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## THE FRESH TASTE OF A SUMMER TRADITION: 2018 OLATHE SWEET CORN FEST BRINGS PEOPLE TOGETHER



By Caitlin Switzer

OLATHE—If you have ever been to the Olathe Sweet Corn Festival, you probably have a favorite memory—or two. What if you had been to the festival almost every year, and organized 20 of them? Though she is no longer in charge of managing the popular event, Town of Olathe staffer Bobbi Sale does have one cherished memory of her sweet corn days.

"It was something I did every year," recalled Sale. "Above the festival grounds there is a little hill; on that hill is a giant rock.

"I went up on that rock every year, and looked down at all those people," she said. "And I thought of all the details that we had spent a year working on so that they could enjoy the festival."

And in that crowd of people was a child who would one day grow up to organize the home town festival himself.

"I still remember when the Sweet Corn stage was a semi-trailer parked at

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*The Olathe Sweet Corn Festival, a local tradition, is fun for all ages and draws visitors from across Colorado every year. Courtesy photo.*

## GROWING ENCAMPMENT ALONG BLM ROAD CONCERNS LANDOWNER

By Caitlin Switzer

DELTA COUNTY—Just off of Hwy 50 near Delta, a scenic BLM thoroughfare called Alkali Basin Road winds above shadowed 'dobie canyons and through breathtaking open spaces. Still, the road also travels through an increasing number of trailers and makeshift homes that one local resident believes threaten not only property values, but the health, safety and welfare of neighboring landowners.

When John Adumat purchased land along the Alkali Basin Road a decade ago, there were no neighbors, and the views were pristine.

"In ten years I have done a lot," said Adumat, whose father and grandfather were building contractors, and who earns a living harvesting and reselling forest service products such as firewood. "I have spent close to \$100K on building equipment, above and beyond the cost of the real estate.

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*A growing encampment can be seen from the Alkali Basin BLM Road.*

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## ANSWERING THE CALL: MPD SGT. BRIAN RUMBAUGH

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-Patrol Sergeant Brian Rumbaugh grew up in a law enforcement family with a dad who had 17 years with the Montrose County Sheriff Office (MCSO) and a younger brother currently with MCSO. Rumbaugh, who graduated from MHS in 2009, attended Mesa State College through his junior year and is now back in college to finish a degree in Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement Administration.

The Montrose Police Department (MPD) sponsored Rumbaugh to attend the Police Academy, "Mostly I had fun at the academy. I learned all the different laws that I apply on a daily basis."

Rumbaugh, who has been with MPD since August 2011, was promoted to patrol sergeant in June 2017. "It's a different type of stress. For me it's the new role. Knowing where my crew is and what they are doing. I'm learning to be a supervisor and make critical decisions. I can't be as in depth to all the calls, but I focus on the high priority calls. I jump in and take calls when needed, but now I'm learning to oversee."

In the area of specialized training Rumbaugh is a member of the SWAT Team. He is an instructor in less-lethal munitions — OC (pepper) spray, 40 mm launchers, chemical munitions, defensive tactics and arrest control. Rumbaugh is certified with the FBI and Krav Maga Self-Defensive System and likes using those certifications to teach arrest control classes. He said, "Making our jobs safe

through education never ends. The Supreme Court changes how we do things and we have to adapt. We're always learning."

For Rumbaugh the most enjoyable part of the job are high speed calls, "Where two or three cops run lights and sirens. The in-progress calls, the SWAT calls... those are the calls I enjoy because they have a lot going on. Everyone has to work together. It's an adrenaline rush...it's fun." He laughed and said, "If you get to have fun when you're at work it's going to be a good day."

Describing the least enjoyable aspect of his job Rumbaugh said, "I know it's been said before by other officers but seeing people at their worst is never easy. Helping them deal and cope with difficult things." Using the loss of a child as an example he said, "It's the worst day of their lives. They don't know how to handle it and we don't know how to handle it, but we can work through it together. We help them start the process of working through their crisis." Recently the PD implemented a Chaplain Program, "We can request the non-denominational chaplain, or victim advocates, just to talk to folks in a crisis."

Rumbaugh has used CPR five or six times, "Unfortunately my success rate is only

Sergeant Brian Rumbaugh



*Sgt. Brian Rumbaugh. Courtesy photo.*

about 50/50. It's disappointing, but you keep going. You don't feel bad for the failures when you do everything you can."

In self-evaluation Rumbaugh feels one of his strengths is de-escalating situations, "Sometimes I'm able to get people to calm down just by talking to them. People who are suicidal, those with mental health issues, or people who are just irate, but it all depends on the person."

On his days off Rumbaugh likes outdoor activities, "But my wife is in a college nursing program, so most of my off-time is spent with my two-year-old daughter. She's in that destroy-everything-stage right now."

Rumbaugh would like the community to know, "It's not always a bad time when citizens come in contact with cops, but we have a job to do that needs to be done. We do make mistakes, we're human too."



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## 'THEY SEEM TO GIVE EVERYBODY SOMETHING TO SMILE ABOUT' OLATHE FARMER RANDY FRIEND GROWS SECOND SUNFLOWER CROP



*Olathe Farmer Randy Friend's sunflower fields are in bloom.*

By Caitlin Switzer

OLATHE—Statistics from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) show that Colorado was second only to California for [sunflower area planting and harvesting](#) in 2017-2018. Still, most of Colorado's sunflowers are grown on the Eastern Plains, according to the [National Sunflower Association](#).

Here in Montrose County, there is one notable exception. When Hwy 50 motorists pass Randy Friend's farm fields in Olathe during the height of summer, they now see acres of the bright, yellow

blooms. For Friend, who planted a sunflower crop for the first time in 2017, those flowers are also green—and not only for their healthy foliage.

"Last year they were such a success, especially on social media," he said. "Every bit of feedback that we got was positive; it brought quite a bit of business to my parent's fruit stand."

This year, Friend said he has staggered the plantings to attain a longer "bloom window."

"We are hoping for a three to four-week bloom window this year," he said.

The sunflowers began to open last week,

and despite this year's drought conditions, "They are coming along all right."

Friend, 41, has been a farmer all his life, having grown up in the family business. Since 2001 he has run a farm of his own; the sunflower crop came about because the Producers' Coop was looking for a local bird seed supplier in 2017.

"They didn't really need more this year, but I talked 'em into it," Friend said. And the timing of the bright blooms could not be better—the sunflowers arrived just in time for the Montrose County Fair and the upcoming Olathe Sweet Corn Festival.

"They seem to give everybody something to smile about," Friend said.



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### A MODEST PROPOSAL: DON'T LEAVE FIREARMS (OR VALUABLES) IN YOUR VEHICLE OVERNIGHT

*Editor:*

As President of Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers, Inc., I receive the daily law enforcement activity blotters from both the Montrose Police Department and the Montrose County Sheriff's Office. They are replete with reports of theft of firearms, frequently from random break-ins to motor vehicles during the night. These stolen firearms are now in the hands of thieves, drug addicts, and hardened criminals who inhabit our community, including those who are only transient visitors.

May I humbly suggest that folks not leave firearms in their vehicles at night. Many of the thefts are from unlocked vehicles, although a rock through a window and thirty seconds will easily overcome the impediment of locked doors. Regardless of where a firearm is stored, every owner should at least have a complete description of each firearm, including the manufacturer, model, caliber and most importantly, the serial number. In the past several months, I have received reports of **more than 14 thefts of firearms**, including everything from a non-operational model of a Browning Automatic Rifle to a fully functional AK 47 with 5 loaded magazines of ammunition. What does that do for your peace of mind in our little corner of the universe? The thief might be a drug addict, a gang or cartel member or just someone who has no respect for you, your family or your property. By providing a description and serial number to law enforcement, there is a possibility that the thief will be caught, and the stolen firearm recovered.

Please give this simple suggestion some thought. Whether you own a firearm or have friends that do, there is no reason to make it easy for a thief to steal it and then sell it with no record of the serial number to provide to law enforcement. By the way, leaving your purse, wallet, computer and other valuables in a vehicle over-night may not be such a bright idea either.

*John W. Nelson*

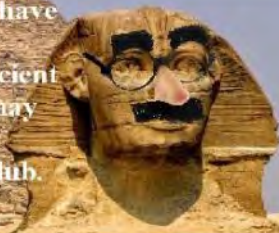
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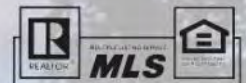
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## ***OLATHE SWEET CORN FESTIVAL BRINGS PEOPLE TOGETHER From pg 1***

Olathe High School," said Olathe farmer and current Festival Chair Kyle Martinez. "I have been to just about every one of them."

Among Martinez' favorite memories of the Olathe Sweet Corn Festival is the year pop star Eddie Money was the headline act.

"My volunteer job was husking corn in the community tent," Martinez said. "That got me a free t-shirt and a ticket. It was my last year in high school."

"Eddie Money was eating corn up on stage, and he threw the cob out into the crowd—people were fighting over it. He said he liked it so much he would come back again and play for free."

"I still turn him up when I hear him on the radio."

This year's Olathe Sweet Corn Festival headliner is country star Eric Pasley.

"We have a good music lineup," Martinez said.

"Four bands, very diverse—this is going to be a great festival and musical event."

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"This festival meant a lot to me when I was growing up," said Martinez, who is now married and awaiting the arrival of his first child this fall.

"I hope that someday, a kid who is growing up here now will look back and say, 'I remember that Eric Pasley concert!'"



**The headline act at the 2018 Olathe Sweet Corn Festival will be country star Eric Pasley. Courtesy photo.**

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# EMPOWERED ENERGY SYSTEMS RECOGNIZED AS A 2018 TOP SOLAR CONTRACTOR

*The Solar Power World Top Solar Contractors list includes Hotchkiss, CO based solar firm*

### Special to the Mirror

HOTCHKISS—More than 10,600 megawatts of solar power were installed last year in the United States, and local installer Empowered Energy Systems LLC has been recognized by *Solar Power World* magazine for its contributions to the industry.

The Top Solar Contractors list is developed by *Solar Power World* to recognize the work completed by solar contractors across the United States. Produced annually, the Top Solar Contractors list celebrates the achievements of U.S. solar developers, subcontractors and installers within the utility, commercial and residential markets, and ranks contractors by kilowatts installed in the previous year.

"*Solar Power World* is very excited about the 2018 class of Top Solar Contractors," said Kelly Pickerel, editor in chief of *Solar Power World*. "Our 2017 list showed impressive installation numbers after 2016's huge rush to meet ITC requirements, and many companies were hesitant to show unavoidable installation dips after last year's high. We're happy to feature a

strong group of thriving U.S. solar installers on the 2018 Top Solar Contractors list. These companies truly are at the top of their markets."

The U.S. solar market had its biggest year ever in 2016, installing more than 15,000 MW. Although installations in 2017 dropped to 10,608 MW, the total still represents 40% growth over 2015 numbers. The year-over-year downturn can be attributed to the large influx of 2016 projects rushing to meet the anticipated expiration of a 30 percent federal tax credit that was eventually renewed. Last year also saw uncertainty surrounding potential Section 201 tariffs on imported solar panels, which may have led to delayed or canceled projects. Despite the uncertainty in the market, Empowered Energy Systems installed more kW of solar in 2017 than in the previous year.

A major highlight of 2017 was the non-residential market growing 28% year-over-year, the fourth straight year of annual growth for commercial, industrial and community solar. In 2017, 30% of all new electric generating capacity brought

online in the United States came from solar, second only to new natural gas capacity.

The first quarter of 2018 showed a 13% growth over the first quarter of 2017, and Empowered Energy Systems continues to contribute to the wave of increasing solar generation. By 2023, more than 15,000 MW of solar is expected to be installed annually.

Empowered Energy Systems employs seven workers who installed 205. kW of solar power in 2017. Since its founding in 2004, the company has installed both residential and commercial solar on the Western Slope. With C-PACE financing for commercial solar installations and RENU financing for residential solar Empowered Energy Systems is helping more people realize the savings of solar PV.

"We're proud to have made this prestigious list", said Brad Burritt co-owner of Empowered Energy Systems.

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### BUILD BRIDGES TO OTHER CULTURES, NOT WALLS

Editor:

"Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall" was a rallying call by President Reagan used to remove the invasive Berlin Wall interrupting both the economic and social cohesion within Germany. The U.S. Faces the same issue in its push to fortify a wall on our southern border. Not only is such a wall environmentally invasive (interrupts wildlife migration), but is hinder-some to the economic and social well-being of both the U.S. and our neighbor, Mexico.

Further, walls are not fully effective in preventing cross border movements when needs drive actions. A more effective strategy is to work with our neighbors to help alleviate the causal problems. This, along with the benefits of understanding and working collaboratively with other cultures, would go a long way to not only alleviate border problems, but benefit our economic and social well-being, as well.

As we all know, we are a nation of immigrants and example to the world as an effective democracy of various cultures. All this supports the saying "build bridges (to other cultures) not walls". Let us be a light to the world of how various cultures can work together and resist the current efforts to divide us.

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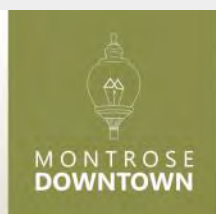
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***GROWING ENCAMPMENT ALONG BLM ROAD CONCERNS LANDOWNER From pg 1***

"The road is graveled, and it's a pretty decent road now. I have made my final payment on the land and accumulated enough lumber to build my log home. I had planned to build a greenhouse too...I have spent a lot of time and money.

"I am living my dream...except for that place."

"That place" is a neighboring land parcel, which has become an informal encampment, with a growing number of recreational vehicles, trailers and school busses.

"I had a clean and clear property, with 360-degree views," Adumat said. "I guarantee you won't find a plastic bag blowing around my place. Now, I have a trash heap next to me."

Blowing trash, junk vehicles with the windows broken out, and glass are everywhere, he said. Adumat also said he believes there are dead poultry buried somewhere on site from a failed agricultural venture.

Adumat himself has not yet put in a septic system, but does have a self-composting toilet to use as he prepares to

construct more permanent facilities.

"It's just me here," he said, noting that on the other parcel, "There were people living and sleeping in cars over the winter. I counted 13 RV's out there at one time, and there were 20 families.

"And there is now a trench dug within the BLM right-of-way," he said.

"They are filling it with garbage."

Keith Lucy of Delta County Health said that he is aware of the situation on Alkali Basin Road, and is taking action.

"We have personally hand-delivered notices to all who are occupying parcels up there," Lucy said. "We have identified three other RV's where people live who do not have adequate sewage disposal, and

one went to another homeowner.

"We did not give one to Mr. Adumat, though he is technically in violation as well, because he is in the loop of working toward getting septic," Lucy said. "Now we give them 90 days, and we will take further legal action if they blow us off; maybe bring them before the board of health.

"It's pretty bleak," he said.



***Old, discarded furniture along the Alkali Basin BLM Road.***

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# MONTROSE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL NAMED AMONG 100 GREAT COMMUNITY HOSPITALS



**Montrose Memorial Hospital was recently announced one of the 100 Great Community Hospitals in the country. Courtesy photo.**

### Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Montrose Memorial Hospital was recently announced one of the 100 Great Community Hospitals in the country. "This award is recognition of our staff's hard work and dedication to delivering excellent care to our community," said James Kiser, CEO of Montrose Memorial Hospital. "Being listed among the 100 great community hospitals in the nation confirms the great work done by our Board of Directors and the leaders within our organization who exemplify Friends & Family caring for Friends & Family."

The list – available on Becker's Hospital Review's website – describes Montrose Memorial Hospital as a growing leader in the region's healthcare: "Montrose Memorial Hospital has positioned itself within the burgeoning southwest Colorado region to grow with the area and serve as a vital health provider." The entry also notes the hospital's inclusion on the latest iVantage Top 100 Rural & Community Hospital list.

When evaluating hospitals for the list, Becker's Hospital Review defined a community hospital as one with no more than 550 beds. Becker's Hospital Review editorial team selected hospitals for inclusion on the list based on the rankings and ratings of several outside organizations,

including IBM Watson 100 Top Hospitals, iVantage Health Analytics and the Chartis Center for Rural Health's Top Rural & Community Hospitals, CareChex ratings, Leapfrog Group grades, Healthgrades awards, CMS stars, and more.

This isn't the first time the hospital has been recognized nationally. Last September, Montrose Memorial Hospital was ranked a "High Performing" hospital for

knee replacements by US News & World Report. Prior to that, the hospital was recognized by the National Rural Health Association as a Top 20 Rural Community Hospital in the nation and has also been ranked a Top 100 Rural & Community Hospital by iVantage Health Analytics for the last three years. The list can be accessed online at <https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/>



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### **BLM UNCOMPAHGRE FIELD OFFICE RESCINDS STAGE 1 FIRE RESTRICTIONS**

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MONTROSE – Stage 1 Fire Restrictions within the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Uncompahgre Field Office are rescinded including BLM managed lands in Montrose, San Miguel, Ouray, Delta and Gunnison counties.

Fire managers rely on a variety of factors such as moisture levels in trees and vegetation, weather forecasts and the occurrence of human-caused wildfire to determine whether fire restrictions are warranted within a specific geographic area.

"We appreciate the public's adherence to fire restrictions," said Randy Chappell, BLM Deputy Fire Management Officer. "It is important to recognize the potential for wildfire still exists. Before starting any type of fire, we encourage the public to be prepared for changing conditions and to never leave a fire unattended."

To prevent wildfires, the public is also asked to remain vigilant and make responsible decisions when conducting activities outdoors. Learn more at [https://www.nifc.gov/prevEdu/prevEdu\\_main.html](https://www.nifc.gov/prevEdu/prevEdu_main.html).

For more information, contact the Uncompahgre Field Office (970) 240-5300. To determine current fire restrictions throughout Colorado, please visit the [Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management website](http://Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management website).

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## **REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS**

### **MTN. VILLAGE CELEBRATES SAFE COMMUNITIES WITH NATIONAL NIGHT OUT & ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

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MOUNTAIN VILLAGE— Bringing together community members and emergency responders, the Mountain Village Police Department is hosting their seventh annu-

al National Night Out Tuesday, August 7 from 5 to 8 p.m. The community is invited to join their neighbors, police, fire, and EMS teams at Mountain Village's Meadows Parking Lot located at Adams Ranch

Rd for a free ice cream social and tours of police cars, fire trucks and an ambulance.

National Night Out, a part of the National Association of Town Watch, involves over 38 million people in 16,000-plus communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide. This well-known and celebrated annual event was designed to heighten community awareness of safety and fire prevention issues, as well as to strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnership.

National Night Out is one of many ways local police and fire departments become acquainted with our community in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. Come to celebrate this national event referred to as America's Night Out Against Crime.

"We are excited to bring together once again our residents to get to know one another along with our first responders who serve them in the community," said Mountain Village Police Chief Deputy Chris Broady.

For more event information, please contact the Mountain Village Police Department at 970.728.9281.

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### SAN LUIS VALLEY FEDERAL WILDLIFE REFUGES OPEN FOR ELK HUNTING, BUT SPECIAL REGULATIONS APPLY

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MONTE VISTA – Elk hunting is allowed on three national wildlife refuges in the San Luis Valley. Colorado Parks and Wildlife reminds hunters that there are specific regulations and application procedures for these areas.

**Baca National Wildlife Refuge:** In designated areas, the refuge is open to hunters with a valid public-land elk license for Game Management Unit 82. An access permit is no longer required. Hunters must continue to follow all Colorado hunting regulations, as well as federal rules. Hunters also need to be aware that Private Land Only licenses are not be valid for use on the refuge.

For specific federal regulations and for maps of the designated hunting areas, go to the website of the Baca refuge at: [www.fws.gov/refuge/baca/](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/baca/); or call the

refuge office at: 719-256-5527.

**Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge, and Alamosa National Wildlife Refuge:** Elk hunting is allowed at these refuges but interested hunters must submit an application to Colorado Parks and Wildlife. Applications will be accepted via email Aug. 8-12 at [monte-vista.wildlife@state.co.us](mailto:monte-vista.wildlife@state.co.us).

To apply to hunt at the Monte Vista refuge hunters must hold a license for GMU 80; for the Alamosa refuge hunters must hold a license for GMU 83. Also eligible for either refuge: archery hunters who have an either-sex archery tag or an antlerless tag; and rifle hunters who have purchased



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**1723 Galaxy Drive**  
Montrose, CO  
Area Description

**\$269,990** | MLS# 744055  
Bedrooms: 3 | Bathrooms: 2.00  
1,592 sq. ft. on 0.22 acres



**1333 Dry Creek**  
Montrose, CO  
Area Description

**\$224,990** | MLS# 746932  
Bedrooms: 3 | Bathrooms: 2.00  
1,249 sq. ft. on 0.15 acres



**3348 Ivory Court**  
Montrose, CO  
Area Description

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Bedrooms: 4 | Bathrooms: 4.00  
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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### MONTROSE COUNTY LIFTS FIRE RESTRICTIONS

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MONTROSE-After a recent downgrade in fire restrictions in mid-July, Montrose County Sheriff Rick Dunlap lifted fire restrictions on July 27. The overall relative humidity factor remains high, which is also a large part of the decision according to Sheriff Dunlap. Additionally, the large majority of surrounding counties and federal agencies are also lifting fire restrictions. Earlier this summer, the Board of County Commissioners passed Resolu-

tion 2018-30 that authorizes the Sheriff, the fire warden for the county, to implement and lift fire restrictions as necessary through the summer months.

"We are fortunate to have no human-started wildfires in Montrose County to date," said Sheriff Dunlap. "I would encourage the public to remain vigilant and wise when it comes to any type of fire. Thank you to the firefighters and support personnel that have worked fighting fires in Colorado this year."

The Montrose County Sheriff's Office will continue to monitor conditions, and restrictions may be reinstated at any time. The public is urged to call dispatch at 970-252-4020 prior to and after completing any burning.

This both alleviates calls from the concerned public and helps deputies monitor and patrol. For information on restrictions for counties and agencies in the Seventh Judicial District, please visit [westslopefireinfo.com](http://westslopefireinfo.com).

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## COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

### CPW: FREE PARK ENTRANCE IN AUGUST TO ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY, VETERANS

*Special to the Mirror*

COLORADO-Colorado Parks and Wildlife salutes all active-duty military and veterans by offering free entrance to all 41 Colorado state parks during August. Free access for veterans and active duty military is slated to continue every year in which general fund dollars are appropriated by the General Assembly for this service.

"We greatly appreciate our active duty service members and veterans for their service to our country," said CPW Area Wildlife Manager Kris Middendorf. "We also recognize that it goes beyond the individual service member or veteran, it also includes the spouses and children who spend their lives supporting their family members who may be in harm's way or serving in an essential role in the defense of our nation."

All eligible veterans may pick up their hangtag and pass beginning August 1. Proof of service must be presented at any CPW office or state park to enjoy one of the agency's military benefits. If you are already in the CPW system as a military

member or veteran, no further proof is necessary. To verify your service in our system, please feel free to reach out to any CPW office. Service members and their families can relax and recharge with activities including archery, boating, fishing, hiking, kayaking and wildlife-viewing, along with well-equipped nature centers and picnic areas. Additional outdoor recreation opportunities can be found in the Parks Guide.

"There is no easy way to thank our military members for their selfless service," added Middendorf. "One thing we are proud to do is invite our veterans and active duty service members and their families to enjoy the outdoors with us at our State Parks and State Wildlife Areas. We wouldn't have these beautiful public lands, rivers, and lakes to enjoy had it not been for the sacrifice of so many generations of veterans and current active duty service members."

Veterans and active-duty military personnel (including active duty, Reserve and National Guard members) can obtain a



*CPW courtesy photo.*

military hang-tag pass valid for free admission during the month of August, by showing the CPW parks staff one of the following:

- Active or retired military identification, DD Form 2,
- DD Form 2765,
- DD214,
- Veterans Affairs medical card,
- A current Colorado Driver's License or state issued identification card with the veteran seal printed on it.

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

Though park entrance fees are waived for veterans and active-duty personnel in the month of August, activities such as fishing and camping still require a valid license or reservation. Visit <http://cpw.state.co.us/placestogo/parks/Pages/default.aspx> to locate a state park near you.



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## COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

### TELLURIDE SPORTS MAKES 100 PERCENT COMMITMENT TO SAN MIGUEL POWER ASSOCIATION'S GREEN BLOCKS PROGRAM



utility bill for participating stores by \$5,100 so far this year.

"Living and working in a spectacular setting like Telluride makes all of our employees keenly aware of the importance of becoming as energy efficient as possible because we all want to preserve our fragile environment," explains Todd Brewer, director of operations for Vail Resorts Retail western slope.

"When we learned more about the Green Blocks program offered by the San Miguel Power Association, we recognized that it was a very natural way for us to start making a meaningful difference in supporting renewable energy sources," he continued.

The program is also available to homes as well as businesses in the SMPA service area. Green Blocks may be purchased by any SMPA member to offset their energy use.

The more homes and businesses that participate, the greater the impact on reducing the San Miguel region's carbon footprint.

"When SMPA members like Telluride Sports participate, they secure the environmental benefits associated with their purchase of renewable energy," explains Wiley Freeman, SMPA Member Services Manager.

"This furthers our communities' efforts to reduce, offset, and ultimately eliminate carbon pollution."

Another benefit of the program is that all proceeds from the sale of Green Blocks directly supports the development of more local renewable energy such as the 200 kilowatt IQ Solar Array project built in 2017 near Norwood, Colo.

"Telluride Sports support for Green Blocks also shows a commitment for more local renewables," concluded Freeman.

For more information about the San Miguel Green Blocks renewable energy credits, visit: <http://www.smpa.com/content/green-centsgreen-blocks>.

**All 11 shops in the Vail Resorts Retail/Telluride Sports family are joining the San Miguel Power Association's (SMPA) Green Blocks program that allows participants to purchase renewable energy credits. Courtesy photo.**

#### Special to the Mirror

**BROOMFIELD**—In a recently signed agreement, all 11 shops in the Vail Resorts Retail/Telluride Sports family are joining the San Miguel Power Association's (SMPA) Green Blocks program that allows participants to purchase renewable energy credits.

How it works: Electricity generated by renewable resources is placed on the same grid as traditional electricity.

The purchase of Green Blocks guarantees that the renewable energy being purchased is actually generated from a renewable source and placed on the grid. One credit, or Green Block, costs \$1 per block, per month and each block represents 100 kilowatt hours of renewable energy. Buying one Green Block is equivalent to not driving a car for 1,800 miles or planting a half-acre of trees.

The amount of energy usage varies by location, so each Telluride Sports store will be purchasing the number of blocks needed to offset their total monthly energy

consumption. If a store uses 800 kilowatt hours per month, they will purchase eight blocks. Telluride Sports is initially purchasing 2,880 Green Blocks for their 11 participating locations.

Additionally, following an extensive energy use audit provided by SMPA and the local non-profit Eco Action Partners in all 11 stores, the Telluride Sports team determined that switching existing lighting to more energy efficient LED lighting would be the most effective way to decrease energy use.

Based on that decision, beginning last October, the shops started replacing the older lighting and are now approximately 75 percent converted to LED. The estimated energy savings from this retrofit is expected to cover the additional cost of purchasing the Green Blocks.

Another benefit from the transition to LEDs is that the longer life of LED bulbs will result in an estimated 1,500 fewer traditional lightbulbs going into a landfill each year and has already reduced the

## COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

# CANDIDATE PHIL WEISER KICKS OFF GENERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN FOR AG WITH SUMMER LISTENING TOUR

### Special to the Mirror

DENVER— Phil Weiser's AG campaign released summer travel plans for the Democratic nominee. Weiser is set to hold events across Colorado and engage with voters in every corner of the state. Weiser — who visited all 64 counties during his primary campaign — will continue his listening tour with stops planned in the High Country and the Roaring Fork Valley next week.

Later this month, he will travel to Southern Colorado and the San Luis Valley. In August, Weiser will hold events across the Western Slope and in Northeastern Colorado.

"In every county I have visited," Weiser explained of his primary campaign travels, "I have learned about the challenges facing Coloradans in different communities. I am committed to representing all Coloradans as the next Attorney General. That is why I am focused on bringing high-speed broadband internet service to all

communities, fighting for affordable healthcare, leading on sound water management, addressing the opioid epidemic, and promoting high-quality, accessible education and economic opportunities in all parts of the state."

As the Dean of CU Law and as a leader in the U.S. Department of Justice, Weiser travelled to different parts of Colorado to learn from leaders in local communities. Similarly, as an AG candidate, Weiser has made such visits a hallmark of his campaign.

Over the course of this summer, Weiser will meet with Coloradans from diverse communities, including local leaders, law enforcement, and elected officials, to hear their concerns and share his vision for how the Attorney General can ensure the programs and laws here in Colorado take into account the needs of all Coloradans. He will host meet and greet events and other public sessions to hear directly from Coloradans about what they seek

from their elected officials.

In July, Weiser has stops planned in Alamosa, Carbondale, Del Norte, Edwards, Frisco, Glenwood Springs, Ordway, Walsenburg, and more.

In August, Weiser has trips scheduled for Craig, Cortez, Durango, Fort Morgan, Grand Lake, Grand Junction, Greeley, Gunnison, Idaho Springs, Montrose, Pagosa Springs, Ridgway, Rifle, the San Luis Valley, Steamboat Springs, Sterling, and beyond.

Weiser, who lives in Denver, will continue to campaign across the Front Range and along the I-25 corridor, from Longmont and Fort Collins to Colorado Springs and Pueblo.

Event details will be posted at the campaign's website.

For schedule updates and more information about Weiser's campaign, as well as his stance on important issues facing Coloradans this year, go to [philforcolorado.com](http://philforcolorado.com).



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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### THE BLACK CANYON BOYS & GIRLS CLUB LEND A HELPING HAND

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REGIONAL-Throughout July, The Black Canyon Boys & Girls Club (BCBGC) collected 737 toothpastes, 548 toothbrushes, 353 containers of floss, and more than 300 bottles of various toiletry items from individuals and businesses in the community to donate to The Boys & Girls Club of the High Rockies. The Boys & Girls Club of the High Rockies is acting as an evacuation site for those impacted by the fires in that area and could use a little help with supplies. The BCBGC would like to thank all those who donated supplies; your generosity is appreciated! A special thank you to Dr. Reardon at Black Canyon Dental and the Holiday Inn Express for donating the most supplies and winning two free tickets each to the BCBGC Crab Crack event on November 16th (more event details to be released in September). For more information on the BCBGC, check out [www.bcbgc.org](http://www.bcbgc.org). For more information on The Boys & Girls Club of the High Rockies, check out [www.bgchr.co](http://www.bgchr.co).

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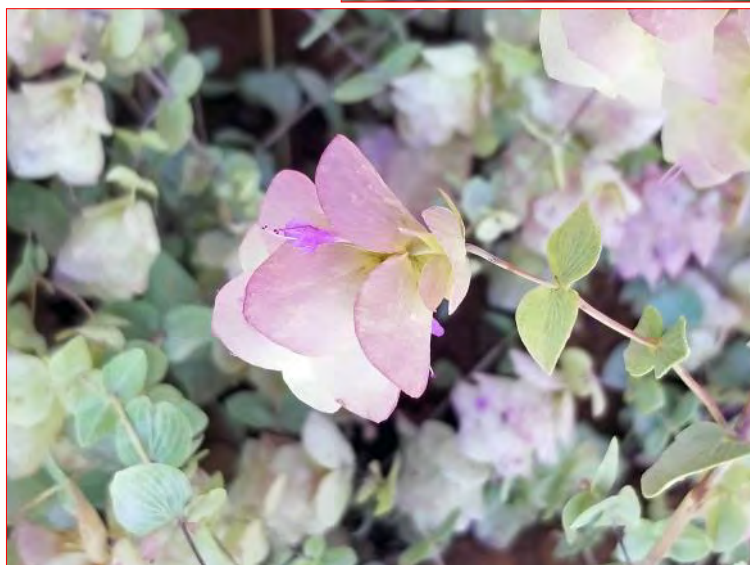
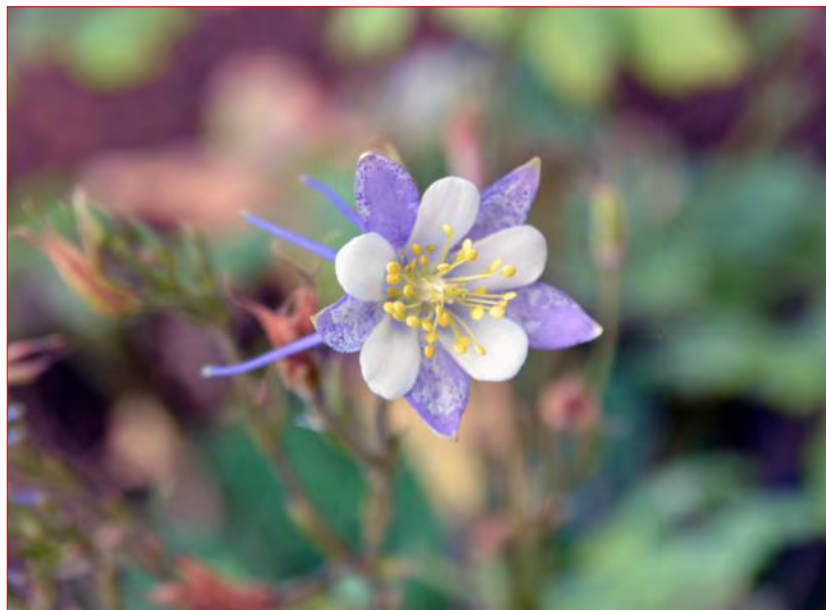
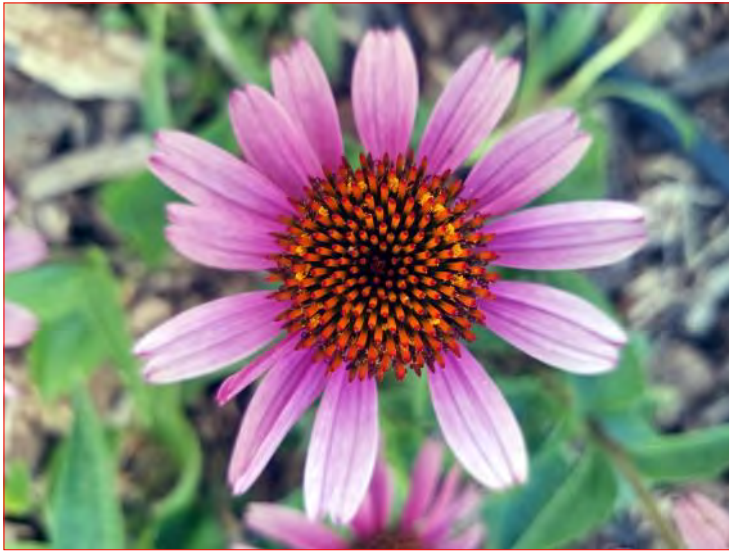
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*Clockwise from top right; coneflower; bumblebee on garden hyssop; poppy; ornamental oregano; a blue Colorado columbine.*





## REGIONAL FIRE UPDATES



### JULY 30 BULL FIRE UPDATE

*Special to the Mirror*

NUCLA-According to [WestSlopeFireInfo.com](http://WestSlopeFireInfo.com), Engines and air support are responding to the 300-acre lightning-caused Bull Fire, 12 miles northwest of Nucla. As of Sunday, one structure was threatened; structure protection was in place. Smoke is visible from various locations in the area. More information available today.

*Photo courtesy Montrose County Sheriff's Office.*

### JULY 29 BUTTERMILK FIRE UPDATE

*Special to the Mirror*

**Location:** 15 miles northeast of Montrose

**Cause:** Lightning

**Start Date:** July 23, 2018

**Size:** 674 acres

**Resources:** 62 personnel and air support

**Vegetation:** Pinyon/juniper

**Fire activity:** The Buttermilk Fire had minimal growth yesterday, thanks to increased humidity and some rain.

**July 29 operations:** Air support will continue to use water to cool hot spots. Firefighters will prepare control lines in the Red Canyon area and hold the fire on the ridge above Lime Kiln Gulch. At this time, no structures are immediately threatened and no evacuations are in place.

**Closures:** The C77 Road remains closed for public and firefighter safety so crews can stage resources.

**Smoke impacts:** Smoke and ash may be visible from various locations in Delta and Montrose counties, especially as temperature and wind increase and humidity decreases. For information on smoke impacts to air quality, visit <https://www.colorado.gov/airquality/default.aspx>.

**Updated information and maps:**

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## EVENT PLANNED TO HIGHLIGHT HEMP & HOPS @ MONTROSE COUNTY EVENT CENTER AUG. 24-25



*Hemp, above, is one of two crops to be highlighted at the Hemp & Hops event Aug. 24-25. Courtesy photo.*

### *Mirror staff report*

MONTROSE-[Colorado law](#) defines industrial hemp as “a plant of the genus Cannabis and any part of the plant, whether growing or not, containing a delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) concentration of no more than three-tenths of one percent (0.3 percent) on a dry weight basis.” In other words, this is not marijuana; still, Federal restrictions on industrial hemp can be prohibitive, even for those who are enthusiastic about growing what is considered by many to be a miracle crop.

To help local consumers learn more about industrial hemp and its many uses, area growers have banded together to present information to the public. On Aug. 24-25, an event coming to the Montrose County Fairgrounds hopes to shed a whole new light on two local crops with strong potential for growth--hemp and hops. Coming together to collaborate, educate and celebrate these industries are farm-

ers, athletes and community members.

“We’re really excited to provide a platform, and a farm-friendly atmosphere,” said Katey Herland, who is helping to promote the event. “We’re excited about opportunities in the hemp and hops industries for Western Colorado.”

Growing up in agriculture in the West End, Herland knows all too well the up and down cycles that come with farming.

“This is something that could potentially regenerate the community and provide something sustainable,” she said.

“Farming has always been one of my passions, and it is inspiring to know that we can really change something.”

Speakers include John Lyons, “America’s most trusted horseman,” also a parachute rancher and co-owner of [Chi Hemp](#).

Hemp and Hops begins at 2 p.m. on Aug. 24, and at 6 p.m. on Aug. 25. For more information visit

[www.hempandhopsevent.com](http://www.hempandhopsevent.com).



## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & CULTURE

### WEEHAWKEN OFFERS "ARTBAR(D): MIRACULOUS MIRACULOUS WITH TESSA CHEEK" ON JULY 31 IN RIDGWAY

#### *Special to Art & Sol*

RIDGWAY-Weehawken Creative Arts invites you to mix up your writing with a fun and creative evening at their monthly ARTbar(d) program at the 610 Arts Collective in Ridgway. This July's ARTbar(d) offers the idea that "a good poem has the power to flip your perspective (or blow it wide open)."

Instructor Tessa Cheek says, "In this fun and interactive class, we'll experiment with the trendy *Synsepalum sulcificum*, aka miracle berry. This tiny, subtropical fruit has the miraculous power to radically change how our taste buds perceive flavors: most notably making sour foods like lemon taste sweet. For inspiration, we'll read some miraculously good poems, explore the history of the miracle berry, and taste a variety of sweet and sour flavors. We'll write before and after poems with an option to share our new perspectives in a casual reading."

At Weehawken and Sherbino's ARTbar

(d), the strive is to provide a positive, creative outlet in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. The hope is to inspire the community to discover their imaginative side and cross the bar into other dimensions of creativity. The classes offered require no experience (and of course, liquid inspiration will also be available!). Open your door to creativity and give it a shot! \$20 includes instruction, inspiration and a drink!

Tessa Cheek is a writer, reporter and candlestick maker living in Ridgway, Colorado. She holds an MFA from Hollins University, where she served as a Teaching Fellow, Graduate Assistant and Assistant Poetry Editor of the Hollins Critic. She copy edits for the Groundhog Poetry Press and performs social media for the literary magazine Scoundrel Time.

She was the 2014-2015 Alice Maxine Bowie Fiction Fellow at the Lighthouse Writers Workshop in Denver, where she helped found the city-wide place writing

project, Write Denver. In 2017, Tessa's novel-in-progress won the Melanie Hook Rice Award in the Novel and her short story, "The Devil's Terrible Nearness," was nominated for the Best of the Net Anthology and a Pushcart Prize.

"ARTbar(d): Miraculous Miraculous" with Tessa Cheek will be offered on July 31 from 6 to 8 pm at 610 Arts Collective. The cost for this evening event is \$20 and includes instruction, inspiration and drinks.

*Students are encouraged to register in advance through Weehawken Creative Arts at [www.weehawkenarts.org](http://www.weehawkenarts.org) (adult arts classes tab) or by calling Weehawken at 970.318.0150. A minimum number of students must be met in order to guarantee the class, so interested students are encouraged to register several days in advance.*

*More details are available at [www.weehawkenarts.org](http://www.weehawkenarts.org) or [facebook.com/weehawkenarts](https://www.facebook.com/weehawkenarts).*

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### UpstART PRESENTS THE WINTER'S TALE @ WRIGHT OPERA HOUSE IN OURAY



Rehearsal photos courtesy of UpstART Theater that Moves.

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OURAY—"The Winter's Tale" Director John Kissingford rehearses with 8-year-old twins, Ariel (pink shirt) and Natasha (white shirt) Hessler of Ouray, who share the part of the young prince. UpstART Theater that Moves will present a No Holds Bard production of Shakespeare's "The Winter's Tale" at the Wright Opera House, 472 Main St, Ouray, CO 81427, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Aug. 2, 3 and 4 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 5 at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Student tickets are \$10. For more information and tickets, visit [thewrightoperahouse.org/events](http://thewrightoperahouse.org/events).

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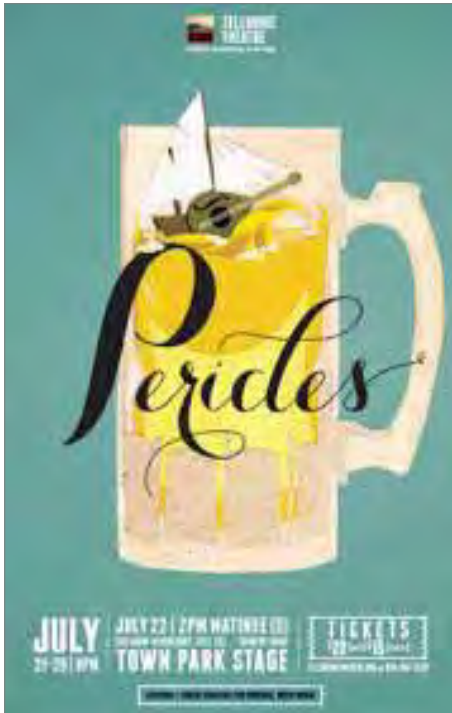


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# Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes

## Senior Property Tax Work-Off Program



*Telluride Theater's Pericles poster (courtesy photo).*

**DOWNVALLEY PARK** ... San Miguel County has a little known program that allows seniors over 60 to work-off their property tax bills by doing labor for various county departments. I remember championing the program when I was a county commissioner. Colorado has passed enabling legislation, and you can find the law authorizing this program here at CO Rev Stat #39-3.7-102 (2016) ... While I was unable to find it explained on the San Miguel County website anywhere, I've asked the county to remedy that oversight ... Meanwhile, as I'm still hale and hearty enough to do some manual labor, I got permission from the San Miguel County Open Space & Recreation Department to work at the Downvalley Park with Rich Hamilton, tending the new Pollinator Garden and doing general cleanup around the park. One only gets Colorado minimum wage for such work -- \$10.20 an hour. But it feels good putting one's labor in lieu of money into



*Monarch butterfly caterpillar in the Pollinator Garden in San Miguel County's Downvalley Park (courtesy photo).*

projects one believes in -- in this case a park I helped create and a pollinator garden I championed when I was in office ... Would that the state and federal governments would allow such a program. Instead of supporting foreign wars and subsidizing fossil fuel industries with our tax money, we could put our labor to work for projects we believed in ... That's unlikely to happen on the state or national levels. But it does on the county level, and that's one of many reasons I think county governments work, even if politics on the state and national levels seem so dysfunctional these days.

**COMMUNITY THEATER** ... I went to see Shakespeare in the Park in Telluride this past weekend. The play was performed on the town's Bluegrass stage. The audience sat amid the action. It's a continuing tradition of Telluride Theatre. This year Colin Sullivan directed the local version of *Pericles, The Prince of Tyre* ... Now, this is one of Shakespeare's least performed productions, and for good reasons. As Jonathan

Kalb noted in the *New Yorker* a few years ago for a staging there: "It is essential to see that the play is a mess, textually, from the very first minute we know of it. It's an object of curiosity. So the surprise is that it works so well in the theatre. Anyone who does this play needs to do script construction before it even starts. Transitional scenes are missing." Which is exactly what Sullivan did to such good effect ... There are all kinds of controversies swirling around this play. Even if you accept William the Glover's son as the author of the Shakespeare plays, and not Sir Francis Bacon, the illegitimate son of Queen Elizabeth (a theory I strongly favor), it would appear that this play had two authors -- Shakespeare and one George Wilkins, a dramatist, pamphleteer, thief, thug and an inn-keeper for what doubled as a brothel. Not the most savory of collaborators ... The first two acts are attributed to Wilkins by some, because the language is so flat and uninspired, and the last three to Shakespeare. At about the same time as the play appeared four centuries ago, Wilkins also wrote a novel entitled, *The Painful Adventures of Pericles, Prince of Tyre*. The story goes back to John Gower, a poet contemporary of Chaucer, and Gower is the narrator of the play by Shakespeare and Wilkins ... To make things even more confusing, *Pericles* has nothing to do with the historical Athenian orator and statesman ... Of course, any play with three shipwrecks in one show is going to be a bit chaotic. And the subject of incest at the beginning, which starts off the action, is going to be controversial in its own right ... But in spite of all of that, Telluride Theatre did an enjoyable show with some fine acting, excellent choreography (Cat Lee Covert), good singing, and even a great chorus (Anna Robinson). Setting much of the action in a bar too was an inventive and very successful construction. And from the get-go, it was one of those ensemble dramas, where even the littlest



# *Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes*

characters were captivating ... Professional actor Michael Raver elevated the entire production, and at one point almost had me in tears – as one of three actors portraying Pericles and as Gower the narrator (in this case strumming a guitar at a folk music bar).

Sullivan's allowing Raver to stop the action at one crucial point and change characters was a post-modern insert that served the production well. But it was seeing all the familiar local faces transformed on stage that made me a loyal fan. I loved the other two Pericles, Evan MacMillan and Simon Perkovich, both local kids who grew up here. The many-talented Suzanne Cheavens did marvelously as both royalty and pirate. Peter Lundeen was a lynchpin of the play's

stormy conceit as the noble Helicanus and as slimy Pandar. David McMillan pulled off being the incestuous Antiochus and the weak-kneed Cleon, dominated by a very convincingly villainous Sue Knechtal (who also was the bad mama Bawd later in the play). The ethereal Arabella Galbo sang beautifully and was strong in all her roles. Jaxon Mosher played tricky characters, and executed them with panache. Jerrica Steger has a great voice and played a charming Marina, daughter of Pericles. Lexie Torelli won me over in everything she did – I hope she gets a lead role soon ... This was a play where almost everyone doubled up on characters. Sam Young, Cari Galbraith, Crisanne Schworn and Blaine Musselman were fine utility fielders, doing multiple roles well. Ramie

Holmquist did admirably as Thaisa, Pericles' drowned wife he is reunited with at the end. The night I went it was Marty Langion's birthday, and they gave her a bouquet and a song at the end of the show ... In communities, watching one's friends and acquaintances turn into characters on stage is a marvelous transformation.

And it makes the story being told all the more intriguing. Because theater, while often happening in the distant past to made-up characters, brings home issues that can't be easily discussed up close. It's through the prism of a drama, with its face to face immediacy, that we can reflect on things happening in our own times ... Thank you, Telluride Theatre. Well done.

## THE TALKING GOURD

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## COLORAD NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & RECREATION

### PRESENTATION ON GEORGIAN WINES IN PALISADE SEPT. 6



*Kvevri, or Qvevri, is considered to be the oldest method of making wine.*

#### *Special to Art & Sol*

PALISADE-Join us for a fascinating presentation on Georgian wine, on Sept. 6 at Colterris at the Overlook, 3548 E ½ Rd., Palisade! The Kvevri wine making method was recently added to UNESCO's "Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity" list. This method - Kvevri or Qvevri - is considered to be the oldest method of making wine and originated in what is now the country of Georgia, between the Black and Caspian Seas. More information soon. Courtesy photo at left.

## COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE CELEBRATES COLORADO DAY WITH FREE PARK ADMISSION ON AUG. 6

#### *Special to Art & Sol*

DENVER-Colorado Parks and Wildlife will celebrate Colorado Day on Monday, August 6 by offering free entrance at all 41 state parks. Colorado Day was created by the state legislature to mark the anniversary of statehood, granted in 1876 by President Ulysses S. Grant. Although the state commemorates its 142nd year on the first of the month, state parks recognize the occasion with free entrance on the first Monday of the month.

"Colorado Day is an opportunity to thank all of our residents and visitors for their continued support of Colorado's state parks," said Gary Thorson, assistant director for information and education for Colorado Parks and Wildlife. "We hope everyone takes advantage of this occasion to experience the wide variety of recreational opportunities that our 41 state parks have to offer. With over 14 million visitors to our state parks last year, we hope people use Colorado Day as a way to explore more of our state parks and the different experiences each can offer."

All other fees, including camping and reservations, will remain in effect on Aug. 6.

Colorado's 41 state parks, scattered throughout the state, showcase the state's diverse landscapes, and Colorado Day is the perfect opportunity to visit, whether you are searching for a new outdoor experience or revisiting your family's favorite park.

There are a huge variety of recreational opportunities at all Colorado State Parks. James M. Robb Colorado River State Park is the perfect spot to take your mountain bike and explore the trails around the Fruita section, while the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area provides everything from rafting thrills to amazing angling. If your goal is to discover nature with two feet on the ground, Barr Lake State Park boasts hundreds of species of birds for viewing, while Vega State Park offers serene beauty for picnics with the family.

This Colorado Day, be sure to get out to a state park for a fun-filled day that the whole family can enjoy. Float your boat or kayak, or raft a river. View diverse wildlife and a multitude of bird species. Catch fish, hike, explore by geocaching, ride some of the best OHV trails in the state or go horseback riding. Teach your children to fish, camp or learn about nature. Climb a challenging rock face, fly a kite or ride your bike. Come play all day and stay for the beautiful Colorado sunsets.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife manages 41 state parks, more than 300 state wildlife areas, all of Colorado's wildlife, and a variety of outdoor recreation. To plan your next park adventure, visit [cpw.state.co.us](http://cpw.state.co.us).





## COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

### SHERBINO THEATER COMPANY BRINGS BACK LOCAL FAVORITE "SHERBINO NIGHT LIVE" SKETCH COMEDY

#### *Special to Art & Sol*

RIDGWAY-Sherbino Theatre Company announces a weekend of performances of Sketch Comedy: *Sherbino Night Live* Aug. 3 through Aug. 5. The 90-minute performance will feature Classic Sketch comedy skits as well as original sketches written by the ensemble.

The Company members performing in this production include: Brendan Allison, Ned Bosworth, Bradley Boykin, Linda Browning, Edward Cating, Jamie Coulter, Kandi Devoces, Rachael Etzler, Lance Fitzgerald, Amanda Gabrielson, Bonnie Heidbrak, Sharra King, Ashley King-Grambley, Melissa Johnson, Doug Leverenz, Susan Leverenz, Barthold Lichtenbelt, Cat Lichtenbelt, Jennifer Man-

daville, Martin Pitts and Mark Whiteman.

After the success of an SNL production in January, an evening of laughter and hilarity, Sherbino Theatre Company Artistic Director Kathleen O'Mara was not surprised when the troupe members wanted to have a summer installment with new content and sketches. "The actors are having so much fun playing with this classic and original material, we are so fortunate to have the opportunity to discover and play with this genre in a community that supports sketch comedy; has an appreciation for all forms of humor, wit; and understanding for the human spirit's need for laughter and making fun in a friendly, artistic way." O'Mara also states, "It has been an unique experience giving the

company members 100 percent ownership of the content in this show; they are developing and writing sketches, some include Air Streams as a theme as Ridgway will be hosting an Air Stream rally during the show weekend. The writers have created a great show full of surprises and the actors have done an amazing job bringing zany and wild characters to life, even cows! The audience may get a sore belly from laughing too much."

#### Adult/Mature Content

Performances will be August 3-5 7:30 PM at the Sherbino Theater in Ridgway, CO.

Tickets are \$12 in advance online and \$15 at the door. For more information, go to [sherbino.org](http://sherbino.org) or call 970-318-0150

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## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & CULTURE

# PANCAKES, MOTORCYCLES AND MUSIC ON DECK FOR AUG. 4 CELEBRATE CEDAREEDGE

### Special to Art & Sol

CEDAREEDGE-The Town of Cedaredge and the Cedaredge Area Chamber of Commerce are collaborating to bring the community the final Celebrate Cedaredge event of the summer on Saturday, Aug. 4, at Town Park from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Start your morning with a fresh, fluffy flapjack, courtesy of the VFW Post #9221, who are serving up their annual pancake breakfast at the Stolte Shed from 7-10 a.m.

Dozens of vendors offering everything from fine arts and crafts to food, kids' games and community information will be on hand at the park. Vendor spaces are still available by calling Town Hall at 856-3123. Nonprofits and civic groups based in the Surface Creek Valley can have a free booth space; call the Town Hall for more info.

The Pondy Cancer Warriors will be at the park all day for their annual fundraiser walkathon from 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. The Warriors will be set up in the Lions Pavilion serving up a tasty lunch and displaying raffle items. Monies raised this year will be given to the family of six-year-old Quinten Christian, who has been diagnosed with neuroblastoma, a rare type of childhood cancer that attacks the nerve cells.

At the bandstand in the park, the Thin Air Band will take the stage beginning at 10 a.m. Thin Air is a musical variety dance band, playing hit rock n' roll, country and big band hits. The members of Thin Air have been playing together for six years, keeping their audiences up on their feet dancing!

At 11 a.m., riders with the International Serenity Run will be riding along Main Street showing off their wheels and tossing candy to eager youngsters.

Later that evening, Trustees for the Town of Cedaredge are grilling up tasty burgers for the Party in the Park, which runs from 5-8 p.m. The Town will provide burgers, tableware and drinks; please bring a side dish or dessert to share. From 6-8 p.m., David Starr will perform. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and come enjoy dinner with your friends and neighbors!



*In addition to art, craft and information booths, one of the activities you can enjoy at the Aug. 4 Celebrate Cedaredge event is wine tasting from Cedaredge-produced wines! The weekend will be jam-packed with activities: it's also the weekend when the riders from International Serenity Run will be in town, as well as The Pondy's Cancer Warriors fundraiser walkathon and the Town of Cedaredge's annual Party in the Park. "We invite everyone to come enjoy beautiful Cedaredge and all the weekend has to offer!" said Kami Collins, economic development coordinator and town clerk for the Town of Cedaredge. Courtesy photo.*



# MONTROSE MIRROR

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## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

### 2018 RADIO DAZE @ KANNAH CREEK'S EDGEWATER BREWERY

#### *Special to Art & Sol*

GRAND JUNCTION—Come out to Edgewater Brewery (905 Struthers Ave, Grand Junction ) on Saturday, Aug. 4 from 1pm-9pm to enjoy eight hours of live music performed by some of Grand Valley's most popular bands and musicians! Join KAFM supporters, programmers, volunteers and staff for the annual Radio Daze event showcasing local talent.

This year's performers include *Zac Grant Trio*, *Tight Thump*, *Thomasina Russell & Friends*, *Jack & Jill & Family*, *Mashed Potatoes*, *Union of None* and the *Emerson Project*. Attendees will enjoy music from many genres, including acoustic, rock, blues, bluegrass and more!

Kannah Creek will donate 100% of proceeds from their specially brewed 300 Watt Ale in support of KAFM Community Radio.

This is a free event. KAFM will be holding a 50/50 raffle with the chance to win up to \$999. Winner need not be present to win.

### MICHELLE BITTING WINS 2018 FISCHER PRIZE FOR POETRY



**Michelle Bitting, Poet Laureate Emerita of Pacific Palisades, California, won the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Fischer Prize in Poetry with her poem, "Everything Crumbling Becoming Something New." Courtesy photo.**

will be a lecturer at Loyola Marymount University this fall. A well-known figure in the Southern California scene, she has won numerous awards for her poetry and been widely published.

Also attending the ceremony was Jane Hilberry, professor of English at Colorado College and Ph. D. graduate of Indiana University. She won the newly-established \$500 Cantor Award for the best poem submitted by a Colorado poet, "Beginning with a Line from Paul Monette," which also was a finalist for the Fischer Prize.

Other finalists included Jose Alcantara of Carbondale, Colorado, with "Lady in Rags," Claire Blotter of Novato, California, with "Rocking," Devreaux Baker of Mendocino, California, with "Breathing Water, Swimming Air," and Elizabeth Jacobson of Miami Beach, Florida, with "Birds Eating Cherries From the Very Old Tree."

All the poems are available for viewing at [www.tellurideinstitute.org/2018-fischer-prize-winning-poems](http://www.tellurideinstitute.org/2018-fischer-prize-winning-poems).

The Telluride Institute's Talking Gourds

poetry program continues its two decade tradition of offering a national Fischer Prize contest in honor of attorney/poet Mark Fischer, who died in the '80s, and his wife -- politician/painter Elaine Cantor Fischer, who passed away just three years ago. The 22<sup>nd</sup> Fischer Prize contest will begin this fall. Once again the Institute will be offering \$1000 first prize award in the national contest and five \$200 finalist awards for selected poems. Additionally, a \$500 Cantor Award will be made for the best poem submitted by a Colorado poet.

Winners receive their prizes at the Telluride Literary Arts Festival in mid-May in Telluride. A \$500 travel allowance for the Fischer Prize winner to attend the festival and five \$100 travel allowances for finalists and the Cantor Award winner will be available. May 18, 13019 [2019 CE] is the date for the annual Telluride Literary Arts Festival, where the Fischer Prize will be awarded.

Judge for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fischer Prize contest will be Rafael Jesús González, Poet Laureate of Berkeley (CA). Visit his website at [rjgonzalez.blogspot.com](http://rjgonzalez.blogspot.com).

Talking Gourds is a poetry program of the Telluride Institute. Its website has changed and is now located at [www.tellurideinstitute.org](http://www.tellurideinstitute.org).

#### *Special to Art & Sol*

TELLURIDE ... Michelle Bitting, Poet Laureate Emerita of Pacific Palisades, California, won the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Fischer Prize in Poetry with her poem, "Everything Crumbling Becoming Something New." Chosen by Judge Joan Logghe of Española, Bitting attended the awards ceremony and received her \$1000 prize at the Telluride Literary Arts Festival this spring.

Finishing her Ph.D. in Mythological Studies at Pacifica Graduate Institute, Bitting

## SUMMER BREAK REPORT: A FRESH POINT OF VIEW!

### SET DOWN THAT PHONE AND GET SOME SLEEP. AT NIGHT.



**Jack Switzer, 15.**

Your eyes open, and everything is blurry for a few moments. Once you're somewhat awake, you realize the world outside is dark, and your house is quiet.

Were you only asleep for an hour or something?

You try and go back to bed, twisting and turning, trying to get comfortable. But you're wide awake. You reach over and grab your phone, and check the time. 11 pm.

Didn't you go to bed at 5 am?

Oh no. You slept through the day and into the night.

You have completely turned your sleep schedule around. That's not good. You know why? Because now you have to perform a sleep schedule reset, staying up all night, and all day, and then going to bed, so you can wake up at a normal time. Which is unhealthy. Because the human body needs at least seven to nine hours of sleep to function like normal. Think of it like this: Your body is a well-crafted machine, with special parts to keep you running. Without proper care those parts begin to degrade, and stop working. Lacking what it needs, your machine will start doing what it needs to so it can get some sleep. Such as: sleeping all day and waking up at night. Not only does it throw you off, it throws your body off. Which really

stinks; you'll be missing everything that happens during the day, sacrificing friends and work for nighttime boredom.

Sure there are things to do during the night, but there are only so many parties you want to go to, or so many video games you can play before you realize that what you're doing isn't good for your body. When you're 15-16 like I am, it's common that you don't get enough sleep. Staying up all night to talk to friends, or going to parties.

You often forget to think about the negative side effects. And that's easy to do, since you lose yourself in the nighttime fun.

You have to remember to go to bed at reasonable times though. And be sure to remind yourself of that when you head out for your next nightly adventure.

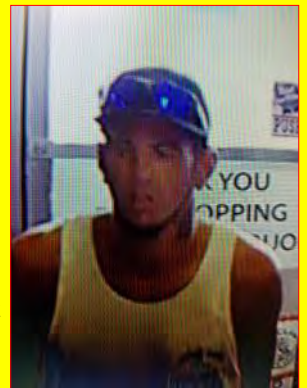
## CRIME STOPPERS ALERT-JULY 27, 2018

### Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers

Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers, Inc. and the Montrose Police Department are seeking the help of citizens to identify and locate the suspect, pictured at right, in a recent shoplifting case.

On or about 4:12 p.m. on July 21, the suspect entered West Main Liquors and stole a can of alcohol and escaped in a 2015 blue Honda. This is only one of a series of shoplifting cases occurring in the Montrose region. This suspect was photographed by store security cameras.

Anyone with information about this crime or the identity of the perpetrator(s) or any other crimes may call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 970-249-8500, use the mobile app P3 Tips, or provide information via P3tips.com. Crime Stoppers wants your information, not your identity. If the Tip results in an arrest, the Tipster may receive a cash award. For additional information, please view our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/montroseregionalcrimestoppers](https://www.facebook.com/montroseregionalcrimestoppers). Crime prevention and crime solution are everyone's responsibility. Photo courtesy Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers.



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# MIRROR IMAGES...2018 MONTROSE COUNTY FAIR!



*Clockwise from top left, Fiddle Contest Judge Eden Rolland practiced in the shade before the annual contest began on Saturday; contestants show their goats on Wednesday; Dolly Barr at the Montrose Republicans booth Wednesday; Art contest Judge Diane St. Peter and her assistant at work; Anastasia Putnam, 11, waits for the livestock auction with her lambs on Saturday afternoon.*





# Save the Date! Upcoming Regional Events

## CURRENT/ONGOING-

**DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS** meeting every 3rd Thursday at 6 p.m. at Friendship Hall in Montrose. All veterans with at least a 10 percent service connected disability are welcome. For more information call [\(970\)964-4375](tel:9709644375).

## MONTROSE TOASTMASTERS

Meetings every 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm at Proximity; 210 E Main St, Montrose, CO 81401.

**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. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. The public is invited to free programs based on topics of regional history. For more information please call 249-2085.

## MONTROSE COUNTY GOP MEETING

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MC-GOP Headquarters at 242 E. Main.

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## MONTROSE COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN MEETING

Noon - third Fridays.

Hampton Inn, [1980 North Townsend Ave.](#)

Information: Dianna 970-249-0724

## MONTHLY-

**Aug. 1-Rep. Marc Catlin HD58** - Meet & Greet-Join Marc at Main Street Coffee Trader on the patio starting at 7:30am - 9am on Wednesday, Aug. 1st.

**Aug. 4-Olathe Sweet Corn Festival!** The Festival is proud to announce that Grammy Nominated Artist Eric Paslay will headline the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual event! The Olathe Sweet Corn Festival is proudly presented by City Market and Alpine Bank and is a component fund of the Montrose Community Foundation. For more information and online ticket sales please visit [www.olathesweetcornfest.com](http://www.olathesweetcornfest.com).

**Aug. 4-The Town of Cedaredge and the Cedaredge Area Chamber of Commerce** are collaborating to bring the community the final Celebrate Cedaredge event of the summer on Saturday, Aug. 4, at Town Park from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Later that evening, Trustees for the Town of Cedaredge are grilling up tasty burgers for the Party in the Park, which runs from 5-8 p.m. The Town will provide burgers, tableware and drinks; please bring a side dish or dessert to share. From 6-8 p.m., David Starr will perform. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and come enjoy dinner with your friends and neighbors!

**Aug. 6--Montrose Giving Club** meets at the Bridges Golf & Country Club of Montrose, 5:30 p.m. Open to ALL women who can afford the \$100 donation and a \$10 hospitality fee.

**Aug. 6--Join us Monday, Aug. 6-6:30 p.m.** at the Montrose Library meeting room, 320 S.1st, for the Citizens' Climate Lobby monthly meeting. Network with those concerned with the environment, to influence legislators to pay attention to methods to help the environment this hot summer. Report on gathering to meet CCL's co-coordinator for Colorado, David Kline. Take positive steps for progress in a nonpartisan, national citizens' group. All Welcome. [Citizensclimatelobby.org](http://Citizensclimatelobby.org) Local contact 970-240-9146.

**Aug. 6-Colorado Parks and Wildlife** will celebrate Colorado Day on Monday, August 6 by offering free entrance at all 41 state parks. All other fees, including camping and reservations, will remain in effect on Aug. 6. Colorado Parks and Wildlife manages 41 state parks, more than 300 state wildlife areas, all of Colorado's wildlife, and a variety of outdoor recreation. To plan your next park adventure, visit [cpw.state.co.us](http://cpw.state.co.us).

**Aug. 7-National Night Out**, an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships, will take place at Target on Tuesday, Aug. 7, 2018. Don't miss the opportunity to personally meet and greet local law enforcement members and first responders.

**Aug. 8-Montrose Indian Bingo**, 5-8:30 p.m. @ the Montrose High School Cafeteria, hosted by Montrose Elks Lodge. A fundraiser for Montrose Indians Football Team. \$20 per bingo pack, eight games, no limit on bingo packs purchased. Prize package raffles throughout the evening.

**Aug. 11 & 12--34th Annual Ridgway Rendezvous Arts & Crafts Festival.** The 34th Annual two-day festival comes to Ridgway's beautiful Hartwell Park every summer on the second weekend of August, showcasing fine arts and original crafts from up to 150 talented vendors from across the country. Art demos, free craft activities, great food and libations and family-friendly live entertainment round out the offerings, making this one of the Western Slope's most highly anticipated art shows of the season. Runs Saturday 9-5 and Sunday 10-4. Aug. 12-Celebrated folksinger, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist (and Montrose native) Ashleigh Caudill will perform at the Libraries of Montrose County Foundation Annual Concert, Sunday, Aug. 12, 3-5 p.m. Montrose Pavilion. Free tickets available at the Montrose Regional Library. Generously underwritten by: Home Loan State Bank, DMEA/Elevate, and the Friends of the Montrose Library.

**Aug. 13-River of Lost Souls Reading**, Monday, Aug. 13, Sherbino Theater, 604 Clinton St., Ridgway. Come meet and ask questions of author Jonathan P. Thompson about the gripping story behind the 2015 Gold King Mine disaster that turned the Animas River orange with sludge and toxic metals. Organized in cooperation with the Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership. For info: <http://www.uncompahgrewatershed.org/events/>

**Aug. 26-3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Log Hill Hustle 5K 10K Fun Run** On the Mesa Sunday, August 26, 7 am registration, 8 am start. Register at [www.FortunaTierra.com](http://www.FortunaTierra.com).

**Sept. 6**-Join us for a fascinating presentation on Georgian wine, on Sept. 6 at Colterris at the Overlook, 3548 E ½ Rd., Palisade! The Kvevri wine making method was recently added to UNESCO's "Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity" list.

**Sept. 8-Denim and Diamonds fundraiser** for Dreamcatcher Therapy Center (DCTC). This year the Ghost River Band will be playing, and Rib City Grill will be providing food. Denim and Diamonds will be held at the Montrose Pavilion Sept. 8; an entry fee of \$40 is charged. DCTC is looking for table sponsors at \$250 each, as well as auction items for a live and silent auction. All proceeds will go to supporting DCTC and End of the Trail Rescue. For more information or donating you may call 970-323-5400.

**Sept. 15** - Museum of the Mountain West presents "Romancing the West," a journey through the trials and triumphs of the people of the west, celebrating their diverse cultures, lives and legacy from the Old West through the Great Depression, The Golden Age of Hollywood, and into the Modern West. Performances by Romancing the West's Cowboy Poet/Balladeer Butch Martin and Singer and Songwriter Christina Lynn Martin.

**Sept. 15-Ouray Ice Park – Uncompahgre River Canyon Cleanup & BBQ**, Saturday, Sept. 15, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Join the Ouray Ice Park and Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership volunteers to pick up litter and debris in the ice climbing areas of the Uncompahgre River Canyon in Ouray. Then, enjoy a BBQ party to celebrate our efforts. For info: <http://www.uncompahgrewatershed.org/events/>

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## PAVING OF SOUTH PARK AVENUE SET TO BEGIN TODAY

*Photo by Gail Marvel*

*MONTROSE-The two-week closure of South Park Avenue began on Monday, July 23. For some residents, South Park provides the only access they have to and from their homes; still, what was billed as a closure to through traffic became a complete street closure. Some residents were turned away when they tried to gain access, others took matters into their own hands and moved barricades as they came and went.*

*Initially, the US Postal Service, UPS and FedEx were not allowed access to homes and newspaper delivery was disrupted. Later in the week, after receiving complaints, the City of Montrose took action to get mail service restarted and eliminate some traffic flow issues by opening up South Fifth Street and requiring the construction company to space barricades on side streets for the benefit of local traffic and local residents. Paving is scheduled to begin today.*



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