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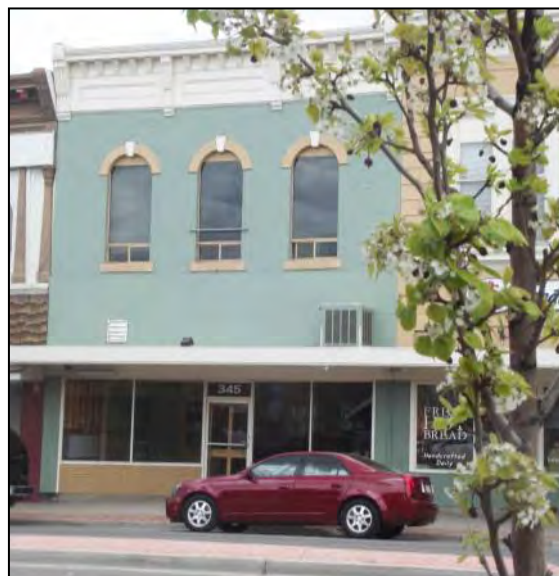
By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—The days are getting warmer, and Downtown Montrose just got a little bit cooler! Gelato (22 flavors!) arrives this month at Adam and Yesenia Duncan's A+Y Gallery (513 East Main St.), with the first cup to be auctioned off at 11 a.m. on May 18, in support of the Valley Food Partnership's school gardens program. And by month's end, expect the debut of the Main Street Ice Cream Bar in the space formerly occupied by Big Head BBQ (345 East Main)—complete with an antique soda fountain.

"The time is right," said owner Kellie Hartman, who also owns and operates the great Harvest Bread Company at 347 East Main with husband Kevin. "I have memories of my grandparents taking me to a soda fountain—we don't have that here anymore! So it feels like a dream come true to find this one."

Hartman got the fountain itself from the former owner of Comet Drug in Delta, who had reportedly purchased it complete from Bill Heddles himself when the Rexall Drug closed

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This historic building will soon house the Main Street Ice Cream Bar. Owner Kellie Hartman has purchased an antique soda fountain, and plans to open in May.

WINE AND FOOD FEST...A DECADE OF GRAND TASTINGS, HELPING KIDS



The Montrose Wine and Food Festival has raised more than \$450,000 for local kids' causes since 2004. Courtesy photo.

By Liesl Greathouse

MONTROSE--Wine and food enthusiasts of Montrose will celebrate a decade of great taste this month, at the Tenth Annual Montrose Wine and Food Festival on May 10 and 11 at the Montrose Pavilion.

Lynette Bean is one of the main organizers of the event, as well as serving on the board of directors. The event is the brainchild of her husband, Gary Bean, and other wine consumers.

"When we moved to Montrose we wanted something here to do with wine," Lynette explained.

The end plan was to combine their love of wine with a heart for helping local children's charities. They ended up organizing the first Montrose Food and Wine Festival in 2004, originally even giving out tickets in order to entice people to come. The first year turned out to be a great success, raising more money for charities than they had ever imagined.

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MONTROSE--I'm in a loveless relationship with my favorite pizza shop. I keep giving it a second chance, hoping things will change, but they never do. Friday evenings, I just want to cuddle on the couch with a good movie and large pizza. When I call to place an order, I'm rejected: "sorry we are out of pizza tonight" and even "we're closed"... at 7 o'clock on a Friday night, primetime for any pizza joint. During my short lunch break I want to get a quicky: "you'll have to wait 45 minutes, this isn't fast food." And I know I'm not alone. I've heard many other heartbreaking stories of customers who just want to be loved back. Finally, I did what I didn't want to do; I broke up with my favorite pizza shop and promised to never go back.

Customer service is one of the pillars of any good business, and it's paramount with any restaurant that expects to thrive or even survive. Consider this: nearly 80 percent of customers have walked away from a transaction or an intended purchase because of bad service. And news of this bad experience typically reaches twice as many people as does praise for a good customer service experience. The number one complaint, unofficially, here in Montrose is the lack of good service: "it took two hours to get my meal", or "we waited 20 minutes before the server brought us menus." Anyone who's ever been to the ever-evolving list of restaurants in Montrose can add to the list of bad customer service gripes. But we keep going back for more, because we really want this relationship to work out.

IN GOOD TASTE...

"Getting customer service right is more than a nice to do; it's a must do. American consumers are willing to spend more with businesses that provide outstanding service. Ultimately, great service can drive sales and customer loyalty."

Jim Bush, EVP American Express.

There are currently around 45 restaurants in the city of Montrose, according to Trip Advisor.

Many of the prevailing food service establishments are chain fast food and fast casual restaurants like McDonalds, Taco Bell, Denny's and Chili's with predictably packed parking lots and drive-thrus. These restaurants benefit from scalable assembly line quick service, cheap mass-produced food and a savvy marketing team somewhere far from here, that keeps these brand experiences fresh and consistent for consumers.

I'm proud of Montrose restaurant owners' tenacity to open their doors in this tough economy and even tougher demographic of restaurant-goers who just want a quality meal at a good value and decent service.

I recently witnessed a new business owner in Telluride ask a customer to come back when she was less busy. This young guy was second in line to buy a block of artisanal cheese, and politely put down the cheese and walked out. Huh? Since when does any business have the luxury of turning away customers?

Like any relationship, customers just want to be loved and catered to when they are in a restaurant. Many small business owners say they can't provide better service because 1) they don't know what they

are doing wrong 2) they don't have the staff to support better service.

With the popularity of smartphones and testimonial apps, customers have more resources to decide where to eat--and conversely, restaurants have more tools to understand what they and their competition are doing right or wrong. No matter how small the business or town, restaurants can't afford to not be engaged on websites like Facebook, Yelp, Trip Advisor or Foursquare. And with unemployment in Montrose County at 10.8 percent, hiring a helping hand would benefit the business and the community. Teen unemployment is devastatingly high too. What high school teenager or 2013 graduate wouldn't love to toss pizza for the summer?

I truly love the food at my favorite pizza place--hand-tossed New York style pizza with the right amount of cheese and zesty oregano sauce, made to order in eight minutes. The sandwiches at my favorite pizza shop are perfectly toasted with the right mix of good stuff inside. I've been told the Italian Subs are to-die-for.

There are times I want to go back to my favorite pizza shop, especially on Friday nights. If things were to change, and I hope they do, I just might give them another chance.

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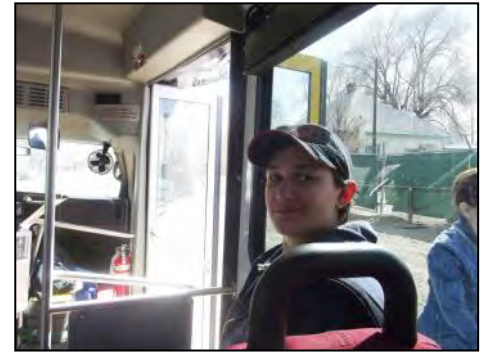
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GET ON THE BUS!...RIDING WITH ALL POINTS TRANSIT



At left, Oscar brings his bike to work each day on the bus. Above, Tommi commutes to and from work each day on the All Points Transit City Bus. Riders may pay per ride, or buy monthly or six-month passes.

MONTROSE—Step onto Al Galbaugh's bus, and become part of a family. One of the original drivers for the All Points Transit City Bus Service, Galbaugh knows where many of his passengers are going before they even get on.

"We have regulars, lots of monthly pass riders. I've gotten to know a lot of people, and they know me," Galbaugh said. "We have a good rapport—they're good people."

A native of Denver, Galbaugh has spent his life on the road, learning to drive early and helping his father in the family trucking business. He eventually became transportation manager for a large trucking firm.

"We had five tractor trailer rigs, and we ran to California and back," he recalls. "I've had lots of experience."

Tommi Vaughn, who has a monthly bus pass, rides the Blue Route bus to and from work each day.

"Al is the greatest driver in the world!" Vaughn said. "He gets me back and forth every day, and he is a very safe driver. I tell the other people where I work that they should ride the bus too. I was born and raised here, and I think the city bus is the greatest thing in Montrose."

Mother of three Emily Steel shares that sense of appreciation. Steel rides the bus into town from a rural neighborhood, and calls the service "a lifesaver."

"We only one have one car," Steel said, "and two teens! I am texting my daughter right now to let her know it's a free day on the bus."

A new resident, Oscar, rides the bus to work and takes his bike along.

"I'm from Phoenix," he said. "We moved here two months ago, but my wife is from here. Now, she looks up at the mountains, and she tears up. I make fun of her for that, but I do agree. I like riding on the bus, and seeing the fields, and the goats and cows."

Behind the wheel, Galbaugh keeps up a steady stream of conversation, announcing the stops and making small talk with riders. Despite making seven trips through the congested Spring Creek construction zone every day, his temperament remains sunny.

"They're getting to know me here," he laughs, waving at a flagger as he passes by. "We're on time!"

In addition to its city bus service in Montrose, All Points Transit operates a Dial-A-Ride service for seniors and people with disabilities, provides an Olathe Shuttle Service, and offers regional transportation on a monthly basis. City busses run between 6:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. To learn more about All Points Transit and how you can help, call Sarah Curtis at 970-249-6204 or scurtis@allpointstransit.org.



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HAS MONTROSE BECOME A PIZZA PARADISE?

LIESL GREATHOUSE CHECKS OUT SOME LOCAL FAVORITES



James Wilkinson prepares a pizza at DeAngelo's. Since moving to a new location, the shop has been busier than ever. Photo by Clay Greathouse.

By Liesl Greathouse

MONTROSE--Montrose seems to be becoming the pizza capitol of the Uncompaghe Valley. With a variety of pizza styles from fast food to handmade, anyone can find a pizza to fit their taste buds. Here are just four of the many options for people, focusing on the handmade and oven-fired styles of pizza.

DeAngelo's Pizza has been owned and operated by James Wilkinson and his partner Lisa Moore since 2004. James originally worked as the manager of the restaurant under the previous owner, but decided to buy it when the owner put it up for sale. DeAngelo's offers pizzas, calzones, salads, sandwiches and other Italian fare, whether people want to dine-in or carry out.

At DeAngelo's, they make their own dough, bread, sauce and other ingredients. "We don't grow the tomatoes, but we still make everything from scratch," James said. "It tastes better, costs less, and people like it better if you make things by hand."

The signature pizza at DeAngelo's is the DeAngelo's Special, made with Canadian Bacon, pepperoni, Italian Sausage, beef, mushroom, black olive, onion, green pepper and extra cheese. "It has everything

but the kitchen sink," James explained. For people who like a lot of pizza toppings, any of the specialty pizzas are a good pick.

James' favorite part of his business is being able to create something. "The most exciting part for me is the satisfaction of taking flour, water and salt, turning them into dough, then turning that dough into a pizza and putting that pizza in the oven," he explained. "I get more satisfaction from that over just handing a person something from a can or box."

Even though James did not originally start DeAngelo's, he still wants to make it the best restaurant it can be. He said, "I want it to be identified with Montrose as a local business that has been here a long time, and will continue to be here a long time."

DeAngelo's Pizza is located at 221 Colorado Ave. Suite A and is open Monday-Thursday 11 a.m.-8 p.m., and Friday and Saturday 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

For something with an Italian flare at a reasonable price, Creekside Restaurant (at Cobble Creek) serves some of the best wood-fired pizzas, pasta, steaks, sandwiches, burgers, and seafood. Drake Pulliam is the executive chef, in charge of making

sure everything works. "It is just a little eclectic restaurant at a golf course with a wide variety of foods," he explained.

Drake owned Drake's Restaurant in Ridgeway for 13 years before closing it. Eventually he decided he was ready to go back to cooking, and having grown up in Montrose, getting a job close to home seemed the perfect fit.

The pizzas at Creekside are made with ingredients imported from Italy, plus as much local produce as is available. "There is nothing better than farm-to-plate," Drake explained. "I'm not looking for the ultimate best ingredients, but I like to get things from where they were produced."

Creekside's most popular pizzas are The Works (made with Italian sausage, pepperoni, mushrooms, mozzarella, onions, bell peppers, kalamata olives and tomato sauce) and the Margherita (made with mozzarella, tomatoes, pesto and basil).

"People like meat and a little bit of everything," Drake said about The Works.

"And people like the Margherita for the beauty of its flavor, especially its fresh tomatoes. Sometimes just a few ingredients make something better rather than a lot."

For people avoiding gluten, gluten free crusts and pastas are available and sauces can be made gluten-free if requested.

Drake does not have a specific favorite part in his work. "I just love being in the restaurant business," he said. "It has its ups and downs, but I like the business as a whole. I love cooking, the smell of gas in the kitchen, the sizzle of a pan, and happy customers."

Creekside Restaurant is located at 697 Cobble Dr. and is open Tuesday-Saturday 11 a.m.-9 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m.-8 p.m.

When looking for some good, homemade Italian fare, the Fire House offers it all in a family-friendly environment.

Owner May Epling has worked in the restaurant industry for a long time. After finally retiring, nine months later she was bored out of her mind. Knowing that she needed to stay busy and be around people, the idea for the Fire House was born.

The Fire House offers traditional southern Italian food, with some American options as well. All the bread is homemade, and

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Jim Epling cooks at the Fire House Restaurant. Pizza's are baked in a wood-fired oven, and Italian favorites include the option of gluten-free pasta and sauces. Photo by Clay Greathouse.



Chef Drake Pulliam at Creekside Restaurant at Cobble Creek. Photo by Clay Greathouse.

everything is made in house. The pizzas are made in the restaurant's best asset, its wood fired oven.

The most popular pizza is The Valve, which is made with goat cheese, tomato, artichoke hearts and an olive oil base. Another popular pizza is The Hawaiian, made with pineapple and a variety of meats, including sausage, and Canadian bacon.

Gluten-free noodles and pizza crusts are available. The soups and the basic red and white pizza sauces can be made gluten free if requested.

May's favorite part of her work is the people. "I love people," she said. "My employees are like family, and we all work well together. They make me like to come to work every day."

May said that the main goals for the Fire House are, "To make it big, to make it fun and to just do well."

The Fire House is located at 1136 E. Main St. and is open Tuesday-Saturday 7 p.m.-10 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m.-10 a.m.

for brunch and 7 p.m.-10 p.m. for dinner.

Soon, a new addition to Montrose will be the Colorado Boy Pizzeria, owned by Tom & Sandy Hennessy.

Tom has 40 years of experience in the restaurant industry. He and his wife have opened several restaurants over the years, including the Colorado Boy Pub and Brewery in Ridgway.

The Pizzeria in Montrose will offer Neapolitan-style thin crust, 12 inch pizzas, baked in an open flame oven that bakes at 800° F. "People will come up to the counter, pay, get a tab, get their drinks, and within seven minutes will have their food," Tom explained. "Everything will be made from scratch and people will be able to sit at the counter and watch the food being made."

All the food items, including the pizzas, salads and pastas, will be under \$10. "It will all be inexpensive, very fast and very good," Tom said. "Almost like fast food for adults."

As many ingredients as possible will be

bought locally, while the flour will come from Italy and the tomatoes from Naples.

Based on the Colorado Boy in Ridgway, their most popular pizza may be the Rustica, made with garlic, olive oil, mozzarella, artichoke hearts, roasted pepper, capicollo ham, and Gorgonzola cheese.

There will be a gluten-free pizza crust option, as well as gluten free beer available.

Tom's goal for Colorado Boy Pizzeria is to just be the humble downtown pizzeria. "I want it to be around for 20 years, to become a town institution," he said. "I know that we will have to do a good job so we can earn people's trust and support."

Colorado Boy Pizzeria's grand opening will be Memorial Day and will be located at 320 E. Main Street. If you ever have a craving for a fresh slice of handmade pizza, Montrose has some of the best selection of restaurants around.

Just don't go overboard with the Parmesan cheese!



MIRROR PHOTO FLASHBACK!



Above left, Old friends from Austin, cowboy musicians Rufus and Faye at Faye's Café in 2004...Ridgway High School students work on the school's solar car project, the Sunshine Mountain Traveler, in 2005.

West Region Wildfire Council Offers Financial Assistance for Wildfire Mitigation

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE – The West Region Wildfire Council (WRWC) is offering financial assistance for area residents to reduce wildfire risk and hazardous fuels on private property. WRWC will be accepting applications from April 15th through September 31st from those residents living in the wildland urban interface (WUI) areas of Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Montrose, Ouray and San Miguel Counties. Applications to apply for assistance with wildfire mitigation – *as well as further information about grant opportunities, Community Wildfire Protection Plans, and resources about wildfire mitigation* - are available on the WRWC website (www.COwildfire.org).

The West Region Wildfire Council's financial assistance opportunities for wildfire mitigation specifically address provid-

ing assistance to private homeowners in completing defensible space and/or landscape-scale fuels reduction projects outlined in approved CWPPs; helping communities engage residents in the responsibility of wildfire mitigation by sponsoring community chipping days; and providing funding assistance for communities to complete wildfire mitigation demonstration sites to encourage further mitigation work.

WRWC supports interagency efforts to develop and implement Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPPs) to better mitigate the threat of catastrophic wildland fire to communities and natural resources in the Colorado counties of Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Montrose, Ouray and San Miguel. For more information about WRWC's wildfire mitigation financial assistance program contact Lilia Falk

(970.240.8407 ext. 125), or visit WRWC's website (www.COwildfire.org).

For information on wildfires and restrictions in the area, call the Southwest District Fire Management Information line (970.240.1070), visit the MIFMU website (http://gacc.nifc.gov/rmcc/dispatch_centers/r2mtc/), or follow us on Twitter (https://twitter.com/SWD_Fire) and Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/BLMMontroseFireUnit>). The Southwest District Fire Management program covers the BLM Colorado's Southwest District and the Gunnison Field Office (BLM), the Uncompahgre Field Office (BLM), and Tres Rios Field Office (BLM) in the Colorado counties of Archuleta, Conejos, Delta, Dolores, Gunnison, Hinsdale, La Plata, Mesa, Mineral, Montezuma, Montrose, Ouray, Rio Grande, Saguache, San Juan and San Miguel.

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MONTROSE WINE AND FOOD FEST...A DECADE OF GREAT TASTE AND HELPING KIDS *continued from page 1*

Over the years, the event has expanded to include two days of wine tasting with auctions. Since 2004, the event has raised \$450,000 for local charities, while still making it a fun event. It is now one of the largest fundraisers of the year for Montrose.

The event will kick off on May 10 with the Private Reserve Wine Dinner at the Pavilion for the event's sponsors. Board members always do something special for it.

Following that will be Disco Night, where the public can dance the night away to the beats of DJ Poem. It will be 10 p.m.-12 p.m. at the Pavilion.

Starting at 11 a.m. on Saturday will be a special feature this year, a Beer Seminar, featuring local and craft beers. People will learn about how the glass that a person drinks from is the key to elevating all facets of the drinking experience. Attendees will go home with a beautiful Spiegelau Beer Connoisseur four-piece set to keep. Seating is limited, so anyone who is interested is urged to get a ticket soon.

Saturday's Grand Tasting on the Lawn will be 2 p.m.-5 p.m. and will feature music by Zolopht and the Destroyers. With more than 300 wines and at least ten local restaurants serving delicious food, people will also be able to enjoy a silent auction and the Montrose Botanical Gardens Spring plant sale.

"This is our second year at the Pavilion and people love it," Lynette said. "They love being able to enjoy the lawn, the sunshine and the flowers."

Also occurring at the Pavilion on Saturday will be the start and finish of the Tenth Annual Mission to Ride, presented by the Montrose Fire Fighters Assoc.

The Festival has benefitted many different local children's charities over the years. This year it is just focusing on helping two local charities, the Black Canyon Boys & Girls Club and Voices for Children (CASA). "Before we have benefitted Partners, Shoes for Kids, Backpacks for



Gary Bean, one of the founding board members, at a previous Montrose Wine and Food Festival. Courtesy photo.

Kids, and others," Lynette said. "This year we really wanted to be able to have an impact on a charity, instead of just giving a little bit to a variety of charities."

The two charities chosen hold a special place in the organizers' hearts. "We really care about kids," Lynette explained. "The Black Canyon Boys & Girls Club has so many good programs for kids that raise self esteem and education. CASA really helps abused kids. There are too many abused kids out there today."

The Festival is always in need of volunteers to help out in a variety of ways. Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Karen Tuttle at 970-249-0337.

Lynette enjoys the social aspect of both drinking wine and the Festival. "After winter is done and spring suddenly comes, we finally get to go out and see people again," she said. "I enjoy the Saturday Festival itself. After nine months of planning I finally get to have fun with good music, good food and good wine."

The Festival has increased attendance every year, drawing in many people from

outside the Montrose area. Most comments from participants have been positive, with last year seeing the most positive comments because of the new location. The Festival continues to grow and improve every year.

To sum up the goal of the Festival, its website says it best: "We decided that the beauty and uniqueness of this group of people is we come together for two reasons and two reasons only- to taste extraordinary wine at a spirited, friendly and warm event and in the process raise money to give away to worthy programs in our community."

"Simply put, we believe in this community and so do our sponsors... we're here to do the right thing."

Tickets for the public are \$10 for Disco Night, \$30 for the Beer Seminar, and \$50 for the Grand Tasting. Tickets can be purchased online at montrosewineandfood.com, at the Montrose Pavilion or at the door.

For more information, call 970-901-9993.

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ROTARY HONORS STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



At left. Kim Kettle (mother), Montrose Rotary Student of the Week Shaelynn Wilford and Rotarian Brandon Keltz. Courtesy photo.

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SMPA Board to Appoint New Director in May, Accepting Nominations for 2013 Elections

Special to the Mirror

RIDGWAY--Per the cooperative's by-laws, San Miguel Power Association's (SMPA) Board of Directors will interview candidates and appoint a new director on May 20 to fill the District Two board seat vacancy. Interviews and the candidate selection will take place in executive session.

The six members listed below have expressed interest in filling the District Two seat, left vacant after the passing of longtime director Wes Perrin, who lost his battle with cancer in March: Brian Ahern; Joseph Cooley; Robert Justis; David Oyster; Lance Waring.

District Two encompasses the Town of Telluride from east of South Tomboy and North Townsend Streets, north to Tomboy Rd and east to approximately one half mile from Royer Lane. Candidates must meet eligibility requirements and are required to be a member and resident of District Two. The appointed candidate will represent the Telluride region until 2015.

"Our board members serve four-year terms, which means the person who fills the District Two seat will finish out the current term and can run for re-election in

2015," said SMPA General Manager, Kevin Ritter.

In addition to filling the vacant seat, SMPA is also currently accepting nomination petitions for members interested in serving as the board representatives for District Five and District Seven. Elections for these districts will take place at the Annual Meeting of Members on June 13, 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the SMPA Ridgway Office. District Five includes Mountain Village, Lake Fork, Trout Lake, Ophir and Ski Ranches. District Seven includes Ouray and Silverton.

"We will also hold district elections as usual this year. Members in District Five and Seven will receive mail-in ballots in May and can vote by returning those ballots or in-person at our annual meeting. We'll announce the results at the conclusion of the meeting," said Ritter.

District five and seven members who are interested in running for the board position can pick up a nomination petition from one of SMPA's offices in Nucla or Ridgway, Colo.

The nomination petition must be signed by 15 or more registered members from the district in which the candidate is seek-

ing election and returned to SMPA on or before 5:30 p.m., April 30, 2013. SMPA will not be responsible for missed deadlines due to delays in mail service. Nomination petitions can be mailed to or dropped off in person at any of the following office locations: Mailing Address, P.O. Box 1150, Ridgway, CO 81432, or P.O. Box 817, Nucla, CO 81424. Physical Address: 170 W. 10th Avenue, Nucla, CO 81424, or 720 N. Railroad Street, Ridgway, CO 81432.

SMPA board members serve four-year terms and have the responsibility of setting the strategic direction for the cooperative. Directors are required to represent the membership on a fair and impartial basis for the best interest of all members and attend regularly scheduled board meetings. Attendance at national, state and local meetings is often necessary as well. All board candidates must meet eligibility requirements and are required to be a member and resident of the district they are applying for.

San Miguel Power Association, Inc. is a member-owned, locally-controlled rural electric cooperative with offices in Nucla and Ridgway, Colo.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

DMEA Board Focuses on Local Generation with A-37 Tri-State Rate Structure, & SB-252

Special to the Mirror

REGIONAL--The meeting of the Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) Board of Directors on Tuesday, April 23 featured the Board's positions on two controversial topics: the new Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association Inc. (Tri-State) rate structure, called "A-37," and the Colorado Senate Bill 13-252 (SB-252.)

A-37--The rate structure, A-37, is Tri-State's new (as of January, 2013) wholesale method of charging its 44 member distribution systems, of which DMEA is one. Colorado cooperatives, Empire Electric Assoc., La Plata Electric Assoc. and White River Electric Assoc. have appealed to the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (PUC) for relief from the new energy-only rate following similar actions by several cooperatives in New Mexico, which resulted in that state's Public Regulation Commission (PRC) suspending the new rate. Amid the wrangling, the DMEA board appointed a committee to consider DMEA's position. After hearing a point/

counterpoint discussion of A-37 with both Tri-State and an independent rate consultant, the board came to a conclusion. After much deliberation, the DMEA board took the following position:

A-37 is not in keeping with historical DMEA rate making principles. There was no cost of service study done by Tri-State, so the rate is not cost-based, and large industrial loads will be excessively impacted. In addition, A-37 will limit smart grid opportunities, risking DMEA's popular Time-of-Use (TOU) rate. It neutralizes our energy efficiency programs, and the predictive-call component of the rate is punitive. DMEA is respectful of our fellow co-ops, understanding that it is best to solve issues within the (Tri-State) family. However, when communication channels break down, we respect the rights of WREA, EEA, and LPEA to petition the PUC for an outside perspective.

SB-252--Early this April, a bill concerning Colorado's renewable energy standard was introduced in the Colorado State Senate. The bill, SB 252 — sponsored by Sen-

ate President John Morse, D-Colorado Springs, and House Speaker Mark Ferrandino, D-Denver — includes an increase in the state's renewable portfolio standard (including such sources as wind, solar and coal mine methane technologies) to 25% by 2020 and places the obligation on a "qualifying wholesale utility" (which essentially applies to Tri-State.) Tri-State has voiced opposition to the bill, stating that compliance could cost billions, and the Colorado Rural Electric Association (CREA) has expressed frustration that the bill seems to have been advanced without input from CREA, Tri-State, or any individual co-op prior to its introduction.

Despite this opposition, the DMEA board is taking a different position in order to promote local energy generation, which may have a positive effect on local economies. At the April 23 Board Meeting, DMEA Director, Ed Marston made a motion to support SB-252 if amended to allow up to 50 percent local Colorado co-op distributive generation by interested cooperatives. The motion passed.

Valerie Meyers' Weekly Monday



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USING TARGETED STRATEGIES TO FIGHT BACK AGAINST A KILLER

Center for Mental Health Engages Multiple Resources Against Suicide

By Caitlin Switzer

REGIONAL—They hate to ask for directions, even when they are clearly lost. So expecting a normal, red-blooded male to seek help for emotional issues is probably not realistic. And yet, men between the ages of 25 and 54 are the most likely of all demographics to end their own lives.

"They are the least likely group to seek help," notes Robin Berndt of the Center for Mental Health. "Men often see it as a sign of weakness to reach out and ask, because they think they can fix things themselves." Instead of expecting men to behave in atypical ways, the Center for Mental Health has taken a different approach—by providing a toolbox of skills for men to use. The program is called "[Man Therapy](#)," a partnership between the statewide office of suicide prevention, Cactus Advertising and the Spencer Foundation, and it uses a non-traditional, humorous approach to engage men. Fictional therapist Rich Mahogany, created by the brilliant Denver ad firm [Cactus](#), addresses men in a no-nonsense, masculine style that is designed to get past the natural barriers men erect between themselves and any discussion of "feelings."

The Center for Mental Health is one of nine grantees statewide funded to help promote the Man Therapy website. However, Man Therapy is just one of the tools that the Center for Mental Health is using to bump up awareness of suicide prevention strategies throughout a six-county territory, Berndt said.

"May is national Mental Health Month," Berndt said, "and suicide is everybody's business."

Berndt has been offering on-site suicide prevention trainings for bartenders and others who deal with the general public.

"Trainings are an important piece of our efforts," she said. "I love that.... meeting people where they are at, whether it is a bar, spa, office, hospital or church. On



Robin Berndt and Janey Sorenson share the message of the Center for Mental Health. The non-profit is fighting a multi-pronged war on suicide by reaching out to targeted groups like men between the ages of 25 and 54, and teens.

June 19, we will be doing a training for barbers and hairstylists at Dalee Salon (542 East Main St.)."

Since starting in September of 2012, Berndt has done 14 suicide prevention trainings, using the "Question, Persuade and Refer," model, and has made an effort to reach out both to faith communities in the area and to law enforcement.

Suicide Prevention is also in local schools, thanks to a four-year-old program called "Safe:Teen," which works with students and educators beginning in middle school.

"Safe:Teen teaches how to recognize the signs of depression," Berndt said. "We teach them what to look for, what to say, and what to do. The program is intense—it teaches kids to be a safety net for themselves."

"This is a way for us to educate kids, and help them build a lifelong understanding," said Janey Sorenson, marketing director for the Center for Mental Health. "Mental

health is an important part of our overall health."

Also coming up is a workshop called "Mental Health First Aid," to be taught at the Montrose Re-1J School District offices May 9-10.

"It will be pretty comprehensive," Sorenson said. "It gets into specific mental health disorders, and how to recognize the symptoms in someone else. With knowledge and understanding, we can move past fear."

According to statistics, one in four people suffer from some form of mental health disorder at some point in their lives, she said.

The more people who are trained to recognize the signs and help prevent suicide, the better, Rpbm Berndt said.

"It's really just a matter of offering hope," she said.

To learn more, visit the Center for Mental Health online at <http://www.centermh.org/>, or call Robin Berndt at 970-252-3200.

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JIM ELDER ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR DMEA BOARD



Jim Elder.
Courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror
MONTROSE--
Montrose business owner, Jim Elder, announced his candidacy for the Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) District 4 DMEA board seat.

"I decided the time to run is now. The key leaders in the community encouraged me to consider filling the vacant seat that will be left by incumbent Mike Sram-ek." Elder went on to explain that, "As a business owner with experience in engineering and finance, I can be an asset at DMEA by being fiscally responsible to the member-owners. I have a solid understanding of budgets, balance sheets and business operations."

Elder is president of Elderado Financial, a financial advisory firm he founded in 1998. The firm and the Elder family relocated to Montrose in 2001. The firm spe-

cializes in investment management and financial planning with clients who include: individuals, trusts and businesses throughout the nation.

After attending Colorado State University with a Mechanical Engineering emphasis, Elder began his business life in 1981 when he founded one of Colorado's largest solar energy engineering design companies.

He served public and private sector clients for more than 12 years. Additionally, he organized the local solar businesses and helped form COSEIA, a trade organization that standardized the Colorado solar industry.

Elder is excited about collaborating with the board to address our current issues. "As our western slope goes through these challenging economic times, I will make reducing the rising electric rates a priority."

Elder moved his family to the western slope citing the "quality of life" that he and his wife Janet found here. Over the years, Elder has been committed to maintaining that "quality of life" that attracted he and his family by volunteering his time and

talents to many local committees and boards in leadership capacities that include: Montrose Rotary Club, and as the Finance Chair on the Board for the Montrose Regional Library District Board of Trustee.

He and wife Janet have been married for 26 years. They have two daughters, Jaimee and Jessica, who are Montrose High School graduates and are attending college.

Farming and working the land has been an interest for the Elder's over the years. They recently purchased a 30-acre farm in Montrose County. This experience has given Elder a greater understanding of the agricultural community challenges.

He will work to lower electrical rates that are "crucial" and promote a diversified energy policy.

"It's Your Money & Your Future," explains Jim Elder and asks you to keep that in mind as you vote for your District 4 representative.

Elder welcomes member suggestions and questions, 970-249-9900 and/or email jim@elderadofinancial.com.

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DMTC ANNOUNCES 2013 COLLEGE, CAREER AND BUSINESS EXPO

Delta-Montrose Technical College invites the public to attend the 2013 College, Career, and Business Expo at DMTC on Wednesday, May 1, 2013, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. This year's Expo has a three-fold goal: 1) to introduce local high school students to the many options available to train for a career including career and technical training, community college, military, and university programs, 2) to give high school students and adults an opportunity to explore the many career options available through our school and in the community, and 3) to give businesses a forum for recruiting potential employees and future customers.

There will be a number of things taking place on May 1 to support their goal: Representatives will be at DMTC from colleges

and universities throughout Colorado; Juniors and seniors will be at DMTC from many of the local high schools; Campus tours; Massage students will give chair massages; Cosmetology students will do demos in hair styling, facials, and nails; Demo of 3-D printer and engraver; Experts will give how to workshops on education and career-related topics; Businesses will be recruiting potential employees; Live broadcast by KKXX.

Invitations have already gone out to high schools, colleges, universities, and a number of businesses inviting them to participate in the Expo. Additional participants are welcome. There is no charge for participation in the 2013 College, Career, and Business Expo, but spaces are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served

basis. . For information or to reserve a space contact Melanie Gray by email at mgray@dmtc.edu or call 970-874-7671 and leave her a message.

The Expo is sponsored by DMTC, News Channel 5, Cherry Creek Radio, Altrusa of Delta, Meadow Gold/Dean Foods Corporation, Pepsi Bottling, Coca Cola Bottling, WalMart, Colorado Workforce Centers of Montrose and Delta, and other local businesses. A complete list of sponsors will be available at the Expo.

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

HONORABLE MENTION

To Deeply Digital of Montrose, for celebrating ten years in business...

To the many wonders of this region, from our natural surroundings to local singer Deb Barr, an incredible voice and talent. Don't miss her regular weekend gig at Bridges of Montrose...world class jazz in a beautiful setting...

To the Montrose Chamber of Commerce, for bringing a free Constant Contact seminar to Montrose on May 17...[here's the link](#)! Discover the power of email marketing!

To Katrina Kinsley of Montrose, for excellence in all aspects of the newspaper business...

To Tim Hanley, for placing an attractive, successful business at the "gateway" corner of Main and San Juan Ave....

To retiring Re-1J teacher Kathy Flower, for achieving real, day-by-day greatness in her 40+ year educational career...

To Shirley Bradbury, one of the Mirror's earliest readers and contributors, for living life to the fullest and showing others how.

OPINION/EDITORIAL

Appreciates Nelson's Letter, Supports Law Enforcement Professionals

Dear Editor:

Thank you Mr. Nelson for your comments and your support for our local

law enforcement (Montrose Mirror Issue 58, 4/17/13). Let us not forget who we call on first when we are in need and let us not

criticize until we have walked a mile in their shoes. We should all thank our local law enforcement officers. *Becky Wolford*

IT TRULY WAS A "RAY OF HOPE" EVENT

Dear Editor:

CASA of the 7th Judicial District (Court Appointed Special Advocates) works for dependant and neglected children in the six counties that comprise the 7th Judicial District. CASA recently held its annual fundraising benefit and it was a tremendous success. I want to thank all of the

sponsors, donors, supporters and the 250 attendees. The unfortunate children we represent and assist are the beneficiaries of your generosity.

While the need for our volunteers has increased substantially, we continue to increase our ability to meet those demands with the help of our generous communi-

ties. We give each child with a CASA volunteer a chance to grow into a normal adulthood.

For more information on the CASA program, call 970-249-0337, email us at info@casa7jd.org or visit our website at www.casa7jd.org

John W. Nelson, CASA Board President

DMEA SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS GIVE THANKS



Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE—On Tuesday, April 24th, the DMEA board presented scholarship awards to deserving students all over the DMEA service territory. This year's awards were increased to \$1,500 to help the students offset the rising cost of higher education. DMEA Board President, Nancy Hovde announced the recipients and each one summarized their aspirations and expressed their thanks. Students interested in applying for DMEA scholarships for next year are encouraged to check www.dmea.com in November 2013 for details. DMEA General Manager, Dan McClendon (far left) and DMEA Board President, Nancy Hovde (far right) congratulate scholarship recipients, (left to right) Joshua Hardin, Jacob Helleckson, Michael Shull, Skylyn Webb, Paige Bowling, Lindsay Russell, Clarissa Whiting, Haley Turley, Rachael Latta, Erica Decker, Emma Card and Tess Skoe.

OUT AND ABOUT—HOSPICE GALA



Allison and Linda Nadel.



Glenn Patterson, Debbie Edwards, Dave Frank and Sue Frank.



Kelly and Barbara Bynum.



Dawn and Dave Gordon.



Tina and Todd Jessee.

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--Record numbers at the Montrose Gala! Hospice & Palliative Care of Western Colorado held its annual event last month to support programs serving Montrose and Ouray counties. The Montrose Gala was an evening of elegance and glamor, setting a record-breaking number of attendees, intriguing auction items, and dancing! Courtesy Photos.

OUT AND ABOUT—RENEWEST ART CRAWL



Above, Ink Painter Anna Johnson prepares to teach visitors how she makes ink paintings at Amazing Glaze.



Top right, Artist Kendra Dorr displays her brainstorm "uncycled" bottles at Sushitini. The self-watering wine garden (foreground) and hanging candle lamps (next to her) are made from wine and liquor bottles.



Above, Tatum Dyk (seven years old) has her face painted by artist Lindee Zimmer at Pickled Painter.



Friends Krystina Maixner, Megan Preece and brother Steven Preece (left to right) view the paintings on wood displayed at Pickled Painter.

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Photographer Dave Orme discusses his photos displayed at Amazing Glaze with fellow artist Anna Johnson.



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OLATHE CELEBRATES ARBOR DAY, PLANTS TREES



Special to the Mirror

OLATHE--In 1872, Sterling Morton proposed the first Arbor Day in Nebraska to supply windbreaks to protect the soil, fuel, and building supplies to a virtually treeless Nebraska. On April 10, 1872, an estimated one million trees were planted in celebration of the first Arbor Day.

The students of Mrs. Hauger's Olathe Middle School 8th grade computer class helped the Olathe Parks Department cele-

brate Arbor Day by planting a Bloodgood London Planetree at Entrance Park. In addition, the kids raked leaves, cleaned out flower beds, picked up trash and pruned trees.

For the last three or four years Mrs. Hauger's students have adopted the park near the school and several times a year the kids plant trees and flowers, paint signs and tables, clean the park, and in general, give back to the community.

The celebration continued on Sunday, April 21st when the Olathe Community 4-H Club came to Olathe Lion's Park to give back to Olathe by planting a European Mountain Ash to shade the bleachers. In addition, around 20 kids and parents spread wood chips, cleaned up leaves and trash, and pruned trees and shrubs around the antique wagon. The improvements will continue when they plant flowers in the park next month.



MONTROSE COUNTY NEWS AND INFORMATION

Montrose Fire Protection District Awarded Assistance to Firefighter Grant

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--Montrose Fire Protection District (MFPD) recently partnered with Montrose County in order to apply for funds through FEMA's AFG program. The application was awarded \$382,051 on April 19, 2013, will be used to replace dispatch radio equipment at the Montrose Regional Dispatch Center (MRDC). The MRDC is a function of the Montrose County Sheriff's Office and provides dispatching services for 31 local emergency response agencies which collectively serve approximately 55,000 citizens in Montrose, Ouray and San Miguel counties. "This grant, and subsequent equipment upgrades, provides Montrose Fire and other users improved radio quality and reliability of communications between dispatch and personnel. This upgrade benefits the entire region and is the main reason why we agreed to apply for the funds and partner with Montrose County," said MFPD Chief **Tad Rowan**.

The existing dispatch radio equipment is

no longer operationally reliable and must be replaced. The manufacturer no longer provides replacement parts and has begun the process of phasing the radio make and model out of service. Additionally, the MRDC is at maximum capacity both technologically and physically, and must expand in order to accommodate the increased demand for services.

"With over 37 years of experience in law enforcement, I know how critical a role dispatchers play in public safety," said Montrose County Commissioner **Gary Ellis**. "Through a great partnership with MFPD, we were able to secure much needed funding to better equip our dispatch professionals." This upgraded equipment will increase the center's functionality, operational stability and enhance the interface between dispatchers and emergency response personnel, including law enforcement, EMS and fire. In alignment with priority three in the Montrose County Strategic Business Plan, the radio upgrade increases MRDC's capacity to provide pub-

lic safety by staffing additional dispatchers as needed to cover high call volumes and large-scale emergencies.

Replacing the dispatch radio equipment is the final step in a multi-year, multi-agency project. Multiple agencies have contributed to the upgrade, as reflected in the table below. Montrose County is in the process of establishing a fund that is dedicated to emergency communication equipment replacements for future upgrades, which will reduce the county's need to use state or federal funds in future years. * The cash match to the AFG award will be provided through the Montrose County Public Safety Sales Tax fund once the Montrose Fire Protection District and Montrose County have contracted to accept the award.

** The total award amount remains unknown at this time. DOLA's match amount is 25 percent of award.

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Montrose Regional Communication Center Upgrade Contributors	Contribution Amount	Purpose of Expenditures
San Miguel Emergency Telephone Authority (SMETSA)	\$86,130.25	Desk consoles
Montrose Emergency Telephone Authority (METSA)	\$345,894	Cassidian 911 Telephone System
	\$12,593	Monitors
Montrose County	\$5,065	Operating supplies and equipment
	\$11,000	Computers/software
	\$7,300	Lockers/chairs
	\$42,450	Cash match to AFG award*
	\$TBD	Cash match to DOLA award**
FEMA—Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG)	\$382,051	Federal grant award to purchase (7) Motorola MCC7500 Dispatch Consoles
Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) Mineral and Energy Impact Award	\$TBD	State grant award to cover remaining cost of dispatch consoles/electrical/coax waveguide/etc.**

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MONTROSE COUNTY NEWS AND INFORMATION

Piñon Ridge Uranium Mill License Application Meets State Regulatory Requirements

Special to the Mirror

DENVER – The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Radiation Program today announced Energy Fuels Resources Corp. has met all the regulatory requirements for a radioactive materials license for the Piñon Ridge Uranium Mill in western Montrose County, Colo. State law requires the department to approve applications when such requirements are met.

The license was required before Energy Fuels could construct its planned 500-tons-per day uranium/vanadium mill approximately 12 miles west of Naturita, Colo., in the Paradox Valley. The mill will process uranium ore from mines in the region to produce uranium oxide, which requires additional processing outside Colorado to become fuel for nuclear reactors. The mill also will recover vanadium, a metal used in steel alloys and high-tech batteries. The license imposes a number of conditions on Energy Fuels involving construction of the mill; the receipt, possession, use and transfer of radioactive materials; and procedures to minimize risks to property and public health and safety, and to prevent loss or theft of radioactive material. Notably, the license requires an enhanced groundwater monitoring plan, subject to annual review.

A separate settlement agreement between Telluride and San Miguel County with Energy Fuels sets up additional protections

related to the transportation of radioactive materials, blowing dust and water quality monitoring. In addition to the approximately \$13 million financial surety established by the state, this agreement increases Energy Fuels' total surety to an amount not less than \$15 million.

Dr. Chris Urbina, executive director and chief medical officer of the department, said, "With the approval of the license, our work is not done. We will continue to work with the community members and officials to keep them informed of progress."

During construction and operation of the Piñon Ridge facility, the department's oversight will continue, including regular inspections and an annual review of the financial assurance. The department expects to have at least one staff member whose primary assignment will include monitoring and inspections of the facility.

Ron Henderson, chairman of the Montrose Board of County Commissioners said, "An exhaustive process has been followed and validated with the approval of this license."

Montrose Commissioner David White said, "This validates the science behind the application, design and potential construction of the mill. It is a state-of-the-art facility and will benefit the citizens of Montrose County, the state of Colorado and the United States for decades to come."

The license application was submitted by

Energy Fuels on Nov. 18, 2009, and has undergone a thorough technical and regulatory review. Prior to its approval of the license, the department and the applicant conducted eight public meetings in 2010 in Nucla, Naturita, Paradox, Montrose, Telluride and Ophir. And in November 2012, the department held a six-day hearing in Nucla to allow cross-examination of witnesses and to solicit additional public comment. All of the information was thoroughly reviewed by the state's Radiation Program prior to the decision to grant the license.

The administrative record includes comprehensive reports and comments by engineers, scientists, environmental and business groups, government officials from western Colorado counties and towns, and regulators. Anyone interested can view the department's [Decision Analysis and Environmental Impact Analysis](#), which includes a copy of the license and the department's responses to public comments.

Dr. Urbina said, "From the beginning, we have listened carefully to the public and worked with Energy Fuels to minimize risks to public health and the environment. Today's engineering standards – and strict environmental regulations – far exceed those in place when the last such mill was constructed more than 25 years ago. We are confident these standards and regulations will ensure the safe construction and operation of the facility."

MCSO STILL SEEKING INFORMATION ABOUT DOG SHOT AT CANAL

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--A yellow Labrador Retriever was found climbing out of a canal in Olathe near Amber and 60.00 Roads on April 23. The Montrose County Sheriff's Office responded and transported the dog to the veterinarian's office. The dog sustained a gunshot to the head from a small caliber firearm. She was kept overnight for observation and survived without loss to vision or other impairments. The Montrose County Sheriff's Office has located the dog's owners, who noted that the dog ran away on Sunday, April 21. The Montrose County Sheriff's Office is asking anyone with information about the incident to call 970-252-4023.



MONTROSE COUNTY NEWS AND INFORMATION

THE 2013 REAPPRAISAL: PROPERTY VALUES CONTINUE TO DECLINE

2013 VALUATIONS WILL BE MAILED MAY 1; WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE ONLINE MAY 1



By Montrose County Assessor Brad Hughes

Special to the Mirror
MONTROSE--
Under Colorado law, county assessor's offices throughout the state conduct a complete revaluation of all properties in their county every two years. The Colorado Legislature sets the appraisal

date, the market sales data collection period and the annual calendar for the assessment process.

The previous revaluation was completed in 2011 and was based on a June 30, 2010, level of value.

These valuations were established using market sales data from January 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, and were used for tax years 2011 and 2012 (payable in 2012 and 2013 respectively). As a result of the assessment calendar, property tax assessment valuations will always lag behind current market conditions.

The current revaluation is based on a June 30, 2012, level of value. The new values have been established using market sales data from January 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012, and will be used for tax years 2013 and 2014 (payable in 2014 and 2015 respectively). The declining property sales transactions occurring prior to June 30, 2012, will be reflected in these new valuations. However, any continued downward trending market conditions after June 30, 2012, cannot be considered until the 2015 reappraisal.

All classes of real property, with the exception of agricultural land, experienced a decrease in value between June 30, 2010, and June 30, 2012. Vacant land experienced the greatest decrease in value, declining on average about 37 percent. The large decrease in vacant land valuations can be attributed to an oversupply of subdivided lots accompanied by lack of de-

mand for new residences. Additionally, it appears that several land developers "unloaded" their lot inventories at vastly reduced prices. Residential improved property decreased an average of 20 percent during the same two year time frame. A proportionally high number of sales occurring after foreclosure undoubtedly impacted home values. Thirty percent of the residential sales used for the 2013 revaluation involved a financial institution as the grantor. Commercial property values only declined an average of 8 percent during this period.

Although the commercial market experienced a measureable decline in rental rates, actual market sales transactions indicated lower capitalization rates resulting in more stabilized valuations.

As seen in the graph below, it appears that this continuing market decline has all but erased the prior market appreciation experienced in Montrose County between 2003 and 2008.

Home values will be dropping to about the same level of value as they were in

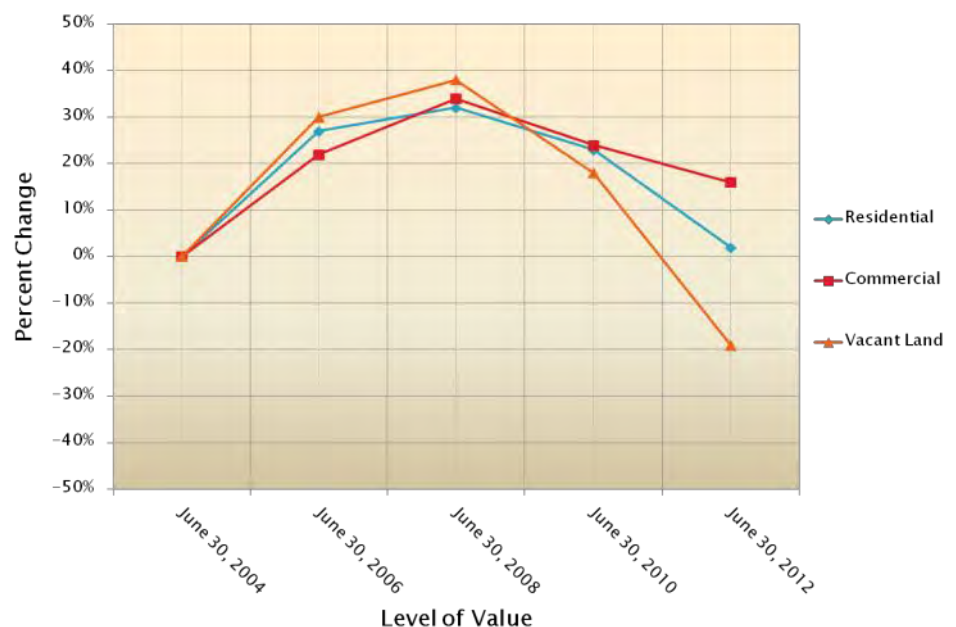
mid-2004. While vacant land is falling about 20 percent below, commercial properties are about 15 percent above the historic June 30, 2004, values.

After receiving your new Notice of Valuation in May 2013 please review the change in value. If you disagree with the revised valuation, there are detailed procedures on the back of the notice explaining how to appeal your valuation.

If you would like to review your property characteristics, view comparable sales or research real property within the county; please go to our property records search program called "Eagleweb" at <http://eagleweb.montrosecounty.net/eagleassessor/web>.

From this website, you can also directly link to the Montrose Geographic Information Services County Map complete with aerial imagery.

If you have any additional questions, concerns, or comments, please call the Montrose County Assessor's Office at (970) 249-3753 or email us at asses-sor@montrosecounty.net.



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BRINGING THE BEST OF BOTH COASTS TO MONTROSE

By J. Berndt

MONTROSE--Here in Montrose we are a long way from the ocean and our selection of local fish is very limited. I'm sure our only local oyster wouldn't go over well at your family barbecue; most people would leave hungry. But there is a place right here in Montrose--Mountain Valley Fish & Oyster (25 N. Willerup)--where you can get fresh fish from all over the world and enjoy live shellfish from the East and West coasts. Although it might not be the easiest place in town to find, you can just head west on Main and look for the wooden fish.

Mountain Valley Fish is only open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 9-5 to the public for retail. You won't be disappointed in the selection of fish, just in your own ability to decide on what to eat for dinner. They keep these limited hours so that they can service restaurants on the western slope from Telluride, Durango, Aspen (the North and Roaring Fork Valleys), Grand Junction, and to Crested Butte. Fish from Mountain Valley is known to cross state lines, supplying restaurants in Moab and Farmington as well. They are able to distribute quality fish with a small crew. The fish comes in fresh twice a week and most is cut in the shop to give customers the best quality possible here in Colorado.

If you're in the mood to make some sushi you can find all that you need, from fresh cut sushi grade tuna, fresh yellow tail, and sustainably-farmed salmon, as well as all the accessories: sushi mats, nori (seaweed wrap), wasabi, sticky rice, and much more. But if sushi is not your thing there are several different kinds of fish to throw on the grill, more exotic larger species like, marlin, swordfish, albacore, and if you're



*To find Mountain Valley Fish & Oyster, just look for the sign of the fish.
Photo by Sarah Berndt.*

lucky Chilean Seabass. If you're into the lighter fillets for baking or frying there is grouper, catfish, sole, walleye, and cod.

Summertime brings an abundance of Alaskan halibut and wild salmon down from Alaska and the Pacific Northwest.

Don't be too surprised if they run out of a certain fish half way through the day, I assure you this is good practice, if there is one thing you want in the fish business it's to not have any leftover because as a customer you never want to think you're buying old fish, this is also good technique for controlling quality even if it disappoints you. If you have your heart set on something specific, it would be a good idea to get there early, or call a few days in advance and place your order.

Owner Andy Goldman is no stranger to the business, having started Mountain Val-

ley Fish in 1976. He's turned a one-man, one-van operation, into a full fleet of trucks that puts thousands of miles a week on the Colorado roads. Even though now there is competition from Denver, chefs on the western slope have stayed loyal to Andy and his fish. I was sitting in the coziest throne (chair) you could imagine when Andy told me, "Our selection rivals any coastal town because we are centrally located." Meaning it is easier and more economical, than having to ship all the way across the country. So next time you get the craving for some fresh fish head west on Main to, 25 N. Willerup and just look for the wooden fish swinging in the spring winds.

And now you can find Mountain Valley Fish & Oyster on Facebook for updated specials.



DAVE BERNIER—EYE ON THE REGION



Clockwise from top left: A tree reflected in water; Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep near Almont; rock formations at Hartman Rocks Recreation area just three miles south of Gunnison; the sun sets over pastures off Hwy 135 north of Gunnison.



Photos by Dave Bernier

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

MHS ANNOUNCES APRIL DIVISION AWARDS



Special to the Mirror
MONTROSE—Montrose High School held the April Division Awards ceremony on April 17, honoring ten students for the month of April. Once a month, one teacher from each department gets to choose a student for the award. Students are chosen because they have made great improvement in class, that they are good role models, and have a good work ethic. The teachers get great pleasure out of giving this award because it can make a huge difference to that student who may also need a boost or a little encouragement to continue working hard. Pictured Front left to right Deanna Pritchard, McKinley Kane, Conner Hotsenpiller, Alexandra French and Mitchell Neal. Back L to R Michael Eide, Courtney Whitney, Randen Mathias, Levi Schell and Amber Noland.

Black Canyon Jet Center Manager Attends Regional Aviation Event

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE— Kenn Kline of Black Canyon Jet Center was recently invited to join the Colorado Aviation Business Association's (CABA) annual membership meeting in Englewood and along with the National Business Aviation Association's (NBAA) regional roundtable event. Kline has been on the CABA board since March of 2012 and has been asked to remain on the board as regional group chair for another year.

Also in attendance were members of the state and regional aviation business associations, spanning from Arizona, California, Idaho, Nevada, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Texas.

The CABA membership meeting mostly focused on topics that business aviation and aviation in general faces such as legislative matters and operating in the current environment. The group discussed how current affairs affect not only Colorado aviation, but also aviation across the country.

Along with the meeting, special guest Paul Bowen, who is a world renowned aviation photographer, was the membership event speaker. Bowen's photographs are often featured on many aviation publications, such as, Flying magazine and he is especially known for his photographs of wingtip vortices which are circular patterns of rotating air left behind a wind as it generates lift.

"The occasion for the trip was two-fold," said Kline. "It is always a pleasure to assemble with professional people who love aviation, who know its importance to the economy and our communities, and who work passionately toward aviation excellence."

During the annual meeting, the membership also met with members of the National Business Aviation Association to discuss the NBAA regional forum in July. CABA will be hosting the annual Colorado Aviation Week along with the National Business Aviation Association regional forum in Centennial. This event is a day-

long learning and peer networking venue designed to meet the needs of regional business aviation communities and introduce local leaders interested in learning about the industry. There will be exhibits, static displays of aircraft and educational sessions.

"CABA was fortunate to have hosted the NBAA event last week," said Kline. "Also to have the upcoming opportunity to host the Regional Forum in July is a big opportunity."

Visitors are coming to the Western Slope of Colorado for business, pleasure and nonprofit purposes.

Black Canyon Jet Center manages the fixed-base operations (FBO) for general aviation at the Montrose Regional Airport. Recognized as one of the top FBO's in the country in 2010 by Aviation International News, Black Canyon Jet Center provides fuel, aircraft parking and world-class service to residents and visitors alike.

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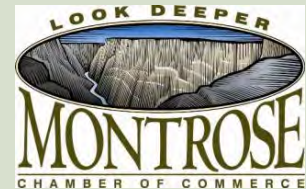
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On April 18 the Montrose Chamber of Commerce celebrated a ribbon cutting with Harden Home Health. The company changed its name from Alpine Home Health in January. Image courtesy Cara Fandel for Howling Wolf Photography.

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Columbine Student Daniel Culver Places First at State Science Fair



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MONTROSE - Daniel Culver, an 8th grade student, at Columbine Middle School competed and won 1st place in the Junior Division Engineering at the 2013 Colorado Science and Engineering Fair this past weekend in Ft. Collins. His experiment involved designing and producing a cook stove that generated convection currents to aid the combustion process to reduce harmful by-products. The motivation of this investigation was to construct a biomass cook stove that does not release dangerous quantity of carbon monoxide when used indoors because two million people die each year due to carbon monoxide.

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MAKE IT FRESH!



Fresh is the name of the game as James Wilkinson tosses one of his delicious pizzas at DeAngelo's. Photo by Clay Greathouse.



Nothing on the menu costs much at Menudo's. But the fresh ingredients and diverse menu—they now have a BBQ smoker—have developed an extremely appreciative local clientele, and have moved the family-owned business to No. 5 on the Trip Advisor web site, which features customer reviews.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—Sure, it's still easy to find a fast burger and fries. But a quick scan down the [TripAdvisor](#) ranking of restaurants in Montrose shows the growing diversity of local tastes—and an emerging emphasis on fresh, locally-sourced ingredients.

Of the top five local eateries, top-ranked Stone House Restaurant (1415 Hawk Parkway) and third-ranked Red Barn restaurant serve traditional American classics—but the remaining three spots are held by Guru's Nepalese Restaurant (448 East Main St.), Asii Thai (1015 South Townsend Ave.) and Menudo's burrito destination (110 North Townsend Ave), respectively.

Rounding off the ten top picks for travelers is a truly unlikely candidate—the Lobby Grill at Montrose Memorial Hospital, which has attained cult status among locals and visitors hungry for the healthful but delicious options created by chef Mike Krull and his team.

"I think Montrose people are getting more adventurous," said chef Drake Pulliam, a Montrose native who owned and operated the popular Drake's Restaurant in Ridgway for many years before moving to the Creekside Restaurant (697 Cobble Drive) at Cobble creek last September.

"They are enjoying our wood-fired pizzas, but they are also trying things like duck. People are amazed at how good it can taste—it's not what they expect. A lot of people around here have hunted duck, and had it cooked incorrectly—greasy, tough, not too pleasant."

Drake gets it right, serving a pan seared duck breast with a red wine reduction, among other tantalizing menu options. He also enjoys dispelling commonly-held misconceptions about yams.

"People associate yams with Thanksgiving—and marshmallow goo," he said. "Then they taste mine—and they realize what a yam is supposed to taste like." Working in Montrose has certain advantages, he has found.

"I am a little closer to the farms here," he said. "I arrived at the end of the harvest last fall, and caught the very end of the tomatoes from my cousin's farm. I am very excited about this summer—I am trying to go from farm to plate as much as possible."

Farm-to-table may be a current culinary trend, but here in Montrose it's nothing new.

The city is fortunate to have an established farm market that provides an enjoyable forum for producers and shoppers from across the region.

Now in its 35th year, the Montrose Farm Market has seen some trends come and go—but shoppers continue to show up faithfully each year in search of traditional favorites.

"People are becoming more health conscious, and things like lettuce are really taking off," Montrose Farm Market manager Abbie Brewer said.

"We have so many products, and everybody buys their favorites—but apples, cherries, peaches are generally top sellers, and of course tomatoes are always a big deal in season."

Sweet corn, chiles, squashes, and artisan baked goods and pastas are also perennial market favorites, Brewer said.

"There is something for every season," she said, "it works out very well. I would have to say peaches are probably my own favorite, but I love winter squash too—they grow some very good winter squash here!"

Like diners everywhere, those in Montrose mostly just want a good meal, said Jesse Cochran of Stone House Restaurant.

"There are so many different consumers here, from the good ole' boys to travelers catching a plane," Cochran said.

"They come here for good steaks and seafood—nothing fancy, just good quality food served fresh."

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

MONTROSE FOREST PRODUCTS DONATES MATERIALS FOR NEXT TWO HABITAT HOMES

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MONTROSE—Thanks to a generous gift of building materials, two more local families will soon be moving into homes of their own. Jim Neiman of Montrose Forest Products has donated enough lumber for the next two homes to be built by Habitat for Humanity in Montrose.

“We are very grateful for the lumber packages that Montrose Forest Products has put together for us,” Habitat for Humanity of Montrose Executive Director Colleen Burke said. “This type of community support helps us to make dreams come

true—and reminds us of how fortunate we are to be here in Montrose.”

“The Neiman Family has always been a proud supporter of the communities that it calls home,” said Wayne Jordan of Montrose Forest Products. “Our recent donation of building materials to Habitat for Humanity is one of many ways that we express our commitment to the local community. We look forward to seeing two families move into these new homes.”

Over the past 20 years, Habitat for Humanity of Montrose County has empow-

ered 42 local families to help build and move into homes of their own.

Habitat for Humanity is always in need of volunteers to help with construction, special events and at the new ReStore. To organize a build day with your company or community group, please contact Bill Bond at 970-901-9576.

To volunteer, please contact us at re-store@habitatmontrose.org or 970-252-9304. To learn more about Habitat for Humanity in Montrose, email colleen@habitatmontrose.org, or call 970-252-9303.

TREAT YOURSELF—DOWNTOWN! Continued from page 1

years ago.

“We’re getting everything—the bar stools, the mirror, the coke stickers,” she said. “We’ll be doing phosphate sodas and

traditional fountain drinks—and we hope to be open by the end of May.”

A few blocks over at A+Y Gallery, Yesenia Duncan believes that adding gelato to

the Main Street mix will encourage people to come Downtown when it’s time for a treat.

“We’re just hoping to increase foot traffic Downtown, and ice cream always does that,” Duncan said.

“And gelato is an elegant option for the gallery.”

The Duncans are remodeling the back portion of the gallery to accommodate the ice cream bar, and have hired three part-time staffers.

Adam is creating several bistro tables, with dry erase tops for families with kids, Yesenia said.

“Not all of our friends and family can shop in the gallery, but gelato is something everyone can afford,” she said.

“It adds to the experience, and makes the area more of a destination.”

Gelato will be made by Gelato Junction of Grand Junction, from locally sourced ingredients, she added.

“Lavender is a pretty awesome flavor, and we will have others—things like coconut, lemon-basil, mascarpone, pistachio. There is even chocolate-cayenne, and one called Donatella, with hazelnut and chocolate.”

Gelato will be gluten-free, but packed with fun—and Duncan said she is not worried about crowds of happy children coming to the Gallery.

“We’ll just hang the art a little higher so sticky fingers can’t touch it,” she said.



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Free Concert with Peter Yarrow on May 28 at Montrose Pavilion



Peter Yarrow. Courtesy photo.

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MONTROSE--Peter Yarrow, of Peter,

Paul and Mary fame, will perform a free concert at the Montrose Pavilion on Tuesday, May 28th at 7 pm to benefit the Libraries of Montrose County Foundation. Tickets are available at the Montrose Regional Library or by calling 964-2547.

As a founding member of the multi-platinum and gold-selling trio Peter, Paul and Mary, Yarrow's gift for songwriting produced some of the group's biggest hits, including *Puff, the Magic Dragon*, *Day is Done*, *Light One Candle*, and *The Great Mandala*.

Peter, Paul and Mary won five Grammys, landed six Top 10 hits and earned the Songwriters Hall Of Fame's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2006. Their cover of John Denver's classic, *Leaving on a Jet Plane*, reached the top of the charts in 1969.

Aside from his musical prowess, Yarrow produced three animated TV specials based on *Puff the Magic Dragon*, garnering an Emmy nomination. An accomplished storyteller, two of his children's books reached Publishers Weekly's No. 1

spot.

Yarrow has long used music as an instrument for social change, committing his time to various issues including equal rights, the environment, gender equality, homelessness, hospice care, and education. He participated in the Civil Rights Movement, which brought Peter, Paul and Mary to Washington in 1963 to sing for the historic march led by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

In 1999, Yarrow founded Operation Respect, a non-profit organization working to prevent bullying, ridicule, and violence in schools.

The concert is general admission. Doors will open at 6 pm. The Libraries of Montrose County Foundation is sponsoring the concert to bring awareness to Permanent Book Funds, which provide needed revenue to purchase books and other materials for Montrose County's public libraries. With a gift of \$2,500 or more, a donor can create a Permanent Book Fund to be invested in perpetuity, with its income used to purchase items annually.

ART HAPPENINGS...AROUND THE CORNER!

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE—First Friday Stroll in Downtown Montrose is May 3, 2013, 5:30 to 8 pm with new art shows, demonstrations, music, and, of course, refreshments, wine and beer. There will also be a "Zombie Crawl" at the same time. You can participate or just observe the zombies. The "Zombie Crawl" is a kick-off to a zombie movie that will be filmed in Montrose this summer.

Jennifer Jung will be Around the Corner Art Gallery's featured artist for the month of May. She studied and excelled in art throughout high school and college, and enjoyed over 15 years of very successful self-employment as a mural artist and decorative painter. Upon moving to Colorado two years ago, she has devoted herself to

returning to the canvas and producing oil landscapes, endeavoring to keep a light-handed, elegant and delicate appearance with a commitment to design and composition. Jennifer loves when artwork displays the emotion of the one who made it, and evokes emotion from the one who sees it. Join us for an artist's reception on May 3, 5:30 – 8 pm during the First Friday Stroll. Around the Corner Art Gallery is celebrating its fifth anniversary of business on May 17, 5:30 to 8 pm. To commemorate the occasion we will have a special art show featuring Eva Huhta and Bob DeJulio, both talented watercolorists from Montrose. Their work will hang in the gallery until May 31. Also, savor the music of the gifted guitarist, A.J. Fullerton. There will be refreshments and door prizes.

Please join us. Thanks to everyone for supporting the gallery over the past five years.

May 6th and 20th Life Drawing – 6-9 pm, Fee \$20, Please call to reserve a space. 970-240-4243.

An exciting four-day workshop is coming to Montrose Sept. 13 to 16, 9:30 to 4:30!!! Renowned watercolorist, Tom Lynch, from the Chicago area will teach this workshop for all levels of artists. Tom has been selected by American Artist Magazine as one of the "Top 20" teachers in the nation. The class is hosted by OCAA (Ouray County Arts Assn.) and Around the Corner Art Gallery. Don't miss this great opportunity to study with a master teacher with 30 years of experience, author of 7 books and 5 TV series!

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

WELCOME HOME MONTROSE..BERKELEY BENEFIT CONCERT MAY 9!



By Ever Kipp

Special to the Mirror

SANTA FE--Itinerant songsmith and author David Berkeley went out into the sagebrush and cactus of New Mexico and found his head was similarly ablaze. Indeed Berkeley's head has been ablaze for some time now, writing songs capable of both breaking and mending the heart.

Berkeley, along with this wife and two young sons, now calls Santa Fe home; his sixth home in as many years. Within months of arriving and still overwhelmed by the palette of reds and browns, the endless open sky, and the frightening lack of water in his new high desert surroundings, Berkeley wrote and recorded his most haunting and personal songs to date.

The result is *The Fire in My Head* (Straw Man), Berkeley's fifth studio album, recorded in two days in Jono Manson's ramshackle studio in the wilds above town. All the songs were performed live by Berkeley (vocals, guitar, percussion and bass) and his touring trio—Bill Titus (guitar, keys, organ, drums) and Jordan Katz (trumpet and banjo).

Berkeley's doleful baritone and vulnerable falsetto, called "lustrous and melancholy" by the *New York Times*, is up front in the mix, showcasing his profoundly elegiac lyrics. Indeed, Berkeley cites Yeats and Melville among his greatest influences. For his unique way with words, the *San Francisco Chronicle* dubbed Berkeley "a musical poet." Berkeley seems even more reflective and more mature than usual in this collection, confronting themes of aging, mortality, and the enduring and redemptive power of love.

If there is a genre of American literary songwriters out there, Berkeley is its poster child, and not simply because he is an Ivy-League grad. He penned a memoir

called *140 Goats and a Guitar*, which accompanied his last album *Some Kind of Cure*. Both were written primarily during the year Berkeley lived on the island of Corsica. *Goats* tells thirteen stories, which led to the writing of the album's thirteen songs. This unique concept allowed Berkeley to perform in bookstores across the country, as well as his usual clubs and theaters – something that made him very happy.

"I'm fascinated by the relationship between stories and songs," Berkeley explains. "What experiences make for a good story? And what is only expressible in song?" It's a question he's exploring now as he writes his second book, a fictional set of interweaving short stories called *The Free Brontosaurus*. The stories are all told in third person, and Berkeley is writing first person songs from the perspective of the each story's main character. The finger-picked love song "Broken Crown," from *Fire* is one of the songs from that project.

The most moving song on *The Fire in My Head*, "Shelter," has a literary link as well. It was written at the request of *New York Times* bestselling author Harlan Coben, who asked Berkeley to write a song based on his new novel. Coben has been using the song in the international promotion campaign for his book.

This was not the first song Berkeley was commissioned to write. In fact, he's been moonlighting of late as a sort of Cyrano de Bergerac, writing high-ticket personalized love songs, serenades, and songs to accompany wedding proposals. Perhaps inspired by the hilarious tale Berkeley told on "This American Life" of one such private serenade, Berkeley is frequently flown in to perform these songs in the most intimate situations. "It's been an honor," Berkeley explains, "to get to play a role in such important moments in other's lives, but it can also be incredibly awkward. Some of these situations, wedding proposals for example, are really meant to be shared between only two people."

Berkeley's gift as a songwriter and storyteller is that he sees both the tragedy and comedy in life, managing to both reveal the sorrow at the heart of the human condition and the blazing joy and beauty in the same. It's a duality that audiences experience at all of Berkeley's shows as he tells uproarious stories between heartbreaking songs. It's also why his fans respond so deeply to his music and why so many look to him to express what they are often unable to articulate. Berkeley's songs are at once hard and hopeful.

The Fire in My Head showcases this in full measure. "So I sing for the land," Berkeley sings in the closing epic "Song for the Road," "for our fields washed away. They flooded the grave where my grandfather lay." Yet by the final verse, he pleads "come on back from ledge, come on in from the rain. Here's some things that won't hurt. Here's some things that won't change – like the afternoon light when the clouds break apart, like the way that I feel bout the good in your heart."

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MAGIC CIRCLE'S 1776—THE MUSICAL BRINGS AMERICAN HISTORY TO LIFE

By Nick Hoppner

MONTROSE—Magic Circle Players' final show of the 2012-2013 season is *1776—The Musical*, a Tony Award winning musical with music and lyrics by Sherman Edwards and book by Peter Stone.

The story is based on the events and disputes leading up to the signing of the Declaration of Independence. It focuses on, and partly fictionalizes, the efforts of John Adams to persuade his colleagues to vote for American independence and to sign the Declaration.

Faced with the likelihood that a majority of the delegates to the Continental Congress would not support a split from the onerous treatment by the English empire, the tenacious delegate from the colony of Massachusetts, John Adams, (played by Travis Russell) supported by the charming Pennsylvanian, Benjamin Franklin (Jeff Nelp), coerces the reluctant Virginian, Thomas Jefferson (Ned Bosworth) into writing what would become America's founding document.

Despite many depressing messages sent by General George Washington describing military disasters, reluctance by wealthy colonial landowners led by the loyalist Pennsylvanian, John Dickinson (M. A. Smith) to risk their holdings, and opposition to emancipation by delegates of slaveholding colonies like South Carolina's Edward Rutledge (Dalyn Pearson), Adams faithfully presses on to the musi-



Pictured are Travis Russell (John Adams), Ned Bosworth (Thomas Jefferson), Rog Co-man (Joseph Hewes). Courtesy photo.

cal's triumphant climax.

The cast of Magic Circle Players' staging of *1776—The Musical*—24 men and two women—is excited by the historical accuracy of the story, the infectiousness of the music and relevance of the musical's underlying theme—that the pursuit of freedom is never free. Warmed by several comic song-and-dance numbers, as well as the romantic yearnings of John Adams for his wife Abigail (Lisa Rediger) and Thomas Jefferson for his new bride Martha (Diana Atha), "*1776—The Musical* is sure to please audiences of all ages.

The show is brought to life by Ginny Spaven, director; Kathy Murdoch, assistant director; Bethany Ward, music director; and Amy Nelp, choreography director.

Evening performances are on May 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25, 31 and June 1 at 7:30 p.m. with Sunday matinees on May 12 and 26 and June 2 at 2 p.m. Public ticket sales open on May 7 at the box office of Magic Circle Theatre, 420 South 12th Street, Montrose, or by phone at 970-249-7838. Box office hours are 2-5 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

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ARTS AND CULTURE

A Sneak Peek at 35th Annual Mountainfilm Line Up...



Expect a strong film lineup distinguished by scope, depth, quality, at the 35th Mountainfilm in Telluride, May 24-27 2013. Courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror

TELLURIDE—As with all things, there are ups and downs in the documentary film festival world. According to Mountainfilm in Telluride festival Director David Holbrooke, this year marks something of a zenith. “This is one of the strongest years for documentaries that we’ve ever seen,” he said. “From films we scouted at the earlier festivals in the year — Sundance, SXSW and Tribeca — to our own submissions, there just seemed to be an unusual number of really fine films for consideration.”

From several hundred of those considered films, Mountainfilm will screen several dozen. They range from shorts of just a few minutes to feature-length films. And they cover a spectrum of topics that ranges from adventure and action sports to pressing environmental and social issues.

“What I particularly like about this year’s slate of films is that it spans even a wider range of topics than ever,” said Holbrooke. “For our core adventure constituents, we have outstanding films like *The Crash Reel* about world champion snowboarder Kevin Pearce, who sustained a traumatic brain injury, and *Maidentrip* about Laura Dekker, who, at sixteen, became the youngest person ever to sail solo around the world. We’ll be showing *Manhunt* and *Dirty Wars*, both about the war on terror and both very powerful films. We have two films that take place in Africa that are both stellar: *Rising from Ashes* about Rwandan bike racers and *God Loves Uganda*, about American Christians proselytizing in Uganda.

Holbrooke noted that there are a few films this

year that stretch even Mountainfilm’s wide range. “*Life According to Sam* is by no means a traditional Mountainfilm movie,” he said. “But it was just so beautifully done and compelling that we had to find a place for it.”

This year’s films include several that have been funded, in part, by 2011 and 2012 Mountainfilm Commitment Grants: *The Crash Reel*; *Keeper of the Mountains*; and, *Uranium Drive-In*.

Brief synopses of these highlighted films are as follow:

The Crash Reel – Directed by Lucy Walker whose past Mountainfilm screenings include *Waste Land* and *The Tsunami* and the *Cherry Blossom*, the film profiles professional snowboarder Kevin Pearce, one of the very few competitors to ever stand above Shaun White on a podium, and his recovery from a traumatic brain injury suffered in half-pipe training. With Walker and Pearce, in person.

Maidentrip – Directed by Jillian Schlesinger and winner of the SXSW Audience Choice award, the film portrays teenage sailor Laura Dekker and her record-setting solo trip around the world.

Manhunt – Directed by Greg Barker, *Manhunt* traces with meticulous detail the two-decade hunt for Osama bin Laden. With Barker and a CIA analyst and a CIA operative, in person.

Dirty Wars – Directed by Richard Rowley who followed investigative reporter Jeremy Seahill, author of international bestseller *Blackwater*, to shed light on America’s murky covert wars in Afghanistan, the Arabian peninsula, Somalia and beyond. With NY Times and In-

ternational Herald Tribune columnist Roger Cohen, in person.

Rising From Ashes – Directed by T. G. Johnstone and produced and narrated by Forest Whitaker. Rwandan genocide survivors struggle to realize their dream of forming a national cycling team.

God Loves Uganda – Directed by Roger Ross Williams whose Academy Award-winning short *Music by Prudence* and star Prudence Mathena, so moved Mountainfilm audiences in 2010, this film focuses on American Christians who go to Uganda to proselytize while also bringing an anti-gay message. With Williams, in person.

Life According to Sam – Directed by Sean and Andrea Nix Fine, this film tells the story of Sam Berns who suffers from progeria, an extremely rare and fatal disease, and of the courageous fight by his parents to save his life. With the Fines, in person, and Berns, by skype.

Keeper of the Mountains – Directed by Allison Otto, this short documentary profiles Elizabeth Hawley who has tracked, recorded and archived every Himalayan expedition of the past half-century. With Otto, in person.

Uranium Drive-In – Directed by Suzan Beraza, whose film *Bag It* galvanized Mountainfilm audiences in 2010 and won that year’s Audience Choice award, this is a world premiere about a controversial uranium processing facility planned just upwind of Telluride. With Beraza, in person.

About Mountainfilm: Established in 1979, Mountainfilm in Telluride is dedicated to educating, inspiring and motivating audiences about environments, cultures, issues and adventures. Working at the nexus of filmmaking and action, its flagship program is the legendary Mountainfilm Festival—a one-of-a-kind combination of films, conversations and inspiration. Mountainfilm also reaches audiences year round through its worldwide tour, on Outside Television, with its online *Minds of Mountainfilm* interviews and in classrooms through its educational outreach initiative, *Making Movies that Matter*. Mountainfilm has the power to change lives. To learn more, visit the website. To join the conversation, please visit the blog, follow us on Twitter, and become a fan on Facebook.

MONTROSE SCENES...



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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE WITH SENATOR ELLEN ROBERTS' AIDE JACK CUTTER

Gun Control, Civil Unions, School Re-finance, Renewable Energy, Medicaid Expansion, Single Payer Healthcare, Repeal of Death Penalty, Comprehensive Sex Education, and of course, Marijuana Regulation. These are just some of the bills I was confronted with my first year in the Colorado State Senate. I can sum up this experience in one word, "contentious."

I found myself in the middle of this heated session because I had followed my love for history and my passion for serving the people by becoming a Legislative Aide for Senator Roberts. I grew up in restaurants and spent most of my life serving customers. My mom's side of the family is Cuban, and I majored in history to learn why my grandmother left Cuba never to return. Her story is fascinating and also enlightening. Fidel Castro promised a better life for the poor by eliminating the upper class. This gave me an understanding of why my Cuban side of the family has feared big government. This also, inspired me to study US history. I became Vice President of the American Experiment, a non-profit that teaches the political and economic philosophy of the founding fathers, the constitution, and American history. I de-

cided that I could better serve people by protecting our liberties and educating young people on American History. Politics, to many people my age, is boring and of no concern to them. It is tough for me to understand that view because politics affects everyone. We the people are the employer of our elected officials.

I made the switch from the private sector to politics last year. I was Dave Kerber's Deputy Campaign Manager for his race in Senate District 26. This was a competitive race, and unfortunately Dave lost. But he referred me to the capitol where I found a position working for Senator Roberts.

Working at the Capitol requires me to be on my toes. The moment I decide to take a deep breath and relax, another bill is introduced that could drastically change the lives of Coloradans forever. I am forced to try and stay one step ahead, but that only gets me so far because Republicans are in the minority. This is frustrating for me because I am passionate about a lot of these issues. But I am also fortunate to have Senator Roberts as my boss; she is pragmatic, keeps our office focused, and our emotions in check.

This legislative session is not what I had

expected. I originally thought politicians didn't do much at all. After watching Senator Roberts work and read every bill, educate herself on the issues and meet with people in the different areas that a piece of legislation would affect, I realized that this is a very difficult job. On top of that, she responds to her constituents' phone calls, emails, and letters. She is a Stateswoman. She votes on how to best serve her constituents and doesn't take a single vote lightly.

I highly recommend that everyone visit the capitol at least once. It is our duty as citizens to become familiar with the legislative process. It is we the people that are the employers of our elected officials and we must let our voices be heard. Only we can hold the government accountable. If we are not interested in politics then who is left to hold the government accountable?

Jack Cutter

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Snakes the theme, Rico Molina and Friends at Talking Gourds

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--For Tuesday, May 7th, the Talking Gourds Poetry Club will host Rico Molina and Literary Life Support as featured readers at Arroyo Telluride starting at 6 p.m. This Montrose group brings a flock of young people to the poetry arena with some fresh ideas and fresh performance language. Come check them out.

Snakes will be our club theme this month. Club members and drop-ins are encouraged to bring snake poems to read, one's own or favorite pieces by published poets. Following the featured reading, we do a gourd circle where everyone gets to read a poem or two.

The monthly club meetings are free, but folks are encouraged to join the Talking

Gourds Poetry Club for a tax-deductible donation of \$25 made out to the Telluride Institute. Membership confers special privileges, including notice of special poetry readings and parties. Upcoming meetings are slated for June 4th, July 2nd, and August 6th.

Talking Gourds Poetry Club is a joint venture of the Telluride Institute, Wilkinson Library, Between the Covers Bookstore, Telluride Arts and San Miguel County poets. Members meet monthly, on first Tuesday evenings, at Arroyo's Fine Art Gallery & Wine Bar at 220 E. Colorado Ave., 970-239-2006, beginning at 6 p.m.



OUT AND ABOUT IN MONTROSE!



Chamber president Jenni Sopsic asks Region 10's Vince Fandel a question for her upcoming newsletter



DDA Director Scott Shine speaks at the Forum at Heidi's Deli on April 24.



Chow Down Pet Supplies co-owner Krista Bush (April Business After Hours host) talks to attendees about the business.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Montrose Regional Library District Obtains Grant, Expands Services

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MONTROSE--The Montrose Regional Library District is one of 44 libraries to receive an American Dream Starts @ your library grant, an initiative of Dollar General Literacy Foundation and the American Library Association. The purpose of the grant is to help public libraries in Dollar General communities add or expand literacy services for adult English language learners.

The District received \$9,295 to improve library service for Spanish-speaking patrons. Project activities focus on enhancing the District's Spanish language collection and programming, increasing awareness of library services, and implementing activities to provide computer, English, and literacy skills. The grant builds on a project begun in 2012 when the District received a \$15,000 from the Library Services and Technology Act.

"Libraries are purveyors of the American Dream," said Library District Director

Paul Paladino. "We are excited to provide Spanish speakers with the tools that they need to enjoy success in this great nation." The grant will fund eighteen basic and advanced Spanish language computer classes. Participants will be able to practice their skills at a newly installed Spanish family computer station in the Children's Room of the Montrose Regional Library, and at a soon-to-be installed Spanish public Internet station.

Circulation of Spanish language materials has increased 89% in the past five years, and the District hopes to double this number in the coming year on the bookmobile and at the Montrose Regional Library. Both outlets will add \$7,000 in new titles for new English learners, as well as new Spanish language titles. The District will continue its English Learners' Book Club, which meets monthly at the Library, and bimonthly book reviews in *La Voz del Pueblo*.

The District also hopes to issue 200 new

library cards to Spanish speakers by October. As one way to bring people to the Library, the District will organize El Día de la Hispanidad in September at the Library, with dancers, food, and cultural activities. Library staff will continue their Spanish language lessons to improve their ability to communicate with English learning patrons.

In 2010, the District began recruiting "conversation partners" for the Montrose County School District's Adult Basic Education participants. These partners meet weekly with English learners to help improve their language skills. This grant will help the District continue to recruit new conversation partners.

For information about any of these programs, you can call 249-9656, and press "2" to speak to a Spanish-speaking librarian.

To see the list of the 2013 grant recipients, please visit

www.americandreamtoolkit.org.

BOX CANYON LODGE OFFERS DISCOUNTS TO SNEFFELS RACE SERIES RUNNERS

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OURAY--Each year [Box Canyon Lodge and Hot Springs](#) in Ouray, Colo., plays host to runners competing in the spectacular Mt. Sneffels Race Series events. This year, the lodge offers a 20 percent discount to registered racers (excluding the Ourayce on July 4).

The [Mt. Sneffels Race Series](#) includes seven races that benefit the Mt. Sneffels Education Foundation. This is a non-profit group that provides academic, artistic and cultural projects for the youth of Ouray and neighboring Ridgway.

Runners who compete in the races – and their fans who are cheering them on to the finish line! – will appreciate the comfortable amenities and the convenience of the Box Canyon Lodge and Hot Springs. The lodge is located at the southwest corner of Ouray, making it easy to get to all of the race-day activities.

For post-race recovery the four redwood hot springs tubs will soothe sore muscles while offering invigorating 360-degree views of the surrounding mountains.

Here are the races in the Mt. Sneffels Race Series. [Book early](#) at Box Canyon Lodge, as rooms fill up fast! **May 27: Compassion 5K**

In its third year, the Compassion Run operates in conjunction with Compassion Weekend in June, raising funds for families in need in Ouray County.

The running course will be an "out-and-back" loop mostly following the Flat River Trail north of Ouray along the Uncompahgre River.

June 15: Trail Town 10 Miler

This is the second year for this 10K race, which will begin in Trailtown in Ridgway, following a course along County Road 10, or Cow Creek Pass, a beautiful stretch of trail.

July 4: Ourayce 10K

Starting at Felin Park in Ouray, this 10K run is a fantastic journey through some of the most beautiful terrain in the region.

Aug. 10: Mt. Sneffels Marathon/Half Marathon

This event features three races: a half marathon, which will begin at Fellin Park in

Ouray, over County Road 17 and on to Ridgway; a full marathon, beginning in Ridgway, over the same course and back to Ridgway; and a one-mile Kids Fun Run. **Sept. 28: Ouray Mountain Trail Run** The Ouray Mountain Trail Run is a 14-mile endurance trail race organized to support local Ouray youth recreational programs and events. This challenging course circumnavigates the beautiful town of Ouray.

Oct. 19: Rhythm Run 10K

The final run in the Mt. Sneffels series, this 10K race begins in Ridgway and supports Ridgway High School students.

About Box Canyon Lodge and Hot Springs (www.boxcanyonouray.com)

The Box Canyon Lodge and Hot Springs is located in beautiful Ouray, Colo., nicknamed "Switzerland of America."

Box Canyon Lodge, a hot springs motel boasting four all-natural hot springs tubs, offers a peaceful location, clean, comfortable and nicely decorated rooms, meticulously-maintained grounds and warm, personal service.

Hold the Date! Upcoming Business and Cultural Events

ONGOING-

First Friday Strolls Montrose Downtown —Monthly from 5:30 p.m.-8p.m. Artist Demonstrations, Free Wine Tastings, and in store promotional events!

ReneWest Interactive Art Crawls—West Main District, third Thursdays of every month.

Montrose Indoor Farm Market—1st and 3rd Saturdays of every month, Centennial Plaza.

May 1—Forum at Heidi's Brooklyn Deli (1521 Oxbow Dr.), 8 to 9 a.m. Coffee is \$1.

May 1-31--An art show to benefit the Alzheimer's Association will be held during the month of May at The Coffee Trader located at 845 E. Main Street in Montrose. Local artist Toni Woodrum will have oil paintings on display that will be available for a donation with all monies going to support the Alzheimer's Association. An opening reception will be held on Friday, May 3rd from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. For more information call Toni at [970-596-4471](tel:970-596-4471).

May 3—Opening reception for Toni Woodrum art show for Alzheimer's Association at Coffee Trader. 5:30 to 8 p.m.

May 3—Montrose Arts Council presents singer/guitarist/songwriter David Baker, 7:30 p.m. at Cobble Creek Clubhouse. Tickets are \$10.

May 3—Western Colorado Botanical Gardens and Western Colorado Center for the Arts of Grand Junction present children's class -Birds and Their Habitat. Info@wcbotanic.org.

May 4—Spring Craft and Boutique Show, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Holiday Inn Express. Call Desiree at 970-210-6619 for more information.

May 4-The Montrose Special Olympians will be participating in the eighth annual track meet Saturday, May 4th, at the Montrose High School track. The games start at 9 AM with the parade of athletes, followed by the opening ceremonies. Athletes from each of the following schools will be participating: Oak Grove, Northside, Johnson, Centennial, Olathe Middle School, Olathe High, Montrose High, Ridgway School District, and the STEP, Step Up Life Transition program. Athletes will be involved in many events including softball throw, running long jump, running /walking and relays. Medals will be given to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place participants.

May 4-- Mother's Day Tea, 2 to 4pm at the Cobble Creek Clubhouse. The tea will feature a full assortment of fancy tea sandwiches, scones, lemon curd, Devonshire cream and fabulous desserts. This year's tea is a fund raiser for Hospice's amazing Child & Teen Grief Program. Bring your daughters, granddaughters, friends and your own special teacups to share the fun. Tickets are \$15 per person and are available at the Cobble Creek Pro Shop. Seating is limited so buy your tickets early.

May 6--A free Medicare computer training program is scheduled, from 10 a.m. to noon, at Colorado Mesa University's Montrose campus, 234 S. Cascade Ave. This training is sponsored by Montrose County, the Colorado Health Foundation, the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP), and AeroCare. The program will help participants navigate the extensive Medicare website. It is open to the public, but space is limited, and is expected to fill up quickly. To register or for more information, call RSVP Colorado West at 970-249-9639.

May 9—David Berkeley concert on behalf of Welcome Home and the Warrior Resource Center, at Turn of the Century (121 NW Fourth St.).

May 10-11-Tenth Annual Montrose Wine & Food Festival.

May 11--Montrose United Methodist Church youth group yard sale.

May 17—Free Constant Contact email marketing Seminar, Montrose Chamber Conference Room (1519 East Main), from 10 a.m. to Noon.

May 18—Great Highway 50 Yard Sale, 8 a.m. to Noon Downtown.

May 18----San Juan Mountain Runners will host the 38th Annual Black Canyon Ascent. Come join the fun as walkers and runners participate in this challenging, scenic 6-mile event. The race starts at the junction of US Hwy 50 and CO Hwy 347 east of Montrose, walkers at 7:30 a.m. and runners at 8 a.m. Post-race festivities including refreshments, awards and prize drawings will take place near the finish at the campground amphitheater at the South Rim of the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park. All proceeds will benefit the Montrose Community Foundation: \$30 through 4/15, then \$35 through May 16th. May 17th and Race Day registration \$45. Pre-registration and more info at www.blackcanyonraces.com.

May 28--Peter Yarrow, of Peter, Paul and Mary fame, will perform a free concert at the Montrose Pavilion on Tuesday, May 28th at 7 pm to benefit the Libraries of Montrose County Foundation. Tickets are available at the Montrose Regional Library or by calling 964-2547.

June 8—Museum of the Mt. West Tribute to Western Movies Days! Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid. The Museum is seeking vendors at this time and memorabilia pertaining to the movie and or the outlaws. Call 970-240-3400 for details.

June 11-17—Welcome Home Montrose No Barriers Week. Call 970-765-2210 for information or to get involved.

June 17-19—Western Slope Rural Philanthropy Days "The Journey to Success" comes to Ouray! Contact 970-708-1059 for info.

June 22--Fifteenth Annual Montrose Golf Tournament for Hospice, Bridges of Montrose.

July 12-14—Lavender Association of Western Colorado presents the Third Annual Colorado Lavender Festival in Downtown Palisade.

July 27—Volunteers of America Homestead Golf Tournament at Black Canyon Golf Course; 8:30 shotgun start, two-person scramble, \$55.00 a player. Pick up team forms at golf course (970-249-4653) or call Volunteers of America the Homestead at Montrose at 970-252-9359 if you can be a sponsor or donate a prize. All proceeds from the tournament will be used for special projects for our residents; what a great way to enhance their lives.

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Email resume to: dgrinde@int-iccs.org

Program Director

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Minimum of 5 years experience

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Email resume to: bhulse@int-iccs.org

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Above, Musician Levi Brown serenades sister Tia Brown and customers at Sushitini during the ReneWest Art Crawl in Lower Montrose April 18. Image courtesy Cara Fandel for Howling Wolf Photography.

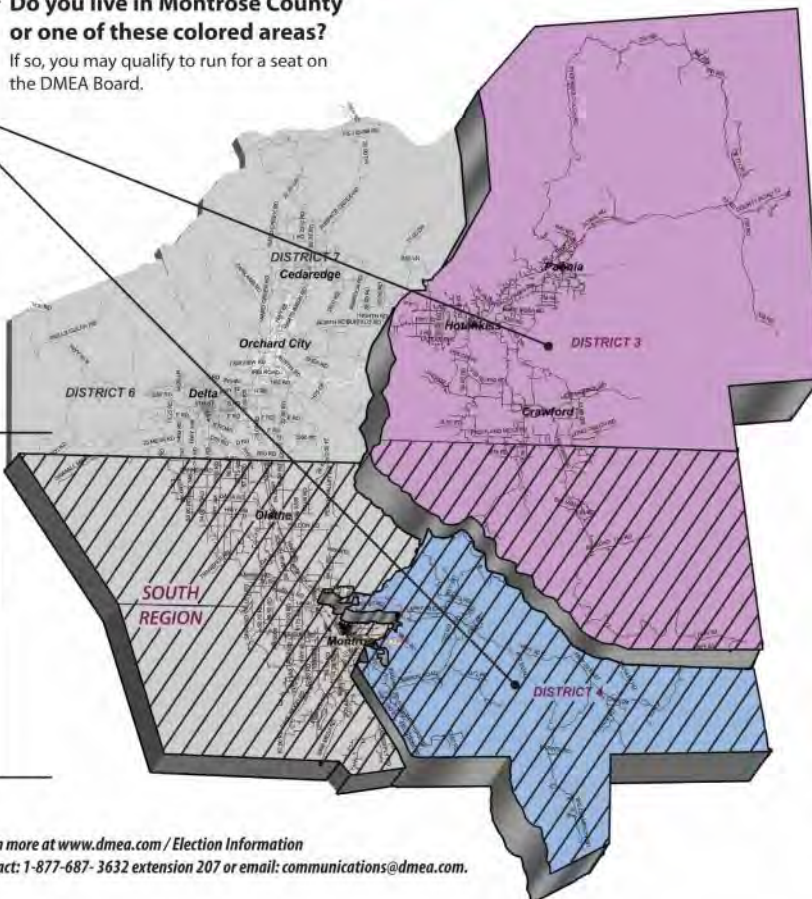
Left. The ice is finally melting on Blue Mesa Reservoir, but the water line keeps getting lower. Photo by Dave Bernier.

...ever thought about serving on the DMEA Board of Directors?



Do you live in Montrose County or one of these colored areas?

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- DMEA employees and their families and a few other exceptions are ineligible to become candidates.
- There are no filing fees.
- Candidates must have resided in their districts for a minimum of 45 days.

2013 Board Candidate Key Dates:

- **Monday, April 1, 2013** Candidate petition packets available at DMEA (11925 6300 Rd, Montrose).
- **Tuesday, April 30, 2013** Petition deadline (15 member signatures) & candidate profile information deadline.
- **Monday, May 20, 2013** Ballots, candidates' backgrounds, and other materials mailed to DMEA members.
- **Thursday, June 13, 2013** Deadline voted ballots to be received by mail.
- **Friday, June 14, 2013** DMEA annual meeting. An announcement of the election results comes at the end of the annual meeting.

Learn more at www.dmea.com/ElectionInformation

Contact: 1-877-687-3632 extension 207 or email: communications@dmea.com.

