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P. 93.53.48 St. Luke's Hospital

Anna Fender's St. Luke's Hospital, shown above, was located at South Second and Cascade Ave.

Photo courtesy Montrose County Historical Society.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE- The Spanish flu was just one of many major world events that took place a century ago. World War I was also making headlines in 1918, Montrose County Historical Museum Director Sally Johnson said, with a very active local chapter of Red Cross Women in Montrose supporting the war effort. Scarcity was a way of life at the time; because of the war, hoarding flour was a crime punishable by a \$5,000 fine. "And there was no sugar for the fair cakes," Johnson said.

Montrose was also a dry town, with prohibition in place since 1910, so unlike flour and sugar, speakeasies were plentiful, and "there were lots of stills," Johnson said. Model T's were popular, but Dodge was on the

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CITY RECONSIDERS ALCOHOL SETBACKS FOR SCHOOLS, FILES ACKNOWLEDGES ENGLISH GARDENS 4 PLAT CHANGE

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-Montrose City Council Work Sessions are working lunch meetings held in Council Chambers from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. on the Monday preceding the regular Tuesday evening council meeting. Work sessions are open to the public; however, citizen comment is not taken. During these meetings council takes no official action that requires a vote, but they often give staff direction.

Introduction of New City Employees

Derrick Archuleta - Parks and Special Projects Division Worker
Natalie Hunter - Parks and Special Projects Division Worker



Six new city employees were introduced to Montrose City Council during the Aug. 20 work session. Back row (L to R) Utilities Division Worker Corbin Gerhardt; Utilities Division Worker Todd Good; Parks & Special Projects Division Worker Natalie Hunter. Front row (L to R) Parks & Special Projects Division Worker Derrick Archuleta; IT Technical Support Specialist David Gilmore; Records Clerk Mark Tofflemoyer. Photo by Gail Marvel.

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ANSWERING THE CALL: MPD DETECTIVE PHIL ROSTY

Detective Phil Rosty



HIRED 09-24-2007

MPD Detective Phil Rosty. Courtesy photo.

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-Montrose Police Department (MPD) Detective Phil Rosty, who was born and raised in Casper, Wyoming, found it easy to fall in love with the Western Slope. Rosty attended college in Grand Junction where he pursued a teaching degree; however, while student teaching and working with youth he had occasion to be around law enforcement and was drawn to a change in careers.

Rosty put himself through the Police Academy in Grand Junction and was hired by MPD before he graduated. Rosty said, "Academics at the academy were easier than at college, but the biggest challenge for me was trying to grasp the weight of the duties. When you're a 23-year-old kid you lack experience and it takes a maturity that's not naturally there."

Rosty has now been with MPD for 11

years.

In specialized training Rosty is a Detective in Digital Forensic Investigations, a member of the Colorado Electronic Crime Task Force, and on the Colorado Investigative Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force. On occasion he works for the Secret Service on an as-needed basis.

Major cases take a significant amount of work. Rosty said, "People, victims and

circumstances are depending on you to solve the problem and close the case. You have to rise to the occasion. Solving cases takes creative initiative to do right by the victim and it can be very challenging at times." Victims are foremost in Rosty's mind, "Life circumstances don't always make a conclusion that solves the crime. It isn't always easy to get resolution and closure for folks."

Considering the most enjoyable aspect of his job Rosty said, "I know it sounds like a cliché, but I get to do different things. New challenges. Digital forensics change and it's exciting to be at the forefront and see how we are going to be able to respond to a new piece of technology." For Rosty the least enjoyable part of his job is society's view of some of those in law enforcement. He said, "Law enforcement is held to a high standard, but if one cop

makes a mistake then all are called rotten apples. It's hard not to respond and to take the high road."

Describing a personality trait that helps in his work Rosty said, "The ability to not hold a grudge and carry a chip on my shoulder. I don't take the weight of my work home and it helps keep me engaged. A fresh slate every day has served me well. There's not a lot that brings me down and affects my home life. I rarely feel worn out where I can't give my full attention to the next case."

It has been some time since Rosty used CPR, but there have been a handful of times that he has kept people alive. In one incident a juvenile went off of a bridge and Rosty went into the creek to keep him safe. He said, "The thing about having a cop story is that you really need to be there to appreciate it. It's never quite as dramatic or funny when you retell it. Some of it is unbelievable, you can't make this stuff up, but you need to have been there."

As for aspirations Rosty said, "I'm in a weird spot. I want to expand my forensic knowledge and I want to increase my education, but I don't tend to promote because I'm really happy where I'm at." When he is off-duty Rosty likes to travel, play video games, and ice fish. However, a six-month-old son has now been inserted into the equation.

In a message to the community Rosty said, "Just a thank you. By and large the support we have in Montrose is above the national average. It's easy to work for you when you support us and we support you."



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CAUSE OF DEATH PENDING IN MONTROSE COUNTY JAIL DEATH

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MONTROSE—In the early morning hours of Thursday, Aug. 23, 2018, an inmate was found unresponsive in a cell at the Montrose County Jail. Multiple resuscitation efforts were initiated by staff. EMS responded to the scene and transported the inmate to the Montrose Memorial Hospital Emergency Department where he was pronounced dead. The decedent has been identified as Paulino Perez Martinez, 44, recently of Montrose.

The death is being investigated by the 7th Judicial District Critical Incident Team and the Montrose Coroner's Office of Medical Investigation. An autopsy and multiple diagnostic procedures are in progress and although there is no evidence of foul play or trauma; the cause and manner of death are pending the results of those procedures.

LIGHTING COMPLETE ON US 550 RED MOUNTAIN PASS SNOW SHED TUNNEL

Special to the Mirror

SOUTHWEST COLORADO — The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and contractor Main Electric announce the completion of the US Highway (US) 550 lighting improvement project on the snow shed tunnel, between Silverton and Ouray approximately eight miles north of the Red Mountain Pass summit. The \$675,000 project start-

ed 3 months ago, at the beginning of May 2018, and was completed on schedule. **WORK COMPLETED:**

Crews removed the existing lighting and electrical circuit, replaced 198 interior lights, replaced all the associated electrical wiring with new electrical system, installed 11 contactors and a new program logic controller (PLC). The PLC operates by a

photocell and will allow different light settings for daytime and nighttime.

The old out-of-date lighting system was updated with new LED, energy efficient lighting. The updated lighting will use less power, while allowing more light, for the traveling public to have better visibility during the day and night while driving through the tunnel.



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'EXPECT CUSTOMER SERVICE'-RYAN BERTORELLO OF MONTROSE HOME & LAND COMPANY



Ryan Bertorello of Montrose Home & Land Company has renewed his real estate license to bring a deeper level of customer service to Montrose Home & Land Company clients..

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-With a strong record of achievement in sales and proven marketing expertise, Ryan Bertorello joined his father Gary in the family business, Montrose Home & Land Company, earlier this year.

Now, Ryan has renewed his own real estate license to bring a deeper level of customer service to Montrose Home & Land Company clients. He first earned his real estate license in 2005, shortly after finishing his military service, but ended up moving into corporate sales and mar-

keting instead.

As a digital marketing expert, Ryan created entire marketing programs for major companies, using state-of-the-art tools like 360 video and virtual reality to build revenues and success.

He eventually started his own marketing firm in Colorado Springs and continues to work with a select group of clients.

Why return to real estate?

"I am in a different place in life," Ryan said.

"I want to focus on sales, and with my marketing knowledge it feels natural to go back into higher-end sales. Three quarters of the job is marketing property; you have to market your property to the buyer, and that's where selling comes in. You have to know what you are talking about, and you have to back it up."

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"I enjoy dealing with buyers," Ryan said. "Shopping for anything of value, you expect customer service."

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The office phone is 970-964-4050. Find them online at <http://montroshomes.net>.

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way here, thanks to Hartman Brothers. There were also several local theaters, including the America, the Empress, and Dreamland.

Still, 1918 was also the year not only of the Great War, but of the great Flu—the so-called Spanish Flu. That year, there were 3,909 people living in Montrose, 29 new high school graduates, and 920 reported cases of the Spanish Flu, Johnson said.

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Spanish Flu was first identified in U.S. military personnel in the spring of 1918, and quickly exploded into a global pandemic.

And that pandemic came in waves, notes the introduction to a [collection of documents](#) in the National Archives. “The plague emerged in two phases. In late spring of 1918, the first phase, known as the ‘three-day fever,’ appeared without warning. Few deaths were reported. Victims recovered after a few days. When the disease surfaced again that fall, it was far more severe.”

“It is estimated that about 500 million people or one-third of the world’s population became infected with this virus.

The number of deaths was estimated to be at least 50 million worldwide with about 675,000 occurring in the United States,” the [CDC website](#) notes.

Rural Colorado communities were not immune. In a [meticulously researched](#)



Montrose appears to be bustling with activity in this Montrose County Historical Society photo, taken in 1920, just two years after the end of the war and the flu pandemic. Courtesy photo.

[article](#), writer Jennifer Leithauser notes that, “in Silverton they lost nine percent of their population in three weeks.”

Here in Montrose, the community was not spared. “At one time there were 10 deaths a day,” Sally Johnson said.

“We had six funerals a day during the height of the epidemic,” she said. “They

would shut down the town, and everybody would stop what they were doing and pay their respects.”

Johnson noted that Anna Fender, founder of Montrose’s St. Luke’s Hospital, gave up her own bed to a victim of the flu; sadly, the very first local casualty of the disease was Fender’s own husband.



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Resident Glenda Cowles attended the city council work session on Aug. 20 to hear the discussion on the proposed lease of the Brown Center to Tuxedo Corn Company, LLC for seasonal h2a temporary agriculture employees. The Tuxedo Corn Company will sublease the Brown Center to Montrose Lighthouse Ministries during the winter months where the facility would then serve as an emergency homeless shelter. Cowles was one of those who volunteered to serve hot meals for the needy at the Methodist Church; however, that program has since changed. She said, "I still help with meals, but I've cut back to one day a week." Photo by Gail Marvel.

David Gilmore – IT Technical Support Specialist

Todd Good – Utilities Division Worker

Corbin Gerhardt – Utilities Division Worker

Mark Tofflemoyer – Records Clerk

Discussion Items

Assignment of Private Activity Bond

(PAB) Bonding Authority – Director of Innovation and Citizen Engagement Virgil Turner.

For the first time City of Montrose reached the population of just over 19,000 and is entitled to the IRS per capita bonding authority for housing, also known as PAB Volume Capacity, or CAP. The allocation is \$1 M in bonds and the IRS offers tax incentives to those who buy bonds. Turner said, "The city does not have any specific projects in the pipeline for this year."

Turner gave council options to meet the Sept. 15 deadline and recommended the city assign its 2018 private activity bonding allocation to Colorado Housing and Finance Authority (CHFA), which could be used for a future Montrose project.

Alcohol Setbacks for Schools – City Attorney Stephen Alcorn.

Background: During call-to-the-public at the July 17 city council meeting resident Allen Frigetto spoke to council about his plans to open Froggy's Taco Shop at the Towne Centre. Frigetto wants to apply for a liquor license; however, his business will be located 487 feet from Montrose High School and current code calls for liquor license holders to be 500 feet from schools. Frigetto said, "It would be a beer license and we wouldn't start serving until after 5 p.m." City Attorney Stephen Alcorn recommended putting the item on a work session agenda where council could discuss whether they want to bring the issue forward.

To open the discussion Alcorn looked at history and the actions of previous councils. Alcorn said, "Council has the authority to change the setbacks. You have a lot of different options here. This is completely up to you guys." Councilwoman Barbara Bynum said, "I believe in the interests of economic development. We are limiting where restaurants can go. In general, you look at the big picture. Look at the economic perspective."

Mayor Roy Anderson said, "Are we protecting our children by having this?" Alcorn said, "There are no statistics to show it is protecting children." Anderson said, "I don't see a down side to this."

Police Chief Tom Chinn said, "I don't know if moving the setbacks will contribute to delinquency any more than it already does." After getting feedback from the council Alcorn will draft an ordinance which will go before council in a public hearing.

If council changes setback requirements, Frigetto can apply for a liquor license and a public hearing would be set. It is during the liquor license hearing that proprietors explain their understanding of Colorado liquor laws and council may approve or deny a license.

Draft Public Safety Sales Tax Committee

Resolution – Assistant City Attorney Andrew Boyko. Boyko presented council with a draft resolution which would establish a Public Safety Citizen Advisory Committee for the purpose of evaluating, assessing and recommending funding initiatives for the Montrose Police Department (MPD).

Boyko identified three components:

- 1) Is a public safety sales tax warranted?
- 2) What should the rate increase be? City staff felt \$0.55 on a \$100 purchase would be an adequate suggestion.
- 3) Spatial demands on the PD. What specifically does PD need for a facility now and in future.

Councilwoman Bynum said, "We need to be careful of asking them to pursue a sales tax. Let the committee have the opportunity to flesh out whether it is a sales tax, or a property tax. Allow the committee to get to the solution by weighing all possible solutions. I think the committee should come up with the \$0.55, not the city. We're looking for them to form an opinion." The draft resolution called for a seven-member board selected from different demographics — education, Hispanic, business, public safety and at-large (three seats). Bynum said, "I think it should be more than seven people. A diverse group of at least 12, with no more than 18 members."

Applicants for the committee would go

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through a background check and be required to live, or work, in the city. Members of the committee would not be allowed to communicate individually with councilmembers. Boyko said, "I hope to avoid council having ex parte conversations with committee members." Alcorn said, "People are passionate about issues. We don't want council members to be accosted in the produce section of the grocery store."

The outcome of the committee process would be a written recommendation for council which could lead to a campaign. Boyko was directed to revise the draft resolution and bring it back to a work session.

Riverbottom Restroom Construction Expense Authorization – Public Works Manager Jim Scheid.

The total budget amount for the 2018 restroom project was \$550,000. In May 2018 council approved the project costs for phase I and II at \$398,939.75. However, once it was discovered that the restroom site is in a floodplain, the RFP required five specific changes for an additional cost of \$99,496.23.

A breakdown of increased costs:

Floodplain Elevation \$43,940
Structural Design of Foundation \$12,931
Masonry Quality and Type \$17,565
Remote Drinking Fountain \$7,304
General Conditions \$17,756.23.

Councilwoman Barbara Bynum questioned the funding for the \$7,304 Remote Drinking Fountain, a drinking fountain combined with a dog watering station. The fountain was not in the original plan and Bynum preferred funding be taken from the contingency fund (\$17,000) rather than budgeted funding.

Referring to the stand-alone fountain Mayor Roy Anderson said, "Will this freeze in the winter?" Scheid said, "That's a good question. I don't know." Discussion seemed to indicate a freeze-less dog watering station was not an option.

City Manager Bill Bell said, "It's important to remember we are still under budget, not way under, but a little under."

Lease Agreement with Tuxedo Corn - Director of Innovation and Citizen Engagement Virgil Turner.

Turner gave the council the history of the Brown Center (located near the animal shelter), the current housing needs for seasonal h2a temporary agriculture employees, and the need for an emergency homeless shelter. The draft proposal calls for a three-year lease of the Brown Center (\$1 a month) to Tuxedo Corn Company, LLC, who represents 20 producers in the valley. Tuxedo Corn Company would in turn sublease the facility during the winter off-season to Lighthouse Ministries for the purpose of an emergency homeless shelter. Councilwoman Judy Ann Files said, "We don't want to develop a compound out there." Lighthouse Ministries volunteer Chris Hauck told council that trailers and campers would not be allowed on the premises. Hauck said, "Personal medications with their names on them and personal items [hygiene] can go with them in the sleeping area." Other personal property, such as backpacks, would be stored in a separate facility.

The Brown Center can accommodate 24 beds and would be available for both men and women. The city considers the Brown Center to be a temporary solution to the homeless situation. Hauck said, "This will give us some breathing room as the com-

munity looks for a long-term solution."

General City Council Discussion

Bynum discusses the new Wayfinding signs, "Some of them are redundant. When we put up the new ones we need to take down the old ones." Files said, "People are putting stickers on the backs and fronts of signs." Staffer Turner said, "I think it adds [community] character when stickers are on the back of the signs."

Files spoke about the upcoming Tribute to Aviation, "It will be September 15-16. The B-52 is the largest plane they've ever had land here." Because of the wing span, some airport lighting and signs will have to be taken down when the B-52 lands and then again when it takes off.

Files complimented Grace Community Church on the 400 volunteers who opted not to hold Sunday worship services and instead turned out to do city clean-up in Cerise Park and around town.

Files was contacted about the English Gardens Four plat which was changed during the June 4 council meeting. Files said, "The HOA's weren't notified. There was something about the way the plats were being recorded. Developer Matt Miles will be making improvements on Niagara quicker than expected." Files complimented all the invested parties for working together on the issue and finding resolution. In order to accommodate Labor Day, the next work session will be held Tuesday, Sept. 4, at 11 a.m. The regular city council meeting will follow at 6 p.m.

Staff Comments

City Engineer Scott Murphy reported that Cerro Summit Reservoir is empty, "All went well and we probably saved \$60,000."



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GMUG REDUCES BULL DRAW FIRE CLOSURES

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DELTA-On Sunday, Aug. 26 the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests reduced the closure area around the Bull Draw Fire. The remote blaze, burning 12 miles northwest of Nucla, has reached approximately 30,280 acres and is burning on both the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Forest Service lands. Public access to the following area of the Uncompahgre National Forest's Plateau Division will be limited:

The area bordered on the north by National Forest System Road (NFSR) 407, on the west and southwest by National Forest boundary, on the south and southeast by NFSR 600 (Windy Point Junction) and on east by NFSR 402 (Divide Road). The public is asked to adhere to these closures and pay close attention to all road signage. A closure map has been attached for your convenience. The remaining closures are being enacted in the interest of public health and safety. The public's patience

and understanding is greatly appreciated on this matter. For questions concerning these emergency closures please contact the Grand Valley Ranger District at 970-242-8211. All emergency closures on Uncompahgre BLM lands related to the Bull Draw Fire have been lifted. Early season hunters in Unit 61 who may be impacted by the Bull Draw Fire closures are asked to direct their questions to the Colorado Parks & Wildlife Montrose Office at 970-252-6000



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CDOT: ROADWAY RESURFACED AND RUMBLE STRIPS INSTALLED ON US 550 & CO 62

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SOUTHWEST COLORADO — The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and Elam Construction have completed road work at three separate locations in southwest Colorado.

The \$661,000 project included chip seal operations, installation of rumble strips and new final lane striping. The work started on May 30.

PROJECT WORK COMPLETED:

US Highway 550 (MP 37.3 – 44.5), just north of Durango, from La Plata County Road 250 (north junction) to Electra Lake Road. This section of highway received a chip seal surface treatment, new lane striping and new lane configuration. Residents of, and visitors to, the Rockwood Subdivision now have enhanced safety with a new southbound passing lane and a new southbound left-turn lane into the subdivision.

US Highway 550 (MP 81.0 – 117.4), from Red Mountain Pass to Colona (Ouray-Montrose County line). This stretch of highway received a new centerline rumble strip and new lane striping. Rumble strips are a roadway safety feature. Grooves are cut into the pavement which cause a vibration and rumbling sound to alert drivers



CDOT courtesy photo.

ers that their vehicle has crossed the centerline.

CO Highway 62 (MP 9.0 – 16.0), about seven miles west of Ridgway along the Dallas Divide. This stretch of CO 62 received a new centerline rumble strip and

new lane striping. Rumble strips are a roadway safety feature.

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EMERGENCY FISH SALVAGE AT GROUNDHOG RESERVOIR

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DURANGO – Colorado Parks and Wildlife is implementing an emergency fish salvage starting immediately at Groundhog Reservoir because the lake is being drained to accommodate repairs to the outlet structure of the dam. The reservoir is located in Dolores County .

The salvage removes all bag and possession limits for the reservoir. Anglers can catch and keep all of the fish they catch. They must have a valid 2018 Colorado fishing license, and fishing can be done only by traditional means using standard fishing equipment. Catchable size rainbow trout have been stocked in the reservoir this year.

The salvage order does not apply to any part of Groundhog Creek or Nash Creek above or below the reservoir.

The reservoir is only about one-quarter full, so anglers will experience muddy conditions getting to the water. The boat ramp is also out of the water and cannot be used.

The emergency salvage continues through April 1, 2019. When the reservoir has adequate water Colorado Parks and Wildlife will stock the reservoir again with trout.

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CRIME STOPPERS ALERT *Aug. 24, 2018*

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 robbery case.

On Friday, Aug. 17th, 2018, at 11:17 p.m. at the Wal-Mart Store at 16750 S. Townsend, a male with a stubble beard and black hair, concealed merchandise in his backpack, retreated into the store when confronted by the Greeter, and then attempted to exit the store again. When confronted by the Greeter the second time, the Robber wielded a fixed blade knife and fled with the merchandise, driving off in an older model blue sedan. A photo of the vehicle is available.

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CDOT ANNOUNCES CHAIN STATIONS IMPROVED

Special to the Mirror

REGIONAL-The Colorado Department of Transportation and contractor, Interface Communications Co., announced today the start of an important highway safety improvement project to upgrade chain-up and chain-down stations across south-west and south-central Colorado. Site locations are located on three highway corridors, US Highways 550, 160 and 50. The project kicked off Aug. 22, with work starting at the chain station on: US 550 at mile point (MP) 95, just north of Ouray. Meanwhile, work will begin at all other locations after Labor Day: US 550 at MP 70, upgraded chain station at the entrance to the town of Silverton; US 160 at MP 176, upgraded chain station on the east side of Wolf Creek Pass and ten miles west of South Fork; US 50 at MP 209, upgraded chain station on the east side of Monarch Pass, ten miles west of Poncha Springs; US 50 at MP 190, new chain station on the west side of Monarch Pass, near Sargents. All existing stations will be resurfaced with new asphalt. The Monarch Pass west location, which is currently only a gravel facility, will receive an asphalt surface. All locations will receive installation of new guardrails, and light poles will be replaced with dual-lamp street lights and improved light fixtures. A permanent digital message advisory sign will be installed at the Ouray location.

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\$7K WATER FOUNTAIN ADDED TO \$550K PARK RESTROOM PROJECT

Bowman reminds drivers to be safe, Bynum Speaks Out for Feminine Hygiene Drive

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-Regular City Council meetings are held in Council Chambers at 6 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. Meetings are videotaped and can be watched live-stream, or by going to the city website.

For the Aug. 21 meeting the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Colorado House Representative District 58 Marc Catlin. **Call for Public Comment for Non-Agenda Items** – Citizens are given three minutes to address council on items of concern that do not appear on the agenda. During this time neither council nor staff are expected to respond or engage in discussion. There were no public comments.

Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Board Appointments.

Council considered three applicants for two open seats on the DDA Board. Using a paper ballot, council selected Brenton Martinez for the term that expires June 30, 2021 and Michelle Klippert for the term that expires on June 30, 2019. Approved Unanimously.

New Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License Application – City Attorney Stephen Alcorn.

A hearing was held for a liquor license for a new restaurant establishment. Rio Bravo, located at 1544 Oxbow Drive, Suite 198, is the former site of the Pitchfork Restaurant. For applicants Yolanda and Juan Curiel, sister and brother, Rio Bravo will be their second family-owned Mexican food restaurant. Their other establishment is located in Paonia.

Juan said, "We serve great, fresh Mexican food. We don't use canned, except for tomato juice." With the approval of the liquor license Rio Bravo expects to open the end of August. Approved Unanimously.

Ordinance 2455 (first reading) – Senior Planner Garry Baker.

This ordinance disconnects a property (1680 Chipeta Road) from the city of Montrose. Baker said, "This is southeast of Chipeta Road and west of Oak Grove Road." The property was originally an-



(L to R) Yolanda Curiel and Juan Curiel, sister and brother, received approval from city council for a liquor license for their restaurant Rio Bravo, which is located at 1544 Oxbow Drive, Suite 198. According to Juan the family-run restaurant is expected to open by the end of August. Photo by Gail Marvel.

nexed in 1983. Baker said, "No one really knows why it was annexed this way. The city does not have any property that is contiguous with this property. The city has no plans to annex in this area." Approved Unanimously.

Riverbottom Restroom Project Expense Authorization – Public Works Manager Jim Scheid.

The total budget amount for the 2018 Riverbottom Restroom project was \$550,000. In May 2018 council approved the project costs for phase I and II at \$398,939.75. However, once it was discovered that the restroom site is in a floodplain, the RFP had five specific changes for an additional cost of \$99,496.23.

A breakdown of increased costs:

Floodplain Elevation \$43,940
Structural Design of Foundation \$12,931
Masonry Quality and Type \$17,565
Remote Drinking Fountain \$7,304
General Conditions \$17,756.23.

Councilwoman Barbara Bynum, as she previously stated during the work session, preferred funding for the stand-alone drinking fountain and dog watering station come from the contingency fund, rather than budgeted funds. The drinking fountain, which will cost \$7,304, was not part

of the original plan. Bynum said, "I think it should come out of contingency...just as a rule of thumb. Not out of the budget."

Fellow councilmembers did not weigh in on Bynum's suggestion. Approved Unanimously.

Staff Reports

Lifestyle Enhancement Survey Report – Finance and Special Projects Intern Marcus Catlin.

Catlin gave a PowerPoint presentation on the results of the survey, which ran for two weeks. The city sent out 6,500 paper surveys and 1,000 online surveys, as well as in-person surveys that the three summer interns took at Corks Fine Wines and Spirits and FuncFest.

In his overview Catlin compared the 2018 survey to the survey done in 2009. While the data is preliminary, the city will release a more comprehensive analysis when it becomes available.

Sales, Use and Excise Tax Report – Finance Director Shani Wittenberg.

Wittenberg said, "I'm happy to say that all of June's numbers are up." Council discussed sales tax revenue from online vendors such as Amazon, Wal-Mart and Home Depot, who do submit sales tax to the city. Wittenberg said, "Some of our vendors are

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collecting city sales tax, but they are not submitting it to the city. We're contacting them."

January - June 2018 the Total Collected Sales & Use Tax YTD - \$8,357,216; Montrose Rec Dist. (0.3%) YTD \$841,628; and Retail Enhancement Program YTD \$166,194.

Second Quarter Budget Review - Finance Director Shani Wittenberg.

Wittenberg's written report states, "The main operating fund of the city is the General Fund. With 50% of the year complete, 50.7% of revenues have been collected and 47.7% of the budget has been expended. Through June of 2018, retail sales tax collections are up 7.6% over 2017 collections through June. The City's sales and use tax rate is 3% and has not been increased for city purposes since the late 1980's."

Public Information Report – City Manager Bill Bell.

Bell complimented Marcus Catlin on his internship. The city staff has completed four full days going over the budget line-by-line with department heads. Bell said, "The budget process is going really well."

Bell updated council on the assistant city manager search, "We have a conditional offer pending a background check. I appreciate all the candidates. We will release that information to the media at the end of the week."

City Engineer Scott Murphy gave a brief update on street projects.

Councilwoman Files ask about the Citizen's Budget Committee. The committee participation has dwindled and Bell said, "Some people didn't find the city budget very fascinating. We really haven't had a meeting in quite a while. There's not much interest."

City Council Comments

Councilwoman Bynum held up a box of tampons and package sanitary napkins as

a visual aid to promote the Women of Distinction's Dignity Drive. The drive, which is slated to run through Sept. 6, collects famine hygiene products for less fortunate women in the community.

As 2017 Women of Distinction alumni, Councilwomen Bynum and Files and city staffer Chelsea Rosty support the Dignity Drive.

Bynum said, "It's hard for some women in our community to have access to products at affordable prices." Mayor Anderson said, "And men can support them too." Famine hygiene products can be dropped off at various locations, including Montrose City Hall.

Files complimented Grace Community Church for the 400 volunteers who helped clean up areas in the community.

Councilman Dave Bowman reminded residents that school is starting and drivers should be alert, "Use caution around our schools and keep our kids safe."



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GRAND JUNCTION EXPRESS EMPLOYMENT PROFESSIONALS OFFICE MOVING TO NEW LOCATION ON PITKIN AVENUE

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GRAND JUNCTION-After twelve years of serving Western Colorado from the 1st & North Terraces plaza, on corner of First Street and North Avenue, the Grand Junction Express Employment Professionals office is moving to 725 Pitkin Avenue.

The new location will be open for business September 4, 2018. According to Nina Anderson, owner of the Grand Junction office, Express made this change to offer improved service to the Grand Valley and surrounding areas.

"We're very excited to invest in this property. The new downtown location has great visibility on Pitkin, and will be an excellent location to continue serving businesses in Grand Junction and the surrounding area with our full line of staffing services," Anderson said. "This area has a dynamic workforce and growing economy, which creates a need for both staffing services and workers."

The Grand Junction Express Employment Professionals franchise began operation in 2007 and serves business communities throughout Western Colorado with temporary help and direct hire employees in a variety of fields, including administrative, professional, commercial, industrial and more. The Grand Junction office is accepting applications.

Anderson's passionate commitment to her community, clients and associates has called her to serve on a diverse number of community boards and get involved in

a wide range of causes that have made a significant impact in Western Colorado.

Over the last 12 years, Nina has been active in the Grand Junction Area Chamber of Commerce, served on the advisory board for the Mesa County Workforce Center, been an active member of Club 20, served in the Western Colorado Human Resources Association, volunteered

HR counsel to Habitat for Humanity of Mesa County, and much more.

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MONTROSE WELCOMES NEW ASST. CITY MANAGER ANN MORGENTHALER SEPT. 10

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MONTROSE – The City of Montrose welcomes Ann Morgenthaler as assistant city manager. Morgenthaler joins the city from the Town of Telluride where she has served as the Building and Planning Director. Morgenthaler was born, raised, and educated in Colorado. A resident of Ouray, Morgenthaler once served in the City of Ouray administration before joining the Town of Telluride. In Telluride, Morgenthaler was tasked with overseeing development activities while contributing to the community's efforts to increase affordable housing, preserve historic structures, and promote vitality in the commercial core of town. "It has been a privilege to serve the Town of Telluride, and I hope that my experience working with an engaged and dynamic constituency will serve the Montrose community well, too," Morgenthaler said.

Morgenthaler completed her undergraduate studies at Colorado College and obtained a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Colorado at Denver.

"As a resident of Ouray for the past seven years, Montrose has been like home to me and I have enjoyed amazing Montrose amenities such as the shops, restaurants, recreation opportunities, and community events," she said. "Montrose is vibrant and welcoming and I jumped at the opportunity to be a part of the city organization and the community.

"The city organization is a leader in the region - and state - and through the interview process I learned a lot about the way the city collaborates with businesses and nonprofit partners, which made me even more excited to join the city team," Morgenthaler said. "It is an honor to be selected to serve Montrose as the Assistant City Manager and I look forward to learning from and contributing to the community in my new role."

Morgenthaler starts work in Montrose on Sept. 10.



Ann Morgenthaler.
Courtesy photo.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

GMUG TO BEGIN HIRING FOR 2019 FIELD SEASON

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DELTA-The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests along with the rest of the Forest Service's Rocky Mountain Region will soon begin advertising over 900 seasonal positions for the 2019 field season.

More than 100 temporary positions (not to exceed 6 months) will be available on the GMUG, offering work in a variety of public land management fields including: forestry, fire, recreation, engineering, wildlife, range, archaeology and visitor information.

Interested individuals can apply for temporary jobs during these time frames: September 14 – October 12, 2018:

Wildland fire jobs and early season temporary jobs.

September 14 – September 28, 2018: Recreation, fisheries, forestry, engineering, and other jobs.

Job seekers must apply through USAJOBS at www.usajobs.gov. Temporary job opportunities are searchable online at www.fs.usda.gov/detail/r2/jobs. Prospective applicants can also visit the GMUG Employment Website (<http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/jobs>) for potential openings along with guides for applying to Forest Service jobs.

Applicants must apply to the specific vacancy announcement that will be posted on USAJOBS. Interested individuals

should apply to all the positions and duty locations where they are interested.

The Forest Service's Rocky Mountain Region Temp Hiring Team will be hosting virtual job fairs every Wednesday from August 22 – October 10, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. MDT, to provide information regarding available jobs; the application process; and answer questions:

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CREATIVE CORRIDOR PROGRAMS IN RIDGWAY, PAONIA WORK FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH

Ridgway Hosts First Fridays, Paonia Promotes Art & Ag Tour



Courtesy image Paonia Creative District.



By Caitlin Switzer

REGIONAL—Colorado's Creative District program was created in 2012 to help establish economic vitality, promote the specific identity of each participating community, and enhance those communities as attractive places to live, work and visit.

Now, the State of Colorado has announced the Colorado Creative Corridor, including Carbondale, Paonia, Crested Butte, Ridgway and Salida. For the West Central communities of Ridgway and Paonia, the Creative Corridor represents the latest effort to bring new opportunities and visitors to the region in support of local artists and creative businesses.

RIDGWAY UPDATE

In Ridgway, Community Initiatives Facilitator Diedre Silbert expressed hope that the Creative Corridor concept will help to build "shoulder seasons."

"Ridgway is buzzing in the summer," Silbert said. "Fall is pretty busy. What we really need is a boost in spring and winter."

Among the latest strategies that Ridgway is using to leverage momentum are First Fridays, held in July, August and September. The next one will be Sept. 7; and unlike the popular Moon Walk events which highlighted creatives, the First Friday events are open to all businesses that choose to participate.

"At *The North Fork regional Art & Ag Tour, free to the public, is Sept. 1. Courtesy photo.*

the last one, we had 30 businesses open from 5 to 9 p.m.," Silbert said. "There's been music, specials, and the restaurants have been incredibly full. I think it's fun for the businesses to do it all at the same time—people get out, and they walk the sidewalks."

The effort to support and build Ridgway's creative sector has paid off, Silbert said. "The Ridgway Creative Advocacy Team is taking the role of advocating for creatives seriously, and the group has been shifting and growing."

A meet and greet event for creatives in May helped to bring more people in, and bring the community together, she noted.

The ongoing Space to Create Initiative, a state-driven effort to provide affordable housing for creative sector workers, has also been a focus in Ridgway. Space to Create is an effort spearheaded by the Colorado Office of Economic Development's Colorado Creative Industries, the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA), the Boettcher Foundation, Artspace (a non-profit "real estate developer for the arts") and History Colorado.

"A lot of behind the scenes work has to go on," Silbert said. "There will be a meeting in early October with the community—it is exciting to see it move for-

ward."

Ridgway is concurrently working on its master planning process, she said, with a public event, "Where is Ridgway Going for the Future," planned for Sept. 27, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Ridgway 4H Event Center. Community members are encouraged to respond to a survey as well, <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RidgwayMPSurvey>.

Today, Ridgway's thriving business community includes three new art galleries on Clinton Street, and some of the region's most delicious restaurants and exciting recreational businesses. So the vision of what constitutes a "creative" has expanded as well. Because for any business, "To survive here, you've got to be creative," Silbert said.

PAONIA UPDATE

The creative district formerly designated as the North Fork Valley Creative District is now concentrated in Paonia; "We're the Paonia Creative District now," [North Fork Valley Creative Coalition](#) President Susie Kaldis said. "We are working to build awareness, build our economy, and stay resilient and relevant through the shifts." The growth of the creative sector in the North Fork is among those shifts, as traditional coal mining jobs grow scarce.

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CREATIVE CORRIDOR PROGRAMS IN RIDGWAY, PAONIA WORK FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH *From previous pg*

For the North Fork Valley Creative Coalition, founded eight years ago, the big news right now is the upcoming regional Art & Ag Tour on Sept. 1. There are 44 locations this year, representing a tasteful blend of art, agriculture, and local wineries. This is a chance to tour serious artistic destinations such as the Land's End Sculpture Center, sample delicious locally produced foods like artisan cheeses, learn bouquet making at Zephyros Farm & Garden, and even experience a lavender distilling operation.

"We are super excited about the tour," Kaldis said, noting that tickets are still available for the [annual benefit dinner](#), a four-course meal prepared by local chefs.

And like Ridgway, Paonia is part of the Colorado Space to Create program. There will be an arts market survey online Sept. 27-Nov. 7, Kaldis said.

"What we hope to find out is how many live-work units are feasible for our town," she said, "what people are looking for in terms of amenities, and whether they would be willing to relocate to Paonia."

Ultimately, the number of positive responses will help to inform the building process. "If 90 people say yes, they will build 30 units," Kaldis said.

"We are hoping that a few hundred people will take the survey," she said.

At right, courtesy image Ouray Creative District.



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CDOT and Responsibility.org are seeking young adults, ages 21 to 34 years old, to receive the limited supply of free breathalyzers. Those interested can apply at breathalyzer.codot.gov.

"We're doing everything in our power to make personal breathalyzers accessible to Coloradans," said CDOT Communications Manager Sam Cole. "We're grateful for the contribution by Responsibility.org to get even more of these devices into the hands of young adults. Breathalyzers help eliminate the guesswork and clearly inform people how long they need to wait until they are back to zero."

This free breathalyzer program is funded by Responsibility.org, which brings more than 25 years of leadership in the fight against drunk driving and underage drinking. CDOT, Responsibility.org and BACtrack aim to increase awareness that breathalyzers should be used in any drinking setting. The goal is to normalize the act of checking your blood alcohol content (BAC) before deciding to drive. Each year in Colorado, more than 20,000 people are arrested for DUI. Smartphone breathalyzers are a tool to help drinkers make better decisions, but CDOT and Responsibility.org recommend always having a safe ride planned before you start drinking. To learn more, visit HeatIsOnColorado.com.



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Area Description

\$2,200,000 | MLS# 741894
Bedrooms: 0 | Bathrooms: 0
188.54 acres



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Area Description

\$249,990 | MLS# 748662
Bedrooms: 3 | Bathrooms: 2.00
1,461 sq. ft. on 0.22 acres



68392 Tyler Lane
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Area Description

\$1,850,000 | MLS# 749051
Bedrooms: 3 | Bathrooms: 5.00
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3348 Ivory Court
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Area Description

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Bedrooms: 4 | Bathrooms: 4.00
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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

JAMES H. CATLIN SENTENCED BY JUDGE STEVEN L. SCHULTZ IN DELTA FOR VEHICULAR HOMICIDE, VEHICULAR ASSAULT

Special to the Mirror

DELTA—On Aug. 20, 2018, in Delta District Court, Judge Steven L. Schultz sentenced James H. Catlin to 12 years in the Department of Corrections. Defendant Catlin pleaded guilty to two felony counts pursuant to a plea agreement. Judge Schultz imposed the following sentences:

COUNT 1 Vehicular Homicide – DUI (C.R.S. 18-3-106(1)(b)(I), a class 3 felony, 12 years in the Colorado Department of Corrections with an additional 5 years parole. COUNT 3 Vehicular Assault – DUI (C.R.S. 18-3-205(1)(b), a class 4 felony, 2 years in the

Colorado Department of Corrections with an additional 3 years parole.

These sentences are to run concurrently. Judge Schulz indicated at the sentencing

that the most important factors in this case were that there were multiple victims and that the Defendant chose to drink and drive without considering the consequences of his actions.

On February 6, 2017, a vehicle driven by Defendant Catlin collided head-on with a car driven by Gladys “Josie” Varela on Highway 50 in North Delta. Josie Varela died as a result of injuries sustained in the collision. She was 19 years old and died just 3 days short of her 20th birthday. Her father, Victor Varela, was a passenger and suffered serious bodily injury.

Defendant Catlin is a resident of the state of Massachusetts. He had to be extricated from the vehicle he was driving and taken to St. Mary’s Hospital, where he remained in a coma for a time. Blood

drawn from James H. Catlin three hours after the crash revealed a blood alcohol content of 0.26 g/100mL, more than three times the legal limit in Colorado. In addition, the test revealed the presence of 1.0 ng/mL of marijuana. Law enforcement found beer, tequila, whiskey and marijuana in the vehicle Catlin was driving.

After Mr. Catlin was released from the hospital he returned to Delta and turned himself in to the Delta County Sheriff’s Office on or about April 5, 2018. He posted a bond of \$60,000.00 on April 6, 2017, and was free on bond until August 20, 2018, when he was sentenced to prison and remanded into custody.

Josie’s mother, Michelle Martinez, and father, Victor Varela, spoke at the sentencing hearing along with other family and friends of the victim and some first responders who were present on August 20, 2018. Several officers from the Delta Police Department provided letters to the Court requesting the maximum sentence be imposed. Mr. Catlin also wrote a letter to the family of the victim Josie Varela.

This Office works diligently to represent the People of the State of Colorado and to support our victims through the judicial process. This is a case where the criminal process was extremely difficult and traumatic for Josie’s family. Driving Under the Influence of alcohol and drugs continues to kill and cause mayhem on our highways. We will continue to vigorously prosecute these criminal cases and the drivers who “choose to drink and drive without considering the consequences of [their] actions.”

This Office strongly and respectfully extends their appreciation to the efforts of our partners in law enforcement, including the Delta Police Department and the Colorado State Patrol, and the other first responders on the scene of this crash. Specifically, Delta Police Officer JR Reece, Detective Sergeant Jeremy Gay, and Commander Jesse Cox.



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ART & SOL

MORE THAN 50 RACERS COMPETE @ DRONES IN THE DESERT EVENT

Special to Art & Sol

GRAND JUNCTION-Last year Grand Junction hosted the First Annual Drones in the Desert - giving hundreds of curious viewers a taste of the fun, excitement, and technology of this new sport. The race drew 25 of the region's top racers who matched skills and mastered the challenge of racing in dirt and sand.

Drones in the Desert this year will be held Sept. 1-2 at 3320 Whitewater Hill and the spotlight is getting a lot brighter - Drones in the Desert has been designated a MultiGP Regional Qualifier.

"Last year's race was so successful that it was an easy decision to make it a Multi GP Regional Qualifier," said Matt Roper, president of The Other Guys FPV. This means that all qualified racers use the same course to hone their skills to get ready for MultiGP Champion races. More than 50 racers are expected to participate, with 48 racers qualified for MultiGP ranking.

"This course is specific and consistent, making it more challenging and at a higher level of skills and challenges." At the same time, Roper added, any pilot of any skill level will find Drones in the Desert the perfect race to improve and learn from others. "Our racers are a family, we help each other in ways that many other sports don't see."

Lee Simcox, president of the Modeleers, said, "I can understand why this year's race is earning MultiGP recognition. We heard from the racers last year how our field is great for events like these. We were so impressed how The Other Guys FPV ran it, and they know the sport very well."

MultiGP is a global drone racing league that governs and manages a radio-controlled drone racing, with more than 22,000 members and 60 chapters worldwide.

The event is once again free to the public and audience participation will be more interactive with racers on hand to allow the viewing public the FPV experience. District 51 school children will be given free wristbands to visit the Tech Tent, a new feature that allows close-up viewing of the racers and their equipment.

Cash prizes totaling \$600 will be awarded: \$300 for first, \$200 for second, and \$100 for third place winners. Registration fee is \$30, the deadline is Aug. 18. Schedules, rules, registration and more can be found at gjmodeleers.com. Registration is open to drone racers who hold current



Courtesy photo by Andy Marjama.

membership to the Academy of Model Aeronautics. In addition, a \$600 mountain bike donated by Brown Cycles will be given to one lucky racer.

The race is being tri-sponsored by The Other Guys FPV, the Grand Junction Modeleers, and The Gatekeepers, Grand Junction's premier racing club. A video of last year's race can be viewed at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q-mZcBL9k_E. The Grand Junction Modeleers has been in existence for 60 years and has more than 80 members. The Other Guys FPV has more than 400 members. Both clubs are members of the AMA, which is also sanctioning the race.

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & CULTURE

RADIO ROOM PRESENTS CLASSIC FILM SERIES

Special to Art & Sol

GRAND JUNCTION-The KAFM88.1 Radio Room welcomes the Classic Film Series on the first Tuesday of each month, beginning Sept. 4. Come join us and view the last movie filmed on the MGM Backlot. "That's Entertainment" (1974) is a compilation film, showcasing scenes from MGM musicals from the 1920's-1950's. Featuring some of the eras biggest stars: Frank Sinatra, Gene Kelly, Fred Astaire, Bing Crosby and Debbie Reynolds, MGM celebrated their 50th Anniversary and produced what would be among the last movies on their recently sold studio backlot. These legendary stars introduce sequen-

ces from dozens of MGM films encouraging viewers to remember favorite performances or to seek out never before seen films. To view the upcoming schedule go to kafmradio.org. We will show a classic cinematic treasure in our Radio Room the First Tuesday of every month at 1310 Ute Avenue starting at 7 pm. Tickets are just \$5.

All the movies are kid friendly, so this is a great family outing or date night for all ages. There will be popcorn, drinks, and candy available.

The Radio Room film series is held in the KAFM Radio Room, located at 1310 Ute Avenue, Grand Junction, CO. The Radio



Room is a live music venue in an intimate environment, with only 75 seats and great acoustics.

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & CULTURE

TELLURIDE FILM FESTIVAL SET FOR SEPT. 1-4

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TELLURIDE-Taking over Telluride for Labor Day weekend, the prestigious Telluride Film Festival is four days of movie magic, a celebration of film, community and creativity. The festival notoriously keeps its film schedule a secret, but year after year, films make their debut at the festival and go on to future success. For more information, visit www.telluridefilmfestival.com.

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

MEET DANA WILSON: NEW RANGER IN TOWN



Ouray District Ranger Dana Wilson. Courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests welcome the arrival of Dana Wilson as the new Ouray District Ranger. Ranger Wilson assumed leadership of the district on Aug. 20. She replaces former Ranger Tammy Randall-Parker who departed in May to assume Forest Supervisor duties for the Inyo National Forest.

"I'm excited for the opportunity to serve as the Ouray District Ranger" said Wilson "This is a special place and I'm looking forward to working with the staff, our partners and local communities to provide a variety of opportunities for the public to enjoy their National Forests."

Preceding her arrival on the Ouray Ranger District, Dana served as the Associate District Manager for the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Southwest District, also located in Montrose. She has held a variety of positions with the BLM including as a Planning and Environmental Coordinator for the Eugene District in Oregon, a Legislative and Public Affairs Specialist for BLM's Office of Communications in Washington, D.C. and the Lead Public Affairs Officer for BLM's California State Office. Dana holds a Bachelor of Science in Environment and Natural Resources from the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities and a Master of Public Policy, with an emphasis in Environmental Policy, from American University in Washington, D.C. During her spare time she stays active with outdoor pursuits such as hiking, fly fishing and cross-country skiing with her fiancée Eric and their chocolate lab mix Kelso.

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & CULTURE

MUSEUM OF THE MOUNTAIN WEST ANNOUNCES CONCERT

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE – The Museum of the Mountain West is excited to bring “Time Travels Through The American West” concert to the Western Slope on Saturday, Sept. 15, 2018. The concert features performances by Celtic singer/songwriter Christina Lynn Martin and Cowboy Poet/Balladeer Butch Martin with highlights from the critically acclaimed documentary concert “Romancing the West”® spanning more than 240 years of history of the American West.

Limited seating is available for show times at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. The concert will take place in the Museum of the

Mountain West’s 1913 German Lutheran Church building, 68169 E. Miami Road, Montrose, Colorado. Tickets are \$15 each and available at the Museum (cash, check, credit card) as well as at the downtown Visitor Center (cash and check only), 107 S. Cascade Avenue.

Don’t miss out on this opportunity to be a part of “A celebration of hope, faith and woven histories of the people of the Great West.”

Visit romancingthewest.org for more information or call 970-240-3400.

Step back in time into the real history of the “Old West” and Western Colorado with a visit to the Museum of the Moun-



Singer/songwriter Christina Lynn Martin

tain West located in Montrose, Colorado. For additional details, visit www.museumofthemountainwest.org or call 970-240-3400.

LEARN HISTORY OF SAN JUANS @ SHERBINO AUG. 31



Presenter Pete Davis will lead a lecture at the Sherbino Aug. 31. Courtesy photo.

Special to Art & Sol

RIDGWAY-On Aug. 31, Sherbino Theater's lecture series "Sherb Talks" presents "The History of Climbing in the San Juans," with presenter Pete Davis. "Colorado's largest, most rugged and most remote mountain range has long beckoned to mountain climbers who seek to challenge themselves and know it's beauty and secrets more intimately," says Davis.

The history of climbing in the San Juan's spans more than 150 years and includes the likes of explorers, miners, cowboys and more recently, some of the greatest climbers the modern world has ever known. This talk will take an in-depth look at some of these fascinating and legend-

ary characters, their accomplishments and their made-for-Hollywood stories of adventure and mis-adventure among the peaks, frozen waterfalls and cliffs of Ridgway's backyard.

Ridgway resident Pete Davis is an archaeologist as well as an accomplished climber, and has been a collaborator with Sam Rushing and Bill MacTiernan in the Ouray County Historical Society exhibit of the same topic.

"The History of Climbing in the San Juans" will be presented on Friday, Aug. 31, with doors and bar at 7 pm and the talk at 7:30 pm. Entry is by suggested donation of \$10. For more information, visit sherbino.org or call 970-318-0150.

'YOU KNEW ME WHEN' TO PERFORM AT MUSIC ON THE GREEN

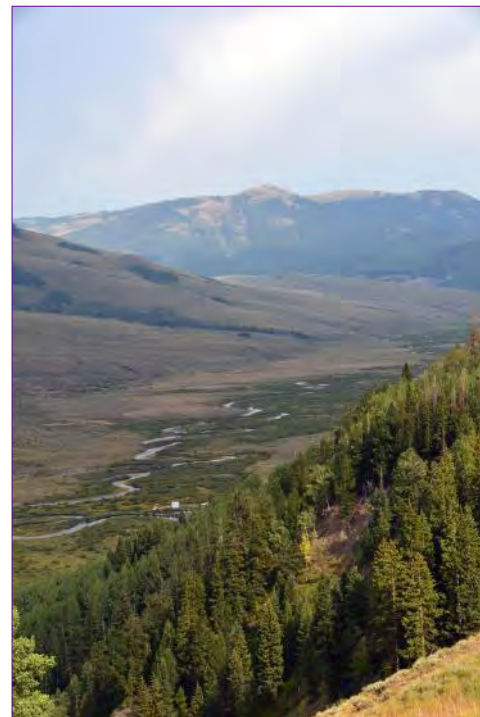
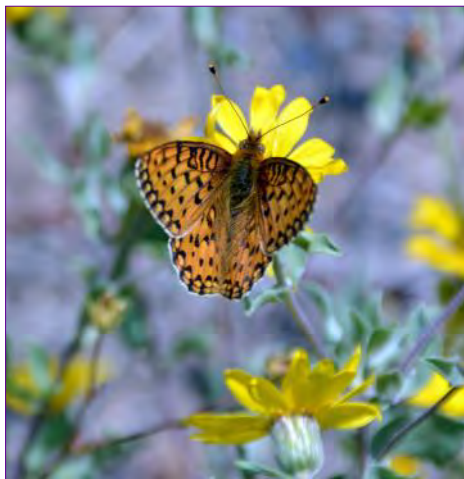
Special to Art & Sol

TELLURIDE-It's been over six years since the husband and wife indie folk-rock duo known as You Knew Me When uprooted from their Nashville home and full-time jobs in 2012. The duo had initially planned

to tour the nation for a full year... however, they never stopped. Since that time they have been serving up their craft brewed compositions, a term coined from their 200 craft brewery performances coast to coast throughout the USA and

into Canada. Now based in Ouray, Colorado, the duo will be sharing music from their latest album "Into the Looking Glass" and will perform at Music on the Green (Reflection Plaza, Mountain Village, CO) on Friday, Aug. 31 at 5 pm. No Cover.

READER PHOTO SPOTLIGHT...DEB REIMANN!



Crested Butte photos: Clockwise from top left: butterfly on a yellow aster; a gentian; the Slate River; Red Mountain; tall blacktip ragwort.



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COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & EDUCATION

YOU KNEW ME WHEN'S KARISA HOOVER TAPPED TO TEACH MUSIC @ OURAY SCHOOL



Cie and Karisa in Ouray. Courtesy photo.

Special to Art & Sol

OURAY— Beginning with the 2018 school year Ouray School will have a new music teacher, Karisa Hoover of the nationally touring folk-rock duo You Knew Me When. Karisa will be the K-12 music and choral teacher where she will once again spread

her love and knowledge of music with young minds. In conjunction with Karisa's new role, You Knew Me When will continue to perform regionally during the school year, with more extensive touring during holidays and summers. Having taught for six years in Nashville Public Schools prior to touring nationally for the past six years with You Knew Me When, Karisa Hoover is looking forward to getting back in the classroom.

"While we made the move to Ouray because of our love of the mountains and community, the happenstance of the school searching for a new music teacher seemed all too serendipitous," said Karisa Hoover. "Over the past few months Cie and I have been working out the details and making plans for this shift from our six

plus years on the road. Perhaps the biggest selling point for this change is the school administration's tremendous support of You Knew Me When. Not only do they view my role in You Knew Me When as an asset, but they have been amazing at ensuring my role as a teacher will only enhance what You Knew Me When is able to do musically. This change will help ensure more balance in our lives, and I am so excited to share my joy and passion for music with the students of Ouray."

During the school year You Knew Me When will continue to perform regionally, while also writing new material for their fourth album. Come summertime, the duo plan to tour more extensively nationwide. View all upcoming shows at www.youknewmewhen.com/tour.

EXPLORE INDONESIA WITH BLACK CANYON AUDUBON SOCIETY!



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MONTROSE—Explore Indonesia with Gun-nison-based adventure traveler and avid photographer Arden Anderson!

Anderson explored National Parks and other wild areas and will focus on the highlights in an enjoyable presentation hosted by the Black Canyon Audubon Society on Thursday, Sept. 6th at 7 PM. Please join us at the Montrose Rec Field House, 25 Colorado Ave. Admission is free.



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Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes

Changes in a Time of Drought

OVERWHELM ... It's funny the rhythms that we slip into over the course of our lives. Living in the mountains we get used to systems tied to the climate. Here in the unpredictable San Juans, that means lots of variations. We can count on snow (almost every year) and we can count on hot weather, so the two major seasons are covered: winter and summer. Still, as high up as we are on the continental smash-up, the former seems to drag on much longer than the latter (although powder hounds believe the more snow the better) ... The shoulder seasons, fall and spring, get smushed around a bit. We can count on the color changes of autumn, especially the aspen, cottonwoods and oakbrush displays, and spring's mud season. But those periods seem to come and go with the storms. Sometimes over several months. Sometimes in between short re-runs of winter or summer ... After four decades here, I find myself shaped to the cycles of the place. I spend lots of time inside in the winter, outside in the summer. The other two are toss-ups, but these lovely elder days of living alone I tend towards outside. My garden is my church, and I love to serve the flock ... Plus, retirement gives me more time than ever for outside projects ... That might be a career of work's greatest gift in this country of ours, where hard work as an adult gets our elderly (like me – newly 73) rewarded with a regular paycheck ... Which is quite the roundabout way to reflect on this super-sized chaos I find myself stumbling over inside every shed and building at Cloud Acre at the end of this summer, my home included ... As my son asked one day as I sat at the kitchen table

we shared, "Don't you have three desks in this house?" And he was right. I did. But they were so overrun, piled-up-upon, and variously obstructed with all manner of unprocessed arrivals that I was forced to run my computer in the kitchen. He's off to college again, so I'll continue working at my kitchen desk (#4) ... It points up the problem at the end of summer for me. I've spent most of my time outside. The inside is a warren of piles where a wobbly oldster like me (it hurts in places I didn't know I had) never has to worry about falling -- as the stacked boxes, clothes bins, and summer's miscellany leave nowhere to fall ... Maybe not so much problem as echo of the landscape where I live. Stuff accumulates, particularly in summer. Fall will (please, please) rain and blow, and we'll prepare for winter. Let's hope that that old pattern will reappear to make us great.

CANNAPHOBIA ... Pot has been around a long time. And so has the slang we use to name it. Our state has chosen to make the legal term for this plant the crypto-racist Hispanic slang, "marijuana." We can go high tone and scientifically correct by calling it "cannabis." Or we can go back to its Sanskrit roots with "ganja." In referencing David Crystal's *The Cambridge Encyclopedia of the English Language* recently, it was surprising to find a slang South African term for cannabis dating back to 1670s – "dagga." That cannabis use pre-dates the founding of the Republic you would think might temper the "demon weed" mentality of some of our fellow Americans. But in this time of Trump, when Fox News, it would appear, has a

lock on the truth *de jour*, facts are suspect. Science clearly untrustworthy

DEAF IGNITIONS ... Definitions fire us up because we've been deaf to their meaning, until finally we make acquaintance with a word. W-O-R-D. Reading it or hearing it. Then, dictionary confirmed, we get it. Grok each linguistically-determined construct of ordered glyphs, visually cued, that -- as a unit -- call forth a neural-activated image linked to our mental predictive expectations ... McRedeye sez, Worship the crocus. Discover the calf's tongue. Break invisible jars.

WEEKLY QUOTA ... "Roman Catholicism's original mistake, epitomized in the fourth-century teachings of St. Augustine, was to set itself against the sexual longing of human beings, as if the sexual pairing of Adam and Eve defined "the Fall." The theological vilification of sexuality as the locus of sin ("Original Sin") sanctified the denigration of women, sponsored male control of female reproduction, glorified virginity, sparked a problematic ambivalence about homosexuality (officially condemned, secretly taken for granted), and planted the seeds of a puritanical dread of "concupiscence" that readily tips over into neurosis. All this shaped the Catholic imagination, while defining an essential note of the culture of clericalism as it developed, especially once celibacy became the required discipline of the priesthood, a millennium ago. And all this is a long way from Genesis 5:2, which holds that 'He created them male and female, and He blessed them, and called them human.'" – James Carroll



**The Mirror:
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Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes

THE TALKING GOURD

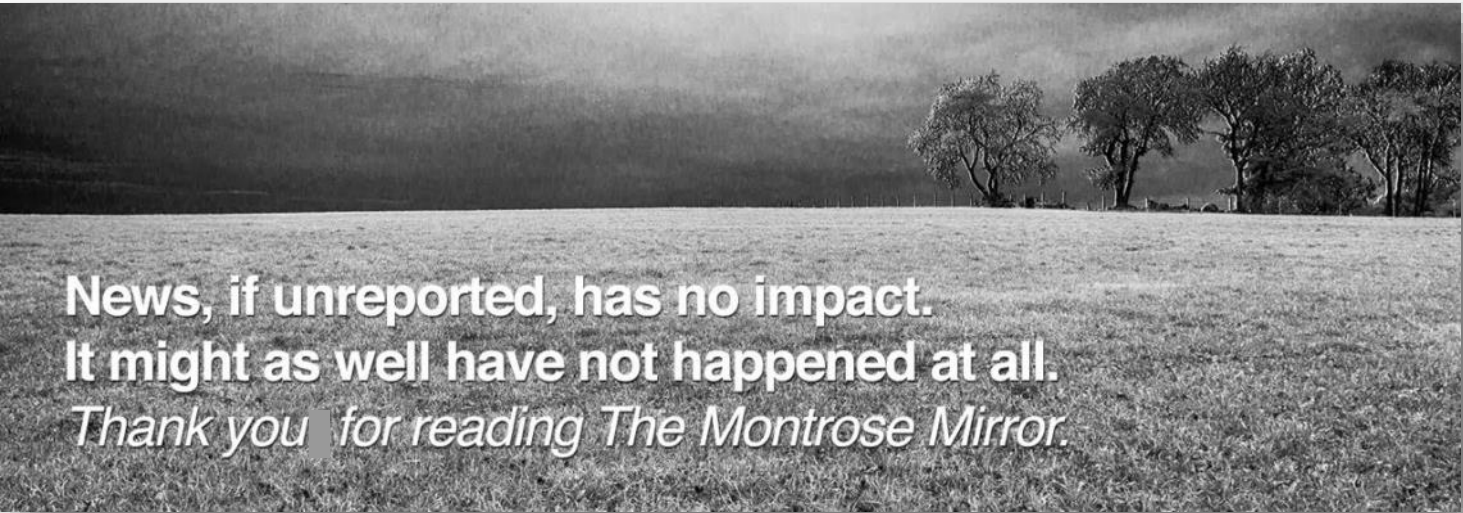
Shroomfest Sched

THURSDAY: the opening ceremony,
an entheogenic gourd circle,
& the evening memorial
for Abuelita Julieta &
Fred Lightning Heart

FRIDAY: probably
a trip to Norwood to water
Cloud Acre (it is a drought)
& a rehearsal for the poets

SATYRDAY: prep for the parade,
the madness of the meander itself,
an Institute dinner with the Zolines,
an expanded awards ceremony,
& then the mycolicious
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poetry show

McRedeye sez,
damn glad my crew
don't have to leave
no condo 'til Monday



News, if unreported, has no impact.
It might as well have not happened at all.
Thank you for reading The Montrose Mirror.

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

NOTES OF GRACE CONCERT SEPT. 15 TO BENEFIT HOMELESS SHELTER



Above, Ghost River Band.

At left, Fast Eddie & the Lugnugs. Courtesy photos.

Special to Art & Sol

DELTA—It's time for some toe-tapping tunes underneath the sunshine and trees, and volunteers with The Abraham Connection Homeless Shelter have a full slate of amazing bands ready to accommodate your outdoor concert wishes for the inaugural Notes of Grace fundraiser benefit concert. Under the Pow Wow Arbor at Confluence Park in Delta, Ghost River, Fast Eddie & The Lugnugs and The Scones will each take the stage on Saturday, Sept. 15, beginning at 3 p.m.

"We invite you to join us for the Notes of Grace concert, which will raise important operational funds for the shelter," said Ed Boiani, a board member of the organization – and one of the musicians who'll be keeping your toes tapping!

First up, the Ghost River band will take the stage at 3 p.m. Ghost River is the go-to country band for special events, rodeos, big dances and fundraisers on the Western Slope. Their popularity over the past 36 years has them returning again and again to their fans' dancing and listening delight. Featuring Russel Austin on lead vocals, guitar and fiddle, the band is completed with Mike Bush on vocals, lead guitar, keyboards and harmonica; Bob Becker on bass; and Boiani on vocals and drums. They recently were filmed for a special presentation on health and dancing to be aired in September. If you like

and country music, you'll love the Ghost River band! Fast Eddie & The Lugnugs are a four-piece band from the Montrose/Delta area playing classic rock, R&B, funk and country, and they will take the stage at 4:30 p.m. Members Boiani, Paul Frazier, Kurt Isgreen and Bob Becker bring more than 200 years of extensive musical experiences collectively touring, playing and recording in clubs, concerts, private parties and studios all across the U.S. and parts of Europe and Asia. Their sweet, three-part harmonies combined with Frazier's and Isgreen's intricate guitar blending is a pleasure to hear. Add in Boiani's and Becker's rhythmic dynamics and you got a sound that just gets you up and begging for more! From George Strait, James Brown, Delbert McClinton and Clapton to the Subdudes, Merle Haggard and more, these guys are all about making you "dance your pants off!" as they claim to do! Playing at 6 p.m. and bringing the concert to a close will be The Scones. Best known for their big harmonies, fun stage show, and acoustic guitar gymnastics, western Colorado troubadours The Scones bring a fresh new sound to the music scene. Greatly influenced by the music of the 1960s, the band has penned award-winning songs that are reminiscent of the songs from that era with a modern twist. Incorporating guitar, flute, banjo, bass, and drums, the band dubs its sound

danc-

rockin' and rollin' Americana. The Scones have received national recognition from *Vintage Guitar Magazine* praising them for their "glorious harmonies and first rate guitar work." *San Antonio Express News* describes their music as "Americana for adults featuring top-notch songwriting."

The Notes of Grace concert takes place in the Pow Wow Arbor at Confluence Park. "Bring a lawn chair or a blanket, and kick back and enjoy an amazing afternoon of music, all a great way to benefit your hungry and homeless neighbors right here at home," Boiani said. "This is going to be a really fun way to spend an afternoon, and better yet, a fun way to support the homeless shelter."

Tickets are just \$15 at the gate for everyone 21 and older; those under 21 are free! As you enjoy the tunes, you can also enjoy a beer and wine garden and a barbecue. Credit/debit cards will be accepted, as will cash and checks. All proceeds will directly benefit homeless and hungry men, women and families in Delta County served by the seasonal homeless shelter. The Abraham Connection is gearing up for its 10th season, offering emergency food and overnight shelter to those in need by offering a hand up, not a hand out.

Can't make the event but want to help serve those most in need? Donate anytime online at www.DeltaAbrahamConnection.org or call/text 970-773-8290 for more ways to get involved.

Save the Date! Upcoming Regional Events

CURRENT/ONGOING-

ALPINE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB Meeting is Sept. 11, 7 p.m. at the Community Meeting Room, Montrose Library, 320 S 2nd St. Presentation: Art and Photography By: Lu Anne Tyrell. Photo Sharing: 'Color' three-five images. Image Critique: Open/Anonymous, up to three images. All are welcome to attend.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 24 hosts Bingo every Saturday and Sunday at 7pm, at the Bingo Connection, 2075 East Main Montrose. Its open to the Public. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.. For more info call Tom at 260-8298.

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

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Aug. 31-Sherb Talk "The History of Climbing in the San Juans"- an in depth look at some of these fascinating and legendary characters, their accomplishments and their made-for-Hollywood stories of adventure and mis-adventure among the peaks, frozen waterfalls and cliffs of Ridgway's backyard. Doors at 7 p.m., Talk at 7:30 p.m., entry by donation (suggested \$10).

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-North Fork Valley Art & Ag Tour, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Self-guided, free tour. Find maps at local businesses and online at Northforkcreative.org.

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 Colterris at the Overlook, 3548 E ½ Rd., Palisade! The Kvevri wine making method was recently added to UNESCO's "Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity" list.

Sept. 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. 8-7:30 a.m. – 12 p.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-Meet & Greet with Colorado State Treasurer Candidate Brian Watson, 9 to 11 a.m. at Heidi's Brooklyn Deli in Montrose, 1521 Oxbow Drive, #105.

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

Sept. 9-Let Your Love Fly Butterfly Release for loved ones lost to suicide. Sept. 9 at 1 pm at Cerise Park in Montrose. If you have lost someone to suicide, please come release a butterfly with us to remember them and to heal with other people who have lost someone to suicide. For more information please contact Heather at the Center for Mental Health at 970-252-3228 or hdarbe@centermh.org.

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

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

Sept. 15-Join us for toe-tapping tunes, Saturday, Sept. 15, 3 p.m. for the Notes of Grace benefit concert, raising operational funds for The Abraham Connection Homeless Shelter, serving the needs of hungry and homeless families in Delta County. Bring your lawn chair and kick back at the Pow Wow Arbor at Confluence Park in Delta. Enjoy tunes from Ghost River, Fast Eddie & The Lugnuts and The Scones! \$15 admission at the gate for 21 and older; under 21 is free! Enjoy a barbecue and a beer garden, too! Call/text 970-773-8290 for more info or find us online!

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

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At right, historic Sample Square on a rainy evening (Mirror staff photo); below left and right, A networking meeting at Camp Robber Restaurant. "Every single business here is customer-centered and every business owner here is passionate about their business," said business owner Rachel Boschen, who snapped these photos.



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