a past San Miguel County Poet Laureate and a truly amazing performer. If you've never seen her, then you are in for a treat. If you have seen her, come see at her most daring, channeling Wild Rose.

Art Goodtimes is a past Western Slope Poet Laureate, a veteran performer who cut his lyric teeth on the beat streets of San Francisco, and a recently retired Green Party politician who writes weekly

columns for the *Montrose Mirror* and the *Watch* out of Telluride.

To fill out the rest of the winter/spring Gourds schedule, March 21-24 will feature Frank H. Coons of Grand Junction and April 25-28 -- National Poetry Month -- will be Danny Rosen of Fruita and a celebration of Jack Mueller's work.

In Telluride, following Club announcements and the featured performances, there will be a short intermission, after which the gourd will be passed around the room to give Club members and attendees a chance to read a poem or two.

Circles will be the theme for those bringing poems to share at the Gourds Circle or open readings after the featured performers. The March theme is birds, and the April theme is Lost.

For info on the Colona reading, contact Craig Jackman at cj@jackmanoffice.com or 970-249-4214. For info on the Fruita performance, contact Kyle Harvey or Danny Rosen at (970) 858-3636.

Submissions are now being accepted for the 2017 Fischer Prize for poetry with its \$3000 in prizes. For more info, go to talkinggourds.weebly.com

WEEHAWKEN CREATIVE ARTS TO OFFER 'MAKING ETSY EASY'

Special to the Mirror

RIDGWAY-Weehawken Creative Arts has kicked off 2017 with a new series geared towards artists and creatives who are looking to enhance their business knowledge and career prospects as working creatives. This series - "The Business of Art" will be presented throughout the year on a variety of business-building topics in partnership with the Ridgway Creative District, the Ridgway Chamber of Commerce and Region10. Part three of Weehawken's 2017 series is "Making Etsy Easy", a roundtable workshop featuring two local artists who have built successful online store for their art and products using Etsy. Deidra Krois of Wishing Star Pottery and Nadia Steinbrecher of Lycra Unincorporated will host, offering introductory skills and advice on what they have found to work using the Etsy online store platform.

Join Weehawken Creative Arts for "The Business of Art: Making Etsy Easy" on February 27 from 6-8 pm at the Sherbino Theater. Registration is \$15. No materials necessary but a laptop, tablet or smartphone is recommended. For more information or to save your spot and register in advance, head to Weehawken's website at www.weehawkenarts.org or call Weehawken at [970.318.0150](tel:970.318.0150).



COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & EDUCATION

OLATHE FBLA GROWING NEXT GENERATION BUSINESS LEADERS



Dawson Walraven in Computer Game Simulation; Team of Daniel Nieto/Erik Almanza

State Qualifying Parli Pro Team: Wacey Christenson, Brooke Snyder, Justin Mosher & Tyler Rumble

State Qualifying - 2nd place finishers: Maria Baltzar in Help Desk; Andrew Godfrey, Networking Concepts; Kitara Smolinski, Organizational Leadership;

Makenna Pope, Intro to Parli Pro; Team of Antonio Lovato, Josh Gottlieb and Makenzie Cox in E-Business; Emmanuel Ledesma, Computer Applications; Team of Lucia Nava-Suarez, Carla Hernandez and Olevia Pacheco in Computer Game Simulation.

State Qualifying - 3rd place finishers: Team of Susan Suarez, Catherine Hardman & Aylin Rameriz in Public Service Announcement; Trace Medina, Securities and Investments; Team of Bailey Harris/Guadalupe DeLaCruz in Intro to Business Presentations; Wacey Christenson, Agri-

Business; Soledad Almanza, Intro to Business Procedures

State Qualifying - 4th place finishers: Emmanuel Ledesma, Intro to Business Procedures; Soledad Almanza, Intro to FBLA Principles and Procedures; Tyler Rumble, Intro to Parli Pro; Leif Nelson, Intro to Financial Math; Karson Henwood, Intro to Business Communications; Alexis Boots, Cyber Security


State Qualifying Alternates - Team of Trevor Jole, Andrew Godfrey & Trace Medina in Public Service Announcement (4th); Janalyn Barba, Advertising (5th); Makenna Pope, Intro to Business Procedures (5th); Trevor Jole, Insurance and Risk Management (5th); Dawson Walraven, Intro to Business; Carla Hernandez, Healthcare Administration (5th)

Students are allowed to compete in 2 events at the District level to qualify for state, if they qualified in 2 events, they will have to choose one event at the state level to qualify for Nationals.

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OLATHE-Results from District Competition: Olathe High School FBLA qualified 31 students for the state competition in April.

State Qualifying - 1st place finishers include: Kacy Henwood, Securities and Investments; Lucia Nava-Suarez, Accounting II; Morgan Sofka, Computer Applications; Antonio Lovato, Healthcare Administration; Josh Gottlieb, Personal Finance; Kitara Smolinski, Public Speaking II; Team of Maria Baltazar/Kacy Henwood in Web Site Design; Team of Leif Nelson, Griffin Hall &



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DIRTY REVIVAL TO PLAY @ THE SHERBINO THEATER FEB. 16



Dirty Revival. Courtesy photo.

Special to Art & Sol

RIDGWAY-Portland-born Dirty Revival's soulful sounds and energetic beats are

taking over the Sherbino on Thursday, Feb. 16. Led by the vocals of Sarah Clarke, Dirty Revival has made their mark on the Pacific Northwest music scene. The ensemble delivers powerful original tracks and superbly arranged classics with a re-sounding presence.

The dynamic, seven-piece soul outfit shines on stage, and defines influences from funk- and soul-infused icons of the past. Dirty Revival has shared the stages with musical heavy-hitters such as Michael Franti, George Clinton and the Parliament Funkadelic, Sir Mix-A-Lot, Slick

Rick, Nappy Roots and Gift of Gab, and have several multi-regional tours already under their belt. The band has been actively touring in support of their debut album, the self-titled, Dirty Revival, release in September of 2015.

To listen to Dirty Revival before the show, visit the Sherbino website at, www.sherbino.org. Doors for the Dirty Revival show are at 7 pm with music starting around 7:30pm.

Tickets can be purchased in advance by calling 970.318.0892 for \$10, or at the door the night of the show for \$12.

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RAWLEE HALSEY IS NATIONAL YOUTH DELEGATE FOR CONFERENCE AT GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-Rawlee Halsey has been selected to represent Montrose, Colorado as a National Youth Delegate to the 2017 Washington Youth Summit on the Environment at George Mason University.

Halsey joins a select group of 250 students from across the country to participate in an intensive study week-long of leadership in environmental science and conservation. Halsey was chosen based on academic accomplishments and a demonstrated interest and excellence in leadership in the sciences and conservation studies.

George Mason University along with partners, National Geographic and the National Zoo are excited to welcome the nation's youth scholars to Washington, D.C. With distinguished faculty, guest speakers, and direct access to elite D.C. practitioners, the Washington Youth Summit on the Environment offers aspiring environmentalists and student leaders an unparalleled experience. The week-long

program is held at George Mason University's state-of-the-art campus. The Summit will encourage and inspire young leaders who desire a unique experience focused on successful careers in this dynamic industry.

The Washington Youth Summit on the Environment will be held June 25 to June 30, 2017.

About George Mason University
George Mason University is setting the gold standard for the modern, public university. Its dynamic culture and innovative academic programs prepare Mason's hard-working students for 21st century careers. Its commitment to teaching excellence combines with cutting-edge research that enriches the academic experience and is literally changing the world. Mason is affordable, yet offers high value. Ideally located in the National Capital region, students enjoy terrific cultural experiences and access to the most sought-after internships and employers in the country.

About the 2017 Washington Youth Summit on the Environment

The Washington Youth Summit on the Environment (WYSE) is a unique student leadership conference designed to develop and encourage future leaders in the important field of environmental studies and conservation in the 21st century. The Advisory Board, is chaired by Mark Bauman, Senior Vice President of the Smithsonian Institution's Enterprises Division and co-chaired by Joe Sacco, Educational Director for the National Zoo. Additional members include world renowned scholars, distinguished scientists and award winning university faculty, such as Dr. Tom Lovejoy, noted environmentalist and former executive vice president of the World Wildlife Fund. Delegates gain an insider look at environmental science, policy and conservation issues. For more information visit us online at wyse.gmu.edu.

The Washington Youth Summit on the Environment | 4400 University Drive | MSN 3A4 | Fairfax, VA 22030

ALEXANDRA LAKIN OF MONTROSE NAMED TO UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA'S PRESIDENT'S LIST

Special to Art & Sol

TUSCALOOSA, AL-- Alexandra M. Lakin of Montrose was named to The University of Alabama's President's List. A total of 11,758 students enrolled during the 2016 fall semester at UA were named to the Dean's List with an academic record of 3.5 (or above) or the President's List with an academic record of 4.0 (all A's). The UA Dean's and President's lists recognize full-time undergraduate students. The lists do not apply to graduate students or undergraduate students who take less than a full course load. The University of Alabama, the state's oldest and largest public institution of higher education, is a student-centered research university that draws the best and brightest to an academic community committed to providing a premier undergraduate and graduate education. UA is dedicated to achieving excellence in scholarship, collaboration and intellectual engagement; providing public outreach and service to the state of Alabama and the nation; and nurturing a campus environment that fosters collegiality, respect and inclusivity.

ALANA LIN EARNS FACULTY HONORS AT GEORGIA TECH

Special to Art & Sol

ATLANTA- Alana Lin of Montrose has earned the distinction of Faculty Honors for Fall 2016 at the Georgia Institute of Technology. This designation is awarded to undergraduate students who have a 4.0 academic average for the semester.

One of the nation's leading research universities, the Georgia Institute of Technology is in the business of creating the next - the next idea, the next technology, and the next legion of agile minds well equipped to imagine and engineer our future. More than 25,000 undergraduate and graduate students are enrolled, and Georgia Tech is ranked in the nation's top 10 public universities by *U.S. News and World Report*. For more information visit www.gatech.edu.



Weehawken February Classes

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FEB. 6 THE BUSINESS OF ART: HOW TO HASHTAG AND OTHER INSTAGRAM

FUNDAMENTALS 6-8 pm at the Sherbino in Ridgway. Registration is \$10.

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1st & 3rd Saturday in Ridgway from 1-4 pm. \$20 cash or check.

FEB. 8 ARTBAR: DOUBLE THE CANVAS, DOUBLE THE FUN WITH ALLISON WOFFORD

6-8 pm at the Sherbino Theater in Ridgway. \$70 for 2 people. Includes all supplies.



FEB. 11 WHERE IN THE WORLD HAVE YOU BEEN? WRITING POEMS ABOUT PLACES WITH BETH PAULSON

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. \$60. Class will be held in Ridgway.

FEB. 15 THE HEDONIST'S NOTEBOOK WITH KIERSTIN BRIDGER

(All Genre, All Levels)
9am -2:30 pm in Montrose. \$75.



FEB 23 OR 25: JUMP START SPANISH! CLASSES IN BOTH RIDGWAY AND IN MONTROSE WITH CHRISTI BERRY

A four-week class
In Montrose: Thursdays, starting Feb 23 from 6 pm - 7:45 pm . In Ridgway: Saturdays, starting Feb 25 from 10 am - Noon.
\$130 for the 4 weeks, for ages 13 thorough adult.



FEB. 26 ALL EYES ON YOU: IMPROVING YOUR PERFORMANCE ON STAGE WITH ROSEMERRY WAHTOLA TROMMER

12-4 pm at Sherbino Theater in Ridgway. \$85.



MARCH 11 & 12 The THREE RINGS PROJECT: LEARNING TO SOLDER AND BEZEL-SET STONES

\$162 includes most supplies. Ages 14 - Adult. Class will be held in Ridgway each day from 10 am - 4 pm with a break for lunch.

Please Register in Advance with Weehawken!
Complete Details are available online and at facebook.com/weehawkenarts
A minimum number of enrollments must be met prior to the class in order to make each class "go". More details and online registration available
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3 RINGS PROJECT: LEARN TO SOLDER AND BEZEL SET STONES

Special to Art & Sol

RIDGWAY-Weehawken Creative Arts is pleased to offer "3 Rings Project: Learning to Solder," a weekend workshop taught by Tracey Belt, where students will learn the basic techniques of soldering metals by creating three rings. You will learn how to handle a torch, the uses of different kinds of flux and solders, and how to bezel set stones, all in a relaxed and safe environment.

Students are invited to bring extra jewelry tools, like pliers, hammers, and files and such, if they have them. The instructor will provide materials like silver and enamels.

Tracey Belt first encountered jewelry making in an elective metalsmithing course while studying at the University of New Mexico. She says she was drawn immediately and completely to the craft that would become her career and passion. Initially intrigued by different metals and

patinas, she then went on to pursue her curiosity for color by studying the process of lampworking. This is how she learned to make her glass beads which are now the signature of her glass and metal designs. While still in college Tracey began selling her work and her path as a professional artist had begun. She graduated in 1997 with a degree in Psychology and a minor in Fine Art. Tracey has also attended Haystack Mountain School of Crafts to study with renowned enamelist Harlan Butt where she gained in depth information of the innovations of the ancient craft of enameling. Twenty years of experience are now evident in the imaginative pieces of Tracey Belt Designs. A master of color and composition, Tracey says her strongest influence is the

natural world, and her creations are not a reflection of, but a tribute to all things living. She shares her passion and the stories of these materials and processes by teaching metalsmithing, enameling, and glass bead making.

Join us March 11-12 at Weehawken Creative Arts in the Old Schoolhouse Building (1075 Sherman St.) in Ridgway from 10am to 4 pm. Tuition is \$87 per student, plus a \$75. There is a 5 student minimum pre-enrolled to make the class "go". This workshop is open to ages Teen through Adult! For more information, visit Weehawken Creative Arts at www.weehawkenarts.org or visit facebook at facebook.com/weehawkenarts - or call them at 970.318.0150.

ADULT BALLET BARRE FOR FORM & FUNCTION NOW OFFERED ON FRIDAYS IN MONTROSE

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-Every Friday in February, Weehawken is offering adult ballet barre for adults at their Montrose location (310 S. 9th, Montrose). This class is for non-dancers who would like to gain flexibility, posture and core strength while having fun dancing.

This class will include a gentle ballet barre workout with additional strengthening/contouring exercises and some easy dance routines to wrap it up. Students should bring a mat and expect a light workout designed for all skill levels.

Classes are offered Friday afternoons from 1:30-2:30 pm and are drop in only, \$10 per student to be paid in cash or check only.

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Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes

ENJOYING THE JUNCTION ART SCENE



Two ceramic pieces by Elisa Uribe at the CMU show. Photos by Art Goodtimes.

THE SLOPE ... I like to think that one day Montrose could be the Western Slope's queen city. After all, it's the big box mecca where I stock up on stuff that I can't get up in the mountains. Shop-owners are friendly. I feel some loyalty to a neighbor ... But a trip to Grand Junction and a couple random stops there demonstrate where the cultural center of our Western Colorado landscape really resides ... And I have to say, I've always admired the way Junction incorporates lively street sculpture into its old downtown. It's a public arts environment that other cities would do well to emulate.

ART MATTERS ... You don't have to be a subscriber to the Western Colorado Center for the Arts' magazine to catch the fascinating annual members show on display until Feb 25th, sponsored by Chuck & Kendra McDaniel and Ron Beckman: "All Together Now." After a visit to a sick friend at St. Mary's, I impulsively pulled into the art center parking lot on my way home. I've read poetry, attended a workshop and seen exhibits there, but not for some time. Being newly retired, I've been giving myself permission to take detours on a whim, when the mood hits me. And I needed a little uplift ... The art center delivered. There were 146 artists from 15 cities with some 250 pieces exhibited. Some of the highlights for me were the two painted masks of Linda Paige (one of which, "Monument Masquerade," was my People's Choice nominee); the two intriguing oil-on-panel pieces by Brooks Woolcott Powell; Steve Traudt's marvelous photo-on-metal of the Colorado National Monument; Norm Olson's duo of capti-

vating acrylic portraits; the two arresting sculptures by Syl Mathis, "Bridged" and my favorite "Glacier Ice"; Mary Grande's fiber scroll "Red Rock Repose"; Susan Oulette's two digital art pieces, especially "Fell Off the Turnip Truck"; Kevin Mahoney's iconic "Lady of the Water," sculpted of Colorado Yule marble; Gary Hauschulz's cyanotype of plants and drawings, "Seasonal Mt. Garfield"; Piera Kllanxhja's "Forte"; and Jennifer Kass' "Fantasy" ... As a long-time admirer of Palisade's alcohol ink master, Wendy Videlock, I enjoyed the alcohol ink work of Michelle Pattee, "Twisted," and Steven Marshall's "Spring Reflections" ... Definitely an art show worth visiting. Highly recommended.

CMU ART GALLERY ... Happenstance led me to another Junction art stop at a venue I'd never seen before -- 437 Colorado Avenue. It was a Senior BFA show, and I was blown away at the porcelain artistry of Elisa Uribe. Unfortunately, an open truck window near Cow Creek ate my notes, and so I don't have the names of the four amazing pieces on display. But having just returned from a sculptural ceramics workshop in Todos Santos with Peter King and Xinia Marín, I was impressed and loved them all ... The CMU show lasts until Feb. 28. Also recommended.

BAJA STORIES ... While relaxing, eating fresh seafood, and drinking margaritas were of course part of the two weeks I spent in Mexico, I had the good fortune to discover Elena Poniatowska, internationally celebrated Mexican author. I spent several mornings over mocha breves and local pastries reading a translation of her dazzling collection of short stories, called

in America, *The Heart of the Artichoke* (Alligator Press, 2011). I savored each tale like fine wine, sipping slowly, tasting the terroir of her homeland. A Mexican family's artichoke rituals. An elegant aristocratic widow who loved dogs. The buffalo herd of students in an Italian art gallery where love and betrayal trade places. Poniatowska's stories take strange turns, leading us into unexpected places that rearrange the landscape -- mean something different than how they begin. One of my favorites, "The Hardware Store," which was the title story of the Mexican edition, seemed a cheap conceit at first -- various snippets of conversation, seemingly random, as though overheard at a hardware store. But as the fragmentary voices and statements accumulate, weaving in and out of each other, a full if incomplete story emerges, of both tragedy and charm ... Translator George Henson writes a note at the end of the collection referencing Spanish translator Gregory Rabassa's Italian wordplay in his memoir *If This Be Treason: traduttore = translator & traditore = traitor*. But given the exquisite prose of the English, I think he served Elena well ... I also read her *Here's To You, Jesus!* (1969), an historical fiction which chronicles the hard lot and rough pluck of an indefatigable peasant woman during and after the Mexican Revolution. It was both exhausting and revealing, fascinating and infuriating. Harder to read but perhaps a deeper insight into the country south of our border than anything else I've ever read.

TALKING GOURDS TOUR ... My good friend and performance partner Rose-merry Wahtola Trommer and I will be featured poets on the performance circuit later this month, hosted by the Telluride Institute. Both of us will be exploring our alter ego personae -- Wild Rose and McRedeye, respectively ... We begin at the Telluride Arts Gallery Tuesday Feb. 21 at 6 p.m. with a gourds circle open reading afterwards, move to La Zona Colona Wednesday Feb. 22 at 5 p.m., and then wind things up in Fruita Friday Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. at the Lithic Bookstore. Come join us and bring a poem to share.

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Up Bear Creek from previous page



Above: *Monument Masquerade* by Linda Paige, *Lady of the Water* by Kevin Mahoney, and *Shaman #1* by Norm Olson at *All Together Now*. Photos by Art Goodtimes.

THE TALKING GOURD

Wild Rose Steps in at the Circus

And why shouldn't she fill in on the trapeze?
After all, she's no stranger to ropes and heights.

And The Great Flying Sabrina couldn't be all that great.
She'd broken her neck in her last performance,

and that poor little ringmaster looked so cute
in his top hat and tears. Wild Rose struts

into the trailers behind the tent and finds herself a headdress
with red feathers and a red sequin leotard. Really,

how hard could it be? Climb the ladder, grab the bar,
smile and swing, gain momentum, flip three times,

hang from her ankles and spin. Sounds easier
than other things she's supposed to do tonight.

Like make that call to apologize. Never mind what for.
She has other things to think about now,

like the audience cheering as she walks into the center ring
and lets her scarlet robe fall to the floor.

-Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer
Western Slope Poet Laureate

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS OPPORTUNITIES

WEEHAWKEN CREATIVE ARTS ISSUES 2017 CALL FOR ENTRIES FOR 33RD ANNUAL RIDGWAY RENDEZVOUS

Special to Art & Sol

RIDGWAY-The 33rd Annual Ridgway Rendezvous Art and Crafts Festival announces the 2017 Call for Entries: Professional visual artists and quality craftsmen and emerging artists and quality craftsmen are invited to apply for jury selection into the Ridgway Rendezvous Art and Crafts Festival, which run August 12 & 13, 2017 at Hartwell Park in Ridgway, CO. This show is highly rated by participating artist in both quality of show and satisfaction of sales, and up to one hundred-forty (140) visual artists will be selected during the 2017 artist jury process.

Visual artists are invited to find out firsthand the accolades as touted by fellow visual artists: historically very satisfactory sales potential, consistently high regional rankings and corner-booth oriented artist layout, amenities and ample hospitality. The show is attended by several thousand customers and is hailed by many of our regular participants as "one of their best shows of the year". The organizers offer live musical entertainment and libations all day both days of the show and several attractions are geared specifically to children. The event is fun for the whole family and there is no admission charge. The Ridgway Rendezvous is based on ALTITUDE (Ridgway is 6,985' in elevation with cool, clean air) and ATTITUDE (they treat their vendors and patrons

right!).

The Ridgway Rendezvous event team hosts a new jury panel every year, and this helps successful jury entry for persis-

tent applicants. The visual artists' success is both the core value and measurement of success for the event. The application is open now (starting October 1, 2016) to March 1, 2017. Jury process is held in March and results will be released in mid-March. Prospectus and application are available at <http://www.ridgwayrendezvous.com/vendor-info> and at Zapplication at this link: <https://www.zapplication.org/event-info.php?ID=5267>.

Every year awards are presented to the top artists at the Ridgway Rendezvous Arts Festival. Award judges are local artists, buyers, jury members and art experts. Award categories include: Best In Show, Best Fine Artist, Mayor's Choice, Best Booth and 1st-3rd in the



different product categories for the show.

The Ridgway Rendezvous Arts and Crafts Festival was "gifted" to Weehawken Creative Arts in 2009 from the previous organizers, Ridgway Community Pride. All proceeds from the Ridgway Rendezvous are earmarked for children's arts programs through Weehawken Creative Arts and support not only children's programs, but also summer scholarships for children at Weehawken. For more information about this year's 33rd Annual Ridgway Rendezvous Art and Crafts Festival application process, please visit www.ridgwayrendezvous.com, [facebook.com/rendezvousarts](https://www.facebook.com/rendezvousarts), www.weehawkenarts.org or call Weehawken at 970.318.0150.



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NOTES FOR THE JOURNEY...

Exploring Classical Music With Rob Brethouwer

ONE SINGLE NOTE CHANGES THE DISCUSSION...

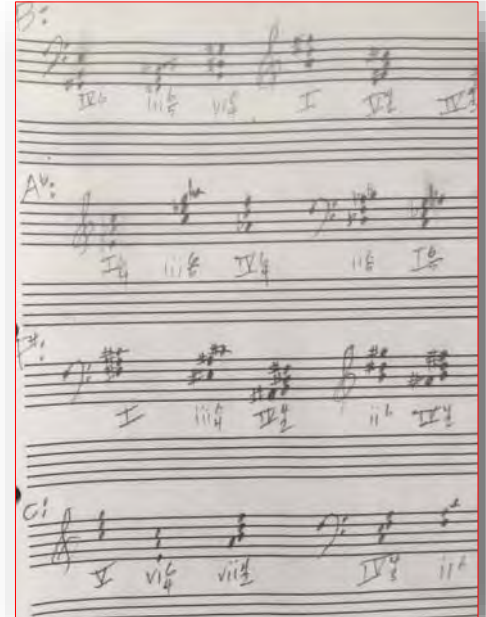
To build on our discussion of chord inversions we will simply add one single note to what was discussed in last week's article. One single note changes the discussion and brings us to seventh chord inversions. When discussing major chord inversions we used the example of the I chord in C major for all examples and we will be using this same chord as we play with seventh chord inversions. The notes are C-E-G and we made our first and second inversions based on E and G. To discuss seventh chord inversions we need to add the seventh note of the C major scale to our pile of notes. The seventh is B and we will now work with C-E-G-B.

As with the major chord, our first inversion will begin on the second note of what is now a seventh chord. Following the same rule of using all the notes within the chord for our inversion we now have E-G-B-C. We will simply start on the second note and included all the notes in order and looping back around to the I-C when we got to the seventh and had nowhere else to go. This is our first inversion and is notated as a I-6-5. Again, the 6 and the 5 would be stacked on top of each other next to the I if this was being written by hand or if this writer was able to produce musical notation on the computer, which is not currently happening. Now, before you fret about what the 6 and the 5 have to do with anything remember back to the discussion on major chord inversions and

how these numbers simply represent intervals between notes of the inverted chord. The interval between our root note in the 1st inversion E to the top note is a 6th and the interval between E and the note just below is a 5th. Moving on quickly so we do not get bogged in details we now want to begin our 2nd inversion of our seventh chord. If the first inversion started on the 1st note above the root (C) then our second inversion will begin on the 2nd note of the seventh chord, which brings us to G. Our second inversion in the C major seventh chord is G-B-C-E. We once again looped back to the starting point and built up until all the notes had been used.

These rules are absolutely consistent and will always apply. The second inversion would be notated as I-4-3 as the interval between our beginning note G and C is a 4th and the interval between G and B is a 3rd. This is a simple way to check to see if you have the notes build on themselves properly. The notation of the chord inversion tells you what to look for.

At this point we only have one more place to go and that is our 3rd and final inversion. The rules do not change and we begin to build this inversion on the top note of our original seventh chord C-E-G-B. We have used everything else as a starting point except the B and this is where we will begin. 3rd inversion is B-C-E-G and this is notated as I-4-2. Again talking about intervals we have a 4th between



B and E and a 2nd between B and C. Self-check completed and now the basics of seventh chord inversions have been mastered.

We used C major because it is the easiest to visualize and work with when beginning to learn about inversions. The rules presented in this and the last article stay the same no matter what major scale you are working with.

The photo that goes along with this article shows some doodling of major and seventh chord inversions in various keys. This may or may not have been done during a staff meeting or at a conference sometime in the last ten years.



Hold the Date! Upcoming Business and Cultural Events

JANUARY ONGOING-

AWANA EVERY WEDNESDAY: @ Rosemont Church 1598 E Niagara Rd Montrose CO. FREE Awana Clubs for Preschool—6th Grade. EVERY WEDNESDAY beginning January 18, 2017. We will have snacks/meal, certified teachers & tutors. 2:15- 3:30 pm - Homework/Tutoring/Study Time. Middle and High school students are welcome! 3:30- 5: pm - AWANA for Grades Preschool - 6th grade. 5- 5:30 pm - Meal provided for all Awana kids & adults present. Register/more info at 970.249.4887, email: office@rosemontbaptist.org or at www.RosemontBaptist/Awana.

MONTROSE SENIOR CENTER LUNCH & LEARN: \$3 lunch& Learn, admission to program, is free. Lunch \$5. Programs are Feb. 13 and Feb. 21 @ Noon.

FRIENDSHIP FORCE INTERNATIONAL, non-profit organization, was founded and introduced to the world at a ceremony held at the White House on March 1, 1977. FFI provides opportunities to explore new cultures by bringing people together at the personal level. Friendship Force of western Colorado's regular monthly meetings are scheduled for the 3rd Thursday of the month. Meeting location - Red Cross Training Center, 5th and Gunnison in Grand Junction, 6:15 p.m.

SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE @ THE GALLERY • MUSIC BY YOUTH, Second Saturdays from 7 to 9 p.m. at Healthy Rhythm Community Art Gallery in Sampler Square.

THE ALPINE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB meets every second Tuesday at St. Mary Catholic Church in the St Paul Room, 1855 St Mary's Drive, Montrose. The Public is welcome to attend. For more information, email alpinephotoclub@aol.com.

FREE FAMILY LAW CLINIC-LAST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH, Montrose County Courthouse (Leslie German self-help center) at 1200 North Grand, Noon to 1:30 p.m. Sponsored by Uncompahgre Volunteer Legal Aid and the 7th Judicial District Bar Association. Call 970-249-7202 for information.

FREE JAM SESSION AND SING ALONG, Mondays from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Montrose Pavilion Senior Center.

MONTROSE HISTORICAL MUSEUM-"Montrose County Historical Society Presents" is held at 7 pm on the first Wednesday of each month in the Pioneer Room of Friendship Hall, 1001 N. 2nd St. The public is invited to free programs based on topics of regional history. For more information please call 249-2085.

SNOWSHADOW GYM-Zumba classes with Maria Gonzalez week nights 5:30 to 7:30; Swing dance with Kevin Mears Mondays 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. 535 S. First St. Snowshadowgymnastics@yahoo.com.

MONTHLY-

Feb. 13-Joint City and County meeting, City Hall 8:30 a.m.

Feb. 13-Montrose Senior Center Lunch & Learn @ Montrose Pavilion Senior Center. \$3 lunch& Learn, admission to program, is free. Lunch \$5.

Feb 14-Alpine Photography Club Meets on Tuesday, Feb. 14 @ 7 p.m. @ Colorado Mesa University, 245 S. Cascade Ave., Montrose in Room: 203 (second floor). Presentation: Horse/Western Photography by Barb Young. All are welcome to attend.

Feb. 14-Bank of Colorado invites you to participate in our Second Annual Heartfelt Thanks Event! Stop by Coffee Trader (845 East Main Street) between 7:30 and 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 14 Valentine's Day for a complimentary drink of your choice, courtesy of [Bank of Colorado](http://BankofColorado). The first 100 people to arrive will receive a free insulated mug, and there are chances to win instant cash in the cash money vault.

Feb. 16-The United States Air Force Academy Concert Band from Colorado Springs will perform a free concert at the Montrose Pavilion in Montrose, Colorado on Thursday, Feb. 16 at 7 PM. Admission is free of charge and is part of the group's week-long tour through Utah and Western Colorado. The concert is open to the public; free tickets for this event can be picked up at the Montrose Daily Press.

Feb. 17-DMEA Morning Buzz @ Backstreet Bagel! 7 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Feb. 17-Alpine Bank Girl Scout cookie sale! Both locations (2770 Alpine Drive and 1400 Main) 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Feb. 18-Montrose County Historical Society presents a Pioneer Social with the Galloway Family, 2 p.m. @ Montrose United Methodist Church (19 South Park Avenue.) Admission by donation.

Feb. 18-Take part in a historical snowshoe tour to Yankee Girl Mine guided by Local Historian & Author Don Paulson on Saturday, Feb. 18, 2017 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Ouray Visitor Center, 1230 Main St., Ouray, (from there we will carpool to CR 31). Registration: spaces are limited to 20! \$25 donation kindly requested to support the host organizations: Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership and Ouray County Historical Society. Go to uncompahgrewatershed.org/event/snowshoe-tour-yankee-girl-mine-2017 Questions: Contact Judi at UWPcoordinator@gmail.com or 970-325-3010.

Feb. 18-Naturalist Guided Snowshoe hike on the Grand Mesa, Saturday, Feb. 18. Meet at Jumbo Campground parking lot at 9:45. Sponsored by Interpretive Association Western Colorado Please call (970) 874-6637 to reserve snowshoes or for more information.

Feb. 21-Montrose Senior Center Lunch & Learn @ Montrose Pavilion Senior Center. \$3 lunch& Learn, admission to program, is free. Lunch \$5.

Feb. 22-The City of Montrose Youth Council "Teen Opportunity Expo" (TOE) 2:30 to 4 p.m. in the Montrose High School cafeteria. Area youth ages 13 to 19 are invited to attend this free event to visit with local business and organization representatives for summer jobs, volunteering, and internships. Interested local businesses and organizations can obtain more information or reserve booth space by contacting the City of Montrose Youth Council Coordinator Tina Woodrum at [970-240-1415](tel:970-240-1415), or by accessing forms at the following links: CityofMontrose.org/YouthCouncil.

Feb. 23-24-Western Slope Soil Health Conference, Delta Center for the Performing Arts & Education 833 Grand Ave.

Feb. 24-The RADIO ROOM Proudly Presents Moors & McCumber on Friday Feb. 24th, 2017 at 7:30 PM. Tickets are \$18 in advance and \$20 at the door and may be purchased by calling (970) 241-8801, Ext 211 or online at www.kafmradio.org. The Radio Room is located at 1310 Ute Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501. Doors open at 7 p.m.

Feb. 25-Montrose Memorial Hospital 2017 Health Fair @ the Montrose Pavilion, 6:30 a.m. to Noon, no appointment necessary.

March 5-CASA of the Seventh Judicial District Dancing with the Stars 2017. Montrose Pavilion, 2 p.m. (tickets \$15) and 6 p.m. (tickets \$35). **For tickets visit <https://tickets.montrosepress.com/>.**

March 16-Back to 4H Night at Friendship Hall. 4 to 8 p.m.

March 16-Inside Outreach cocktail mingle at Lark & Sparrow, 5:30 to 7 p.m. Admission TBA.

March 18-The Kiwanis Club of Delta invites players and sponsors to join in the fun for the club's 6th Annual Poker Tournament on March 18 at the Bill Heddles Recreation Center. Registration for players begins at 4 p.m. with tournament play scheduled from 5 to 8 p.m. To pre-register for the poker tournament, or for more information on table sponsorships or prize donations, contact Clay Speas, 970-361-2950.

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