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## RE-1J STUDENTS HEAD BACK TO THE CLASSROOM



*For RE-1J students, it's back to the books—and in some cases the bus—this month. For info on school bus service call the school district office at 970-249-7726. Mirror staff photo.*

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-The long, hot days of summer are still here, but school days are just around the corner. Local parents with questions can find answers through the Parent Portal at the Montrose County School District RE-1J website, <http://www.mcsd.org/>, where [each school](#) is listed individually.

"Please check the web site for your child's school, because each school web site will have information on back to school nights and lists of school supplies," RE-1J Data Technician Charlotte Blowers said.

Those who have Kindergarten students can call the district office to schedule an appointment for an assessment, and should turn in paperwork as soon as possible.

Paperwork for students who are new to the district or starting Kindergarten

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## \$550K PARK RESTROOM ON FLOODPLAIN; CITY TO ELEVATE WITH FILL

*May extend City water system to Riverwood subdivision, residents would repay \$600K*

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-City council work sessions are held in Council Chambers (11 a.m. - 1 p.m.) the day prior to the regular council meeting. Councilwoman Barbara Bynum did not attend the Aug. 6 work session and Councilman Doug Glaspell left mid-way through the meeting.

Mayor Roy Anderson opened the meeting by addressing the larger than normal number of attendees. He said, "This is a time for us to discuss. We don't take public comment. Often you can talk to us one-on-one after the meeting. You are invited to call-to-the-public [regular city council meeting], that's your opportunity to get our ear in a public meeting."

**Discussion Items**

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*The agenda item, "Potential Paths Forward to Address Water Quality Issues for the Riverwood Subdivision Located off of Marine Road in Montrose County" drew a larger than normal crowd for the Aug. 6 city council work session. Photo by Gail Marvel.*

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## ANSWERING THE CALL: MPD PATROL OFFICER CHRIS VELASQUEZ

### Officer Chris Velasquez



HIRED 05-01-2010

*MPD Patrol Officer Chris Velasquez. Courtesy photo.*

*By Gail Marvel*

MONTROSE-Montrose Police Department (MPD) Patrol Officer Chris Velasquez graduated from Delta High School in 2004 and attended Colorado Mesa University (CMU) in Grand Junction, where he earned a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. Velasquez finished up finals the same week he started the Police Academy and uprooted his family to move to Montrose.

He said, "The academy wasn't hard, but my family went through a lot of changes."

Velasquez, who is the first and only member of his family with a career in law enforcement, has been with MPD for eight years.

His specialized training includes being a member of the SWAT Team, a bike patrol instructor, and an instructor in less-lethal munitions such as gas, flash-bang and OC (pepper spray). Describing his current du-

ties Velasquez said, "Right now I'm in a more pro-active role that focuses on vehicle trespass, fugitive apprehensions and warrant arrests."

Explaining the relationships that develop in the law enforcement community Velasquez said, "As a crew we tend to take the tough calls on all of our shoulders. If one person has a bad call we all step up and share the burden. I grew up playing sports in high school

where we had teamwork and comradery.

Basically, it's the same as in sports."

The team spirit is evident even during unique calls, "We had a bear cub wander onto the airport runway property. He was about 100 to 150 pounds...big enough that I didn't want to come in contact with him. When it was all said and done there were three or more of us chasing him into the city shop. We helped Parks and Wildlife capture and tranquilize him so he could be relocated."

For Velasquez the most enjoyable part of his job is the variety. He said, "It changes every single day. Some days worse than others, but knowing that it's not going to be mundane is enjoyable for me. It's nice when you are able to do something that makes a person's life better. It's a good feeling."

The least enjoyable aspect, "The paper-

work. It's part of the job and you know you have to document. Law enforcement is 24/7 and 365. Once you get used to it it's not stressful, but you miss out on family things like Thanksgiving dinners and Christmas Day." Velasquez tries to balance his life in law enforcement with being a husband, a dad and attending family events.

Velasquez feels his calm and relaxed demeanor is one of his strengths, "It starts with communication. You treat people like you want to be treated. It's easy to make a connection with them and then they want to open up and talk to you."

To date Velasquez has not successfully used CPR, "The victim was already gone, or we were right behind EMS and they took over. I did do first aid on a juvenile who had been shot, but his injuries were not life threatening."

As for aspirations Velasquez said, "My goal is to take in as much as I can. Eventually I'd like to climb up in rank and take advantage of opportunities in investigations or school resource. I have only one career and I want to get experience and training in as many areas as I can."

In his off-duty time Velasquez likes sports (basketball and soft ball) and outside activities, "I'm an avid fly fisherman. I like hunting, camping, hiking and mountain biking."

In a message to the community Velasquez said, "Don't make yourself an easy victim. Lock the doors to your house and vehicles and be aware of your surroundings."

"I want to thank the community for their support. They definitely back us up and we appreciate that."



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**THE MONTROSE MIRROR**  
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## DESPITE MAIN STREET BANNER, ENGLEWOOD WAS COLORADO'S 1<sup>ST</sup> STEM SCHOOL DISTRICT, NOT MONTROSE



*Despite claims on a Main Street banner, Englewood Schools were widely credited with being the state's 1st STEM school district in 2017, with STEM curriculum and STEM lab classrooms for all students from kindergarten to grade 12. Mirror staff photo.*

Mirror staff report

MONTROSE-In an interview with the Mir-

ror earlier this week, RE-1J Superintendent Stephen Schiell said, "Our kids will be

going to the first STEM K-12 School District in Colorado this fall; that's a big accomplishment. STEM is for everybody—whether you are the smartest or the most challenged.

"Have you seen our banner on Main Street?"

Schiell's boast cannot be substantiated, however. In fact, that recognition would appear to belong to a Front Range school district.

The Denver Post [reported in September of 2017 that, thanks to a \\$400K grant from the Gill Foundation](#), "The funding effectively made Englewood the first school district in Colorado to provide a complete, integrated STEM curriculum and STEM lab classrooms for all students from kindergarten to grade 12."

The Englewood, Colorado School District states [on its web site](#) that it now offers "state of the art STEM labs for all grades."

RE-1J Board of Education Chair Tom West said he was not aware of Englewood's STEM programs.



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# ACOUSTIC

## TUESDAYS

## 2018



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## HELP NEEDED FOR M.A.P.A., SNIP & TIP CAT PROJECT



A local cat. Photo by ElkMedia, LLC.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—A growing stray cat population in Western Colorado is taxing resources for the non-profit organizations that help local citizens afford spay-neuter services for both pet cats and strays.

If a City resident has a problem with stray cats, the Montrose Animal Shelter will lend them a trap so they can bring the animal in. Still, feral and stray cats are not social and may not be adoptable; though classified as a no-kill shelter, the Montrose Animal Shelter euthanized 18 cats in June, according to a [second quarter police report](#). For strays, change is best effected through trap-neuter-return efforts, which can become expensive for a homeowner.

There are some spots available at a low-cost animal shelter spay/neuter clinic to be held on Oct. 4. "You have to come in to the shelter to sign up," Shelter Technician Tomoko Vorseggern said. "There are eight spots available for each surgery. Come in to register on Sept. 6—it is first come, first served."

With few city resources available to citizens, the burden of helping people pay for spay/neuter services falls on several hard-

working non-profits. Those non-profits can use your help.

Montrose Animal Protection Agency (MAPA), now in its 44<sup>th</sup> year, needs volunteers to engage in fundraising efforts. MAPA traditionally provides vouchers to offset the cost of spaying and neutering pet cats for households earning less than \$40K per year. "We pay \$25 for a male cat, and \$55 for a female," MAPA volunteer Karen Arnold said.

"We can always use help from people who can write grants and help with events and fundraisers," she said. "What we do is raise money, and we work with local veterinarians."

Also, the definition of a "pet" cat is looser than some might imagine. "A cat is not a stray if it comes to your house and you feed it," Arnold said. "If you have named them, and they are tame enough to put into a cat carrier and take them to be fixed, they are pets."

MAPA is also helping to support the Snip & Tip Cat Project, a Gunnison-based non-profit that holds spay and neuter clinics for stray and feral cats in Montrose each fall.

"They do two clinics each year," Arnold said. "We will help them by paying to fixing 'owned' cats."

Snip & Tip Cat Project's Joan Hewitt said that MAPA will provide 20 vouchers for owned cats at each of the two upcoming spay/neuter clinics, to be held Nov. 10-11 and Jan. 26-27.

Both events are for Montrose County cats, Hewitt said. "We're hoping to do 75 surgeries at each clinic," she said. "We are a little concerned about funding this year; so far we have a shortage of around \$3,000."

Help from organizations such as MAPA, Telluride Animal Foundation, and from the [Colorado Animal Rescue Express \(C.A.R.E.\)](#), which covers \$8 for every surgery, are essential, but more donations are definitely needed, Hewitt said.

"In the areas where we concentrate our efforts, we are seeing a big difference," she said. "But we need help."

Another local resource for spay/neuter support is Olathe's West Slope Animal Hospital, which is hosting a month-long, low-cost spay neuter clinic, with support from MAPA and the Telluride Animal Foundation. The West Slope Animal Hospital Spay/neuter Clinic runs from Aug. 21 through Sept. 28. Dogs are \$20 and cats are \$10. Surgical appointments must be pre-paid and are non-refundable; animal owners must be Montrose or San Miguel County residents and earn under \$40,000 a year to qualify.

"It is a lot of help for our community," West Slope Animal Hospital staffer Rhonda said. "It can end up being six to ten surgeries daily. People just need to give us a call." The West Slope Animal Hospital can be reached at 970-323-0444.

Meanwhile, there is definitely room for the City of Montrose to provide more resources to citizens.

"Feral cats don't belong in a shelter system," Joan Hewitt said, adding that effective change would start with a municipal ordinance and additional resources.

"Why not dedicate \$60,000 to a spay/neuter fund, to help take care of pet overpopulation and protect property values?"

To contact Snip and Tip Cat Project, email them at [snipandtipcatproject@gmail.com](mailto:snipandtipcatproject@gmail.com). Donations to Snip and Tip Cat Project can be [made by clicking here](#).



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## KUDOS...TO THE CITY OF MONTROSE PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.

*By Gail Marvel*

MONTROSE-A local senior citizen's caregiver left her client's house with two bags; one contained laundry and the other trash. It wasn't until the caregiver got ready to do the laundry that she discovered she had kept the trash and thrown the clothes into the dumpster.

The caregiver returned to the dumpster only to find the trash had already been collected; however, a quick call to City of Montrose Public Works revealed that the truck had not yet gone to the landfill.

The Public Works Department dumped the trash truck's load in their parking lot and half a dozen employees willingly went dumpster-diving, found the bag of laundry and then cleaned up the parking lot.

Great customer service that can only be found in small town America!



*Photo by Gail Marvel.*

## CHIEF OF POLICE TOM CHINN HONORED FOR 45 YEARS OF SERVICE



*By Gail Marvel*

MONTROSE-During the City of Montrose quarterly staff meeting on Aug. 7, Chief of Police Tom Chinn was presented with the Longevity Award for his 45-years with the Montrose Police Department. Chinn said, "When I started I was one of 13 officers. We didn't have clerical support... we did everything!" When asked about the award recognizing years of service Councilwoman Judy Ann Files laughed and said, "Oh, it was just a piece of paper."

*Photo by Gail Marvel.*

# YAD

## YOUTH APPRECIATION DAY IS BACK

**SATURDAY  
AUGUST 18  
FREE KID'S DAY**



### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS | 8AM - 9PM

**8am - 10am: Pancake Breakfast - Montrose Daily Press, 3684 N. Townsend.** Chow down on pancakes & sausages for the whole family. Raffle prizes and give-aways.

**9am: Paper Flower Workshop - Amazing Glaze, 209 E. Main.** Make your own paper flowers. Space is limited.

**9am - 11am: Stand Up Paddle Board - Taviwach Park, 2355 Air Park Wy.** Learn how to stand up paddle board. Board, paddle, & life jacket provided. Parent supervision required. Provided by Montrose Kayak & Surf Shop.

**9:30am - 2pm: Museum of the Mountain West - 68169 E. Miami.** Guided tours of historic buildings. Kids free with paid adult; \$6/adult.

**9am - 4:30pm: Tours & Arts & Crafts - Ute Indian Museum, 17253 Chipeta Rd.** Free admission for kids, plus arts and crafts while supplies last.

**10am - noon: Open Dance Workshop - A Time to Dance Studio, 1912 S. Townsend.** Ages 3-6: 9:30-10:10am & 10:15-10:55am; Ages 11 & Up: 11-11:40am; Ages 7-11: 1-1:40pm; Acrobatics/mat ages 7 & up: 11:45am-12:30pm.

**10am - noon: K9 Oxx Police Dog Demonstrations - Chow Down Pet Supplies on Main St.**

**10am - noon: Fun @ the Fieldhouse - 25 Colorado Ave.** Turf games, outdoor pool, and more. Kids under 7 must be accompanied by a paying adult; \$3/adult. Space limited to 150.

**10am - 2pm: Free Kid's Cone - McDonald's (both locations).** Free kid's cone.

**10am - 2pm: Open House @ the Fire Station - 441 S. Uncompahgre Ave.** Check out the trucks, demo equipment, and participate in hose races.

**10am - 2pm: Bugs in the Garden - Montrose Botanic Gardens, 1800 Pavilion Dr.** Make your own bug tic-tac-toe game or go on a scavenger hunt through the gardens. Kids 3-12 years old.

**10am - 2pm: Mighty Mini Horses - Montrose Botanic Gardens, 1800 Pavilion Dr.** Come see and pet the Might Mini Therapy Horses.

**10am - 8pm: Mini Golf - Cedar Creek RV, 126 Rose Lane.** One round of free mini-golf for all youth. Children under 10 years must be accompanied by a paying adult; \$3/adult.

**11am: Free Movie "Peter Rabbit" PG - Fox Theater Downtown.**

**11am: Paper Flower Workshop - Amazing Glaze, 209 E. Main.** Make your own paper flowers. Space is limited.

**11am - 2pm: Storytime - Maggie's Books, 345 E. Main.** Bee themed storytime and crafts activities every hour on the hour.

**11am - 3pm: Pioneer Times - Montrose County Historical Society Museum, 21 N. Rio Grande Ave.** Free admission for kids and a fun scavenger hunt; \$1 per adult.

**1pm - 3pm: Fun @ the Fieldhouse - 25 Colorado Ave.** Turf games, outdoor pool, and more. Kids under 7 must be accompanied by a paying adult; \$3/adult. Space limited to 150.

**1pm - 4pm: Super Splash-n-Slide - Church on the Hill, 62985 CO 90.** Get wet and wild on a maze of slip-n-slides, plus a slip-in-slide ball game. Food provided.

**2pm - 8pm: Golf - Black Canyon Golf Course, 1350 Birch St.** Junior golfers play free (18 and under). Accompanying adults, \$1 per hole and 1/2 price cart rental. Please make tee time, 249-4653.

**4pm - 6pm: Open Play @ the Rec - Montrose Rec Center, 16350 Woodgate.** Kids under 7 must be accompanied by a paying adult; \$4/adult. Pool space limited to first 350.

**4pm - 7pm: Minecraft Night - Proximity Space, 210 E. Main.** Kid's Minecraft challenge. Ages 10 and under. Must be accompanied by adult. Bring a laptop.

**7pm - 9pm: Movie on the lawn - Black Canyon Boys & Girls Club @ Celebration Church - 2900 Sunnyside Rd.** Bring your chairs and blankets for a night under the stars. Free popcorn and a classic movie about your favorite flower-smelling bull. Hosted by Black Canyon Boys & Girls Club.

### FOOD & FUN @ RIVERBOTTOM | 10AM - 1PM

**11am: Sky Dive Jump-in - McNeil Fields.** Watch a member of Ultimate Skydiving Adventures take the leap from a plane and land on the soccer fields.

**Free Food Court.** Free watermelon, hot dogs, snow cones, and water.

**Touch-a-Truck - McNeil Parking Lot.** MMH helicopter, police cars, ambulances, MRAP, bucket truck rides, giant dump truck, & water truck. Provided by Montrose Memorial Hospital, Trans Care Ambulance Service, DMEA, Montrose Police Department, Montrose County Sheriff, & Haynes Excavation.

**Wood Crafts.** Build-your-own birdhouse while supplies last. Provided by The Home Depot.

**Bookmobile - McNeil Fields.** Grab a free book for kids and your most important back-to-school supply - a library card. Provided by Montrose Regional Library & Altrusa International of Montrose.

**Kiddie Carnival - McNeil Fields.** Carnival games, face painting, bottle toss, bouncy houses, nerf targets, rock painting, & POWER the robot. Sponsored by Montrose Recreation District, Alpine Bank, Tri-State G&T, Haynes Excavation, Montrose County Sheriff's Dept., The Home Depot, Pediatric Associates, & Rosemont Baptist Church.

**Rec Fest - Ute Park.** Climbing wall, dunk tank, skee-ball, soccer kick, football throw & field goal kicking, batting cages, golf pitch, basketball free throws, archery, hockey shots, speed throws, bike derby, climbing wall, obstacle course, & money booth. Provided by MRD, Montrose Rotary Club, The Home Depot, COPMOBA, Dalby Wendland & Co., Crossfit Agoge, Headstrong, & Pediatric Associates.

### THANK YOU SPONSORS



## ***\$550K PARK RESTROOM ON FLOODPLAIN; CITY TO ELEVATE WITH FILL From pg 1***

Appointments to the DDA Board are made by the Montrose City Council. Two seats on the board are open and council interviewed three applicants — Michelle Klipfert, Brenton Martinez, and Sarah Curtis. Council will announce their selections at the Aug. 21 regular council meeting.

**Montrose Community Foundation (MCF) Report to City Council** — Executive Director Sara Plumhoff.

The city's partnership with the MCF began in 2013 and since that time the city has invested \$95,000 in various programs and causes. Plumhoff said, "Ninety-nine percent of what you give out is in our local community." The breakdown of expended city funds: Health & Wellness \$8,500; Recreation \$16,000; Community Development \$5,000; Arts and Literature \$1,000; Education \$16,600; and Basic Human needs \$47,900.

Typically grants are no more than \$5,000 with the majority of grants awarded in the \$1,000 to \$3,000 range.

**Disconnection from City Limits Request** — Senior Planner Garry Baker.

This property is about a half-acre in size and located on the hillside west of Sunset Mesa. Only a small portion of the property is on top of the hill. The area proposed for disconnection was adjacent to city property until 2017, when it was traded to Rick Adamson and the city's claim to the property was essentially abandoned at that time.

The area is not within any City utility service areas. Baker said, "We do not see any adverse effects on the city and staff would recommend approval."

**Amendment to Police Department 401**

**(a) Money Purchase Plan** — Assistant Finance Director Chelsea White and Assistant City Attorney Andrew Boyko.

This is a transfer of police retirement funds from ICMA to Fire & Police Pension Association of Colorado (FPPA). The Montrose Police Department personnel had a 100 percent vote to approve transfer to FPPA.

**Riverbottom Restroom Building Update** — Public Works Manager Jim Scheid.

The city staff is finalizing drawings, costs and floor plans for the Riverbottom re-

strooms. It was recently discovered that the proposed location for the restroom facility is in a floodplain, which will require it to be elevated three and a half feet. Scheid explained the additional expense, "The elevate problem is significant and the dirt required is significant. It will take a lot of fill material. The change order will exceed our contingency amount, but we'll be under the budget amount." The budgeted amount for the restrooms is \$550,000.

The elevation issue will also require landscaping around the facility, but the facility will be ADA compliant. During most of the construction the old restrooms will remain open; however, they will be removed before the new facility is completed and temporary toilets will be brought in.

The new restrooms have the potential to attract the transient population and Councilman Doug Glaspell asked about someone starting a fire in the facility. Director of Innovation and Citizen Engagement Virgil Turner said, "It will have fiber so sensors can be installed in case someone starts a fire."

Councilman Dave Bowman asked about additional electrical sources for events like FUNC Fest. Scheid said, "There are four outlets on the restrooms but they will be locked and available with an application. With large power needs people will bring their own [generators]."

**Potential Paths Forward to Address Water Quality Issues for the Riverwood Subdivision located off Marine Road in Montrose County** — City Engineer Scott Murphy.

The Riverwood Subdivision is a 35-lot residential subdivision located in Montrose County off Marine Road. Although the subdivision is not in Montrose city limits, it is in the city's water service area.

Currently the potable water for residences is supplied by a well situated on a property adjacent to the subdivision, which is owned by an out-of-state third party. The water system is out of compliance with State operations, disinfection and reporting requirements. Because of health concerns residents rely on bottled water for cooking and drinking. Property values and home sales are affected and conceiva-

bly, if a solution to the situation is not found, the homes could be condemned.

The law office of J. David Reed is working with the city, county and neighborhood representatives in an attempt to determine legal recourse and evaluate alternatives to the situation.

Murphy began the conversation, "This has been brewing for many years." He then gave three available options: 1) Do nothing and hope that the State cracks down on the owner. 2) Residents could establish an HOA and take over the water system, which would be very expensive and the current owner may not want to sell his property. 3) Change over to the city water system at an estimated cost of \$600,000. Homeowners would be required to repay the city for the capital improvement — extending the waterline, re-paving streets, reconnecting meters, etc.

The capital investment divided amongst the 35 owners would equate to approximately \$17,150 per lot and the preferred repayment mechanism selected by the residents would be to amortize the repayment over a 20-year period.

In a poll 75 percent of the residents support connecting to the city water system. Councilwoman Judy Ann Files said, "But do we have \$600,000." City Manager Bill Bell said, "This would be justified coming out of the water fund." An additional benefit to property owners would be fire hydrants, which should help with their insurance rates.

Montrose County Planning and Development Director Steve White made no commitments on behalf of the county, but indicated the county would be interested in a joint effort as it related to road/street repairs that would be needed.

The city is not interested in annexing the subdivision. Council made no decision but directed staff to move forward and work on agreements with the property owners. Considering the seriousness of the issue Mayor Roy Anderson said, "We want to be good neighbors."

**General City Council Discussion**

None.

**Staff Comments**

## ***\$550K PARK RESTROOM ON FLOODPLAIN; CITY TO ELEVATE From previous pg***

### **Staff Comments**

City Engineer Scott Murphy gave a brief update on street repairs and road maintenance. He noted there have been complaints that some roads seem rougher now than before they were resurfaced. Murphy said, "It takes six months to fully cure. These are not new roads, but [a treatment] to stop the bleeding and extend the life of the streets. The week of

August 13<sup>th</sup> will be the final closure on Niagara." Currently the city is trying to address over \$40 M in deferred street maintenance projects. For 2018 they budgeted \$3 M and in 2019 \$2 M is budgeted. Chief of Police Tom Chinn expounded on his written report to the council, "Since 2008 we've seen an increase in calls. We have two officers doing street crime. We've put cars around town and

planted what appears to a gun in the car. This morning at 6 a.m. we arrested two individuals attempting to break into the car. Our officers did a good job."

Chief Chinn wants the public to know the Police Department is actively performing sting operations.

City Manager Bill Bell noted the all-day council budget retreat will be held at the Pavilion on Sept. 10.

## ***RE-1J STUDENTS HEAD BACK TO THE CLASSROOM From pg 1***



***A ribbon cutting for Columbine School will be held Sept. 22. Mirror staff photo.***

can be found online; parents of returning students can review the information in their parent portal account, and find the school's calendar, Blowers said. Students can access schedules through Parent Portal.

And don't forget, "Show up for school," Blowers said.

RE-1J Superintendent Stephen Schiell said that this school year, "We've taken major steps for student safety throughout the district." RE-1J will be ALICE certified (active shooter training) by the end of October, he said.

Schiell said he is proud of continued progress with regard to student achievement, "We are very proud of that, and proud of our staff," he said. "And we will have a ribbon cutting for the new Columbine Middle School on Sept. 22, at 1 p.m.; the school is beautiful inside."

## **ENGAGE, DCED TO HOST SECOND ANNUAL E2 ENERGY CONFERENCE IN PAONIA**

### ***Special to the Mirror***

PAONIA-ENGAGE and Delta County Economic Development are hosting their 2nd Annual E2 Energy Conference. Sept. 17 & 18, 2018 in Paonia. Sept. 17 will be a special kick-off event, Spark Tank at the Paradise Theatre in Paonia. Starts at 4pm. (FREE)

Sept. 18 is the Conference, which takes place at the Energy Tech in Paonia. Registration

on line, \$60 for the whole conference, student rates available.

Keynote speaker is Tom Plant from CSU Center for New Energy Economy, along with moderators Kathleen Staks, and Bryan Hannegan; speakers include Jasen Bronec (DMEA), Mark Dyson (RMI), Rep Chris Hansen (D), Chris Riler (Guzman), and several more.

Sponsorship opportunities are available,

and registration is open. Please visit: <https://deltacountyed.org/event-2990213/Registration> for Registration options, go to: <https://deltacountyed.org/event-3003156/Registration> for sponsorship package options.

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## AUDITOR NOTES 2017 JUMP IN CITY FUND TRANSFERS, FINDS 'NO AREAS OF CONCERN'



**Montrose Mayor Roy Anderson welcomed National American Miss Colorado 2018 Taylor Hartlein to the council meeting on Aug. 7. Photo by Gail Marvel.**

*By Gail Marvel*

MONTROSE-Regular city council meetings are held at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. For the Aug. 7, meeting, with the exception of Councilwoman Barbara Bynum, all councilmembers were present.

Montrose Mayor Roy Anderson welcomed National American Miss Colorado 2018 Taylor Hartlein. Miss Hartlein announced a Make a Wish Colorado fund raising dinner gala to be held at the Montrose Elks Lodge on Friday. She said, "There is an eight-year-old boy in our community who needs a liver transplant and is qualified for Make a Wish. His wish is to go to Disney World in August. We have \$3,000 worth of donated silent auction items."

### **Call for Public Comment for Non-Agenda Items**

Resident David Stockton commended the Public Works Department for the road improvements and waterline replacements. He said, "I know they take a lot of grief. I just want to thank them."

**2017 Audit Presentation** – Finance Director Shani Wittenberg and Drew Lehr.

Generally speaking Lehr, the representative for Holscher, Mayberry & Company, LLC, said they found nothing to worry about in the audit, "We have no significant suggestions to structure or operations. No areas of concern. Our advice is to have three to nine months reserve."

The auditor noted a big jump in fund transfers and City Manager Bill Bell clarified that transferred money is still in the city, "Money out of the General Fund to other funds is called a transfer. [For example] It's earmarked for MURA (Montrose

Urban Renewal Authority) or the Montrose Recreation District." Approved Unanimously, with one absent.

**Ordinance 2452 (Second Reading)** - Senior Planner Garry Baker.

This ordinance is for the annexation of the Hogback Addition, a former gravel pit owned by Montrose County. Baker said, "This started April 30<sup>th</sup> and [the length of time] is determined by State statutes. Three months is pretty average. The annexation meets all State and local statutes and ordinances and policies." Approved Unanimously, with one absent.

**Ordinance 2453 (Second Reading)** - Senior Planner Garry Baker.

This ordinance is for the zoning of the Hogback Addition as an R-3, Medium Density District. Baker said, "The maximum density is for duplexes, but future hearings before the planning commission could allow for apartments and townhomes." Approved Unanimously, with one absent.

**Resolution 2018-23** - Finance Director Shani Wittenberg and Assistant City Attorney Andrew Boyko.

This resolution amends sections of the City of Montrose Regulations Manual concerning the ICMA Plan Document and pertains to transferring police retirement funds from ICMA to Fire & Police Pension Association of Colorado (FPPA). Wittenberg said, "This is a housekeeping issue on the agenda. It just helps facilitate the move from IMCA to FPPA." Approved Unanimously, with one absent.

### **Staff Reports**

**Energy Management Report** – Director of innovation and Citizen Engagement Virgil Turner and Energy Management Intern Ethan Brunhofer.

Brunhofer, who served as an intern from June 4 – Aug 9, gave the council a Power-Point overview of his work with the city.

Councilman Dave Bowman asked about street lights, "Do we replace or does DMEA?" Turner said, "Developers put in the lights and title them to DMEA who owns the lights, but the city pays the bills." Turner noted there is cost savings with LED lights; however, street lights are long lived and not replaced until they go

out.

**Public Information Report** – City Manager Bill Bell.

Bell reported on the Summer Outdoor Retailer Show in Denver, an event that is not open to the public. However, courtesy of an MEDC invitation, representatives from the city, county, Mayfly Outdoors and MEDC were able to attend. Bell said, "We met people who were interested in relocating their businesses. It's very competitive, but we think we have a lot to offer in Montrose." Bell noted a recent article in *Forbes Magazine* that highlighted an Opportunity Zone Project in three counties, one of which was Montrose. The article is generating numerous calls about Montrose County because of the tax credits offered with the Opportunity Zone Project.

City Clerk Lisa DelPiccolo reported there were two vacancies on the Planning Commission and an alcohol serving class will be held on Aug. 23. For more information DelPiccolo can be reached at 240-1422.

City Engineer Scott Murphy updated council on the street projects, "The last big project is milling and paving Niagara, from Hillcrest to Townsend. We've added five miles of bike lanes on our arterials." The Columbine School construction required significant truck traffic causing road damage. South Mesa Avenue will be repaved once school construction is complete.

### **City Council Comments**

Councilman Dough Glaspell attended the 2018 Colorado Preserve America Youth Summit, Glaspell laughed and said, "There was a lot of conversation about using hashtags...someday I've got to learn about those." Glaspell was impressed with the youth, their involvement and their input on preservation.

Councilman Dave Bowman promoted events at the golf course and the pocket park, "There's lots of stuff going on all over town."

Council was reminded that the National Police Night Out event was taking place in Oxbow Crossing/River Landing and following the council meeting, they still had time to attend.

## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### LOW INCOME SENIORS MAY QUALIFY FOR NUTRITION ASSISTANCE

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MONTROSE-Adults aged 60 and over in Montrose County may be eligible to receive a monthly nutritious food box consisting of non-perishable protein, milk, juice, cereal, canned or dried fruits and

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### FOREST SERVICE INITIATES SCOPING FOR PROPOSED LAND EXCHANGE

*Special to the Mirror*

DELTA-The Forest Service is seeking public comment on a land exchange proposal where the Crested Butte Land Trust would

contribute 613 acres of land in the Fossil Ridge area northeast of Gunnison, CO, in exchange for 120 acres of National Forest land that encompasses part of Long Lake,

north of Crested Butte. The Land Trust would also contribute a 15-acre parcel on Copley Lake, west of Crested Butte.

The Fossil Ridge parcel was owned by Butch and Judy Clark who transferred the land in 2010 to the Trust for Public Land to hold for future conveyance to the Forest Service.

The Forest Service acquired 332 acres of the original 945-acre parcel in 2013 in an exchange with Homestake Mining Company. This exchange yielded \$1.5 million to the Gunnison Valley Housing Foundation, the ultimate recipient of the Clark's land donation.

The Land Trust is coordinating with adjacent landowners and the public in planning for long-term stewardship of the Long Lake parcel. The Land Trust along with the Forest Service will be hosting visits to this parcel on August 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. An appraisal has been completed with the private lands valued at \$3,015,000 and the National Forest lands valued at \$3,000,000. The exchange will be balanced with cash as provided by the Land and Water Conservation Fund, a federal program that provides funds for the acquisition of land and water for the benefit of all Americans. Comments should be sent in the next 30 days to Forest Supervisor, GMUG NF, 2250 South Main St, Delta, CO 81416, or by email: [comments-rocky-mountain-gmug@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-rocky-mountain-gmug@fs.fed.us).

Forest Supervisor Scott Armentrout said "It is great to have an opportunity to improve access and provide benefits to the public and the Housing Authority. I appreciate the work of the Crested Butte Land Trust and the Trust for Public Land in partnering on this exchange."

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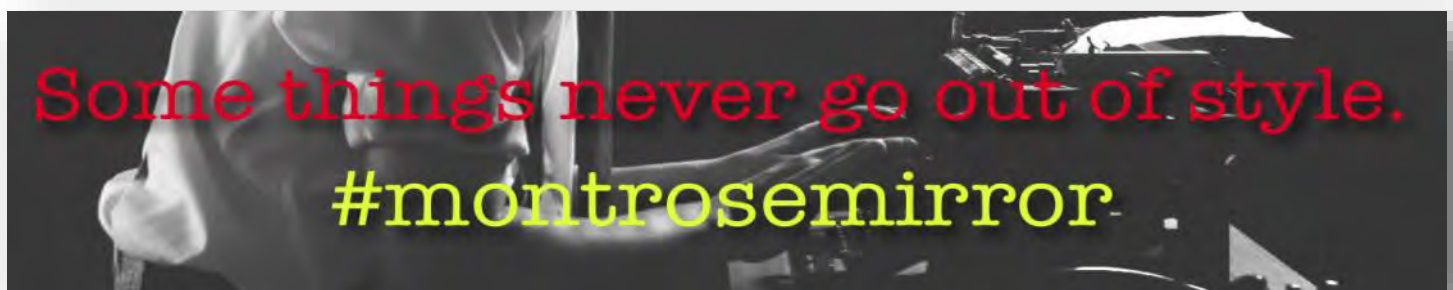
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## **CLASSIFIED / EVENT NOTICES FOR THE WEEK OF 8/13/18:**

**POPCORN AND POLITICS** - Journalist's View on Political News Thurs., August 16 at 6pm in MC-GOP Headquarters- 242 E Main. Everyone invited to hear speakers and share in discussions.

Future talks- 23 Aug- Suffragettes & the Right to Vote, 30 Aug- Fighting Fire with TABOR & Gallagher.

### **LUAU!! SATURDAY, AUGUST 18TH.**

Centennial Plaza in Montrose, 6pm - 8pm. Thank you to all Voters and an opportunity to mingle with our local and state Republican. Family fun with pulled pork and the fixens'!

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## **CLASSIFIED / PUBLIC NOTICES FOR THE WEEK OF 8/13/18:**

### **MONTROSE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL INCORPORATED NOTICE OF DIRECTOR APPLICATIONS**

The Board of Directors of Montrose Memorial Hospital, Incorporated, a Colorado community non-profit corporation, is accepting applications from residents of Montrose County, Colorado, for positions as Directors of that Colorado community non-profit corporation. Application packets are available at the Montrose Memorial Hospital Administration Office, 800 South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Montrose, Colorado, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The deadline for the return of completed applications to the same location is Friday, Aug. 24 at 5 p.m. Interviews will be conducted during the week of September 4 and elections will be held by the Board of Directors in its annual meeting to be announced.

*Casey Corrigan Reichmann Chairperson, Nominating Committee, Montrose Memorial Hospital Incorporated*



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## PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT: OWL CREEK ROAD CONSTRUCTION

*Special to the Mirror*

DELTA – Work has commenced on the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests' Owl Creek Road Improvement Project. Overall, there has been great public support and enthusiasm for the work, but recently the project contractor has begun expressing concerns over public safety due to unsafe driving in the project area. A primary priority of work for the GMUG is the safety of both the public and those who work for us. It is with this in mind that we reiterate the need for all those in the area to slow down and drive safely.

Work for the project is scheduled until winter snowfall makes the area inaccessible. This means that heavy equipment such as motor graders, dump trucks, rollers, excavators and water trucks will be operating in the area into the foreseeable future. Many of these pieces of equipment are 1.5 to 2 times the size of the average passenger vehicles and lack the ability to quick maneuver in tight spaces. With much of the project's work taking place around Owl Creek Road's narrow and blind turn areas, excessive speed and a lack of situational awareness can lead to accidental collisions that will inflict far more damage on passenger vehicles along with a high probability for serious bodily injury while causing little to no damage to the equipment.

While safety measures have been put into place by construction crews it is your responsibility to drive safely. The GMUG encourages everyone to keep their safety along with the safety of their passengers and other travelers in mind when travelling on National Forest System lands.

Thank you for your patience and understanding on this matter and always drive to arrive.

For more information on National Forest lands driving please visit: <https://www.fs.fed.us/visit/know-before-you-go/driving>

# MONTROSE REGIONAL CRIME STOPPERS ALERT

## Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers

MONTROSE-Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers, Inc. and the Montrose Police Department are seeking the help of citizens to identify and locate the suspect(s) in a recent theft case in the Wal-Mart parking lot at 16750 S. Townsend.

On July 31st, between 2:30 p.m. and 3:46 p.m., one or more suspects, believed to be driving a red pickup truck, parked next to the victim's 2017 gray Ford Pickup truck, and stole a Honda generator (Model EU2200) having a value of \$1,100 and a five gallon can of gasoline.

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.

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### BILL TO HELP EXPAND RURAL BROADBAND GOES INTO EFFECT

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DENVER—Last week, a bill that increases competition between larger and smaller broadband companies vying to expand in rural Colorado went into effect. House Bill 18-1099, sponsored by House District 58's Marc Catlin (R-Montrose), requires larger telecommunications providers, like Century Link, to match speeds and pricing with a smaller company's bid if they elect to exercise their first right of refusal.

"There are companies out there willing to extend cutting edge broadband to rural

Colorado, but they can be undercut by the larger providers who don't have to match speeds or prices – this new law ensures that won't happen," Catlin said. "Leveling the playing field gives smaller broadband providers a chance to compete and rural Colorado a chance to finally get reliable internet service."

Under current law, the Broadband Deployment Board gives incumbent telecommunications providers the right of first refusal when a smaller provider applies for grant funding to reach an underserved or

rural area within that incumbent's area.

This new law requires the Board to make that first right of refusal conditional on downstream and upstream speeds being equal to or faster than those indicated in the applicant's proposed project, and that the price of the service per area household be equal to or less than the applicant's proposed project.

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### CSU BREAKS GROUND @ NEW WESTERN COLORADO CAMPUS



*CSU is expanding its Western Colorado presence with the new CSU Western Campus. Courtesy photo.*

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ORCHARD MESA-Colorado State University (CSU) broke ground Aug. 8 on the new CSU Western Campus, located at the Orchard Mesa Research Center, 3168 B ½

Road in Grand Junction. A new facility for research, extension and engagement, the new CSU Western Campus will provide administrative oversight and intellectual leadership for CSU's Agricultural Experi-

ment Stations (AES) located in Western Colorado -- Fruita, Orchard Mesa, Rogers Mesa and Yellow Jacket.

Orchard Mesa also will house the CSU Extension Western Regional Office, the Western Slope Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, and the Colorado State Forest Service field office. Specific programs at this site will include the following:

- Orchard Mesa AES
  - The Colorado State Forest Service Grand Junction Field Office
  - Colorado State University Extension
  - Western Slope Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory
  - The CSU Regional Engagement Center
- Campus features include:
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## COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

### FIRST HUMAN CASES OF WEST NILE VIRUS REPORTED; TAKE PRECAUTIONS TO AVOID BITES

*Special to the Mirror*

DENVER — The first two human cases of West Nile virus in Colorado in 2018 have been reported in Weld and Delta counties.

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) reminds people that preventing mosquito bites is the No. 1 way to avoid getting any mosquito-borne illness.

Weekly mosquito testing for West Nile virus began statewide in June. Adult mosquitoes are trapped and tested to provide an estimate of the number that are infected. The results help pinpoint the risk to humans in the area. West Nile virus-positive mosquitoes have been found in Adams, Boulder, Larimer and Weld counties this season. Not all counties and municipalities test mosquitoes, so it's important for all Coloradans to take steps to protect themselves throughout the summer.

"When the virus is present, people are at

risk," said Jennifer House, state public health veterinarian. "Use an effective insect repellent, wear protective clothing or stay indoors when mosquitoes are active, and mosquito-proof your home."

Most human West Nile virus cases are reported in August and September.

In 2017, there were 68 human cases of West Nile virus in Colorado, including four deaths.

Most people who are infected with West Nile virus don't have symptoms. About 20 percent have flu-like symptoms, and fewer than one percent develop a serious, potentially deadly illness, such as the one reported in Weld County last week. People over age 60 and those with certain medical conditions are at greater risk of serious illness. See a health care provider if you develop severe headaches or confusion.

#### To protect yourself:

-Use insect repellents when you go outdoors. Repellents containing DEET, picar-

idin, IR3535, and some oil of lemon eucalyptus and para-menthane-diol products provide the best protection. Follow label instructions.

-Limit outdoor activities at dusk and dawn, when mosquitoes that carry West Nile virus are most active.

-Wear protective clothing (long pants, long-sleeved shirts and socks) in areas where mosquitoes are active. Spray clothes with insect repellent for extra protection.

#### -To mosquito-proof your home:

-Drain standing water around your house often. Empty water from tires, cans, flowerpots, clogged gutters, rain barrels, birdbaths, toys and puddles.

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### SAN JUAN CANCER CENTER BREAKS GROUND FOR NEW LINEAR ACCELERATOR AUG. 6



*Special to the Mirror*  
**MONTROSE**-Montrose Memorial Hospital CEO James Kiser and officials from the hospital and San Juan Cancer Center broke ground for the San Juan Cancer Center's new linear accelerator at a well-attended ceremony on Aug. 6. Listed below are talking points highlighting the importance of the acquisition:

- San Juan Cancer Center was established in 2006, made possible by a collaboration between Montrose Memorial Hospital, St. Mary's Hospital and the San Juan Radiation Oncology group. The San Juan Cancer Center is a department of Montrose Memorial Hospital;
- Linear accelerators (LINAC) customize high energy x-rays or electrons to destroy cancer cells;
- Our new LINAC, the Varian TrueBeam, will be in addition to the Varian 2100 model that will continue to serve patients at the San Juan Cancer Center for the foreseeable future;
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- This project is a \$5 million investment in the Montrose community;
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## OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

### FOR OVER 800 FAMILIES, IT IS TIME TO HEAL; WHERE IS OUR CARING COMMUNITY?

*Dear Montrose Mirror and shared communities of the Western Slope:*

It is my hope and intent to aid, assist, and start the healing process for over 800 families in our shared communities of the Western Slope.

I am sharing my story....

We, The McCarthy Clan, are victims of the horrific atrocities committed by the now defunct Sunset Mesa Funeral Home—closed and removed of their license by the State of CO, and under an open FBI investigation.

I paid to have my husband cremated, only to discover that was not what happened to my husband's body. I have discovered, in speaking with the FBI, my husband's body was dismembered and sold by the now defunct funeral home.

My four sons have had to submit DNA evidence to the FBI in order to identify my husband's David's body parts. *Yes!* You read that correctly—dismembered body parts.... plural....

The vile visuals are of B-rate horror movies, body brokering, and happening in our own small, not so quaint, town of Montrose, CO.

Additionally, we, The McCarthy Clan, submitted what we received as “cremains” to the FBI a few weeks ago to be tested. As did more than several hundred families....

Sadly, this vileness is not being spoken about, perhaps lost among the stigma and undaunting task to acknowledge death as

a part of life....? Perhaps due to the unsavory and distasteful topics of dismemberment, body brokering, and/or the ilk that profits with this type of horrific trade....? Perhaps not knowing how to even start a conversation....?

Where are the caring, compassionate communities that have previously wrapped around a young woman stabbed at the high school?

The community that spoke up about teen suicide after another young woman took her life?

Where is the open, kind, and welcoming community celebrated nationwide and state wide for enticing Veterans as Montrose, CO a place to find solace?

800+ families are in need of communities full of compassion, kindness, voices of concern and love; courageous community leaders; and more importantly, community support for the atrocities we are facing... especially as more of us learn what has occurred to our Loved Ones.... for many families, there may never be a sufficient closure.... only a gaping wound of unanswered questions. 800+ families in a small community of approximately 20K like Montrose is 4 % of the population, but the travesties extend beyond Montrose, CO into the greater shared communities of the Western Slope.

A small light of hope in this dark story.... We, The McCarthy Clan, may be able to recover my husband's body parts for a proper cremation with the aid of the FBI,

then my husband's cremains will be interred in Ft. Logan National Cemetery. There is no timeline, as the investigation into the crimes committed is still in progress.

We, The McCarthy Clan, are handling this day by day, moment to moment, with stunning grace, dignity, and strength.

I am EXTREMELY proud of my four sons for stepping up to ensure justice for their father; furthermore, EXCEEDINGLY proud of those families who have already come forward to sound the alarm and change laws within our state, as well as for all families involved.

Additional information can be found by googling Sunset Mesa Funeral Home, as Reuters News Agency in London broke this story earlier this year.

Families are still being asked and encouraged to come forward if they sought final arrangements through Sunset Mesa Funeral Home, even if cremains/ ashes have been spread or Loved Ones are buried- it does not matter. Please follow the link [sunsetmesa@fbi.gov](mailto:sunsetmesa@fbi.gov)

My intent and hope are to start a community dialogue, locate & collaborate on community resources for victims, and bring healing to our shared communities; as these tragedies and events affect everyone....

Everyone, potentially, knows someone touched by these tragedies...

*Respectfully,*  
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# ART & SOL

## PEACHES & HOMETOWN PRIDE ON THE TABLE @ 50TH PALISADE PEACH FEST



*Courtesy image Palisade Peach Festival.*

*Special to the Mirror*

PALISADE-Crisp, flavorful, fresh, and fun... yes, it's time once again for the Palisade Peach Festival! This year the iconic festival celebrates 125 years of peaches and 50 years of festivals with chef demos, vendors, children's activities, live music and

those famous Palisade Peaches Aug. 16-19.

One of Colorado's original agricultural celebrations, the 2018 Palisade Peach Festival is sponsored by American Furniture Warehouse (AFW). Expect to see AFW owner Jake Jabs crowning the festi-

val royalty and then jammin' with the band, according to Palisade Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Julianne Adams, interviewed in this week's [Peach Town News](#).

"We're honoring the hard work, dedication, pride, and tender loving care, generations of growers dedicate to producing the sweetest, juiciest, peaches, cherished across the country," Adams said.

And as food festivals go, this one's truly a peach: they have everything from pies to ice cream, preserves to salsas, peach brandy and wine to virgin peach daiquiris, not to mention bushels of just picked fresh peaches.

A history compiled by the [Palisade Chamber of Commerce](#) recalls the local peach industry's early days.

"...Palisade was one of the last areas to receive canal water. However, by the early 1900's, more than 25,000 pounds of peaches were being shipped daily from Palisade to destinations around the region. Palisade soon grew as a town and other fruit crops followed: apples, apricots and cherries, to name a few. Today, Palisade peaches are the pride of Colorado."

Visit [www.palisadepeachfest.com](http://www.palisadepeachfest.com) for more information.

## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & CULTURE

### TEXAS SINGER-SONGWRITER RETURNS TO HEALTHY RHYTHM

*Special to Art & Sol*

MONTROSE- [Healthy Rhythm Music Services](#) Presents Dallas, TX singer-songwriter "Robin Lore live at Healthy Rhythm" on Tuesday evening, Aug. 14, in The Listening Room of [Healthy Rhythm Art Gallery](#), located at historic Sampler Square (68 S. Grand Ave) in downtown Montrose, Colorado! Special guest Chris Mullen will open for Lore.

"Robin Lore is a very talented singer-songwriter who has established a name for herself all over Texas and beyond", said gallery owner/curator Ken Vail. Vail said, "Folks who attend this concert are guaranteed to experience a high quality of musicianship that Lore strives for each time she perform." "Local singer-songwriter, Chris Mullen, will open for Robin with a 25-minute set of mostly original tunes", stated Vail.

NOTE: A portion of concert proceeds will go to the family of five-year-old brain cancer survivor Emily Reiss to help with medi-

cal expenses.

ROBIN LORE

Robin Lore has been playing music since she was a toddler. Starting out as drummer, she worked her way to the front of the band, exactly where she belongs. Her voice is unique, almost haunting at times, and her lyrics are both thought-provoking and insightful. Robin was the 2008 Orange County Music Awards Best Live Female performer and winner of the Texas Solo Artist "Bridge" Award. She is a singer-songwriter who's quickly proving to the music world that she has the talent and the potential to do great things.

SPECIAL GUEST CHRIS MULLEN

Chris Mullen is a performer and songwriter from Montrose, Colorado. Over the course of a decade, he has built a portfolio of original music consisting of 4 EPs, 1 full-length album, and a few singles aside from a deep well of unrecorded material. Chris' music is built off of lyrical depth and strong vocal melodies that are both

thoughtful and accessible. His songs are rooted in who he is, and what he believes. It does not appear that he is slowing down either, with two releases in the last year and at least one planned for later in 2018.

Advance Studio General Admission and Main Gallery Reserved Seats are \$7/\$12 when purchased at the Gallery. Online purchase available at [www.healthyrhythm.net](http://www.healthyrhythm.net). Space is limited to 50 concertgoers. Advance purchase recommended. This is a ticketless show. Doors open at 7 p.m. Concert starts at 7:30 p.m. Street and rear lot parking available. Admission is \$2 more Day of Show.



*Robin Lore. Courtesy photo.*

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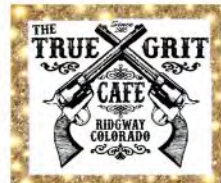
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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### KAFM RADIO ROOM PRESENTS CARY MORIN AUG. 16



Cary Morin. Courtesy photo.

#### *Special to Art & Sol*

GRAND JUNCTION-Roots-based singer and fingerstyle guitarist Cary Morin brings together the great musical traditions of America and beyond like no other artist. His lyrics range from blues to folk, and shines a light on his Native American Heritage and small town life in America. Morin will perform at the KAFM Radio Room on Aug. 16.

The son of an Air Force officer, Morin was born in Millings, Montana, and spent the bulk of his youth in Great Falls before moving to Northern Colorado. He is a Crow tribal member, and has written in

support of the efforts of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe.

Morin has produced or performed on over 20 recordings. He has toured across the US, as well as Japan, France, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Spain, Belgium, Denmark, Estonia, Norway, Ireland, Sweden, and the UK. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door and can be purchased by calling (970) 241-8801, or online at [www.kafmradio.org](http://www.kafmradio.org). The Radio Room is located at 1310 Ute Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501. Performance is at 7:30pm, and doors open to the public at 7p.m.

### ADAM BODINE TRIO TO PERFORM @ MICHAEL D. PALM THEATER AUG. 18



Adam Bodine. Courtesy photo.

#### *Special to Art & Sol*

TELLURIDE-Rounding out the 2018 Telluride Summer Jazz Series at the Michael D. Palm Theatre is the Adam Bodine Trio on Saturday, Aug. 18 at 7:30 p.m. This will be a special on-stage seating performance. Based out of Colorado, Bodine is a talented pianist and multidimensional keyboardist who joyfully excels in a variety of roles and situations. A soulful improviser, tasteful accompanist, evocative composer and arranger, prolific producer, diligent bandleader, sought after sideman and charismatic performer, Bodine embodies keen musicianship and remarkable versatility. Complemented by an expansive rotation of exceptional bassists and drummers, the Adam Bodine Trio provides an optimum framework for Adam's vibrant musical personality to shine. Tickets: \$15 student, \$20 adult, \$25 day of performance, on sale now.



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# Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes

## Time to dig up that Mushroom costume



Gary Lincoff (l) and Manny Salzman (r) (photo by Aaron Cruz Garcia).

**SHROOMFEST** ... The 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Telluride Mushroom Festival kicks off this week with workshops, walks, talks, tours, science lectures, a gourd circle, forays, keynotes, hands-on demonstrations, mushroom identifications, and legendary cook-offs. Even a wild free-for-all of a parade, where festival-goers & friends dress up like mushrooms and march, Mardi Gras-style, down Telluride's scenic main street chanting WE LOVE MUSHROOMS or NO-SOTROS AMAMOS LOS HONGOS ... Expect a local science-based gathering of hippies, hunter-gatherers and heads of corporations in attendance at a Paleolithic throw-back of a conference celebrating the fungal kingdom [sic] ... Think crossover. The latest science wrapped up in a taco of serious delight ... Full fest tickets have been sold out for weeks, but individual tickets at the door will be available for most shows. And the whole town turns into a show, with the backdrop of the San Juans hosting mycophiles, fungoholics, psychonauts and entheogeneticists ... Don't miss.

**PAUL STAMETS** ... If you've never heard of this legendary author of *Mycelium Running: How Mushrooms Can Help Save the World* or bought his *Fungi Perfecti* mycomedicinals (I take Stamets Seven every day), then you won't understand why the recent TV show *Star Trek Discovery* has an astromycologist on board named Stamets. He's a legend. A researcher, inventor, mycologist, and business entrepreneur who's

wowed audiences on TEDtalk and helped found the Telluride Mushroom Festival. He will speak in person several times at the festival this year. A double don't miss. See [www.telluridemushroomfest.org](http://www.telluridemushroomfest.org) for more info.

**MASSOSPORA SPP** ... And you thought licking toads was weird. Well, hold on to your mushroom hats, shroomers. It appears that there are at least two fungi infecting cicadas when they emerge from the soil that contain psilocybin – the tryptamine that is psychoactive in magic mushrooms ... As a recent scientific study revealed, *Massospora platypediae* and *M. levispora* infect various kinds of cicada, some of which have been known as "salt shakers of death" But as well as spreading surcease, they appear also to offer ecstatic release ... The fungus turns cicada hind ends into spores that drop a powder like ground spice as they emerge from their hibernation and begin their made rush to reproduce. When males inject their infected genital parts into females, they spread the infection – producing, it would appear, psilocybin salt... Never underestimate how utterly alien indigenous fungi can be.

**AMAZING SHAKESPEARE** ... I didn't expect much. A goddaughter was appearing in an UpstART's production of *The Winter's Tale*



Dancers in the UpstART production of *The Winter's Tale* (photo by Art Goodtimes).

– *No Holds Bard: Shakespeare As He Intended It* in Ouray's Wright Opera House (elegant in all but the audience interior at this point – they're fundraising), I'd heard there was a minimum of rehearsal and a lot of improv. It sounded like a haphazard show. But I was wrong. Wrong. Wrong! ... It was one of the best community theater Shakespeare productions I'd ever seen. I was busting a gut laughing. And so were the others in the audience ... John and Kate Kissingford are theater veterans who've settled in Ouray and formed an amazing company that promises "theater that moves." And it was the truth. With a cast of very talented actors and a kind of direction unlike anything I've ever seen, Shakespeare came alive ... Okay, I've been to Ashland. I've seen professional Shakespeare. And the acting wasn't completely up to this level (though damn close, I have to say). But it was the Kissingfords' interpretation of how Shakespeare plays appeared in his own day that made it so entertaining. As they say on their UpstART website, "Through close examination of his original, unedited texts, and exploration of the original performance conditions of Shakespeare's company, No Holds Bard performs Shakespeare as you've never seen it before: the way Shakespeare's

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## Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes

own actors did it. We perform in general light, with minimal sets, with great, fast-paced, energetic acting and lots of audience interaction. Our shows are extremely physical, totally accessible, often wild community events: more like a great championship sports game than a fusty theater production. Shakespeare's audiences didn't have to be English Ph.D.'s to have a great time at his plays. They were popular entertainments; the Globe was the multiplex of his day" ... So they had the prompter, stage left at a table, and she was a comic marvel in her own right. The actors carried "roles" – little script cheat sheets they could turn to find their prompts. But if they missed them, the prompter shouted them out, and made for a raucous, interactive energy that brought its own laughs ... Improvisation lines abounded, some in character and some directly to the audience. This was "playing to the groundlings" as was done at the Globe in Elizabethan times, with the

*hoi polloi* standing in the pit for a penny and the gentry in tiered seats rising up above the stage ... But it's also true that every character used gestures with their lines that made the action understandable. Serious lines came across clear. The play's conceit worked even with all the chaos. Shakespeare's richly evocative language worked as well. Like at Ashland, I understood the meaning of every scene, and the words became a mirror image of the gestures. Very impressive for community theater ... I can't praise this show or its company enough, or I'd go on for pages. Suffice to say, UpstART is putting on Wilder's *Our Town* Nov. 8-11 at the Wright Opera House in Ouray. I can tell you now I'm going. I wouldn't miss any production they put on from here on in. Count me a dedicated UpstART fan ... Check their website: [www.UpstARTmoves.org](http://www.UpstARTmoves.org) ... Highly highly recommended!

**DROUGHT** ... All my water sources have run out. After two months of hauling, I'm on emergency watering management at Cloud Acre. I have a thousand gallons or so of storage on my property, but who knows how long that will last? ... My poor spuds!

**Q** ... There's a video circulating on the internet called "The Plan to Save the World." Offering only assertions and no factual evidence, it posits a Deep State of criminals running most of our American institutions -- politics, Hollywood, media, the ag sector. And it holds up Trump as our savior ... It promotes an elite vanguard of Q supporters who will take over the "criminals" (like Obama and Mueller, etc.) and arrest them. Put them all in jail (or worse) ... The folks espousing this mad conspiracy theory are called Q. Be vigilant. Watch for them. They appear to be advocating for the overthrow of our American system.

## THE TALKING GOURD

### Hiroshima Day

It was on Aug. 6, 1945, seventy-three years ago, that the United States dropped an atomic bomb on the city of Hiroshima, Japan. Three days later, another on Nagasaki. We must never let it happen again. Let us work for complete nuclear disarmament throughout the world.

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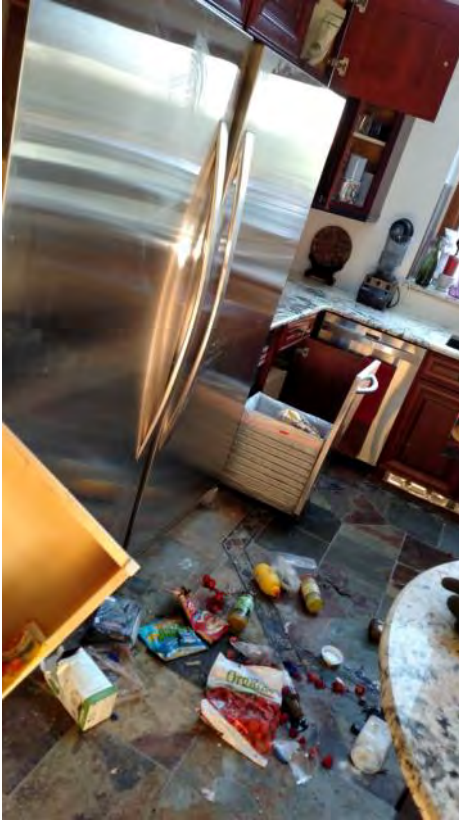


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## COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

### CPW: BEARPROOFING YOUR HOME HELPS PROTECT COLORADO'S BEARS



**Properly bearproofing homes and cars not only prevents property damage, but keeps you, your neighbors and Colorado's bears safer. Courtesy photo.**

#### Special to Art & Sol

DENVER—As if bears weren't already known for their insatiable hunger, the end of summer triggers an instinctual need to pack on the pounds to prepare for the months of hibernation ahead. Colorado Parks and Wildlife reminds everyone that this quest for calories, called hyperphagia, will send bears on an urgent search for food making it especially important to bearproof your homes and cars when in bear country.

During this 'feeding frenzy,' bears will try to eat up to 20,000 calories a day to build up their fat reserves ahead of winter, often searching for food up to 20 hours a day. Hyperphagia also triggers changes to a bear's preferred food sources, shifting from their summer diet of insects, leaves, and flowers of broad-leafed plants to a higher fat and carbohydrate diet of fruits and nuts. It also means hungry bears will

be actively seeking out the types of meals found in your trash can and around your home.

"Bearproofing your property - including both homes and cars - becomes even more important this time of year," said Jerrie McKee, district wildlife manager with CPW. "It only takes one person to disregard common-sense precautions for a bear to get into their trash or their home. That one careless person increases the chances that the bear will move on to a neighbor's home, car or trash can. We want everyone to understand why it's so important to take the steps to keep your property, your neighborhood, and ultimately our bear population safer." Wildfires across the state this year may lead to more bears seeking food outside of their usual habitat, but CPW stresses that humans should not try to "help" bears by leaving food out or not hazing animals away. The agency urges residents and visitors to continue taking special care to secure trash, pet food, birdseed and other easy sources of calories for bears.

"Wildlife, including bears, are very resilient during times of habitat stress," said McKee. "In most cases, animals affected by wildfires or other stressors do not require human intervention to find food. If you have concerns about a bear or other animal, call your local CPW office, but don't take matters into your own hands - there is never a good reason for people to feed wildlife."

Properly bearproofing your home may mean taking several of the recommended steps below:

#### Keep Bears Out

Close and lock all bear-accessible windows and doors when you leave the house, and at night before you go to bed.

Install sturdy grates or bars on windows if you must leave them open.

Keep car doors and windows closed and locked if you park outside. Make sure there's nothing with an odor in your vehicle, including candy, gum, air fresheners, trash, lotions and lip balms.

Close and lock garage doors and windows at night and when you're not home; gar-

age doors should be down if you are home but not outside.

Install extra-sturdy doors if you have a freezer, refrigerator, pet food, bird seed, or other attractants stored in your garage. Remove any tree limbs that might provide access to upper level decks and windows. Replace exterior lever-style door handles with good quality round door knobs that bears can't pull or push open.

#### Get Rid of Attractants

Don't leave trash out overnight unless it's in a bear-proof enclosure or container. Be sure to research all local ordinances and regulations if vacationing.

Don't store food of any kind in an unlocked garage, flimsy shed or on or under your deck.

Don't leave anything with an odor outside, near open windows or in your vehicle, even if you're home. That includes scented candles, air fresheners, lip balms and lotions.

Only feed birds when bears are hibernating. If you want to feed birds when bears are active, bring in seed or liquid feeders at night or when you leave home.

#### Teach Bears They're Not Welcome

If a bear comes close to your home, scare it away. Loud noises like a firm yell, clapping your hands, banging on pots and pans or blowing an air horn sends most bears running.

Use electric fencing, unwelcome mats and scent deterrents like ammonia to teach bears that your property is not bear-friendly.

If a bear enters your home, open doors and windows and ensure it can leave the same way it got in. Don't approach the bear or block escape routes.

Never approach a bear. If a bear won't leave, call your local CPW office. If a bear presents an immediate threat to human safety, call 911.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife has several resources available that can help you find the right methods for protecting your home and property while bears are most active.

For additional information, see our [Living with Bears page](#) or visit [cpw.state.co.us](http://cpw.state.co.us).

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*From top left, cairn art at the middle fork of the Cimarron; a pika at the middle fork; a waterfall at the middle fork; Precipice Peak seen through haze.*



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## Weehawken Summer and Fall Programs



**WRITING RIDGWAY: PLACE WRITING WITH  
TESSA CHEEK IN RIDGWAY**

*August 5*



**THE GLEEKERS YOUTH MUSICAL  
AND DANCE THEATER CAMP IN RIDGWAY**

*August 6-10*



**YOGINI CIRCUS CAMP IN RIDGWAY**

*August 6-10*



**MOUNTAIN SKYWALKERS STILT DANCING  
IN RIDGWAY**

*August 6-10*



**WRITE LIKE CRAZY WITH ROSEMERRY  
WAHTOLA TROMMER IN MONTROSE**

*August 10*



**RIDGWAY RENDEZVOUS ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL**

*August 11 & 12*



**FALL DANCE SESSION BEGINS IN MONTROSE, RIDGWAY  
AND OURAY**

*September 4*



**THE BEST OF SHAKESPEARE HOMESCHOOL  
THEATER WORKSHOP IN MONTROSE**

*September 13-October 26 on Thursdays*



**CREATIVE NATURE AND LANDSCAPE  
PHOTOGRAPHY: CONCEPT, CAPTURE, PROCESS  
WITH MICHAEL E GORDON**

*September 22 & 23*



**SNEFFELS FIBER ARTS FESTIVAL IN RIDGWAY**

*September 29 & 30*



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# 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

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. 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. 14**-- [Healthy Rhythm Music Services](#) Presents Dallas, TX singer-songwriter "Robin Lore live at Healthy Rhythm" on Tuesday evening, Aug. 14, in The Listening Room of [Healthy Rhythm Art Gallery](#), located at historic Sampler Square (68 S. Grand Ave) in downtown Montrose. Advance Studio General Admission and Main Gallery Reserved Seats are \$7/\$12 when purchased at the Gallery. Online purchase available at [www.healthyrhythm.net](http://www.healthyrhythm.net). Space is limited to 50 concertgoers. Advance purchase recommended. This is a ticketless show. Doors open at 7 p.m. Concert starts at 7:30 p.m. Street and rear lot parking available. Admission is \$2 more Day of Show.

**Aug. 16**-Montrose Community Blood, sponsored by Express Employment Professional, Uncompahgre Plaza (14 South Uncompahgre) in Montrose, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Have lunch, win prizes, help your community!**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](http://www.ocpag.org) or at the door.

**Aug. 17**-Ridgway State Park-7:30p.m. “Aquatic Nuisance Species” by Travis Beam, Colorado Parks and Wildlife. Learn more about these threats to Colorado’s water supplies.

**Aug. 18**-Ridgway State Park, 8:30 a.m. Huck Finn fishing” Pa-Cho-Chu-Puk ponds. Gear and bait provided.

**Aug. 18**-7:30 p.m. – 35<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.ocpag.org) or at the door.

**Aug. 18**-Ridgway State Park, 7:30p.m. “*The Light and Magic of Hummingbirds*” presentation by Sheryl Radovich, long-time naturalist and important contributor to the park.

**Aug. 19**-3 p.m. – Salon Concert, San Juan Chamber MusicFest – Private home in Montrose. Tickets \$65. Information at [www.ocpag.org](http://www.ocpag.org).

**Aug. 19**-9:30 a.m.Ridgway State Park-“Reading with Virginia,” meet at the Dutch Charlie camper services building. This week’s theme is “Fox”!

**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.

**Aug. 21**-5 p.m. – Salon Concert, San Juan Chamber MusicFest – Private home in Ridgway. Tickets \$95. Information at [www.ocpag.org](http://www.ocpag.org).

**Aug. 24**--7:30 p.m. Ridgway State Park, “Geology of Ridgway State Park and Dam” by geologist, Jon Mitchell.

**Aug. 25**-9:30a.m. Ridgway State Park Nature Detectives “*Native American crafts and food*”. Make cordage from yucca leaves, and string a necklace with “ghost beads,” plus some games!

**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. 1**-Ridgway State Park, 9 a.m. “**Hunger Games**” Archery. Ages 8 and up. We will have gear and volunteers on hand plus smaller equipment for those under 8!!

**Sept. 1** -7:30 p.m. Ridgway State Park-A celebration of “**Fall Migration**” The history of bird banding at Ridgway State Park, entities involved and pictures of volunteers and birds! By park naturalist and bird banding volunteers!

**Sept. 2**-Ridgway State Park, 7:30p.m. “*Advocates for Wilderness*” Robyn Cascade will talk about the “Great Old Broads (and Bros) For Wilderness” and the work they do across the country protect wilderness areas.

**Sept. 6**-Join us for a fascinating presentation on Georgian wine, on Sept. 6 at Colteris 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. 6** -7 p.m. Ridgway State Park, “Hawks and Owls” live demonstration with a Golden Eagle, Great-horned owl, and Harris Hawk by Natures Educators. Meet at the overlook!

**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.

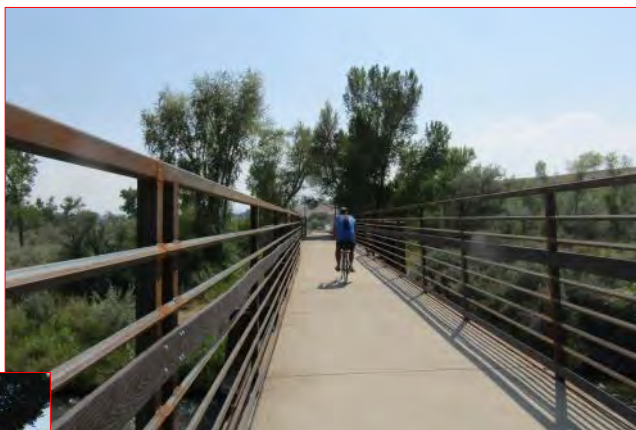
**Sept. 8** -7:30a.m. – 12p.m. Ridgway State Park “Public Bird Banding,” bridge at Dallas Creek and Uncompahgre confluence. Visit with volunteers and the bird bander plus see some birds get measured, weighed, and banded.

**Sept. 8**-Ridgway State Park, 7 p.m. “Archeology of the Southwest” by Glade Hadden, popular archeologist and speaker.

**Sept. 15-16**-Tribute to Aviation at Montrose Regional Airport, 9am to 4pm.

## RIDING THE RIVER...

*At right, a bicyclist crosses the Uncompahgre River on the pedestrian bridge.*



*Above left and right, Locals continue to find relief from the summer heat in and along the Uncompahgre River. Mirror staff photos.*

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