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Above, swimmer Diana Nyad leads one of her EverWalk events in the northwest. Each EverWalk member pledges to walk a minimum of three times a week, no matter the distance. Courtesy photo.

By Caitlin Switzer

TELLURIDE—Next month, a world-class athlete will host a fitness event in Telluride—and people of all fitness levels are welcome to participate.

Swimmer Diana Nyad will bring one of her [Ever-Walk](#) events to Mountain Village Sept. 21-23.

Billed as the “biggest walking initiative in American history,” EverWalk intends to get Americans up and out of their cars, desks, chairs, and comfy couches, and onto the nation’s byways—on foot.

Longtime expedition leader Bonnie Stoll, Nyad’s trainer, told [People Magazine](#) last year, “Over the next five years, we here at EverWalk are literally going to turn America into a nation of walkers.”

According to a [news release](#), Nyad and her team have hosted similar walking events in cities across the nation, and Telluride

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COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER OFFERS SCREENINGS, SUPPORT

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—After serving as a Sheriff’s Deputy from 1997 to 2008, Darlene Mora was not exactly looking for a new job. Still, “I felt like I needed to do more for people, one on one,” she said. So when Mora’s son challenged her to go back to school, Mora accepted the challenge; it was “game on.”

“We both succeeded,” she said. “I went back and earned my Bachelor’s Degree, and he completed his Master’s.”

Mora also babysat several of her grandchildren as she pursued higher education; “I was very fortunate,” she said. “A friend tutored me—tutoring is very good for non-traditional students.”

In her final class, Mora was given the option of working on her resume; she chose to do so, and that resume caught the attention of recruiters from Tri-County Health Network (TCHN).

“They called me in for an interview,” she said. “I got a phone

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With her laptop, coffee and reading glasses, mobile Tri County Health Network Community Health Worker Darlene Mora brings health and heart screenings to people in the community. Mirror staff photo.

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ANSWERING THE CALL: MCSO DEPUTY JAMIE HEINLE

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-Montrose County Sheriff's Deputy Jamie Heinle grew up in Eaton, Colorado, a small community outside of Denver, and moved to Delta when he was 14 years old.

Since the age of eight Heinle had been attracted to law enforcement and he pursued that path by putting himself through the Delta Police Academy, "For me the hardest part of the academy was studying traffic law."

Heinle, who has been with the Montrose County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) for eight years, began his career in the West End. "Most of the emergency services in the West End are all volunteer — fire and EMS. The SO deputies are the only paid positions."

While working in the rural end of the county Heinle had a few occasions where he was called upon to use CPR and save lives, "They are two hours away from any sort of emergency services so they use more helicopter services. There are three clinics [Nucla, Naturita and Telluride], but those close after business hours. They have fewer people out there and they are more independent. They solve a lot of their own disagreements. Montrose has the same calls, but there is definitely more going on and more call volume here."

Deputy Heinle sees his job as a way to help out the community where he lives. "I want to interact with the community. I

like taking calls, but I want to reach people in other ways than just taking calls. I like being out and about and talking with kids and farmers. It goes along with the job, it's PR and customer service. I want to help people and make a difference."

When asked about the least enjoyable aspect of his job Heinle was quick to say, "There's nothing that I don't enjoy with this job."

For Heinle the most stressful aspect of his job is, "Not being able to help as much as I want to help. Situations that are out of my control are stressful." Describing his personality Heinle said, "I'm able to go from happy-go-lucky in a positive way, to being serious and tactical when I need to be."

As for aspirations, "I always want more training and education. I have a lot of training in investigations; it's my favorite part. I'm interested in some sort of investigative type work, but not at a desk, I want to be out in the field."

In his off-duty time Heinle enjoys outdoor activities — hiking, fishing, camping. However, this deputy is also an entrepreneur and has a little BBQ catering business on the side.

Heinle said, "I had friends in the West End, an older couple, they adopted me. They were like a second set of parents and I helped them out with their BBQ business until they moved to Georgia."

Heinle took what he learned from his



Montrose County Sheriff's Deputy Jamie Heinle. Photo by Gail Marvel.

mentors and started his own catering business, the "10-6 BBQ," which serves the Delta/Montrose area. When asked about the number of people he employs Heinle laughed and said, "I have some slave labor...my mom, dad, and sister."

In a word to citizens Heinle said, "We're all part of the same community and should be respectful and kind to one another. That's what can help us in our profession and helps us do our job."

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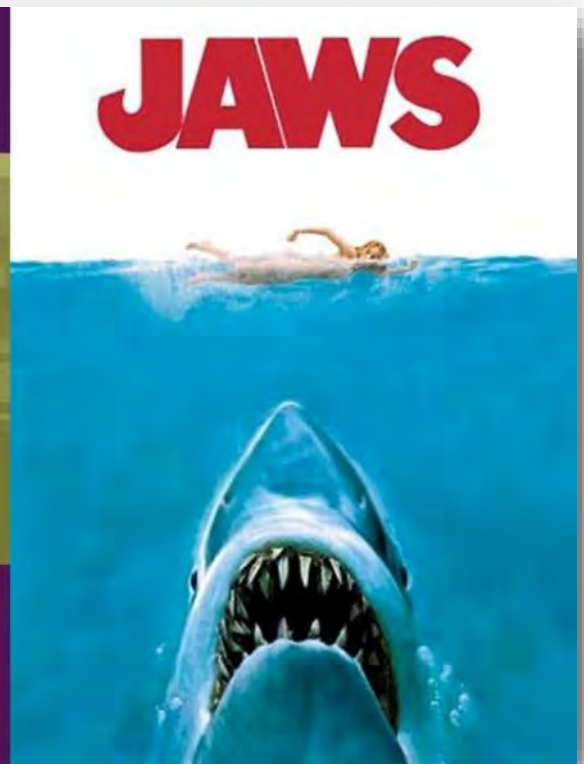
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attendees will enjoy invigorating morning yoga sessions and participate in 10-mile hikes along trails in the San Juans.

Holli Owen of Telluride Ski Resort said that she reached out to Nyad and the EverWalk group after learning about the walking events through a mutual contact. "My contacts sent me information on Diana and let me know she has been doing these interesting walks," Owen said. "Her walks are often seven-day events, and they have mostly been coastal until now."

Nyad will be leading more than 100 women on a walk from Vancouver to Seattle this month—but her September event in Telluride is expected to scale new heights.

"She has never done a retreat before," Owen said, "and they are really interested

in doing a more immersive experience for their participants. It works out really well for Telluride—in September and October we will focus on wellness retreats."

And though Telluride has long been associated with endurance sports of all kinds, EverWalks are accessible to people of all ages and all ability levels.

"Not everyone is an endurance athlete," Owen said. "This is more approachable; we are really excited about it."

According to information provided by the Mayo Clinic, the health benefits of walking may outpace many more grueling forms of exercise: "Regular brisk walking can help you maintain a healthy weight; prevent or manage various conditions, including heart disease, high blood pressure and type 2 diabetes; strengthen your bones

and muscles; improve your mood; improve your balance and coordination.

"The faster, farther and more frequently you walk, the greater the benefits."

Said Diana Nyad said in the EverWalk news release; "As we walk through the majestic nature of Telluride, we will breathe that pristine air, we will gaze at those magical trees, and we will all imagine who we can be, what we want to do with our precious lives."

Ticket prices for the EverWalk retreat range from \$55 to \$450. For more information contact Holli Owen: howen@tellurideskiresort.com / (970) 728-7590.

Follow the event on Facebook:

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

CARRY FIREARMS RESPONSIBLY, OR LOCK AND LEAVE @ HOME

Editor:

John Nelson's LTE was spot-on! But he takes on these irresponsible 'former gun owners' far too gently. Yeah, I know, fourteen of our fine citizens lost their 'little friend' that cost them a bit of money. How awful. What about the lives of innocents that may be lost as a result of their "little friend" falling into the hands of a foolish child, a deranged fruitcake, a robber, a terrorist or a cuckolded husband?

One thing for sure and that is these felons, these thieves do not meet the requisite quality required of a background check!

The fifty-one (state and federal) governments of the United States have gone to extreme lengths and considerable expense to ensure that firearms not get into the hands of the 'bad guys'. Many millions of dollars in systems and untold hours have been spent by gun dealers and honest citizens for background checks

before an honest citizen can buy a gun. All this only to have fourteen weapons placed into the hands of crooks, felons, deviates, minors and who knows what other riff-raff looking to perpetrate evil upon the citizenry because of the carelessness of irresponsible firearms owners. If you leave a thousand bucks on the seat of your locked car and it disappears your mate might kill you but if you leave a gun on that same seat it might well kill one or more of the innocent public.

All firearms thieves are felons.

Fourteen guns stolen have been reported! How many more have been swiped, filched, lifted or otherwise liberated and have not been reported as stolen in Montrose during the same period?

As nice as Montrose is, we do have more than our fair share of 'bad guys.' Just read the paper. They are not legally purchased weapons that are being used to shoot up houses or human victims in our peaceful

village.

I hesitate to think that my neighbors, any one of them, no less fourteen, care so little about the rest of us that they supply the enemy with the means to do me, my family or my friends harm. But fourteen have done so in the past few months.

If you want to carry a gun (and I support that idea) understand that as long as that gun is out of your gun safe, it must be on your person. Jealously guarded by you. Buy a gun that is small enough and light enough to carry concealed without annoying you or causing a bulge in your shirt or skirt. Never take it off outside your home, lock it up at home and leave it home if you are going into a courthouse, school or saloon. Don't hide it on the seat of your car under your ball cap.

I reiterate. Done responsibly, carrying a firearm is a right that can be good for us all. Done irresponsibly.....need I say more?


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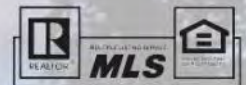
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EARLY JAIL RECEIVES HISTORIC DESIGNATION; BOCC DENIES TAX RELIEF REQUESTS FROM CITY MARKET SOUTH, WALMART ***Two Planning & Development items continued for further research***

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) Chair Keith Caddy welcomed attendees to the regular meeting of the BOCC on Wednesday, Aug. 1 with a reminder that it was Colorado Day.

"We have a great group today," Caddy said, and noted that Colorado became a state on Aug. 1, 1876. "Happy birthday to the State of Colorado."

The [consent agenda](#) was unanimously approved; including [two engagement letters](#) with Ouray law firm Hockersmith & Whitmore, LLC for outside legal services.

GENERAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATIVE

Commissioners adopted Resolution 49-2018, designating the original Montrose County Historic Jail at 217 South First Street as a historic landmark.

"We have had four different jails that I am aware of," County Manager Ken Norris said. "Until a month or two ago, I was not aware that this was the first..some folklore even says that Butch Cassidy may have spent a night there."

Said Montrose County Historic Landmark Advisory Committee Chair Zilla Mae Brown, "Ken, we deal in facts not lore."

Purchased by the City of Montrose in 2016, the [Montrose County Historic Jail](#) was constructed in 1885 and has been in continual use since that time. Brown shared a brief history of the jail, which



Landowner Tasha Todak spoke in support of a neighbor's request to have a plat note lifted at the Montrose Board of County Commissioners meeting Aug. 1.

was considered "shamefully insecure and a disgrace to any community," with prisoners regularly escaping confinement until another community jail was built in 1936.

According to the application for historic landmark status, "the city's current vision for the structure is to be a heritage tourism site."

Caddy commented; "I am glad that our detention systems have improved." Item D-2 was unanimously denied; [an abatement of 2017 tax year taxes](#) request-

ed by City Market South.

Montrose Regional Airport Manager Lloyd Arnold presented the [Airport Layout Plan \(ALP\)](#) for BOCC consideration and possible authorization.

The ALP is part of the updated master plan for Montrose Regional Airport, Arnold said.

"We went through a two and a half-year process with the master plan," he said. "We had seven public meetings; we had some good attendance, and good advice from the public during those meetings,

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and we have whittled down and revised our master plan...the ALP has been revised accordingly with the master plan and it has been reviewed by the FAA."

Noting that it has been a long, drawn-out process with extensive input from the BOCC and Airport Board, Caddy said, "Thank you for all the work that you have done, and to all the people that have been involved in it; I appreciate it—it's been a big project."

BOCC Vice Chair Roger Rash called the plan a "well-thought out and represented plan," and thanked all of the citizens who showed up for the meetings.

"Thank you very much for all of your hard work," Rash said.

The Airport Layout Plan was accepted unanimously.

The BOCC then convened as the County Board of Equalization to consider an administrative denial for WalMart Stores Inc.

Acting County Attorney Carolyn Clawson presented the information. "Walmart Incorporated has requested simply an administrative denial of their petition of appeal for the 2018 taxes of their business and commercial personal property that is utilized in the store. That property is valued separately from the actual real property and they have requested an administrative denial."

The hearing was ended, and Commissioners moved to approve an administrative denial for WalMart Stores, Inc.

The BOCC reconvened in regular session.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

With Item E-1, Commissioners revisited old business—the amended Big Mac Minor Subdivision's request to lift a plat note (specific to a minor subdivision, the plat note requires a county road if the owner is to subdivide as a minor again). After some discussion, the matter had been continued on July 3 to allow County staff to research similar, past requests.

"Staff was able to find seven similar items since 2006," County Planning & Development Director Steve White said. "Five of those requests were properties that had two lots originally; the applicant removed the plat note and then created a total of

three.

"We did have two that were allowed to remove the plat note; one of those created a total of five lots...the lot that was requested was a ten-acre lot and the owner of that property then went forward with another subdivision of three lots ... there was another, the owner requested to lift the plat note, there were two homes on one lot that was a little over two acres, and that then resulted in four lots. One of the remaining lots was over 30 acres... part of the reason for allowing that one was that there was no room for a county road, it was too small of a lot."

Commissioner Sue Hansen asked about density in the area, and whether neighbors in the subdivision were in agreement.

Commissioners Caddy and Rash both expressed concerns over the setting of precedent; applicant Robert Lovato asserted that "Precedent has already been set."

Dominick Lovato, the applicant's son, spoke, "...You speak of long term pact, of negative impact; what is it that the commissioners and Mr. White see as negative impacts...we moved out there specifically because of the lack of density...what is it that is so negative about setting that precedent?"

He noted that his family has been active in the community since the earliest days of Montrose.

"We are not adding to population density with this approval...it will have no effect on anyone around us or the county or the road—nothing would change.

"It truly is very personal; this is not business...dad's 70 years old, he still works full time. This is truly something for our family."

"You still have the ability to do that through our regulations," Rash said. "...We start removing these plat notes on these kind of things, the concern is that the next one creates a safety issue...it's not about you and your family..."

"It's absolutely about me and my family," Lovato said.

After further discussion, two adjoining lot owners affirmed that lifting the plat note would not make a difference in the situa-

tion. Said Charles McMurdy, a former planning commission member who originally subdivided and sold the land to the Lovatos, "Personally, I don't see how it would change a thing."

Neighbor Tasha Todak also spoke briefly, "I am fine with them doing this." She suggested a sign for safety reasons if an additional driveway was put in. "They are at the top of a crest of a hill and it would become a blind driveway."

After further discussion, Commissioner Sue Hansen said, "I feel like I would really like to see this property; I wonder if we could take a field trip...nothing is black and white when you are dealing with citizens."

"I would like each and every one of you to see it," Lovato said. "We can arrange for no one to be on the property when you come out there...the beer fridge is in my garage."

To allow commissioners to make individual visits to the site accompanied by staff, and to satisfy the need for further information, the matter was continued time-date-specific until Sept. 5.

Also continued until Sept. 5, to allow attorneys to make changes to the language of the agreement, Item E-2 involved a [proposed agreement](#) with Stephen B. and Deborah K. Hill to execute a Deed of Easement for a parcel of property located north of the Hill's property located at 21675 Uncompahgre Road.

A [proposal to combine two lots into one](#) in the River's Edge at Southmont Filing No. 2 was approved unanimously.

E-4, the final [planning & development item](#), involved a proposal to remove a 12-foot walking path easement on Pond's Edge Subdivision-Lots 1,2,3,8,9, 13 and Old Shavano Minor Replat-Lot One.

Applicant Beverly Wyberg, secretary to the Mallard Court Homeowners Association, noted that a number of errors were made with the Pond's Edge subdivision, recorded in 2006. The request before the BOCC concerned an exterior walking path.

"We have been working on this for a year...we had a meeting of our members and we voted 12 to one to vacate these," Wyberg said.

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Lot 7 owner Katrina Thompson, the objecting homeowner and owner of an interior walking path, commented. "These paths are supposed to be reciprocal...it puts all of the burden of foot traffic on my lot...vacating of the easements would be detrimental to us."

Neighboring property owner Megan Farley, owner of Old Shavano Lot One, spoke as well. "My husband and I support the loss of the walking path...the walking path comes directly through our irrigation pond...we support our neighbors in their ventures to make the neighborhood

better."

Wyberg and Thompson took turns responding to and refuting each other's statements. "...We inherited these errors from the developer; we are just trying to fix them," Wyberg said.

"These (paths) are reciprocal and run with the land...I think that to vacate these easements we should have a court of law look at it," Thompson said.

Lot 3 owner Amber Suckey spoke as well, saying that HOA members were forced to choose between vacating the walking path easements or taking legal action. "...we

are kind of stuck," Suckey said.

"I think at this time we're not getting anywhere," Caddy said at last. "We need to get some more information, look at this; I don't want to make a decision that might have to be made in a court of law later on anyway. I want a bright line on where we need to go; right now we do not have one; we have a very gray line on which direction we would need to go with this. We will need to do some more research."

Commissioners voted unanimously to continue Item E-4 to Sept. 5.

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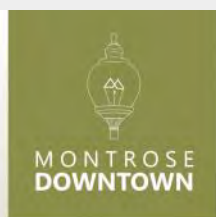
WEST REGION WILDFIRE COUNCIL TO MEET IN MONTROSE AUG. 9



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MONTROSE-The next WRWC meeting will be held Thursday, Aug. 9 from 1-3 pm at the Montrose Public Lands Center ([2465 S. Townsend Avenue](#)). The meeting will be in the north building conference room. This month representatives from Vegetation Management West, Yellow Pine Consulting and TriState Generation and Transmission will be presenting on their line maintenance project between Blue Mesa and Lake City. They will be sharing findings pertaining to forest health, potential fire behavior, basal area, insect issues and fire history as it pertains to the 115kv line corridor, and adjacent areas, along the 23 mile section from Blue Mesa to the Lake City Substation. You can download a copy of the meeting agenda [HERE](#).





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COLORADO-It was time for Joe to replace a few fence posts on his family's farm. Those posts were likely older than him. Meanwhile, at a house in town, Karen was making plans to replace her once beautiful hydrangea the deer had nibbled down.

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COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER PROVIDES SCREENINGS, SUPPORT

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call and I got hired."

Mora is now in her fourth year as a bilingual community health worker.

"I love it," she said. "I love my job. I enjoyed being a deputy, but I believe I like this better. The hours are flexible, and I am able to do outreach. I can translate and interpret for people.

"I like going someplace, seeing someone, and saying hello."

Even Darlene's business card is bilingual, with helpful information printed on the back in English and in Spanish.

"I do health screenings, heart screenings," she said. "From January 18 to the present, I have screened 259 people, from Montrose, Olathe, and Delta—I'm mobile."

TCHN also has community health workers

in Ouray, Ridgway, Norwood, Nucla, Naturita, and the Telluride area, she said.

These health workers play a vital role in the community, connecting people with services and communicating in the languages they speak.

"Tri-County Health Networks is working toward health equity," Mora said. "What I do is address the social deficits of health and reduce barriers for people to access healthcare and health services."

Mora has had support from Montrose Regional Library, which allows her to use a confidential room on a weekly basis, and Montrose Recreation Center, which has helped get the word out about health screenings with its newsletter.

Local businesses can access the commu-

nity health worker service to screen employees, Mora said.

"I am flexible enough to go any time of the day that they want me to," she said. "I provide screenings and assess your risk of diabetes or heart disease."

The screenings can be performed every six months and take just half an hour.

"It's very simple," Mora said. "I draw a small blood sample; it's quick and painless. I run it through a machine that tests for good and bad cholesterol, and even reads glucose levels. We have the results in minutes."

This week, Mora will be offering free health and heart screenings. To learn more or to schedule, call 970-708-4719, or email her at chw-montrose@tchnetwork.org.

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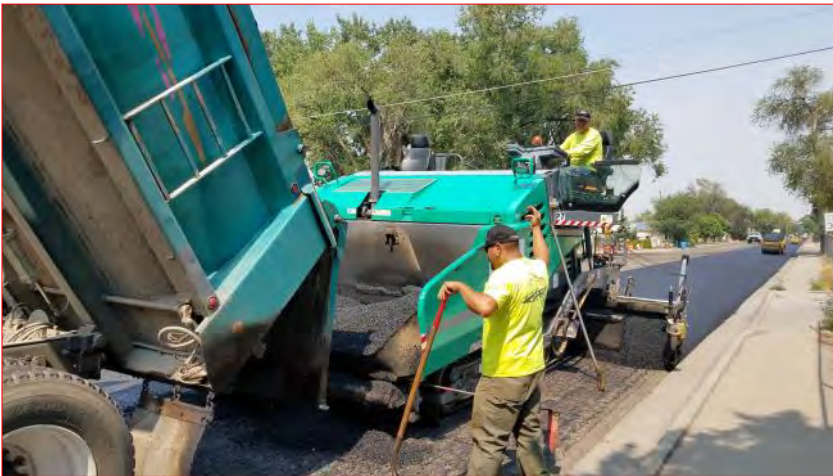
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MONTROSE COUNTY AIR QUALITY ALERT

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Multiple wildfires in south-western Colorado as well as smoke from additional fires in the western United States have contributed to poor air quality across the county. Montrose County Public Health Department would like to offer a few tips to community members that are affected by the additional smoke in the air. Most healthy people have no more than minor or short-term health difficulties with smoke. However, excessive smoke can result in unhealthy or hazardous air quality. If smoke is affecting your health, contact your doctor.

Those who are most likely to be affected by smoke are the elderly, young children, people with pre-existing respiratory conditions such as asthma, emphysema, COPD, and cardiovascular disease. Symptoms that are related to smoke exposure are: eye, nose and/or throat irritation- runny eyes and/or nose, coughing, sore throat.

Trouble breathing or tightness of the chest are symptoms that may be a health emergency—at that time please call 911.

Also try to move in a place with cleaner air flow and utilize the following tips:

- Close windows and doors and stay inside. However, do not close up your home tightly if it makes it

- Be extra vigilant at night. Nighttime air is usually more still than during the day and smoke can be worse. Close windows at night.

- Filter your air by running your air conditioner or evaporative cooler, but only if the system is filtered. You may also run a fan or air purifier. Keep the outdoor intake closed and be sure all your filters used are clean.

- Use HEPA room air filtration units if you have them.

- Avoid exercise or strenuous activities in heavy smoke.

- Do not rely on commercially-available

dust masks, which do nothing to filter out the particles and gasses in smoke.

- Consider temporarily locating to another area if it's safe to do so and you are able to so.

Always be prepared to evacuate if any fire is in your path and plan ahead. Your evacuation route and destination can save your life. Ready Colorado has great resources for emergency planning and preparedness at <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/dhsem/readycolorado-0>. To sign-up for CodeRED alerts from the Montrose County Sheriff's Office, please visit:

<https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/BF7ED953CC69>.

For more information on Montrose County Public Health, please visit montrosecounty.net.

For information on wildfires burning in Montrose County, please visit www.westslopefireinfo.com or <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/>.



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REGIONAL FIRE UPDATE: BULL DRAW FIRE

WINDS PUSH FIRE NORTH AND INCREASE ACREAGE

Location: 12 miles northeast of Nucla

Start Date: July 29, 2018

Size: Approximately 6,097 acres Aug. 4, 2018 at 7 pm

Cause: Lightning

Containment: 35 percent

Resources: 120 personnel and air support

Vegetation: Pinyon, juniper, sagebrush and aspen

Aug. 4 fire activity: Afternoon upslope valley winds increased fire activity and caused fire to spread north onto Forest Service lands. Existing containment lines are holding and containment remains at 35 percent. One full time residence and several cabins in the vicinity of the fire were evacuated but no other evacuation orders are in effect at this time. Protecting property is a priority and resources are responding to prepare these structures with defensible space.



Courtesy photo R. Lewis.

Today's operations: A Type 2 incident management team will take over management of the fire Monday (8/6). Additional resources are being ordered. The fire is expected to remain active and grow due to weather conditions and fuel type.

Closures: An area closure and several road closures are in effect for firefighter and public safety and fire operation security.

Area Closure:

The Bureau of Land Management implemented an Emergency Closure Order (COSOSO5-18-02) for the Bull Draw Fire area. (See attached map/closure order). Within the described area, Montrose County Roads S15, S17, R23, Z26, and all BLM roads, trails and lands are closed to public access. Violation of the order is a Class A federal misdemeanor, subject to up to 1 year in prison and/or \$100,000 fine. Please report anything suspicious to the Montrose Regional Dispatch Center (970) 252-4010 or (970) 252-4020.

Road Closures:

Montrose County Road U18/Spring Creek Truck Trail

National Forest System Roads (NFSR) 402.2B 402.2C, 407, 411, 425, 598, 599 and 668 as well as National Forest System Trails (NFST)

605 (Coal Creek Trail), 616 (Spring Creek), 617 (Little Johnson), 621 (Long Canyon Trail), 623 (Atkinson Bench), 624 (Atkinson), 622 (Big Johnson), 625 (Upper Bench Trail), and 650 (Lower Bench Trail). Fire managers ask members of the public to take care while driving in the general fire vicinity, as fire vehicles and equipment are present along narrow, rough and windy roads in the area.

Smoke impacts: Smokey conditions will remain in the area and will increase in the evenings creating hazardous driving conditions. We are asking the public to be extremely cautious when travel on all roads near the fire area. Smoke and ash may be visible from various locations in Mesa, San Miguel, Delta and Montrose counties. Smoke may increase with evening inversions, affecting visibility and air quality. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment issued an air quality health advisory for much of western Colorado. For a detailed daily air quality summary for all areas of Colorado, visit: https://www.colorado.gov/airquality/colorado_summary.aspx. Other fires across the west are also affecting overall air quality and smoke in the area.

Fire information links for the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests please visit:

Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests website: www.fs.usda.gov/gmug

West Slope Fire Information: www.WestSlopeFireInfo.com

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September 29 & 30

CITY CONSIDERS EXTENDING WATER SERVICE TO SUBDIVISION IN COUNTY

Mirror staff report

MONTROSE-Montrose City Council will meet for a [work session](#) at 11 a.m. on Aug. 6, and will hold a [regular meeting](#) at 6 p.m. on Aug. 7.

WORK SESSION

Three applicants will interview for a seat on the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) board at the [regular City Council work session](#) of Aug. 6; candidates include Michelle Klippert, Brenton Martinez, and Sarah Curtis.

Council will hear a report from Montrose Community Foundation Executive Director Sara Plumhoff, and a landowner request

for disconnection from City limits.

Council will consider an amendment to the Montrose Police Department's (401A) Money Purchase Plan.

Public Works Manager Jim Scheid will provide an update on the new restrooms to be constructed in Riverbottom Park.

City Engineer Scott Murphy will present on "Potential Paths Forward to Address Water Quality Issues for the River Wood Subdivision Located off Marine Road in Montrose County."

Council may consider a draft public safety sales tax committee resolution on Aug. 20. On Aug. 21 Council may enter into execu-



Plans for new restroom @ Riverbottom.

tive session on matters pertaining to possible litigation. Also on Aug. 21, Council may consider a new hotel & restaurant liquor license for Rio Bravo; appointments to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) board; a second quarter budget review; and an intern's report on the results of the City's recent Lifestyle Enhancement Survey.

Applicant interviews for the City's Historic Preservation Commission will take place Sept. 4. Council may consider a new 3.2 beer license application for Alta on Sept. 18.

Quarterly crime statistics from the Montrose Police Department; a list of Montrose Community Foundation grants for 2017-2018; applications of candidates for the DDA board; plans for the new restrooms at Riverbottom, as well as information on extending the City's water system to the Riverwood Subdivision in Montrose County (cost: \$600K) are included in the [work session packet](#).

COUNCIL MEETING

At the [regular City Council meeting](#) of Aug. 7, Montrose City Council will hear the [2017 Audit presentation](#) from Auditor Holscher, Mayberry & Company, LLC.

Council will consider adopting Ordinance 2452 on second reading, for annexation of the Hogback Addition, and Ordinance 2453 on second reading, zoning the Hogback Addition as an R-3 Medium density district.

Council will consider Resolution 2018-23, amending the City's Manual concerning the ICMA Plan Document.

Following staff reports, Council will adjourn.

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ROSTY TAKES FULL TIME POSITION WITH CITY; CARR TAPPED TO SERVE AS MONTROSE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DIRECTOR

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The Montrose Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors is pleased to announce the selection of Juliet Carr as the next Executive Director of the Montrose Chamber of Commerce. The decision comes on the heels of the current Executive Director, Chelsea Rosty's transition into a full-time role at the City of Montrose. Rosty was also re-appointed as a Chamber of Commerce board director where she will serve as liaison to staff in coming years. All changes will be effective Aug. 13, 2018. Carr was chosen by the Chamber Board to continue the work and direction the Montrose Chamber has been heading in over the last 19 months. Carr has worked at Chamber under two Executive Directors, most recently for Rosty. Carr has served the community in many ways including; organizing events, writing business plans, serving on boards, and

volunteering at schools and the animal shelter, among other things. She is a Montrose U Leadership Class of 2018 alumni.

Carr is married to Joel, who works in management for a local drilling company. They have three children; Bryce, Mallory, and Braydon. Some of her other accomplishments include being an author, founder of attemptedsuicidehelp.com, mental health advocate, and international suicide prevention and postvention expert.

The Montrose Chamber Board of Directors congratulates Rosty on her forthcoming move to the City of Montrose as the full-time Director of Business Innovation. Rosty has been serving as both the Executive Director of the Montrose Chamber of Commerce and the Director of Business Innovation for the City of Montrose since January of 2017. The City of Montrose

and the Montrose Chamber of Commerce will remain partners. The entities still share a position in the Community Manager role who manages all customer service and members relations at Proximity Space. The City provides in-kind IT services to the Chamber of Commerce, and also financially supports its Montrose U Leadership program. Under the direction of Carr, Chamber members can expect the continuation of Lunch & Learns, Montrose Entrepreneurs MeetUps, and business services to be offered through a variety of avenues. Carr speaks on her plan for the future of the Chamber: "Business is always changing and evolving and to be relevant you must be willing to be visionary and take calculated risks with the partnership of strong teams and individuals. I am looking toward a future that is bright and is grateful for the opportunity to serve Montrose in this capacity."

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COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

931 DRIVERS CITED DURING RURAL SEAT BELT ENFORCEMENT 55 CITATIONS ISSUED FOR UNBUCKLED CHILDREN

Special to the Mirror

STATEWIDE — From July 16 to 22, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), Colorado State Patrol (CSP) and local law enforcement agencies across the state conducted a weeklong *Click It or Ticket* seat belt enforcement campaign. The crackdown focused on rural areas of Colorado where fewer people tend to buckle up. Law enforcement issued 931ci-

tations during this effort, a decrease from the 1221 citations from the same enforcement period last year. A total of 55 drivers were cited for having unbuckled children in their vehicles.

"Buckling up is something that should be a habit every time you enter a vehicle," said Darrell Lingk, director of the Office of Transportation Safety at CDOT. "We hope these enforcement periods remind Color-

dans of the importance of seatbelts and the dangers of not using one."

A total of 46 agencies and CSP troops assisted in the rural seat belt enforcement. The Dacono Police Department (81 citations), Ft Lupton Police Department (53 citations) and the Rifle Police Department (36 citations) issued the most citations. CSP totaled 478 citations. Numbers for other areas of the state can be found at <https://apps.coloradodot.info/trafficsafety/SeatBelts/index.cfm>

The fine for not buckling up starts at \$65, and parents and caregivers with an improperly restrained child can receive a minimum fine of \$82.

With 28 unbuckled deaths Weld County had the second-highest number of unbuckled fatalities in 2017 next to El Paso County, which had 33 unbuckled deaths. During this year's rural seat belt enforcement period, CDOT reached out to various churches and places of worship to display creative seat belt messages on roadside signs encouraging drivers to buckle up. One sign read "Seat Belts and Jesus: Saving Body and Soul."

"Buckling up is an effortless way to save your own life in a car crash," said Col. Matthew Packard, chief of the CSP. "The purpose of these enforcement periods is to remind passengers how important and easy it is to protect themselves on the road."

Last year, there were 233 unbelted deaths in passenger-vehicle crashes in Colorado, accounting for half of the 437 total passenger-vehicle fatalities in 2017. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) estimates that about 60 lives could be saved every year in Colorado if everyone buckled up. In 2015, seat belts saved an estimated 13,941 lives nationwide, including 200 in Colorado.

Learn more about seat belt safety and enforcement citation numbers by visiting codot.gov/safety/seatbelts-carseats.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

COMPENSATION AVAILABLE FOR LANDOWNERS WANTING TO PROTECT FORESTLANDS

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Colorado landowners who want to protect environmentally valuable private forest areas that could someday be threatened by development or conversion to other non-forest uses – and who desire to receive monetary compensation in the process – now have the opportunity to submit proposals to protect their forestlands.

This month the Colorado State Forest Service is accepting Forest Legacy Program proposals from Colorado landowners. The program authorizes the CSFS or U.S. Forest Service to purchase permanent conservation easements on private forestlands to prevent those lands from being converted to non-forest uses. The application deadline is Aug. 31, 2018, for federal fiscal year

2020 funding. Proposals must be submitted by standard mail. (Note that this is an extension from a previously released deadline of July 28.)

The purpose of the Colorado Forest Legacy Program is to protect environmentally important private forest areas that are threatened by conversion to non-forest uses. The program provides an opportunity for private landowners to retain ownership and management of their land, while receiving compensation for unrealized development rights.

Forestlands that contain important scenic, cultural, recreation and water resources, including fish and wildlife habitat and other ecological values, and that support traditional forest uses, will receive priority. Landowners who elect to partici-

pate in the program are required to follow a land management plan approved by the CSFS. Activities consistent with the management plan are permitted, including timber harvesting, grazing and recreation activities. The Colorado State Forest Stewardship Coordinating Committee will evaluate proposals and recommend to the state forester those proposals that have sufficient merit to forward to the U.S. Forest Service. Forwarded proposals will then compete at a regional and national level for funding.

For additional information or to obtain an application packet, contact Carolyn Aspelin at 970-491-1869.

Applications also are available online at <http://csfs.colostate.edu/funding-assistance>.

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TRAFFIC SAFETY EFFORTS GEAR UP AHEAD OF STURGIS RALLY *44 Motorcycle Deaths so far in 2018*

Special to the Mirror

COLORADO-In Colorado, motorcycle deaths have increased 20 percent in the last five years. To keep roads safe for those traveling to and from the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally in South Dakota, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and Colorado State Patrol (CSP) will conduct a joint DUI enforcement period from Aug. 3 to 13. A Safe to Sturgis campaign will also enhance efforts to increase roadway safety.

"Motorcycles make up just 3 percent of registered vehicles on the road, but motorcycles account for almost 20 percent of all roadway fatalities," said Darrell Lingk, Director of the Office of Transportation Safety at CDOT. "To reverse the trend of rising fatalities, we need to eliminate impaired-driving and riding."

During the DUI enforcement period, drivers and riders can expect additional patrols and extra officers on duty. This year, the rally is estimated to draw 500,000 riders from around the country. Motorcycle fatalities tend to increase in the summer with more riders on the roads.

"The Sturgis Motorcycle Rally is a great opportunity for riders to enjoy the warm

weather and take their bikes on a road trip," said Col. Matthew Packard, Chief of CSP. "It's when alcohol or drugs enter the equation that the risk of injuring or killing yourself or others in a crash increases tremendously. We want to ensure that drivers and riders travel safely to and from the rally this year."

Through Aug. 15 CDOT and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) will also be conducting a "Safe 2 Sturgis" campaign to encourage safe riding.

A #Safe2Sturgis hash tag is included in the campaign to encourage motorists and riders to post photos of how all roadway users are staying safe to Sturgis. Social media and CDOT's digital message boards will help spread awareness.

"In July and August, every state in the West will see an approximate 30% increase in motorcycles, as rallies like Sturgis draw thousands of bikes to our highways," said Gina Mia Espinosa-Salcedo, Regional Administrator for NHTSA. "Motorcyclists are gearing up for long, dangerous rides, and we want everyone to arrive alive. For this reason, we're kicking off the third year of our Safe2Sturgis campaign. All road users should know how to

detect and respond to motorcyclists sharing the road, and riders must operate their bikes safely and wear full protective gear."

To date in 2018, there have been 44 motorcycle deaths this year in Colorado. In 2017 there were a total of 103 motorcycle fatalities for the year.

Impaired motorcycle riders risk the same DUI penalties as other motor vehicles. In Colorado, a DUI can cost more than \$13,500 after considering fines, legal fees and increased insurance costs. Penalties increase for repeat offenders.

The CDOT Highway Safety Office provides funding to Colorado law enforcement for impaired driving enforcement, education and awareness campaigns. The Heat Is On campaign runs throughout the year with 14 specific high visibility impaired driving enforcement periods centered on national holidays and large public events. Enforcement periods can include sobriety checkpoints, saturation patrols and additional law enforcement on duty dedicated to impaired driving enforcement.

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\$50K IN TRI-STATE COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT FUNDS AWARDED

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WEST END-The Montrose Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) announces the award winners of the \$50,000 block grant. The grant, which is funded by Tri-State and administered by MEDC, is designed to improve the financial stability of local businesses, expand entrepreneurial opportunities and increase economic vitality in the West End of Montrose County. Sandy Head, Executive Director of MEDC, said "Fourteen grant applications were received with a total ask of \$477,000. The applications were reviewed by committee with final approval voted on by the MEDC Board of Directors at their July meeting. The needs on the West End of Montrose County are many. The applications were diverse in nature and the committee did a good job in making what was a difficult recommendation. We appreciate Tri-State's generosity in providing funding for projects and their efforts to assist the West End." Colt Care Daycare - West End Public Schools RE-2 is the recipient of \$32,500 of the grant funds. Their project is a new year around daycare center located in a space at the Naturita Elementary School. The new daycare will create three to four new jobs. Services will be offered to toddlers and infants, expanding to preschool age children in the summer. This program will also offer interns, who are attending childhood education training courses, the opportunity for real-life experience. This is a high-priority need in the region. The West End School District will provide in-kind value and sustainability to the project by employing the Director and staff as school district personnel. The grant funds will be used to purchase equipment and supplies needed to outfit the daycare, including outdoor playground equipment. It will also cover moderate remodeling costs.

The Nucla-Naturita Area Chamber of Commerce, Unaweep-Tabeguache Interpretive Visitor Center is the recipient of \$17,500 of the grant funds. The Center serves as the tourism development and business marketing center for the West End of Montrose County. They are the go-to-point of contact for visitors and community development. The grant funds will be used to create one full-time staff position at the Visitor Center during the peak tourism season and to market the area through advertising, promotion and tourism related shows and events. These efforts will increase tourism, help promote existing businesses and increase sales tax dollars, while encouraging new business development.

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Editor:

Tuesday, August 7th, at 6 p.m. until 8 p.m., is the annual **National Night Out** celebration at River Landing Shopping Center (the Target parking lot). It is a free BBQ of burgers and hot-dogs and the opportunity to meet the first responders who protect you and your family each and every day in Montrose and the surrounding region. Emergency calls permitting, the MRAP (SWAT vehicle) will be there as will Montrose Fire, Careflight, CSP (Colorado State Patrol) and the Montrose County Sheriff's Office. The Montrose Police Dept. will do the cooking and MPD Patrol Sergeant Courtney Jones is doing the organizing. Kids will enjoy a bike rodeo, fun and games and everyone has an opportunity to meet and learn from those who protect our lives and property. It will be fun, educational and **FREE**. What more could you ask for! We will see you there.

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PLAN TO ATTEND THE 34th ANNUAL RIDGWAY RENDEZVOUS ARTS AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL

Special to Art & Sol

RIDGWAY-The beautiful town of Ridgway is known for spectacular scenery, railroads, ranching, recreation and of course: the Ridgway Rendezvous Arts and Crafts Festival held every year in August for the past 33 years.

In its 34th year, Weehawken Creative Arts will welcome more than 140 juried artists and vendors from across the United States on Aug. 11 and 12 in the Town of Ridgway's historic park. The 2018 Rendezvous is sure to be the best Rendezvous yet, with an abundance of new artists and craftsmen's work to enjoy.

All types of fine arts and original crafts will be represented at this show. Additionally, there will be a diverse assortment of food concessions offering everything from bar-b-que to salmon tacos. This year's event will also feature the delicious brews from regional breweries and will also feature signature drinks such as margaritas and bloody marys as well as wine at the event.

This two-day festival offers plenty for you to enjoy all day long. The entertainment

on the Main Stage runs continuously on both days of the show with music ranging from bluegrass to magic shows and rock and roll. Watch art transpire as demonstrations of all types are scheduled by the vendors throughout each day.

These events are perfect for all ages; having plenty of extra special things for families and kids to do – even just playing in the incredible park or walking on the gorgeous river trail between events! On Saturday and Sunday, children will enjoy riding the Ridgway Fire Department train, a magic show, face painting, a free arts and crafts booth, and several kids' booths too.

This annual show is located at the junction of Highways 550 and 62 in Southwest Colorado, Gateway to the beautiful San Juan Mountains. The show runs on Saturday from 9 am until 5 pm and on Sunday from 10 am until 5 pm.

Admission to the Ridgway Rendezvous on Saturday and Sunday is FREE, so make



The Ridgway Rendezvous Arts and Crafts Festival will be Aug. 11-12. Courtesy photo.

plans to bring your whole family and a car load of friends for a fun weekend in Ridgway Colorado!

For more information, contact Weehawken Creative Arts at questions@weehawkenarts.org or call [970-318-0150](tel:970-318-0150).

This event is sponsored by Weehawken Creative arts and is a fundraiser for the children's arts programming offered through Weehawken.

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & CULTURE

DISCOVER HISTORICAL LEGENDS & TRUE TALES OF MONTROSE AUG. 7

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-The "Historical Legends and True Tales" walks are the Unknown stories of Montrose. You will discover what hidden stories happened behind the closed doors of our historic downtown buildings. We will uncover the locations of jails, sites of the saloons, speakeasies and the hidden secrets of own town. On Aug. 7th at 7 pm starting at the Montrose County Historical Museum (21 N. Rio Grande). There is limited space so please RSVP, and it is an \$8.00/person donation. For more information please call 249-2085.

7TH ANNUAL PISTOL SHOOT FOR PARTNERS YOUTH MENTORING

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

DON'T MISS THE 35TH SAN JUAN CHAMBER MUSICFEST IN SOUTHWESTERN COLORADO



Violinists Harumi Rhodes and Heasu Cho participate in the 2016 San Juan Chamber MusicFest with 2018 returning artists Max Levinson, piano; Allison Eldredge, cello and Marcus Thompson, viola. Courtesy photo.

Special to Art & Sol

REGIONAL-The majestic San Juan Mountains will once again be the backdrop for the 35th year of classical musical excellence in Southwestern Colorado hosted by the Ouray County Performing Arts Guild. The San Juan Chamber MusicFest presents a week-long series of concerts to delight the classical music enthusiast. The event features a small group of musicians of international acclaim in a series of performances the week of Aug. 16 - 21 in Ouray, Ridgway and Montrose to include a classical café' concert, a festival concert, two relaxed and intimate salon concerts and a free children's concert.

The 2018 SJCMF will again be under the artistic direction of renowned concert pianist Max Levinson and will include musicians Markus Placci, violin; Marcus Thompson, viola and Allison Eldredge,

cello. The highlights of this year's repertoire will include the Mendelssohn *D minor Trio*, Schumann *Piano Quartet*, Brahms *Piano Quartet in C minor*, Strauss *Cello Sonata* and Handel *Passacaglia*, featuring the violin and cello. There will also be a full repertoire of chamber music classics by great composers, as well as more contemporary and lesser-known pieces. Tickets and more information is available online at www.ocpag.org.

The Ouray County Performing Arts Guild is a not-for-profit organization bringing quality events in music, dance, theater and other genres to Ouray and Ridgway. Its purpose is to sponsor presentations and performers of the highest caliber in the performing arts for the enjoyment of Ouray County's residents and visitors.



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Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes

Mushroomfest celebrates 38th Year



Manny Salzman in costume at the 32nd Telluride Mushroom Festival (photo by Gary Lincoff).

YEAR OF PASSINGS ... It has been a year of passings for the Telluride Mushroom Festival. Two of the event's founders have left us -- Manny Salzman and Gary Lincoff -- and two of its spiritual teachers -- Julieta Casimiro Estrada and Lightning Heart ... While it is sad, it also is the natural way of things. Gratitude for the blessings these amazing myco-elders have bestowed on us.

MANNY SALZMAN ... There was that famous first phone call ... I am new to Telluride, fresh from San Francisco and all a major city's charms and cheats (I'd been robbed three times). Enjoying rural beauty and anonymity. But missing some of the intellectual shine of a city -- serious cinema, galleries, universities. And my counter-cultural mycological pursuits, privately and with the local mushroom club ... I have just gotten a job as arts council director in Telluride -- having moved from newcomer woodsie to arts professional in one fell swoop (the West has been good



Doña Julia Julieta Casimiro explaining her mushroom ritual at the 28th Telluride Mushroom Festival (courtesy photo).

to me). It's only half-time (I'm a Rainbow hippie -- that's my preferred job category). But the pay is laughable, \$5 an hour, circa the '80s ... It's Dr. Emanuel Salzman. He's been hosting a wild mushroom conference in Aspen and Gothic, and wondered if there might be anyone in Telluride interested in helping move the event there? Anyone? A second job? Yes, me! I'd love to, I tell him. And there was born a four-decade friendship ... Manny was the boss those first years and I was his employee. I ran operations in Telluride: venues, logistics, troubleshooting. He and his fellow Fungophiles ran the show. And finances. But he was also the grandfather I never had. A non-conventional but kind gentleman 26 years my senior, with a decidedentheogenic bent. Here was an elder I believed in. I stayed at his LoDo digs on Wynkoop across from Union Station. Toured his cacti. Ate meals beside his indoor atrium. He attended a wedding of mine. Even lent me money once when I was desperate ... And it wasn't just Manny that I'd befriended, but his family -- Joanne, Jason, Naomi, Anne. As a rural pol in the capitol, we'd go out for dinner when I was in town. Catch up on stories. Take the elevator up to their penthouse floor. Go for a walk to see Manny's Bridge ... I still have the big bead necklace he gave me once. But his vision. His inspiration. The

big-hearted wisdom of his tenacious defense of the mushroom's entheogenic gift will live with me always.

GARY LINCOFF ... I've written about Gary many times in the last few months. And I will be writing about him for the rest of my life. Like I write about Dolores LaChapelle, my other great teacher. Gary taught me about mushrooms. Biology. Botany. And not just the heady stuff, but the heart stuff too. He was one of those rare balanced men with equal measure of feminine and masculine. Crackerjack brilliant. Yet he made it a point of practicing wonder -- with a humility essential to enjoying any avocation with others. Invariably he made us laugh a lot. And laughter is the silver spoon that makes the medicine go down, tastefully.

ABUELITA JULIETA ... Thanks to Pamela Zoline, Teresa Frank, Kris Holstrom and others, the 28th Telluride Mushroom Festival brought this Mazotec mushroom curandera from Oaxaca to share her indigenous ceremonies for ritual mushroom healing. This added a religious/spiritual aspect to fungi whose many countenances Telluride has always explored in depth -- unafraid to examine every aspect of the world of mushrooms. It was this particular aspect that led many to the adopt of the term "entheogens" for substances that in the hands of the counter-culture had become known as psychedelics ... Doña Julia Julieta Casimiro was a gracious and beautiful spirit -- one of the 13 Indigenous Grandmothers who have formed an International Council <www.grandmotherscouncil.org> ... A few of us were blessed with an all-night ritual session with Abuelita Julieta at Trout Lake, a powerful experience similar (and different) to the many ayahuasca sessions I've participated in ... To learn more about her, read this marvelous interview in *Bomb* magazine with her

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Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes

daughter, Jesuita Natalia Pineda Casimiro - an anthropologist, ethnographer, and historian based in Mexico.

Here is a short excerpt: "...a wise woman, a *chota chine*, 'the one who knows.' She talks to us about the spiritual world as a guide, a *curandera*, a shaman, and describes what she has done over the course of her life, that is, the part she has dedicated to working in ceremony with the *niños santos*, or sacred mushrooms."

LIGHTNING HEART ... Another spirit I've written about a lot. And a soul brother in this life, who came late and left early for me ... His accomplishments as Fred Haberlein the muralist are legion, with more than a hundred murals of public and private art in this state alone ... For the last few years as Lightning Heart, his adopted Yaqui name, he did the spiritual invoca-

tions that started the Telluride Mushroom Festival each year.

And he did the same thing for the Carbondale Mountain Fair, where I got to honor him with a poem at the memorial ceremony that kicked things off this year ... His spirit, like the spirit of all these myco-elders, lives with us still.

OF NOTE ... Vicki Phelps of the Telluride Institute's Living Classroom project organized a wonderful tour of the Valley Floor and the Prospect Basin Fens up in Telluride and the Mountain Village last week. Lance McDonald of the Town of Telluride led us on a walk to see the pond created from the seeps from Cornet Creek that run through the Pearl Property and to see the new/old channel being restored to the Valley Floor. And Dr. Jeremy Sueltenfuss led us to the 10,000-yr-old Prospect Basin

Fens where he is working in partnership with the Telluride Institute, Telluride Ski & Golf Company, and Telluride Mountain Village Homeowners Association to rein-vigorate a 20-year-longitudinal study of these unique, carbon-sequestering wetlands ... I was the lucky bloke to enjoy a lovely dinner with my friends Jim and Laura in Naturita Canyon the other night in the company of their German friends, Manfred and Julian Heun (rhymes with "coin").

Julian is a nation-wide phenom in the German slam poetry world, performing widely (find his videos on YouTube if you speak German), winning championships, producing huge slam events, and even writing a novel.

We both filmed each other doing poems. And even if I didn't understand much of the German, his performance was riveting.

THE TALKING GOURD

WILD MUSHROOMS

-for Casey and Alla

My Polish neighbors invite me
to go hunting for wild mushrooms
on the slopes of Mt. Evans, though
they don't say exactly where. I can't go
that day, but I imagine them:

the Sunday drive, the leisurely climb
the search beneath conifer duff, maybe
not far from Echo Lake. Something they
always did in the home country, they say.
And now that this is home, they're learning
all the places to keep it so. Wild mushroom
soup's a delicacy this time of year. In it I can
taste the soil, the stone, in each spoonful.
And Alla never spares the cream. These
are not the pale fungi neatly boxed and ready
at King Soopers (though I don't scorn those).

But here, there, in the baskets, picked by hand
a little of the wild consumed. Enough
to keep the taste of home in the mouth.

-Kathleen Cain
Arvada

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & CULTURE

'WRITE LIKE CRAZY' CLASS WITH ROSEMERRY WAHTOLA TROMMER AUG. 10



Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-Weehawken is excited to bring Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer back to Montrose to offer a poetry writing class, "Write Like Crazy." Rosemerry says of the class, "Let's play! This is a class of prompts and writing! We'll experiment with poetry and stories. The goal? A good time with words in a playful, supportive environment."

Western Slope poet laureate emeritus Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer holds a master's degree in English Language and Linguistics, and for 10 years, she has directed the Telluride Writers Guild. She has written a poem a day for several years, and her poems have been featured in O Magazine and on A Prairie Home Companion. Her books include *The Less I Hold* and *The Miracle Already Happening*.

"Write Like Crazy" with Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer will be offered on Aug. 10th from 10 am-2 pm at MRD Field House (25 Colorado ave.). The cost for this class is \$50. Students must register in advance through Weehawken Creative Arts at www.weehawkenarts.org or by calling Weehawken at [970.318.0150](tel: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 or facebook.com/weehawkenarts.

MT. SNEFFELS EDUCATION FOUNDATION SPONSORS FULL AND HALF-MARATHON, FUN RUN AUG. 11

Special to Art & Sol

OURAY-With an anticipated 700 runners from across the country, the Mt. Sneffels Education Foundation (MSEF) is hosting its 18th annual half-marathon and its 8th annual full marathon on Saturday, Aug. 11, 2018.

"Frank Vanlandingham, the Elite Coordinator for this year's race, has put together quite a nice line-up of elite professional runners who will compete on this beautiful mostly dirt road course including some who are returning to reclaim champion status," says Tamara Gulde, 2018 Race Director. "This non-profit race will have 150 volunteers to manage the course, a significant number considering the City of Ouray has an approximate population of 1,000, and Ridgway's population a bit short of that number."

"This year looks to be a great year for competitive elite running with many of the runners training to qualify for the Olympic Trials Marathon and perhaps set a Mt. Sneffels Half-Marathon course record," says Frank. Elite professional runners that will compete in the Mt. Sneffels Half-Marathon include defending champions, Wilson Kibogo and Elvin Kibet. Elvin's sis-

ter, Ivy, 2nd to Elvin last year, will return to challenge her sister and other elites. Former runner-up George Kiplagat and Kiya Dandena (1:03:13 Houston) are also returning.

Other returning runners include top finishers Lindsay Nelson, Shawna McClain, Katie McGee (Master's Champ) and past champion Janet Bawcom. Newcomers this year include Jonny Wilson (1:05:09), Dylan Belles (1:07:39), Tesfalem Gebre Aregawi (1:02:11), Azerya Weldemariam Tekle (1:06:36), Katie Sandfort (1:18:52 and 2017 SCAC 10K Champ), and mountain runner Jennifer Valentine.

The half-marathon course begins at the Ouray Hot Springs Park, at the entrance of the Ouray Hot Springs Pool and Visitor Center in Ouray, Colorado.

The race winds through the City of Ouray and then goes north on county Road 17 to County Road 23 along the Uncompahgre River Valley and into the town of Ridgway. The full marathon, which starts in Ridgway, goes to Ouray on mostly the same course, and returns to Ridgway. The elevation of Ouray is 7,800 feet and Ridgway is 7,000 feet.

In addition to attracting both elite ath-

letes and local runners, the MSEF Full and Half-Marathons receive great local support through sponsorships. Sponsors include High Country Management, Alpine Bank, San Miguel Power Association, Shining Mountain Herbs, JT Custom Metalwork (designer of this year's trophies) and Mountain Fever Shirts & Gifts.

All of the net proceeds go to the Mt. Sneffels Education Foundation, a local organization dedicated to providing educational opportunities for Ouray County's youth.

The organization aims to involve the Ouray County community in developing resources to enrich our students' lives and broaden their education experiences. Founded in 1992, the organization has raised funds for such activities as arts and music programs, athletic events, and travel opportunities.

In 2016-2017, there were 41 Ouray and Ridgway school projects funded for a total of approximately \$82,000.

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For more information about Mt. Sneffels Education Foundation, please visit www.mtsneffels.org.



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MHS GRADUATE HEATHER FREDRICK EARNS DEAN'S AWARD WITH DISTINCTION AT COLGATE UNIVERSITY

Special to Art & Sol

HAMILTON, NY-- Heather Fredrick, a member of the Colgate University Class of 2020, has earned the spring 2018 Dean's Award with Distinction.

Fredrick is a graduate of Montrose High School, from Montrose, CO (81403). Fredrick's current major is International Relations.

Students who receive a term grade point average of 3.6 or higher while completing at least three courses during the spring 2018 semester earn the Dean's Award with Distinction.

Colgate offers 56 majors to a diverse student body of approximately 2,900 undergraduate students, and it supports 25 Division I athletic teams. Since 1819, the university's campus in rural central New York has been renowned for its beauty and for the important role it plays in the student experience.



Courtesy image Colgate University.

RIVER OF LOST SOULS AUTHOR JONATHAN THOMPSON TO VISIT RIDGWAY

Special to Art & Sol

RIDGWAY--*River of Lost Souls* author Jonathan Thompson, an award-winning freelance author, journalist and editor who writes about the land, culture and communities of the American West, visits Ridgway as part of his four-state book tour. The book is part elegy, part ode, part investigative science journalism, telling the gripping story behind the 2015 Gold King Mine disaster that turned the Animas River in southwestern Colorado orange with sludge and toxic metals for over 100 miles downstream. As the former writer and publisher of the *Silverton Standard* newspaper and a contributing editor to *High Country News*, Thompson has reported on mining and reclamation activities for more than two decades. He combines his past investigation results and interviews with new research and visits to local sources all along the Animas River, to produce a historical record of not only the 2015 catas-

trophe but also the economies and government policies in the San Juan Mountains. "The main reason I decided to write the book was because I'd always tinkered with the idea of writing a book about the history of this area. When the Gold King Mine spill happened, it gave me something to revolve the story around," he said. "The other reason was that when it happened it attracted so much national and international attention, but a lot of that coverage lacked context. I wanted to fill in that context."

Thompson plans to show slides from the Gold King Mine spill and Animas River, and share background information about the event, river's health, mining and the EPA's involvement.

He will also read book passages, sign and sell books.

"This is a great opportunity for Ouray County residents and visitors to learn about an international incident that is

changing environmental and regulatory policies, impacting current and future mine reclamation work in our own community. It's important for anyone who loves the San Juan Mountains to know more facts about the Gold King Mine spill, so they better understand the way to preserve this amazing landscape," said Tanya Ishikawa, Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership (UWP) communications director. UWP (<http://www.uncompahgrewatershed.org/>), a nonprofit established in 2013, exists to protect and improve the economic, natural and scenic values of the Upper Uncompahgre River Watershed. Event co-host, Mountain Independent (<http://mountainindependent.org/>), is a nonprofit news source providing rich information and analysis, bringing together contributors from mountain towns around the world to dive deep into local environmental, social and economic issues.



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 Tuesday Aug. 7, 2018

Come on by the Montrose Elks Lodge for a chance to win great prizes playing Bingo: Jackpots for Progressive Game 2 is worth \$200, and Game 4 is \$557. Either one can be won by reaching BINGO in 37 numbers or less.

Progressive Game #6 worth \$7,410 can be won by reaching BINGO in 53 numbers or fewer.

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BINGO at Montrose High School Aug. 8, 2018 at 5 PM

The Elks Bingo Team with the Montrose Parents Booster group will be conducting a Bingo game at the high school to raise funds to offset costs for the Football Team's uniforms and travel expenses. Doors open at 5:00 PM, Bingo starts at 5:30 PM. Game cards are \$20 for a set of 8 Bingo Games. Jackpots will be based on attendance. Bullet cards (like pull-tabs) will be sold for \$5 each and the proceeds will be split with 50% going to the Winner with the possibility of a \$500 Jackpot. Many prizes can be won by Raffle and there are some great giveaways.

Make A Wish Gala August 10, 2018 7 PM

The Elks are proud to have the Gala at the Lodge to raise funds for a local 8-year-old Montrose boy that needs a liver transplant. His wish is to go to Disney World. Taylor Hartlein, National American Miss

Colorado is the guiding hand for the Gala and will be attending. Dinner, music, dancing, and a Silent Raffle will take place. Tickets are \$30 per person and \$50 per

couple. This is a wonderful opportunity to make a real difference in this child's life by attending the Gala and raising the funds needed to make his wish come true.



BINGO

**Proudly hosted by the
Montrose Elks Lodge #1053**



*Elks Care
Elks Share*

Wednesday, August 8th 5:00 – 8:30

Doors open at five bingo begins at 5:30

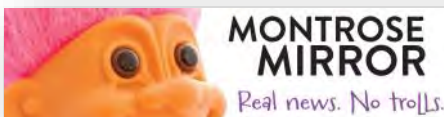
LOCATION Montrose High School Cafeteria
600 S. Selig Ave, Montrose Colorado 81401

Concessions will be Available

Bring your whole family, children can play, but only adults can win prizes

Money will be used to offset uniform, and travel costs of the Montrose Indian Football team

\$20 for Bingo (1 bingo pack = 8 games, one card per game) No limit on how many game packs you can buy – 8 bingo games during the evening, different jackpot each game - Total of all jackpots up to \$800 \$5 bullet (games of chance) – winner gets a 50/50 split of the pot up to \$1000 (50% to the fund raiser 50% to the winner)



facebook.com/SherbinoTheater

For more information, visit
www.sherbino.org

Alpine Bank

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OPENING RECEPTION FOR KELLIE DAY'S EXHIBIT: "ALLOWING"

FIRST FRIDAY @ 610 ARTS COLLECTIVE

EXHIBITION RUNS THROUGH AUGUST. OPENING RECEPTION FROM 5-9.

SHERBINO NIGHT LIVE

Classic Sketch comedy skits as well as original sketches

Doors @ 7pm. Shows @ 7:30. Tickets: \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door.

LATIN FEVER STREET SALSA NIGHT

Doors and Salsa Lesson @ 6:30. DANCING begins @ 7. \$8 entry.

SHERB TRAVEL TALKS DESERT JUNKIES

Doors at 6:30pm. Talks at 7:00pm. Entry by Donation

Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership & Mountain Independent

RIVER OF LOST SOULS

Doors at 7:00 pm, presentation at 7:30pm. \$5 entry at door.

SHERB NERDS Trivia Night

Doors and cash bar at 6:30pm. Trivia at 7:00pm. Entry by donation.

Alpine Bank's FREE FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Free-Tured Film: SHERLOCK GNOMES

Doors 6:30 pm. Movie @ 7:00pm. FREE! Concessions & Bar Available!

ULTERIOR MOTIVE

Doors and bar at 7:30 pm, Music around 8:00 pm. \$10 entry at door.

ROCC & SHERBINO PRESENT

HAPPENING: A CLEAN ENERGY REVOLUTION

Doors at 6:30, film/talk at 7:00. \$5 entry, ROCC members enter Free!

Alpine Bank's FREE FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Free-Tured Film: PELE

Doors 6:30pm. Movie @ 7:00pm. FREE! Concessions & Bar Available!

DURANGO FUNK ALLSTARS

Doors and bar at 7:30 pm, Music around 8:00 pm. \$12 entry at door.

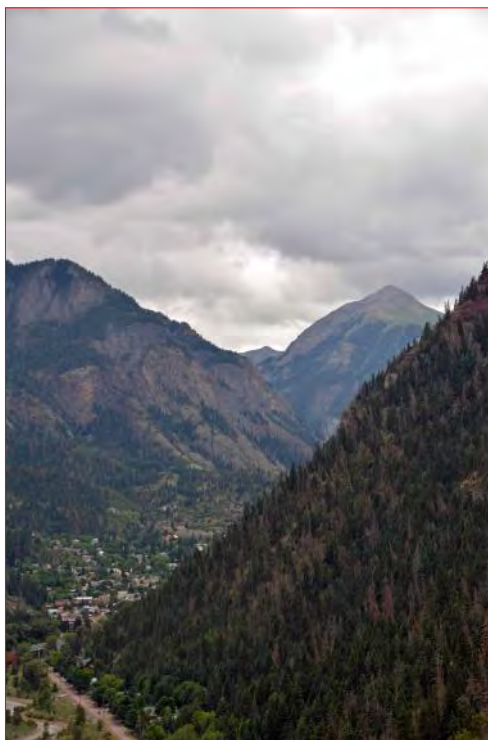
SHERB TALK: THE HISTORY OF CLIMING IN THE SAN JUANS WITH PETE DAVIS

Doors and bar at 7:00pm, Talk at 7:30pm. \$10 suggested donation

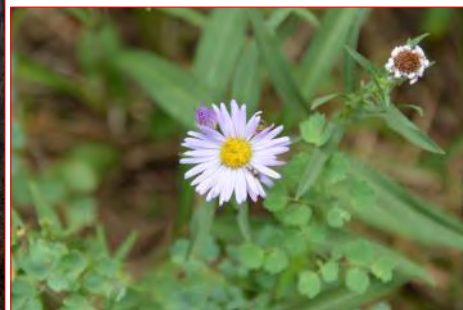
READER PHOTO SPOTLIGHT...OLATHE TO OURAY!



Masun Souders and his friend met Country star Eric Paslay Aug. 4 at the Olathe Sweet Corn Festival. Paslay gave the boys guitar picks. "He made the day extra special for my kids," Lacey Souders said. Photo by Lacey Souders.



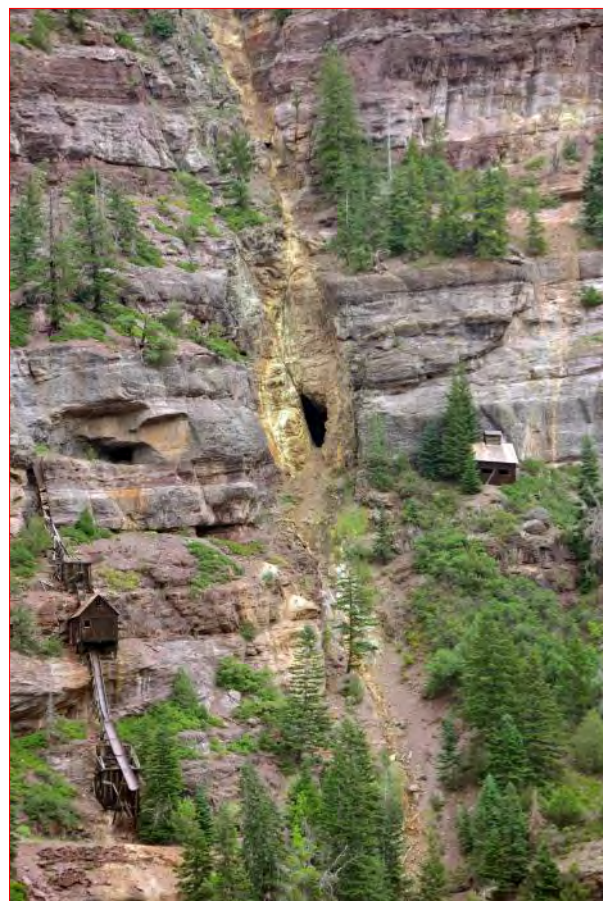
Deb Reimann captured this image of Ouray during a weekend visit.



Ouray wildflowers in bloom...top, a nodding onion. Below, an aster. Photos by Deb Reimann.



More photos from Ouray, by Deb Reimann....above, holly berries. At right, the Memphis Mine.



MIRROR IMAGES...2018 OLATHE SWEET CORN FESTIVAL!



Tasty food and hometown pride were on the menu @ the 2018 Olathe Sweet Corn Festival Aug. 4, featuring the delicious Olathe Sweet sweet corn and plenty of butter. Photos by Nanci Gibbons.



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. 2nd 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

6:30 p.m. second Thursday of each month.

MC-GOP Headquarters at 242 E. Main.

Information: 970-765-7406

MONTROSE COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN MEETING

Noon - third Fridays.

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

Information: Dianna 970-249-0724

MONTHLY-

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 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.

Aug. 7--The "Historical Legends and True Tales" walks are the Unknown stories of Montrose. You will discover what hidden stories happened behind the closed doors of our historic downtown buildings. We will uncover the locations of jails, sites of the saloons, speakeasies and the hidden secrets of our town. On Aug. 7th at 7 pm starting at the Montrose County Historical Museum (21 N. Rio Grande). There is limited space so please RSVP, and it is an \$8.00/person donation. For more information please call 249-2085.

Aug. 7--Tuesday, Aug. 7th, 6 p.m. until 8 p.m., is the annual **National Night Out** celebration at River Landing Shopping Center (the Target parking lot). It is a free BBQ of burgers and hot-dogs and the opportunity to meet the first responders who protect you and your family each and every day in Montrose and the surrounding region.

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. 10--"Write Like Crazy" with Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer will be offered on Aug. 10th from 10 am-2 pm at MRD Field House (25 Colorado ave.). The cost for this class is \$50. Students must register in advance through Weehawken Creative Arts at www.weehawkenarts.org or by calling Weehawken at [970.318.0150](tel:9703180150). 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 or facebook.com/weehawkenarts.

Aug. 11--7th Annual Pistol Shoot for Partners Youth Mentoring. Come up any time between 9AM-2PM Aug. 11! Hosted by the Montrose Police Dept. & San Juan Shooting Range, 19878 Dave Wood Rd. Bring your handgun and 100 rounds (loner guns & ammo available there) shoot four courses of fire as an individual or 3-person team. Fun for the whole family, no experience necessary. Law enforcement officers will be there to compete and assist the public. Awards for the top shooters. \$20 registration. 249-4227 or 249-1116.

Aug. 11--Mt. Sneffels Education Foundation (MSEF) is hosting its 18th annual half-marathon and its 8th annual full marathon on Saturday, Aug. 11, 2018. For more information about Mt. Sneffels Education Foundation, please visit www.mtsneffels.org.

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. 16--7:30 p.m. -- Classical Café' Concert, San Juan Chamber MusicFest -- 4H Center in Ridgway, 22739 US-550, Ridgway. Tickets \$25 adults, \$5 students (18 years and under) available online at www.ocpag.org or at the door.

Aug. 18--7:30 p.m. -- 35th Anniversary Festival Concert, San Juan Chamber MusicFest -- Wright Opera House, 472 Main Street, Ouray. Tickets \$25 adults, \$5 students (18 years and under) available online at www.ocpag.org or at the door.

Aug. 19--3 p.m. -- Salon Concert, San Juan Chamber MusicFest -- Private home in Montrose. Tickets \$65. Information at www.ocpag.org.

Aug. 20--10 a.m. -- Free Children's Concert, San Juan Chamber MusicFest -- Sherbino Theater, 604 Clinton Street, Ridgway. Free concert for children and their families.

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West Slope summer fun! At left, Amara and Brendan Compton enjoy delicious Olathe Sweet sweet corn at the 2018 Olathe Sweet Corn Festival Saturday, Aug. 4. Photo by Nanci Gibbons. Above, a paddle boarder practices on the Uncompahgre last week Mirror staff photo.

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