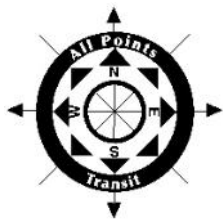




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MAKE IT LOCAL! SWEET CORN FUELS ECONOMY, FUN

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-- The sweet corn variety that put Montrose County on the map, Olathe Sweet, will once again draw hungry crowds to Olathe and the entire region on Saturday, August 3. However, though the Olathe Sweet Corn festival has become known over the years for featuring big, national acts along with the hot buttered ears, this year's festival—the 22nd--will be smaller, fresher and more local.

"We're getting back to our roots—that's the theme for this year's event," festival organizer Bobbi Sale said. "It's really a make or break year. We are focusing more on local food, local everything—and we will have fun, interactive games. So come on out!"

For locals, the Sweet Corn Festival is a chance to catch up with friends and neighbors, and have a great time. For visitors, the festival offers a small taste, not only of crisp, fresh, sweet local corn, but of the Western Colorado lifestyle that inspires travelers worldwide.

"We can share how we live



Olathe Photographer Joseph Harold snapped this shot of last year's sweet corn harvest. This year's corn will arrive later, thanks to wet weather.

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FORTUNE FAVORS THE FEARLESS! LINDA GANN ROLLS OUT CONNECT FOR HEALTH ON WESTERN SLOPE



Before her retirement from District Re-1J, Linda Gann helped establish this school-based child health center at Northside Elementary School.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—Fortune favors the fearless. It is a phrase Linda Gann shares with her presentation audiences, and uses to remind herself of the importance of her work.

After all, she could be playing tennis. Only recently retired after years of managing communications for the Montrose County Re-1J School District, Gann has instead taken on an even more challenging role. As Western Slope Outreach Coordinator for Connect for Health Colorado, a non-profit funded through the Affordable Care Act (ACA), Gann spends her days traveling throughout the region, presenting real information about the changes that citizens can expect as the Act takes effect.

"What I am trying to do is just simplify a very complicated, large program," Gann

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Over the week of June 11-17, Montrose welcomes some very special guests to town—30 medically-retired U.S. service members will arrive in town to take part in the first annual Welcome Home Montrose No Barriers Week. They will take part in activities that include kayaking, horseback riding, rafting, fishing, hiking, golf and archery as well as photography, treasure hunting with metal detectors and even hot air ballooning and panning for gold, and experience for themselves the diverse culture of the Uncompahgre Valley. These warriors will be able to access art, music and massage therapies, and each day will begin and conclude at the Warrior Resource Center at Park Avenue and Main Street. This is the community's chance to assess where gaps exist in veterans' services, and demonstrate the rich diversity of resources available to our nation's veterans.

The project is being coordinated by Tim Kenney of Montrose, a wounded veteran himself.

"We are bringing wounded soldiers here to give them another chance to heal," Kenney said. "As a community, we can get behind this, and help these guys get their lives back."

To find out how you can be involved, call the Warrior Resource Center at 970-765-2210. Welcome Home Montrose-Warrior Resource Center is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

Over the weekend of June 15-16, it's

By Caitlin Switzer

REGIONAL—In some communities, a single summer event can be cause for celebration. In Western Colorado, the menu of summertime fun is typically so full that just choosing an "entrée" can take days. This June is no exception—from the Tribute to Western Movies Day at Museum of the Mountain West on June 8 and the Welcome Home Montrose No Barriers Week June 11-17, to the Ridgway Heritage Days and Ranch Rodeo June 15-16, to the Habitat for Humanity "Rollin' on a River" celebration June 22, locals and visitors will enjoy four weeks of high-energy fun, Colorado style.

If you love history and the Old West, turn back the clock and head over to Museum of the Mountain West, located at Highway 50 and Miami Road, on June 8. The Museum has been holding its signature "Tribute to Western Movies Day" event for four

years, drawing guests from all over the world in search of the elusive essence of the Wild, Old West. This year's theme will be Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, with speaker Bill Betenson, Cassidy's great-grand-nephew and author of *Butch Cassidy: My Uncle-A Family Portrait* (High Plains Press, 2012). The tribute will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with a host of dedicated volunteers bringing history to life. Expect gunfights, demonstrations of skills such as blacksmithing, candlemaking, rug and barrel making, spinning, music and meals from the "old days," and plenty of folks dressed in period costumes strolling around.

"It will be fun and interesting," said Museum of the Mountain West board member Carolyn Bellavance. "It's a great chance to learn more about Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, and what really happened to them."

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live in Olathe year-round with people who don't," Sale said. "And we'll have an old-fashioned street dance, with Cabin Fever!"

All entertainment will in fact be local this year, she said, and everything will wind down before dark.

"This year's festival will be scaled way back, no big sound and light system," she said. "As the economy gets better, we can go back to what we were doing."

And while the festival's mainstay—the beloved Olathe Sweet Sweet Corn, should be plentiful by festival time, the harvest will be a little late this year, Olathe grower John Harold said.

"Along with the spring moisture we got cool weather," Harold said. "It's a pretty good trade-off—we have a lot of corn, and it should be ready about mid-July."

Montrose is also the home of corn scientist Dave MacKenzie, whose popular "Mirai" corn has attained a global following as the go-to "dessert" corn. Now, MacKenzie has found an even sweeter corn—tentatively nicknamed "Brix 20,"—that contains between 19 and 20 percent sugar.

"The taste impact is huge," MacKenzie

said, adding, "Our corn is really moving overseas—we could become the dominant variety in the Ukraine."

Here in Montrose, Mirai is not always easy to come by; although he has grown his own product and partnered in a roadside stand in years past, MacKenzie is now focused entirely on producing seeds for home gardeners and others.

"We're growing seeds in Idaho right now, we're growing some seeds in Montrose, and we're looking to grow seeds in Turkey," he said. "Weather has been so unpredictable in seed-growing areas that we have had to diversify."

Here in Montrose, those who do not grow their own can just stop by the Lobby Grille at Montrose Memorial Hospital during sweet corn season for a taste of Mirai, MacKenzie said.

"(Chef) Mike Krull has it grown, and incorporates it into the locally-grown foods movement; he really makes it available," MacKenzie said.

"This is the fourth year in a row we have used it," said Krull, who has built what was once just a hospital cafeteria into a food-lover's destination, rated among the top ten Montrose eateries on the Trip Ad-



There will not be a Mirai corn stand this year in Montrose, but locals can grow the delicious local corn from seed. Mirror file photo.

visor web site. "The quality is excellent; we use it raw, frozen and roasted. We use it in corn bread, and in salads. Every year, we are excited to have it come in."

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Ridgway's turn to roll back the years, with its first-ever Heritage Days and Ranch Rodeo at the Ouray County Fairgrounds in Ridgway. The weekend will kick off with a non-motorized parade that is expected to include at least one camel. Ridgway Area Chamber of Commerce Administrator Gale Ingram, who is organizing the events, said that the rodeo will include ten teams of competitors. In addition to the ranch rodeo, there are plenty of activities for the entire family, including a mini-gymkhana, barrel racing and a mounted shooting exhibition on Saturday afternoon followed by a 4H sponsored "Meet the Animals" event and a tent dance in Hartwell Park Saturday night.

On Sunday, a day in the park (11 a.m. to 4 p.m.) complete with a children's section, blacksmith demos, music, poetry, Ute In-

dian hoop dancing and drum performances and a cowboy gathering, begins with a pancake breakfast and Church in the Park from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Although the event itself is new, Heritage Days and Ranch Rodeo reflects the community's origins and the ranching heritage that makes Ridgway unique and appealing to travelers, Ingram said.

"For a first time event, the support we have received has been truly amazing," Ingram said. To learn more, contact the Ridgway Area Chamber of Commerce at 970-626-5181.

On June 22, it's back to Montrose for the "Rollin' on the River" roller derby benefit for Habitat for Humanity from 1 to 4 p.m. in Baldridge Park.

Although this will be the sixth time Montrose has welcomed the roller derby

on behalf of Habitat, it is the first time the popular event has been held at the community's outdoor skating rink.

"We are so excited about this year's event!" Montrose Habitat Executive Director Colleen Burke said in a news release. "Along with the Roller Derby we will have a brew fest, featuring local brewers and local food vendors--and as always, the funds raised will go toward building new Habitat homes in our community."

Over the past 20 years, Habitat for Humanity of Montrose County has empowered 42 local families to help build and move into homes of their own.

To learn more about how you or your business can help to sponsor "Rollin on a River," call Event Coordinators Deanna Jakino at 970-749-2891 or Mandy Winn at 970-769-1991.

The Coffee's On... in LoMo!



The Riddled Raven Coffee House is open in Sampler Square! Photo by Sarah Berndt.

By J. Berndt

LOWER MONTROSE--There are not very many things, if any, that I like more than coffee, and there is nothing I dislike more than not having coffee when I wake up. I wish I could say that my body fueled itself, energized on its own, but I would be lying. I don't think it is all about the caffeine, but partly about the comfort of the warm goodness to help you plan out your morning. You know the old saying? Do what you love, well I fu... freaking love coffee.

You know when you have had a few drinks and sometimes crazy ideas come to you? But then you wake up the next morning and you realize that your idea might not be practical, sensible, or even possible? We woke up and didn't stop... we were

going to open a coffee shop. With help from the Downtown Development Authority, Summit West Property Management, family and friends, this long-awaited dream has become real-life.

We presently own The Riddled Raven but wanted the opportunity to grow a little further, so we are keeping the name and moving 35 1/2 feet to the north. We want to create a place for locals to be in a friendly and comfortable environment, and travelers to find a unique place to add to their visit to Montrose. We also saw the opportunity to be the only coffee shop on the ever-changing West Main corridor.

With the loan from the Downtown Development Authority we were able to renovate, putting in new floors and lighting

fixtures among other things. With support from Mike and Derek from Summit West Property Management, we qualified for the loan to do all the renovating, with a very low interest rate. Without this we wouldn't have had this opportunity, so I want to take the time here to thank everyone who was involved.

My wife Sarah had worked with coffee in the past and knows all the fancy lingo; as for me I'm the new guy. Typically if I see a menu at a coffee shop I get confused, order an Americano, put five on it and don't ask questions when I am surprised at the change I get back. But over the past few weeks I've been feeding from the heart of the business, the espresso machine, learning to respect it and its ways. We made sure to stick with a simple drink menu but with enough to satisfy even some of the sticklers out there. Our house blend coffee is a nice mix of organic Sumatra and African beans, tested and approved by some of Montrose's finest people.

It was all fun and games until we had to start working on the food menu. We thought about what people liked, and came to the conclusion that we needed to mix it up with some healthy food items evenly balanced with some binge-eating sandwiches. And I had always swore that if I had a place that served food I would treat breakfast with the respect it deserves and have it available all day. There is no time frame for eggs and bacon. On the menu you will find paninis, wraps, breakfast sandwiches, waffles, and yes, even some greens.

Parking is plentiful at the front and back, and we will provide you with free stair exercises. As with any new adventure it will take a few weeks to really get everything dialed in, observe the needs of the Montrose masses and always look for ways to improve the business. As of now we are starting with fewer hours, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays. We can only hope for enough business to extend these hours and be open more.

We are at 8 S. Grand, overlooking West Main, open and ready to caffeinate the population, as well as getting the opportunity to meet more locals. Give us a call at 970-275-3265. You can also text in your order to have it ready when you arrive.

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OURAY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY ISSUES CALL FOR ENTRIES FOR PHOTO SHOW

Special to the Mirror

OURAY--OCHS Photo Show Call for Entries – The Ouray County Historical Society seeks entries for the 2013 photo exhibit, “San Juan Memories.” Entries due

by June 29. Up to three entries allowed. There will be a \$5 per photo entry fee. Images should show some aspect of the San Juan Mountains such as landscapes, mining, ranching, or recreation. All entries

eligible for first, second and third place ribbons and cash awards. Photos may be dropped off at Ouray County Historical Museum. Please call 970-325-4576 for entry guidelines and museum hours.

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FORTUNE FAVORS THE FEARLESS...LINDA GANN BACK AT WORK

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Today, Linda Gann is working to present information about Colorado's new health insurance exchange, which opens in Oct.

said. "Here in Colorado we are moving forward; this is our story, and our plan."

When the Affordable Care Act was signed into law, Colorado already had a plan that had been initiated in 2006, when state lawmakers saw health care costs spiraling out of control. Despite a fiscally conservative governor and its status as the healthiest state in the U.S., Colorado's costs for health insurance at that time were the nation's 13th highest.

In response, 27 commissioners across the state were appointed and charged with creating recommendations and curbing escalating health care costs, Gann said.

"They came up with a report in 2008, ten months before the presidential election," Gann said. "Their key finding was that coverage is key; the document they created was a vision for change, a roadmap for health care reform."

And despite the controversial nature of the subject, 24 of the 27 state commissioners signed the recommendations, she said, which included findings that individuals are responsible for their own health and wellness, and that eligibility for insurance should be expanded with health care plans that cover everyone.

"The plan was shelved," Gann said. "But several years later, there was an opportunity to fund Colorado's plan. At the national level, after a very heated and divisive discussion, we passed the Affordable Care Act."

Colorado is one of just 16 states that has created its own health insurance exchange under the ACA, she noted.

"Our state applied for a planning grant, so in 2011, we applied for and received funding," she said. "We will open the marketplace here in October; carriers will have a variety of plans and consumers can shop—there will be no denials."

"And when insurance companies compete for your dollars, you win."

Gann has presented information about the insurance exchange, which opens in October, across the region since February. Although she is currently the only representative on the Western Slope, she expects to see "more boots on the ground" soon. Federal funding for the program will continue through the implementation phase and year one, and by 2015, Colorado's program is expected to sustain itself.

"This is not a government program, although there is legislative oversight," Gann said. "There is no funding for abortion, and there won't be. This system will not replace the current market, or brokers. We are making a huge investment now, but in a few years all markets will be in place, and we will be able to compare which models work best—this will no longer be theoretical."

Expect a few bumps along the road, as those involved work the kinks out of the system, she said.

"Colorado's exchange will work like a farm market, and any insurer can sell," she said. "There is so much to learn, but we should be proud of our effort."

Gann, who includes a history of health care in America as part of her presentation, came to the work with the perspective of a consumer; she and husband David have operated small agricultural businesses over the years, and tried to purchase health care for their own workers years ago. The Ganns were astounded to learn that when it came to obtaining coverage, good health was less of a factor than the purchasing power of large groups.

With 75 percent of insured Americans receiving health care through their employers, and Coloradoans spending on average 20 percent of their income on health care, she knows how badly change is needed.

"The birth of my first child cost just \$600 in 1976," Gann said. "Today costs are so astronomical that many people are priced out of the market."

After Congress passed the Emergency Medical Treatment Act in 1986, costs really began to skyrocket, she said, with many of the associated charges passed on to the insured.

"There was no reimbursement provision in that act," Gann said, noting that the Federal government is funding the launch of the Affordable Care Act. "We have all been paying for the uninsured (under the current system), many of whom have access to health care only through the emergency room—which is the most expensive option. There is no prevention and wellness care—and yet we know that many diseases are much easier to treat in the early stages."

Gann will speak at the Heidi's Deli Forum on May 22, she said, and those who have questions about the new system should plan to attend. Anyone who would like to schedule a presentation for other groups is encouraged to call her at 970-417-7119. A web site with information is also live, at <http://www.connectforhealthco.com>.

"There will be a tax credit available for Coloradoans," she said, "and our market is the only place to access those advanced tax credits. This is a free market web site, and the 800,000 uninsured Colorado residents will now be one big group. The big need right now is to get as many Coloradoans insured as possible, to bring down the spiraling costs. In October, you will be able to shop, and coverage begins Jan. 1. Then we will see if Colorado has come up with a plan that is part of the solution."

The program now lists 10 essential benefits, and offers a series of "tiers" based on co-pay and deductible amounts.

"The next few months are so important, as we work to get good, real information out to the people," Gann said.

"Hopefully, through education we can move forward. And it will be interesting to see if Coloradoans take personal responsibility for their health."

"I am not intimidated by hostile groups," Gann said. "And I believe it is important to honor people where they are coming from, and approach this subject through our own history."

"Once we are through the first evolution, I can go back to playing tennis with my kids and grandkids."

MIRROR PHOTO FLASHBACK!



Some recent memories...at top left, local kids ham it up at the Montrose County Fair, 2011. Top right, irreplaceable community advocate and Pow Wow supporter Shirley Bradbury and the Colorado Tourism Association head off down Main Street in an old yellow truck during the 2011 Montrose County Fair and Rodeo Parade. "Get off your asphalt," read the sign on the side of the truck, "Don't laugh at me—I'm a survivor."

COMMUNITY GROUP ANNOUNCES CUTTING-EDGE AIR PROJECT

Special to the Mirror

PAONIA – North Fork non-profit Citizens for a Healthy Community (CHC) has announced that it is launching a cutting-edge air quality sampling project, one designed to establish an air quality baseline for the Delta County region by testing for toxic chemicals associated with natural gas drilling.

Local residents will carry backpacks containing air-sampling devices to collect data over 24-hour periods to determine actual human exposure. CHC is beginning to work with local residents to identify sampling locations so that the first round of sampling can begin in September.

Three samples will be collected at the same time at different locations as one collection set. Two sets will be collected in a month during four months over the course of one-year, in order to account for changes in the seasons. The project was developed with input from scientists at [The Endocrine Disruption Exchange](#) (TEDX). Collected samples will identify if an individual has been exposed to chemicals in

the air. While drilling is relatively minimal in the Delta County region at this time, it is important to establish a baseline to determine the current levels of chemicals associated with drilling prior to any further gas and oil development, especially given the unique wind patterns in the area. Also, many traditional air sampling projects overlook certain chemicals that can cause serious health effects at very low levels, which sometimes cannot be seen or smelled. CHC will test for these chemicals, called polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), in sampling.

Understanding personal exposure to chemicals is important because of the health effects of certain chemicals used in, or released by, drilling and fracking.

Such health effects include harm to the brain and the endocrine and nervous systems, organ damage, and cancer, and other "symptoms such as burning eyes, rashes, coughs, sore throats, asthma-like effects, nausea, vomiting, headaches, dizziness, tremors, and convulsions."^[1]

"It's what we can't see or smell—

chemicals in the air that come from drilling—that could be harming the health of local families," said Jim Ramey, Director of CHC. "Our air sampling project could serve as a model for other communities across the country who are fighting to protect their health and environment from runaway drilling and fracking."

Concerns in other gas-patch communities have informed the design of this project. For example, at the recent rulemakings of the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, [commissioners heard from numerous Garfield County and the Front Range residents](#) who have experienced health effects that they believe were caused by airborne pollution sourced from drilling.

"Citizen science is critical to holding the drilling industry and government responsible," said Weston Wilson, U.S. EPA (retired) and currently with 'Be the Change - USA.' "Very few communities have the opportunity to establish their air quality baseline before large scale drilling and fracking begin."

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Celebrate Safety!

May is International Supervised Visitation Awareness Month



MaryJo Mills.
Courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror
REGIONAL--The Colorado Chapter of the National Supervised Visitation Network (SVN) is celebrating International Supervised Visitation Awareness Month by proudly

distributing, wearing, and displaying orange ribbons during the month of May.

"The purpose of the SVN is to provide safe and neutral environments for children in families in conflict surrounding divorce, domestic violence, paternity, or co-parenting," explained MaryJo Mills, Supervised Exchange Parenting Time (SEPT) program manager.

"In situations of abuse, neglect, abduction risk, or the extended absence of one parent, the SEPT program provides a safe meeting and visitation alternative, rather than using drop-off points for child exchange like the police station, a parking lot, and/or curbside."

SVN services are available locally

through the SEPT program Mills manages, which is administered through CASA of the 7th Judicial District (Court Appointed Special Advocates-CASA). CASA is a member of the state and national SVN organizations.

Orange ribbons are available at area businesses or your local CASA office: Montrose (Region 10 Building, 300 N Cascade Ave, Montrose), Delta (Partners Building, 511 E 10th St, Delta), or Gunnison (225 N Pine St, Ste C, Gunnison).

For more information about the SEPT program, contact Mills directly at (970) 249-0337 or email her at mjmills@casa7jd.org. For information about CASA, email to info@casa7jd.org or visit www.casa7jd.org.

About CASA of the 7th Judicial District (CASA)

CASA serves abused and neglected children who have been removed from their homes and find themselves in the courts and child welfare systems through no fault of their own. CASA accomplishes this mission by helping to break the cycle of child abuse and neglect, and to advocate for safe, permanent, nurturing home for children, utilizing highly trained and dedicat-

ed volunteers. CASA's vision is to provide a volunteer for every abused and neglected child.

CASA programs include the Supervised Exchange & Parenting Time (SEPT) Program (providing safe, neutral environments for families in turmoil), and the Fostering Futures Program (for adolescents transitioning out of foster care as they are surrendered to the world).

CASA is affiliated with the National CASA Association and CASA in Colorado. CASA began serving Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Montrose, Ouray, and San Miguel—the counties that comprise the 7th Judicial District—in 2000. To learn more about CASA's mission and child advocacy efforts, for information about becoming a CASA volunteer, or to donate or otherwise support the program, call CASA at (970) 249-0337, email info@casa7jd.org, or visit www.CASA7jd.org. For information about National CASA, visit their website at www.casaforchildren.org. Executive Director Karen Tuttle and Development Director Stacey Ryan are available to share the CASA story through interviews and speaking engagements throughout the 7th Judicial District.

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TRADITION, PROPERTY RIGHTS CLASH IN GRAVEL PIT DEBATE



Above, right and facing page—Janice Wheeler and Dennis Schultz love the remote, quiet road that they live on and the rural lifestyle that they chose on Moonlight Mesa, south of Montrose. Now, the couple hopes that Montrose County will not approve a 250-acre gravel pit 1,200 feet from their front door. Photos by Barton Glasser.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—When she bought her home on Moonlight Mesa in 2000, Janice Wheeler thought she was set for life.

"It was a quiet, dead end road, south of town," she said. "I had it made! I came here from Copper Mountain, and this was the lifestyle that I wanted. I have 1.17 acres, and I have an organic garden on half of it. I grow a lot of what I use in my catering business, and almost all of what we eat here. I have chickens.

"I never imagined in my wildest dreams that this would happen."

What has happened in an application for a 250-acre gravel pit, just 1,200 feet from Wheeler's front door. If the pit is ultimately approved, production is expected to be around 104,000 tons annually, with an operational life span of 105 years. Twenty-four ton trucks loaded with gravel would roll in and out daily along a portion of T-Road with direct access to Highway 550.

"It's a monster," said Wheeler, who has attended meetings and contacted local officials to make her concerns about the gravel

pit application known. "I feel like they listen to me, but then they tell me it doesn't matter, that this is the way we have always done it—that these kinds of operations are allowed on agricultural land in Montrose County.

"But this doesn't belong here."

A special use hearing with regard to the pit has been continued until May 23, to allow planning commissioners time to address remaining concerns. According to an April 25 report by Montrose County Planning and Development Director Steve White to the Montrose County Planning Commission, a number of neighbors have written letters of concern with regard to the project. White notes also that approval is contingent on the Applicant's providing a mitigation plan that would address the Gunnison Sage Grouse Critical Habitat, as Montrose County has entered in a Memorandum of Understanding with other counties to address the Gunnison Sage Grouse Critical Habitat areas.

The pit under consideration is owned by Zane Luttrell's Rocky Mountain Aggregate

and Construction, LLC, which is located on acreage owned by the Lazy K Bar Land and Cattle Company. To gain approval, the owners would also have to meet Colorado Department of Highways' standards for access to Highway 550, and a number of other conditions as listed in the [Planning and Development Director's report](#).

Whether or not Montrose County ultimately approves a 250-acre gravel pit on Moonlight Mesa, the issue is not a new one. Delta County Commissioners have denied two recent applications for gravel pit operations on California Mesa and in Crawford because of opposition by neighboring landowners, but approved a specific development application for the Cook gravel pit on 25 Mesa Road, which would supply gravel for the county's own uses—a move that *Delta County Independent Reporter* Hank Lohmeyer called "the County Government's competition with local private enterprise."

Gravel is a natural resource cheaply obtained, and essential to growth.

According to the most recent sand and gravel mineral commodity summary prepared by the United States Geological Survey (Jan. 2013), Colorado is the seventh largest producer of sand and gravel in the U.S.

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Nationwide, the industry is worth about \$6.4 billion, with about 6,500 operations in 50 states. Construction sand and gravel is used in concrete aggregates and road base and stabilization, among other construction uses. The Commodity Summary also notes that “Growth in housing starts in 2012 is increasing demand for construction sand and gravel in many states.”

A large amount of sand and gravel is needed to build and maintain highways, as well as communities, said Steve Whitehurst, a project manager and estimator for Skip Huston Construction in Montrose, a company that has been operating locally for 30 years. Up-front costs to develop a Gravel pit are usually very high, he noted, and can run into the millions.

“Transportation is really important,” Whitehurst said. “The pit needs to be as close to the projects as possible, because the cost of trucking is prohibitive.”

“Gravel is a sensitive issue,” he said. “We work for a lot of government entities, and we use and buy a lot of it to do what we do. The engineers who design projects require it. We all want it and need it, but

nobody wants a gravel pit in their back yard—we like a tranquil, undisturbed environment.”

“It’s a hard thing, and every community has this issue because of the high cost of transportation.”

Many view the proposed gravel pit on Moonlight Mesa as a benefit to the community, said Montrose County Planning and Development Director Steve White.

“It’s a catch-22,” White said. “Gravel is a resource, and we know where it is available in the county. Every pit will have issues—traffic, noise, dust. But it is mined where it is economically viable; we look at whether it works in a location, and what mitigating factors are needed to make it work. On this mesa, it will be difficult to see the operation.”

The planning commission will continue to look at mitigation factors at the May 23 planning commission hearing, he said, noting that a fairly large neighborhood near the pit will be less impacted than the homes on T-Road, and that the pit applicants must also work out highway access issues with CDOT.

“The state highway is the only way out, so CDOT will require improvements for safety,” White said. “There are always neighborhood concerns, even outside of town like this. But gravel is going to come from somewhere, and it’s not coming from Ouray. There are water rights on the property; they can use the canal for dust control, and pipe water in for the concrete plant.”

“Overall, it’s a pretty good plan, and this county is supportive of resource development,” he said. “Like the hydro plant east of town—we were also supportive of that.”

A successful entrepreneur herself, Janice Wheeler said that she does see both sides of the issue. “I get it, but it’s frustrating,” she said. “We are in drought--is this really the proper use for all that water? The county is helping one family, but 300 families will be affected negatively.”

“I am in business, so I do understand,” she added. “But the smell of my chocolate chip cookies baking does not bother people the way the dust and noise from all those trucks will.”

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ROLLER DERBY TO ROCK RIVER BOTTOM PARK IN 2013 VENDORS AND EVENT SPONSORS SOUGHT

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MONTROSE—Anybody who has come out in past years to watch Roller Derby teams battle on behalf of Montrose Habitat knows how much fun the rock ‘em, sock ‘em action-packed sport can be. This year, the Sixth Annual Montrose Roller Derby kicks it up a notch and takes the action outside—to the rink at River Bottom Park, from 1 to 4 p.m. on June 22, 2013.

“We are so excited about this year’s event!” Montrose Habitat Executive Director Colleen Burke said. “Along with the Roller Derby we will have a brew fest, featuring local brewers and local food ven-

dors--and as always, the funds raised will go toward building new Habitat homes in our community.”

“Rollin’ on the River” organizers are in the planning stages, and are presently seeking sponsors to help make this first-time event a success. Sponsorship levels range from \$250 (Hip Whip) to \$1,500 (Queen of the Track). Promote your business, and empower local families to achieve home ownership—call Event Coordinators Deanna Jakino at 970-749-2891 or Mandy Winn at 970-769-1991. Both in-kind and cash sponsors are welcome.

Over the past 20 years, Habitat for Humanity of Montrose County has empowered 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 restore@habitatmontrose.org or 970-252-9304. To learn more about Habitat for Humanity in Montrose, email colleen@habitatmontrose.org, or call 970-252-9303.

Support Cerro Summit Trails Bike Ride

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--Join the fun on May 18, 2013 when the Colorado Plateau Mountain Bike Trail Association (COPMOBA) will organize a bike ride on the City of Montrose’s bike paths and trails. The event is being held in support of the Cerro Summit Trails project approved by the Montrose City Council. The event fee is \$25 for an individual and \$40 for a family, and includes lunch at R&R Sports Bar. All net proceeds raised for the event will be used

to fund Phase I of Cerro Summit Trails which is scheduled to begin this summer. The purpose of the fun bike ride is to familiarize bike riders with the trail opportunities that are available in Cerise Park and the bike paths that connect the park with the city. The bike ride will begin at 9 AM at R&R Sports Bar, 35 N. Uncompahgre Ave. Montrose. Participants will be given a map of the park trails and bike paths, ride to Cerise Park to enjoy the trails of their choice, and then return to R&R

Sports Bar for lunch. Event sponsors include Budweiser, R&R Sports Bar, Cascade Bicycles, Jolley Smiles Orthodontics, Mesa Family Chiropractic, Treefeather Creative, Montrose Pediatric Associates and Edward Jones Investments – Mike King.

Sign-up sheets are available at Cascade Bicycles at 21 N. Cascade Ave., 970-249-7375 or at R&R Sportsbar at 35 N. Uncompahgre Ave (970-765-2029) in Montrose.





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SIX CANDIDATES TO RUN FOR THREE DMEA BOARD SEATS

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REGIONAL--Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) is a non-profit electric distribution cooperative governed by a board of directors elected by its member-owners. Each year, there is an election to determine the representative from three of DMEA's nine board districts. (Maps of each district are available on the co-op's website, www.dmea.com).

By the deadline of 5 p.m. on April 30, 2013, six candidates had submitted the sufficient number of signatures needed to qualify them for the 2013 election ballot.

In District 4, the candidates are Jim Elder

and Erica Lewis Kennedy. Incumbent, Mike Sramek announced his intention not to run for re-election to this seat in 2013.

In District 3, incumbent Ed Marston faces challenger Olen Lund.

For the South Region seat, incumbent Tony Prendergast faces challenger Kay Heinschel.

The League of Women Voters of Montrose County is facilitating a Candidate Forum to enable the members to meet and question the candidates running in DMEA's 2013 board election. It will be held Wednesday, May 15, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. at DMEA's Montrose office, located at

11925 6300 road. Light refreshments will be served.

On May 20, 2013, ballots and a summary of each candidate's background are scheduled to be mailed to DMEA members who had electric Service from DMEA as of April 30, 2013.

Voted ballots must be returned by mail to DMEA's election credentials committee no later than June 13, 2013, or members can vote in person at DMEA's Annual Meeting at the Hotchkiss Senior Center, 276 E. Main St., in Hotchkiss on the morning of Thursday, June 14, 2012, from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Ouray County Group Launches Free Medical Express Service to Uncompahgre Medical Clinic

Special to the Mirror

OURAY COUNTY--Too many people in Ouray County go without care they need—or go deeply into debt—because they lack adequate medical insurance. Our local doctors, constrained by overhead costs and limited government subsidies, do what they can, but they cannot provide low-cost care to all who need it and still stay financially viable themselves.

Transition OurWay, Inc., a local organization focused on building sustainable communities, has been looking at ways to solve this problem. Transition's Medical team, led by Dr. Dick Gingery and composed of medical professionals, administrators and concerned citizens, has studied the services currently available, interviewed regional experts, and considered

federal programs available to local practitioners to make care more affordable.

"Our problem," according to Dr. Gingery, "is that we are the only industrial country to treat health care as a commodity, while all other industrial countries treat health care as a basic human right. Our system traps both patients and providers—patients because health care is too often unaffordable and providers because they must choose enough patients who can afford to pay the bills to keep the doors open and the lights on."

While looking for a way to funnel federal subsidies to local providers, the Transition OurWay group has also sought immediate relief for those who need help now. Their answer: *Medical Express*—a free ride to the federally subsidized clinic in Norwood

for those without transportation of their own.

"Norwood's Uncompahgre Medical Clinic provides medical and dental services on a sliding scale, based on income," explained Gingery. "Many people don't know about this service just 45 minutes away. We want to spread the word about this resource *and* help people get there."

Beginning June 5, Medical Express volunteers will pick up Ouray County residents on Wednesday mornings, deliver them to the clinic, and get them home again by early afternoon. For free.

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HEARTBEAT OF DOWNTOWN COMES ALIVE WITH EMERGING ARTS SCENE



A shopper browses at Around the Corner gallery during May's First Friday stroll event. Image courtesy Cara Fandel for Howling Wolf Photography.

By Liesl Greathouse

DOWNTOWN--Montrose has been lucky to be the transportation hub of Crested Butte and Telluride, but what if it were to be more than just that? Today Montrose is working to be an art and cultural destination, with Downtown Main Street refocusing its goal from just being stores to being an experience.

One art gallery on Main Street that helps Downtown's vision is Around the Corner Art Gallery, which has been owned by Bob and Pat Brown for five years. It features 35 local artists and even 12 local authors. "Our area is deep in amateur and professional artists," Bob said. "There are a total of six galleries downtown and we all work to support each other, so we can all get a piece of the pie."

The couple believes that art is important to the future direction of Montrose. "People move here from big, cultural cities, so it is important that we have a well-rounded culture here," Pat said. "It is important to expand it for the sake of the art guilds and artists," Bob added.

Bob is also the chairman of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), which has been working to refurbish Downtown for a

couple of years now. "We used to have bad energy downtown for a while since the Recession," Bob explained. "But the spirit of Downtown has gone up and 35 businesses have started in 2 ½ years." The main goal for the DDA is the revitalization of Downtown, creating an environment where businesses can thrive.

A couple years ago, Bob and Pat started an Art Walk along Main Street. However, after about a year they ran out of steam and so just continued hosting a First Friday reception for new artists they featured. The DDA realized that events are important for Downtown, and so many businesses banded together and started the First Friday Stroll, based on the Art Walk. The First Friday Stroll features artist demonstrations, food and drink, music, games, and in-store discounts. Festivities begin at 5:30 p.m. on the first Friday of every month.

The Stroll has been very successful. "It draws people down here in the evening," Bob said. "It also helps create a boutique atmosphere."

Around the Corner Art Gallery is located at 447 E. Main Street and is open Monday-Saturday 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. For more information, call 970-249-4243.

Another gallery downtown is A+Y Design Gallery, owned by Adam and Yesenia Duncan, featuring art with a contemporary mountain feel.

While Adam built furniture for 8 years, their goal was to start a gallery to showcase his furniture as well as other artists. They were finally able to make that dream a reality and today they feature 20 local artists.

Yesenia believes that downtown is important because it is the heart of Montrose. "It is a community-oriented relationship," she said. "The businesses refer people to each other because if my neighbor succeeds, I succeed. It means a lot to have that attitude in a community."

Yesenia is also involved with the First Friday Stroll to help create a vibrant downtown. "The First Friday Stroll is an avenue for people to experience local artists, and not only painters or sculptors," she explained.

With 15 stores staying open late, there is a lot for people to enjoy downtown. "It helps get culture into people's lives," Yesenia said. "It increases awareness of what businesses downtown have to offer."

Yesenia has big hopes for Downtown. "I think Montrose is tired of being a transportation hub for other places," she said. "Now it actually wants to be the destination."

A+Y Design Gallery is located at 513 E. Main Street. For more information, call 970-240-7914.

In addition to fine art galleries, Montrose has The Canyon Gallery, a photography gallery owned by Wil and Amy Harmsen.

While specializing in nature photography, The Canyon Gallery also aims to be a well-rounded gallery by offering photography classes, and printing and framing services. "We love photography and that is what we have in our home," Amy said.

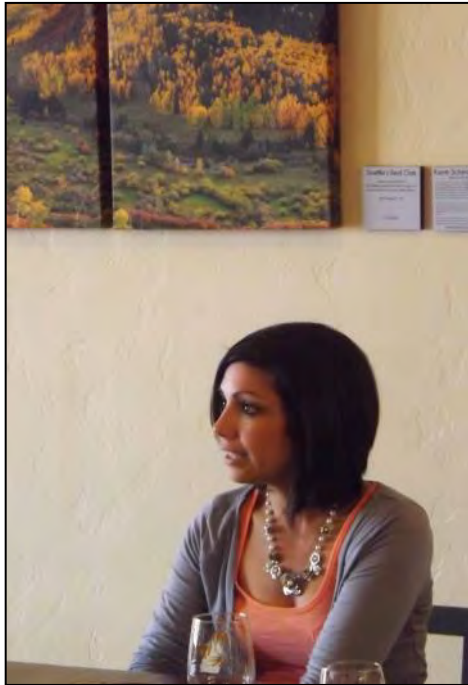
"Wall space is valuable, and with three other art galleries, we decided we needed to specialize in one niche and do that niche well."

Amy believes that art is important to Montrose.

"Art is central to the quality of life in a community," she said. "An appreciation of arts and culture is what can define us."

The couple supports the First Friday Stroll

DOWNTOWN COMES ALIVE WITH EMERGING ARTS SCENE *Continued*



*Yesenia Duncan at A+Y Design Gallery.
Photo by Clay Greathouse.*

and any other activities that bring people downtown. "Many people will come in here who have never been in before," Amy said. "It does not really matter if they buy something, but at least they can see what services we have available and that they may use someday."

For Amy, Downtown is the heart of the community. "This is where I know my neighbors, know my customers, and where I can walk the sidewalks and be welcomed," she explained. "A vibrant downtown creates a sense of community."

The Canyon Gallery is located at 300 E. Main Street and is open Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information, call 970-249-4711.

A long time Downtown gallery is Simpson Gallery, owned by Mike Simpson. Having been painting professionally since 1985, he has had his gallery on Main Street for 27 years. While offering fine art, the gallery also specializes in picture framing, gold gilding, painting on glass, and vintage-looking hand lettering signage.

Mike takes pride in the specialty and uniqueness of his handiwork. "People pre-



A Main Street survivor, Mike Simpson's Simpson Gallery offers wonderful artwork, quality framing and art supplies. Also, Vinnie the shop cat. Photo by Clay Greathouse.

fer the look of sign painting instead of dry vinyl stickers," he said. "There has been a resurgence in that interest. With gilding, nothing catches the eye better than the brilliance of real gold."

While not really benefiting him due to his highly specialized services, Mike still thinks that Downtown events are outstanding. "The Downtown district of any town is important because that is where its heart and soul is," he explained. "There is camaraderie amongst owners and shoppers."

Mike believes that people who are interested in historic Downtowns will make it a point to visit Montrose. "People like to come here," he said. "We have a phenomenal art community, including several nationally represented artists. Montrose should become a destination."

Simpson Gallery is located at 324 E. Main Street and is open Monday-Friday 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., most Saturdays 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and by appointment. For more information, call 970-249-1098.

For even more cultural fun, people can head over to West Main Street every third Thursday of the month to enjoy the ReneWest Interactive Art Crawl. With drama, dance, music, dining, drinks, shopping and

art, it brings fun and festivities to LoMo (Lower Montrose) as well. "ReneWest is fun and funky," Pat Brown said. "There has been a renaissance in the West area with a younger crowd of emerging artists, and there is a lot of potential over there." For more information, call 970-275-5506.

During the summer, Montrose hosts Main In Motion, a weekly festival that promotes community. Paul Magnani, co-chairman of the board, believes that Main In Motion is important because, "There is no other event in Montrose that brings people of all races, religions, financial brackets, young and old together in a totally non-segregated environment. It's a place with no barriers. It has given Montrose a sense of pride and confidence and gives us a real, consistent Main Event that people are starting to recognize more and more." For more information, call 970-497-9677.

Montrose has an amazing art and culture community, with not only galleries displaying the works and wonders of area artists, but also activities that bring people Downtown to socialize, shop and enjoy local entertainment. Montrose really is growing as a cultural destination for the Uncompahgre Valley.

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GMUG FIRE INFORMATION REFERENCES CHANGED

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DELTA-- in the 2013 fire season, information for wildland fire and prescribed burning on the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forest (GMUG) will be provided by the Forest Service and fire information for the Southwest District BLM (Uncompahgre, Gunnison and Rios Field Offices) will be provided separately. Dispatching for the GMUG will continue to be serviced through the Montrose Interagency Dispatch Center. Fire information and dispatch for the Grand Valley Ranger District (Grand Junction) will continue to be

provided out of the Upper Colorado River Interagency Management Unit (UCR). The GMUG has established an information line for use by the public and media that is accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week. That number is 970-874-6602.

Additionally, fire activity and updates will be sent out as news releases where appropriate and posted on the Forests' website at: www.fs.usda.gov/gmug; at http://gacc.nifc.gov/rmcc/dispatch_centers/r2mtc/ and on Twitter at: www.twitter.com/GMUG_NF.

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nison National Forests manage approximately three million acres of land in Southwest Colorado within Delta, Garfield, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Mesa, Montrose, Ouray, Saguache, San Juan and San Miguel counties.

Wildland fire and prescribed burn information for the Bureau of Land Management (Uncompahgre, Gunnison and Tres Rios Field Offices) can be obtained by calling the SW District Fire information line: 970-240-1070; at: http://gacc.nifc.gov/rmcc/dispatch_centers/r2mtc/, or on Twitter at: www.twitter.com/SWD_Fire.

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To Terri Wilcox, for leadership!

To checkout clerk Rhonda Kirkland at Montrose Safeway, for bringing a great attitude to work every single day for years and years...and sharing it!

To Deb Dion and Telluride Publishing Co., for the 2013 Summer/Fall San Juan Skyway Visitor Guide. All we can say is WOW. A truly superior guide that should be saved and passed on to the next generation...

To new Montrose Mirror Creative team member Jon Nelson...Jon has built our web [calendar](#) into a POWERHOUSE of community events. Call him to advertise in the Mirror...275-2658!

To Gold's Gym, for bringing excitement and fitness to Montrose UPTOWN!

To Linda Gann, Western Slope rep for [Connect for Health Colorado](#), for believing that real information trumps fear. Every time.

To Jamie and Sarah Berndt of the Riddled Raven in Sampler Square, for bringing fresh, hot coffee to Lower Montrose!

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ROTARY HONORS STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Pictured at left are Rotarian Joe Bagnara, Montrose Rotary Student of the Week Ashlyn Anderson, and parents, Kevin and Tamara Anderson. Courtesy photo.

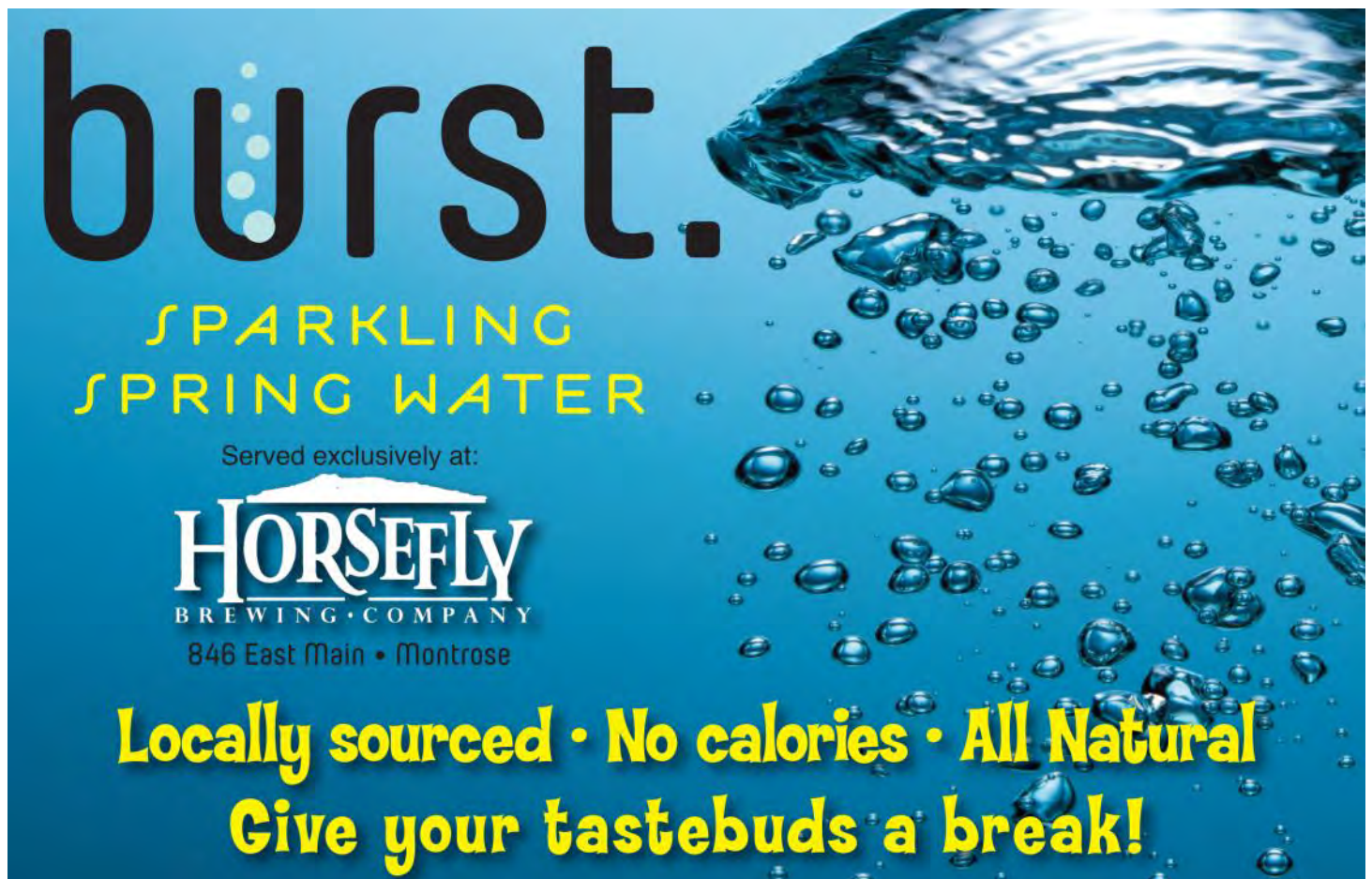
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A LOOK BACK...THE HISTORIC HARTMAN BROTHERS BUILDING



Historic photo of Hartman Brothers Building from the collection of the Montrose County Historical Society.

By Liesl Greathouse

MONTROSE--Today as you drive down Main Street in Montrose, you will pass the Hartman Brothers building at 531 E. Main Street. You would not know it by looking at it, but the Hartman Brothers building has been an important part of the automobile industry in Montrose.

In 1893, the Hartman family moved from a farm near Saguache to a farm south of Montrose with their three sons Ed, Joe, and

Sid. Joe and Sid Hartman began working on and building farm equipment and machinery. In 1904 the brothers formed Hartman Brothers, becoming one of the first to service automobiles in town. In 1908, Hartman Brothers also became the first Ford agency in Western Colorado.

Due to their expanding business, they constructed the Hartman Brothers building in 1912 at a cost of \$20,000. It housed the Hartman Brothers automobile dealership

and repair garage. In 1915, the company became the second dealer in Willard batteries in the country, eventually becoming the largest Willard battery dealer west of the Mississippi. They also became the first Goodyear Tire distributor in Montrose.

In 1915 they switched from selling Ford cars to become an agent for Dodge Brothers Motor Cars for Montrose, Delta, Ouray and San Miguel counties. They also sold Cadillac, Buick, Chevrolet, Chalmers, Studebaker, and Graham vehicles.

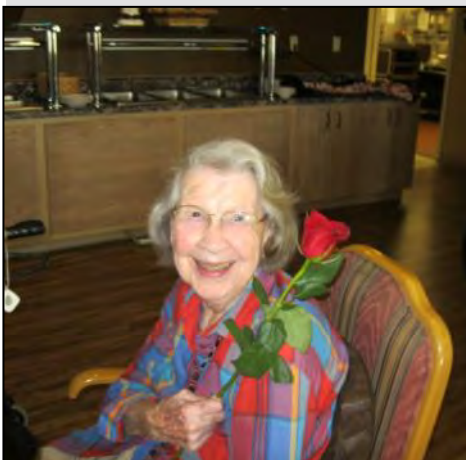
By 1916 the building included a garage with a capacity of 60 cars. In 1928 an office, showroom, and drive-through filling station were added. The Hartmans were distributors for Sinclair Petroleum from 1922 until 1976.

Finally, in 1977, the building was remodeled, the service station closed, and the building refaced to what it looks like today. Even though for decades the Hartman family operated one of the largest auto dealerships on the Western Slope, today it is Hartman Brothers Oxygen Medical Equipment, a medical store and oxygen supply outlet. Hartman descendants have continued to own the building, celebrating their business centennial in 2004.

Even though it has gone through numerous building alterations and business pursuits, the Hartman Brothers building continues to stand as a Montrose institution today and hopefully for years to come.

Research gathered from *Take A Closer Look: A Walking Tour Guide of Montrose*, by Cathleen M. Norman and Marilyn S. Cox, and *Historic Buildings Survey, Montrose, Colorado 1999*.

FUN AND FASHION AT HOMESTEAD OF MONTROSE!



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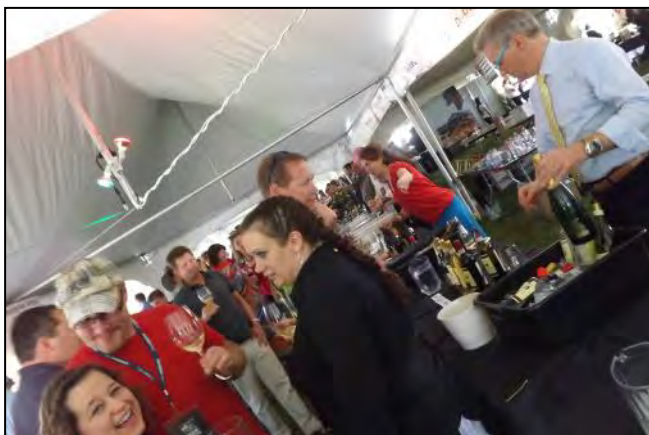
Volunteers of America Homestead at Montrose held a ladybug party on Mother's Day (left) and an 1800-1900's Fashion Show hosted by Museum of the Mountain West on April 26, with beautiful models from the Homestead staff and a fashion museum set up in the activities room. As always, a wonderful time was had by all. Courtesy photos.

OUT AND ABOUT IN MONTROSE!



Colorado Mesa University students were recently honored with Who's Who awards. Honorees and staff include: Pictured from left to right: Chris Wilcox (Student Services Coordinator), Ian Atha (back), Leslie Mussellmann, Mike Shull, Yvonne Meek, Joey Montoya Boese, Director. Courtesy photo.

Below, photographer Clay Greathouse shared some fun images from the 2013 Wine and Food Festival...an annual fundraiser that makes it easy to give back!



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SUSTAINABILITY ACTIVIST RANDY UDALL TO SPEAK IN RIDGWAY JUNE 1

Special to the Mirror

RIDGWAY--Randy Udall, one of the nation's leading activists in promoting energy sustainability, is coming to Ridgway. As keynote speaker at Transition OurWay's San Juan Green Home and Efficiency Expo on June 1, Udall, the former Director of the Community Office for Resource Efficiency (CORE), will share his extensive knowledge of energy trends, concerns and solutions, highlighting a day of workshops and expert speakers.

Transition OurWay is a Ouray County grassroots, non-profit organization fo-

cused on conservation, alternative energy, and community building.

San Miguel Power Association and Alternative Power Enterprises, co-sponsors of the event, will also be sharing tips and trade innovations, with a focus on residential efficiency.

"We're always talking about the benefits of energy efficiency and conservation, and this event connects our members to the people, products and services that will really help them save energy," said SMPA General Manager Kevin Ritter. Other speakers include: Brad Zaporski, SMPA:

Efficiency programs for home and business owners and Patti Snidow, USDA Low interest loans and grants for small businesses. Speakers, vendors, and panels will offer the home owner advice and information on everything from solar power to Time Banking, from LED lights to high efficiency appliances and construction methods. Doors will open at 8:30 am, with programs from 9am to 3 pm. Refreshments will be available throughout the day. Admission is free.

For more information contact Dudley Case at md_case@icloud.com.

SAN JUAN MOUNTAIN RUNNERS HOST 38TH ANNUAL BLACK CANYON

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE—The San Juan Mountain Runners will be hosting the 38th Annual Black Canyon Ascent on May 18.

Come join the fun as walkers and runners participate in this challenging, scenic six-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: \$35 through May 16th. May 17th and Race Day registration \$45.

Pre-registration and more info at www.blackcanyonraces.com.

WESTERN STATE OFFERS SCREENWRITING BOOTCAMP

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GUNNISON--Western's MFA program in Creative Writing is offering an exclusive hands-on bootcamp, July 15-27 for all aspiring screenwriters in conjunction with the graduate MFA program in Screenwriting. This bootcamp is open to aspiring screenwriters with or without an undergraduate degree.

The bootcamp is taught by working Hollywood screenwriter J S Mayank and Western MFA filmmaker Jack Lucido.

The aim of this bootcamp is to facilitate workshoping; to develop great writing habits as well as help students with structure, dialogue, plot; and to improve overall screenwriting skills.

The bootcamp is structured as three sepa-

rate stages. The first stage includes the preparation for the camp where the participants read required materials, familiarize themselves with the formatting and basic structure, if they haven't done so previously, and come to the workshop ready to pitch their ideas.

The second stage is the actual eight-day workshop, where each student pitches a story, creates a treatment, character biographies, an outline, and then writes the first act (roughly 30 pages) of the proposed screenplay or TV pilot/spec.

This portion is designed to be rigorous, with an emphasis on writing, rewriting, critiquing and polishing the words on the page.

The third stage entails the support system,

including one-on-one meetings with screenwriting faculty to go over future writing plans, and participation in the three-day Writing the Rockies creative writing conference, which includes discussions and avenues relating to the Business of Screenwriting and how to break into the industry.

The cost for the two-week bootcamp is \$495 which includes registration for the Writing the Rockies Conference as part of the program. Complete details of the program can be viewed at www.western.edu/mfa.

To register for the workshop, download a registration form at www.western.edu/mfa or call Western Extended University Studies at 970-943-2885.





MONTROSE COUNTY NEWS AND INFORMATION

Montrose County Patrol K-9 Oxx Receives Bullet/Stab Proof Vest



Montrose County News Brief

MONTROSE--The Montrose County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) is proud to announce Patrol K-9 Oxx will receive a new bullet/stab-proof vest through Vested Interest in K-9s. MCSO Sergeant **Keith Sanders**, Oxx's handler, nominated K-9 Oxx through Vested Interest in K-9s Inc., program, a non-profit dedicated to provid-

ing law enforcement dogs bullet and stab protective vests.

K-9 Oxx was 21st on the list to receive a vest and on March 13, 2013, Sgt. Sanders was informed K-9 Oxx would be receiving a new vest from Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. Vested Interest in K9s, Inc., partnered with Groupon Grassroots to raise funds for four-legged crime fighters across the country. The non-profit met their goal \$95,000 to provide 100 K-9s with ballistic vests in just three days. At the close of the campaign on March 20, Vested Interest in K9s had raised \$155,375 33 which will provide 163 K9s with vests in 30 states.

"This is a great partnership and we are pleased that K-9 Deputy Oxx will be safely outfitted," said Montrose County Sheriff **Rick Dunlap**. "K-9 Oxx is an important part of our team."

Sgt. Sanders and K-9 Oxx were joined together on April 18, 2011. K-9 Oxx is certified in the detection of five different illegal narcotics and is also certified in tracking. K-9 Oxx is available to all local law enforcement agencies.

K-9 Oxx plays an intricate role in keeping Montrose area residents safe and is available for school sniffs and public demonstrations.

K-9 Oxx loves what he does and is instrumental in the safety of fellow deputies by

utilizing his keen sense of smell and his hearing. K-9 Oxx is a 3-year-old Belgian Malinois, and is considered a Deputy with the MCSO.

ABOUT VESTED INTEREST IN K9S, INC.

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. is a 501c (3) all volunteer charity located in East Taunton, Mass., whose mission is to provide bullet and stab protective vests for law enforcement dogs throughout the United States. Each vest costs \$950.00 and has a five year warranty. The nonprofit was established in 2009 to assist law enforcement agencies with this potentially life-saving body armor for their four legged K9 Officers. Through private and corporate sponsorships Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. provided 66 police dogs with protective vests in 2012. In September of 2012, the non-profit hit a milestone of donating \$100,000 in protective vests to law enforcement agencies throughout the United States. In January of 2013, a regional Groupon Grassroots campaign raised over \$55,000 which allowed Vested Interest in K9s to donate 53 K9 vests across the country.

The organization orders the U.S. made vests exclusively from distributor Regency Police Supply in Hyannis, MA. who also does the custom embroidery on the body armor.

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MONTROSE COUNTY NEWS AND INFORMATION

The 2013 Reappraisal: Property Values Continue to Decline

Montrose County News Brief

MONTROSE--Montrose County Assessor **Brad Hughes** announces 2013 Notice of Valuations were mailed May 1 in accordance with Colorado Revised Statutes. Taxpayers may view their property information online prior to receiving their notice through the assessor's online records search called Eagle Web (<http://eagleweb.montrosecounty.net/eagleassessor/web>).

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.

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 property owners disagree with the revised valuation, there are detailed procedures on the back of the notice explaining how to appeal the valuation. If there are additional questions, concerns or comments, please call the Montrose County Assessor's Office at (970) 249-3753 or email at assessor@montrosecounty.net.

MONTROSE COUNTY GARDENERS ...CLICK HERE !



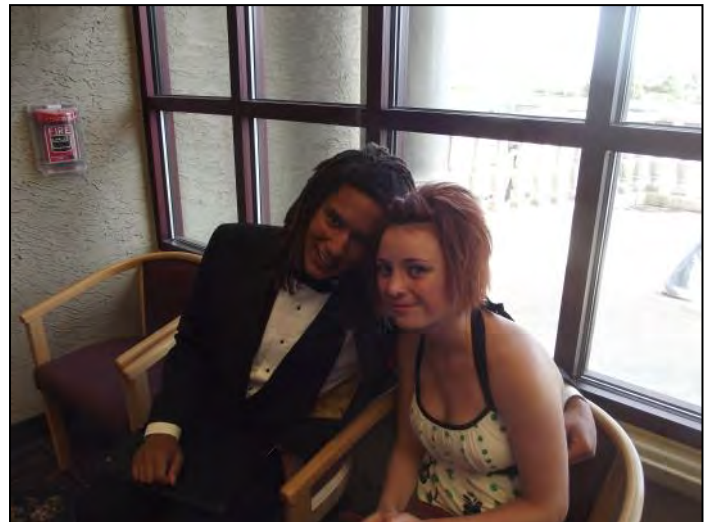
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OUT AND ABOUT IN MONTROSE!



At left, Mr. Chenevert's fourth-grade music students from Oak Grove Elementary and Olathe Elementary sang at the opening of the MHS Spring Choral Concert May 13. Top right, families flocked to Lions Carnival at the Montrose Fairgrounds on May 11.



Above left, the Montrose Farmers Market kicked off its 35th year on Saturday, May 11. Above right, Matthew Hammer and Emma Huntingdon share a moment at the Montrose High School Spring Choral Concert at the Montrose Pavilion on May 13.



At right, newly sworn Court Appointed Special Advocate Tom DeStefano is congratulated by 7th Judicial District Court Judge Mary E. Deganhart. CASA of the 7th Judicial District (CASA) recruits, trains, and supports volunteers who represent the best interests of abused and neglected children in the courtroom and other settings. Under the direction of the presiding judge, formally trained CASA volunteers participate as independent child advocates and formalize their observations and recommendations in written reports used by the courts to assist in the complex and difficult decision-making process directly affecting the child or youth. Becoming a CASA volunteer is a powerful way for concerned citizens to make a difference in their communities. To learn more about CASA and their mission and child advocacy efforts, please call [970-249-0337](tel:970-249-0337). Courtesy photo.



MONTROSE COUNTY NEWS AND INFORMATION

Adult Protective Services Role – An Overview

Montrose County News Brief

MONTROSE--Abuse, neglect, and exploitation involving at-risk adults is a growing problem in the United States and Colorado is no exception. To help deal with this problem, each county department of human services in the state provides Adult Protective Services (APS) to their community. The main responsibility of APS is to provide protective services to stop or prevent the mistreatment or self-neglect of at-risk adults. APS works with a variety of agencies in the community to arrange services necessary for the health, safety, and welfare of at-risk adults.

In 2012 APS caseworkers responded to 11,000 reports of mistreatment and self-neglect of at-risk adults in Colorado. At-risk adults are adults age 18 or older who cannot provide for their own health, safety, or welfare, or obtain the services necessary to keep themselves safe and healthy. Some of the conditions that contribute to making an adult at-risk for mis-

treatment or self-neglect include dementia, Alzheimer's disease, developmental disabilities, severe physical disabilities, or serious medical conditions.

There are a wide range of situations that may be considered mistreatment or self-neglect. Physical abuse, caretaker neglect, exploitation, and sexual abuse are all forms of mistreatment. Self-neglect occurs when an at-risk adult does not or cannot provide for their own health, safety, or welfare because they are unable to secure necessary services or resources.

When APS responds to a report of mistreatment or self-neglect the first step is to interview the at-risk adult and investigate the allegations. If the allegations are criminal in nature, APS works with local law enforcement and the District Attorney as part of their investigation. If the allegations are valid, and the at-risk adult accepts help, APS will set up protective services and find resources to help keep the at-risk adult safe. These services may

include homemaker services, food delivery, medical services, home health care, and other support services. The goal of any APS service is to keep the at-risk adult safe while helping him or her remain as independent as possible.

If you suspect mistreatment or self-neglect, it's okay to speak up. You should immediately report the situation to the **Montrose County Department of Health & Human Services at 970-252-7076**. Ask to speak to **Adult Protection Intake worker**. If calling about an emergency situation during non-business hours, contact **Montrose County Dispatch at 970-252-4010** to make the report.

All reports are confidential and can be made anonymously. However, it is helpful to APS if you provide your contact information so APS can contact you, if needed.

If you have additional questions about reporting to APS, call **Montrose County Department of Health & Human Services**.

Warning Signs of Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation

Sudden changes in behavior, finances, or lifestyle

Physical injuries, dehydration, or malnourishment

Extrême withdrawal, depression, or anxiety

Absence of basic care or necessities

Kept away from others

Unsanitary living conditions

Personal items or money missing

THANKS FOR READING THE MONTROSE MIRROR!

CALL JON NELSON AT 275-2658 FOR AD RATES AND INFORMATION!

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Archaeology and Historic Preservation Month Highlighted at Lecture May 15



Dr. Carol Patterson pointing to a "map" of the Uncompahgre Plateau found at Shavano Valley petroglyph site. This site now belongs to the Archaeological Conservancy. Courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror

REGIONAL--The Colorado Canyons Association and the Chipeta Chapter, Colorado Archaeological Society will sponsor a lecture "Rock Art of Western Colorado's National Conservation Areas." Dr. Carol Patterson, cultural anthropologist and archaeologist, will give an illustrated lecture about the various Native American rock art styles and their meaning. The Gunnison Gorge, Dominguez – Escalante, and McInnis Canyons National Conservation Areas are the crowned jewels of our public lands in western Colorado, and they host a wonderful array of rock paintings and petroglyphs left behind by Native Americans.

Dr. Carol Patterson specializes in the recording and interpretation of regional rock art.

She received her PhD. from James Cook University and has collaborated with Dr. Alfonso Ortiz, Dr. Greg Cajete and Clifford Duncan, among others during her career. Dr. Patterson has documented and interpreted many of the major rock art sites in western Colorado including the Shavano Valley Rock Art Site, and is the author of "On the Trail of Spider Woman: Petroglyphs, Pictographs and Myths of the Southwest".

The lecture will take place on May 15, 2013 at the Montrose Methodist Church

Meeting Room, 7 PM, 19 S. Park Ave.

The lecture is part of Colorado's Archaeology and Historic Preservation Month celebration and is free to the public.

**Chipeta Chapter of CAS presents
"Rock Art of Western Colorado's National Conservation Areas"**

By Dr. Carol Patterson

This presentation will explore the known rock art sites within **Dominguez-Escalante, McGinnis and the Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Areas.**

The documentation has taken place over a decade, recording and photographing every panel. Consultation with the Northern Utes with interpretations by Clifford Duncan, Ute spiritual leader as provided a different perspective.

Several panels represent maps of the local region, and hunting strategies for specific locations. Some panels are considered political comments and accounts of tragic events between the Utes and white settlers.

Other panels are believed to be spiritual and sacred sites because of their association with doctoring and medicine.

Dr. Patterson moved to Montrose in 2004 after completing her PhD in rock art from James Cook University in Queensland, Australia.

She has worked as a seasonal and term archaeologist for the Bureau of Land Management. She owns Urraca Archaeological Services and does small projects, including rock art documentation and trail guides.

Her association with Clifford Duncan, Ute elder over the past 8 years has culminated with a full interpretation of Shavano Valley petroglyphs and two co-authored articles on *Ute Rock Art Maps* and *Ute Spiritualism in Rock Art*. She hopes to produce a publication on the rock art of the Ute and Paiute soon.

School and Community Gardens that Thrive!

MONTROSE--Join teachers, parents and community members a school and community garden workshop on June 11 from 8:30-noon, followed by onsite garden visits with the experts. Denver Urban Garden staff and Hall of Fame Chef Andy Nowak will share a wealth of knowledge and experience gained from developing dozens of gardens, curriculum, and sustainability plans. The workshop is hosted by the Valley Food Partnership and CSU Extension at the Montrose County Fairgrounds. Lunch is provided but you must register at www.valleyfoodpartnership.org or call Carol at 970-209-7712.

OUT AND ABOUT AT THE COMPASSION BASH!



Thanks to Rob Harper at Cobble Creek for sharing these photos of Compassion Bash 2013, held April 26 at Cobble Creek Club House. This year's beneficiary was Dr. Mary Vader's Helping Hand fund. Courtesy photos.





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OUT AND ABOUT AT THE FIRST FRIDAY ZOMBIE CRAWL!



Left and above, Zombies frolic at SheShe Boutique and in Centennial Plaza.



Montrose movie fans and Undead turned out to celebrate the First Friday Zombie Crawl with a flash mob and zombie dance Downtown on May 3. The Zombies were part of a movie being filmed in Montrose. *Images courtesy Cara Fandel for Howling Wolf Photography.*



REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

LOCAL GRADUATION DATES ANNOUNCED

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE- Several graduation ceremonies will take place in Montrose & Olathe over the next couple of weeks, celebrating student success and academic achievement. Families, friends and the greater community are invited to attend.
May 16--Vista Charter School- 7 pm
 Montrose Pavilion-1800 Pavilion Drive

May 19--Olathe High School- Noon-1:30 pm-Wilson Field-Olathe High School (In the event of inclement weather the ceremonies will be held in Olathe High School gymnasium).

May 19--Montrose High School- 2:30-4 pm-Montrose High School Football Stadium.

(In the event of inclement weather the cer-

emonies will be held in Lloyd McMillen gymnasium-six tickets/graduate will be issued).

May 21--Passage Charter School--6:30 pm, Montrose Christian Church-2351 Sunnyside

May 30--Adult Basic Education-GED Ceremonies-7 pm, Montrose Christian Church-2351 Sunnyside.

BLACK CANYON CLASSICS ANNOUNCES CAR TRUCK AND ROD SHOW

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--The Black Canyon Classics will present the 18th Annual Colorful Colorado Car, Truck & Rod Show on June 7-8 in Montrose. From 5-9 pm Friday, there will be a gathering on So. 1st St. and a cruise to area senior residences will begin

at 6 pm. Look for the Cruise Map in the Daily Press the week of the show. The Saturday Car Show will be from 8 am to 3 pm at Columbine Middle School field. In addition to great vehicles, there will be music, drawing prizes, a silent auction, food vendors, and shade tents. This year's

show will raise money for the Welcome Home Montrose Warrior Resource Center. Admission is free for spectators. Please, no bikes or dogs on the show grounds. Cruise to the Star Drive-In Saturday night for "movies under the stars." For more information call 970-249-6051.

CENTENNIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS PAINT THE PARK



Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--On Friday, May 10th, students from Centennial Middle School participated in a "painting the park" community service project at Archmont Park. The students scraped and painted five picnic tables at the park. The City of Montrose Parks and Recreation Department, in cooperation with the Montrose Community

Foundation enlisted the help of the students with the assistance of Centennial Middle School, Student Advocate, Tom Nelson.

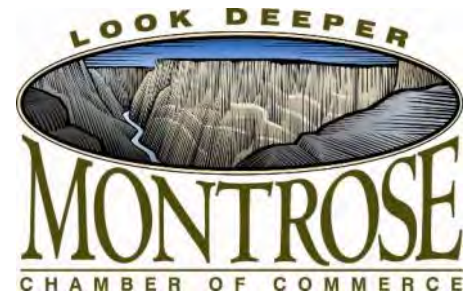
According to Nelson, "This was truly a service project to remember. I was inspired by the hard work of our student volunteers. Right up to the day of the project, we had students who were itching to

volunteer. Unfortunately, we had to turn some of them away, but this says a great deal about the many students who were interested in contributing to their community so as to make it look at least a little bit better."

This project was yet another good lesson in cooperation, sharing, reverence for others, and service to community.

MONTROSE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RIBBON CUTTING!

HOWARD DAVIDSON INSURANCE



Special to the Mirror
MONTROSE—The Montrose Chamber of Commerce celebrated a ribbon cutting with the Redcoats at Farmers Insurance- Howard Davidson Agency on Friday May 1st. The office has moved to a new location (1551 Ogden Road) and Davidson has taken over the office of Farmers Agent Greg Bollig. Image courtesy Cara Fandel for Howling Wolf Photography.

PRESCRIBED BURN NEAR DAVE WOOD ROAD THIS WEEK

Special to the Mirror

REGIONAL-- Fire officials plan to conduct a prescribed burn on the Uncompahgre Plateau beginning Tuesday, May 14 and continuing through Wednesday, May 15. The burn area is located approximately 0.5 to 1.0 mile west of the Dave Wood Road, near the Forest Boundary. The entire burn area is approximately 1,800 acres in size; however, firefighters will concentrate on burning about 150 to 200 acres this spring to create a "black line" around the perimeter and adjacent to private lands. The remainder of the unit is planned to burn this fall. A "black line" is an area that is intentionally burned from the outside boundary in, to create a widened fireline that enhances the ability of firefighters to contain the burn within its boundaries. Members of the public are advised to avoid the "Spring Creek Trail" while this burn is being conducted.

The objectives of the prescribed burn are to: re-introduce fire into the ecosystem of the area; to create fuel breaks in the contin-

uous layer of brush and shrubs within the area; to reduce the potential for high-intensity wildland fire; and to create a healthier forest through the creation of tree canopy gaps and allowing for greater grass and forb growth.

Ouray District Ranger Tammy Randall-Parker stated, "Our landscapes were historically shaped by fire and the use of prescribed fire is critical to restoring our landscapes to become more resilient to threats from drought, insects and severe wildfires." She went on to state, "The use of prescribed fire in the Dave Wood area is really important for reducing the risk of severe wildfire in areas near homes and with appropriate planning and implementation, prescribed fire can help prevent extreme fires by reducing hazardous fuel buildup with minimal impacts to air quality."

A burn plan was created for this event and the plan specifies conditions and criteria that must be met prior to ignition. A Smoke Permit has been obtained from the State as part of the preparation for the burn

which specifies conditions as well. The



For information on prescribed burns, wildfires and fire restrictions on National Forest System lands and other areas, call the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests Fire Information line at 970-874-6602

burn boss will only initiate the prescribed burn if conditions are within the prescribed parameters and he/she can reasonably expect a safe, effective burn. Firefighter and public safety are the number one priority and concern.

MONTROSE LIBRARY SUMMER READING EVENTS

Teen Summer Reading: Sneak Peek Breakfast Book Talk

May 29, 10:00-11:00

Montrose Library Meeting Room

Here's your chance to preview the library's brand new young adult books.

Enjoy yummy donuts while our librarians introduce you to what's new on the shelves. Be the first to check out the hottest new titles! Call 249-9656 ext 3.

Dig Into Reading: Summer Reading Kickoff Event

June 1, 1:00 – 3:00

Montrose Regional Library

Games, food, live music, puppet shows, and more! Sign up the whole family for summer reading. Call 239-9656.

Teen Summer Reading: What Lurks in Our Towns?

June 4, 2:00-4:00

Montrose Library Meeting Room

The Hotchkiss Paranormal Society will demonstrate how they investigate haunted places. See and hear evidence of haunting they have collected over the past year in private homes in Hotchkiss and Paonia, and businesses such as the Delta Public Library. Call 249-9656 ext 3.

Teen Summer Reading: Legends & True Tales

June 11, 2:00-3:30

Meet in front of the Montrose Library

Explore the alleys, jails, fire escapes, & other colorful parts of downtown Montrose. Learn the true tales of our local history from tour guide Sally Johnson of the Montrose Historical Society. Call 249-9656 ext 3.

Teen Summer Reading: Soulatomic Music Workshop

June 13, evening time to be announced

Montrose Library Meeting Room

A two-part course presented by Will Evans (Telluride's "DJ Soulatomic") that introduces the fundamentals of being a performer.

DJ. Expect interactive discussions, real-world examples, and the creativity and skills needed to succeed at live performance. Call 249-9656 ext 3.

Teen Summer Reading: Palm Reading

June 19, 10:00-11:00

Montrose Library Meeting Room

What does your hand say about you?

Learn the significance of all those lines in your palm. Call 249-9656 ext 3.

Teen Summer Reading: Rockhounding Colorado

June 27, 2:00 – 3:00

Montrose Library Meeting Room

What lies beneath the surface of the earth? Evan Cummings ("Mr. Science") will explain how to find and identify the rocks, minerals, and fossils in our area. Feel free to bring your own collections for show and tell. Call 249-9656 ext 3.

Teen Summer Reading: Undercover Spy Day

July 2, 2:00-4:00

Montrose Library Meeting Room

Create a disguise and your own spy ID card. Enhance your spy skills with games and a challenging laser obstacle course! Call 249-9656 ext 3.

Teen Summer Reading: Get Steampunk'd!

July 9, 2:00-4:00

Montrose Library Meeting Room

Discover the world of Victorian Steampunk--the literature, the films, the cool designs. Local artist Leanna Johnson will inspire you and help you design your own steampunk creation. Call 249-9656 ext 3.

Teen Summer Reading: Bottle Cap Mosaic

July 16, 10:00-12:00

Montrose Library Meeting Room

Help construct a colorful mosaic out of bottle caps, and keep them out of the landfill! Bring any clean bottle caps to add to our supply. Call 249-9656 ext 3.



Summer Reading Destination: Your library! Check out what's new, and catch up with friends. Mirror file photo.

Teen Summer Reading: Petroglyphs in Our Backyard

July 20, 8:00-11:00

Hike with the Colorado Archaeological Society and learn about ancient Native American rock art. Meet at the Ute Museum parking lot. Limited to 25 participants. Call 249-9656 ext 3.

Teen Summer Reading: Movie Night

July 26, 8:30 pm

Montrose Library south lawn

Enjoy an outdoor movie under the stars. Bring your own chairs or blankets, and we'll provide the snacks. Families are welcome. Movie to be announced. Call 249-9656 ext 3.

Teen Summer Reading: Awards Night

July 31, 7:00-8:00 pm

Montrose Library Meeting Room

The winners of the ten fabulous prize packages will be announced at this festive awards party! Call 249-9656 ext 3.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

WELCOME HOME MONTROSE..THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY!



The Carting for a Cause group left Montrose with a Welcome Home bumper sticker on their electric cart. Courtesy photo.



Above, the Keller Williams "Give back" team at the Warrior Resource Center; at right, Musician and songwriter David Berkeley played a benefit for Welcome Home Montrose at Turn of the Century May 9. Courtesy photos.



MONTROSE—Thanks to Janice Wheeler and Dennis Schultz for donating the beautiful, intimate space at the Turn of the Century Saloon for our evening with David Berkeley this past Thursday! We feel very fortunate to have featured this emerging artist in our first-ever fundraiser, for the benefit of our veterans. We also enjoyed the music of Paul Chamberlain and Stephen Felberg, who donated their time, equipment, and talent on our behalf. We are grateful to everyone who attended and to those unable to attend who purchased tickets to host a veteran.

A great, big thank-you to the folks from Keller-Williams for choosing WHM as their "give back" recipients this year--they pitched in at the Warrior Resource Center this past week, helping us move heavy items into the storage units donated by Mesa Moving and Storage—we so appreciate the help!

We also enjoyed meeting the guys from "Carting for a Cause," a dedicated group of off-duty U.S. Coast Guard members taking personal time to travel cross-country on an electric golf cart, raising funds and awareness for veterans' causes. They stopped for coffee at the Warrior Resource Center on Thursday morning, added Welcome Home Montrose bumper stickers to their golf cart, and set off to raise \$50,000 for the Wounded Warrior Project. Check out their web site, and like them on Facebook!

A generous, anonymous donor has purchased a \$400 Flow Hood for Veteran Josh Heck, who will use it to start a new business. Josh and his wife Laura came to Montrose with the WHM Dream Job Program and have decided to stay here. Thanks to this donor, also a veteran, for extending a helping hand!

UPCOMING

Organization for Mission: No Barriers Adventure Week is well underway! There are lots of details to handle when a community provides recreation and hospitality to 30 wounded warriors for a week!

Thanks go to Sandra Tyler, who is coordinating transportation and logistics, and to Melina Campbell, who is overseeing meals and snacks. We still need donations of equipment, financial contributions and FREQUENT FLYER MILES. If you can help, please contact us at 970-765-2210.

Vet Center PTSD Groups will now be meeting at the Warrior Resource Center on a regular basis, starting on May 16. Leading the group will be George Delahanty. The Veterans' Memorial Rifle Match, a benefit for Welcome Home Montrose, will be held on June 1 at the San Juan Shooting Range. Applications are available at the front desk of the Warrior Resource Center. And on June 7-8, the Black Canyon Car Club's Annual Car, Truck and Rod Show will take place at Columbine Field, and all

funds raised will go to support Welcome Home Montrose and the Warrior Resource Center.

We will need volunteers to help with our booth at the car show, and at the Ute Museum on Saturday, June 8th. Contact us if you can help!

When the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Moving Wall and Vietnam Traveling Museum arrive in Montrose July 3-8, we will need extra hands to help us provide 24-hour security.

We are seeking between three and five volunteers for all shifts—call us if you can help, at 970-765-2210, or stop by the Warrior Resource Center at 11 South Park. Also, please note that the Warrior Resource Center will be open every day—even over the weekend—for those who need a quiet place to rest and reflect.

With the suicide, divorce and unemployment rates so high in our military population, Montrose means to set the standard for other cities to follow in how to serve those who stepped up to serve all of us. By strengthening our services, identifying and filling our gaps, creating programs and removing the barriers in our infrastructure, we are preparing a place for our wounded warriors to visit and hopefully, to stay.

Please contact us to learn how you can contribute! Our corporate office is located in Timberline Bank (1561 Oxbow Dr.), and can be reached at 970-765-2210.

Welcome Home Montrose is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and runs entirely on donations of all kinds at the Resource Center and on the website, www.WelcomeHomeMontrose.org.

Livin' la Vida Local

San Miguel Power's 74th Annual Meeting of Members

When: Thursday | June 13 | 4:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Where: SMPA Ridgway Office (720 N. Railroad St. Ridgway, CO)

What: Registration | 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Dinner | 5:00 p.m.

Business Meeting | 6:00 p.m.

The Annual Meeting
concludes the 2013
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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE WITH SENATOR ELLEN ROBERTS

As the clock struck midnight last Wednesday, the 2013 legislative session came to a close. There will be a number of efforts seeking to sum up the work that we did and, depending on your political views, you'll likely be very pleased or extremely dissatisfied, with not much to offer to those identify with the center of the political spectrum. Yet, I passed a number of bills on topics that I believe are important to Colorado and my district. Addressing forest health, the state's timber industry, and wildfire mitigation will continue as legislators learn more about what is achievable at the state level. Given the large amount of federal land ownership in Colorado, we're limited to some degree, but much needs to be done and greater collaboration among all levels of government is possible.

I had several bills in the area of education: expanding opportunities and accountability for online coursework, making clear that there's room for school boards to exercise greater flexibility in participation in school board meetings and delving into the area of English language learning programs.

The bill I sponsored on that last topic

failed to receive implementation funding this year and I was unwilling to pass on an unfunded mandate to the local school districts. I asked that the bill be killed for now and I'll use the summer and fall to work with my school districts and others on ways to support increased proficiency for students in English as a second language programs in both the rural and urban schools.

The bill renewing the Colorado youth advisory council has passed, allowing for another 5 years for the council to do its work at the legislature with us. I look forward to continued participation with that terrific group of young people. Each year, the youth council is different in membership, but the consistency that I've so appreciated is their openness to learning and participating together in the American way of government.

I completely expect to see some of them elected to office at all levels someday, with a keener appreciation than most of the complexities, value and responsibilities of citizen engagement. The role that the COYAC members played in the dedication of the new Colorado justice center and opening the door, literally and figuratively,

to younger students to be a part of that was great to watch and made me very proud of them.

There were a number of other bills that I sponsored and they're listed on my website, ellenroberts.com, along with a short summary of the bills and whether they passed or not. The measure of success of a session for me is about quality rather than quantity of bills, but the list is quite lengthy and provided me with the opportunity to work with an array of legislators on a variety of issues.

I'm headed to Mozambique just two days after the session ends on May 8th to present a week long workshop on legislative strengthening with two other legislators, from Maryland and Arizona, and two staff members from the National Conference of State Legislatures. We'll be there to work with members of the parliament in that country, but if this experience is like the other international workshops I've been faculty for, I learn as much as I'm able to pass on to others.

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LIBRARY REACHING OUT TO NEW READERS



Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE -Janet Oslund, Head of Children's Services at the Montrose Regional Library, tells Johnson Elementary School first graders about the Library's Summer Reading Program during a field trip to the Library. More than 430 first grade students from Montrose & Olathe School District visited the library over the last two weeks. This is the seventh year of the field trips, which are funded by the Montrose Rotary Club. The trips include a puppet show, tour, story, and craft, and are used to promote the Summer Reading Program. Prior to the field trips, students receive library cards and free books, courtesy of Altrusa International of Montrose.

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 15—Forum at Heidi's Brooklyn Deli (1521 Oxbow Dr.), 8 to 9 a.m. Coffee is \$1. Bruce Bertram presents on fracking, including softball throw, running long jump, running /walking and relays. Medals will be given to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place participants.

May 15--FREE Film Screening, 7 p.m. - "Ride the Divide" (Plot: An award-winning feature film about the world's toughest mountain bike race, which traverses more than 2,700 miles along the Continental Divide in the Rocky Mountains. The film weaves the story of three characters' experiences with immense mountain beauty and small-town culture as they attempt to pedal from Banff, Canada to a small, dusty crossing on the Mexican border.) At Two Rascals Brewing Company, \$1 tacos from Ah Chihuahua. It's a 70's themed night! Dress up in your best 70s attire and see if your costume is a winner! Two grooviest outfits win copies of the night's movie (and bragging rights).

Also, meet up with the Montrose Area Bicycle Alliance (MABA) for a fun-ride around town at 6pm. The group will meet all dressed up at Horsefly Brewing Co and do a short ride around downtown, ending at Two Rascals Brewing Co. in plenty of time to order tacos and catch the film! For more info, contact Heather @ hezeilman@gmail.com.

May 16-Vista Charter School Graduation—Montrose Pavilion, 1800 Pavilion Drive, 7 p.m.

May 16—ReneWest Art Crawl, Lower Montrose.

May 16--Montrose County Historical Museum will be having a "Night at the Museum" open house from 5 pm to 7 pm. The Museum will be joining the ReNew Art Crawl on west main. The Trolley Kitchen will be on site, along with the "Dust in Time" band playing in the depot yard. Come join the Crawl with a Scavenger hunt of the Olympics themed event. For more information please call Sally at 970-249-2085.

May 16—Utah State Rep Ken Ivory to speak at Friendship Hall, 2 p.m. RSVP at information@montrosecchamber.com or call 970-249-5000.

May 16--The Ouray County Historical Museum begins its 2013 summer season on Thurs. The museum will be open Mon.-Sat., 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and Sundays, 12 noon – 4:30 p.m. through Oct. 1. The museum is located at 420 6th Avenue in Ouray. For more information, call (970) 325-4576 or visit www.ouraycountyhistoricalsociety.org.

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 19—Olathe High School Graduation— Noon-1:30 pm-Wilson Field-Olathe High School (In the event of inclement weather the ceremonies will be held in Olathe High School gymnasium).

May 19—Montrose High School Graduation 2:30-4 pm-Montrose High School Football Stadium.

(In the event of inclement weather the ceremonies will be held in Lloyd McMillen gymnasium-six tickets/graduate will be issued).

May 21--Passage Charter School graduation--6:30 pm, Montrose Christian Church-2351 Sunnyside.

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.

May 30--Adult Basic Education Graduation-GED Ceremonies-7 pm, Montrose Christian Church-2351 Sunnyside.

June 5—Ignite Montrose! 7pm, Two Rascals Brewing Company, 147 N 1st Street. Eight presenters will give five minute presentations from slides on a 15-second automatic transition. Each presentation is to enlighten us! Trivia and prizes, too! For more information, contact Heather at hezeilman@gmail.com.

June 5--Public Lands Partnership Quarterly Membership & Agency Meeting, 1:30-3:30 pm, Ute Museum Conference Room in Montrose. This meeting is open to the public and all are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Heather Zeilman at info@publiclandspartnership.org or www.publiclandspartnership.org.

June 8—Laff Inn Comedy Event, 7:30 to 10 p.m. at Canyon Creek Bed and Breakfast (820 East Main).

June 7-8--The Black Canyon Classics will present the 18th Annual Colorful Colorado Car, Truck & Rod Show in Montrose. From 5-9 pm Friday, there will be a gathering on So. 1st St. and a cruise to area senior residences will begin at 6 pm. Look for the Cruise Map in the Daily Press the week of the show. The Saturday Car Show will be from 8 am to 3 pm at Columbine Middle School field. In addition to great vehicles, there will be music, drawing prizes, a silent auction, food vendors, and shade tents. This year's show will raise money for the Welcome Home Montrose Warrior Resource Center. Admission is free for spectators. Please, no bikes or dogs on the show grounds. Cruise to the Star Drive-In Saturday night for "movies under the stars." For more information call 970-249-6051.

June 8-Men in the Mix! Hang with Dad for a Day at the Montrose County Fairgrounds, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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 15-16-Ridgway Heritage Days & Ranch Rodeo, Ouray County Fairgrounds.

June 11--Presenters with a wealth of experience and knowledge will share proven strategies for starting, sustaining and re-vitalizing school and community gardens. Free but must register at www.valleyfoodpartnership.org or call Carol Parker at 970-209-7712.

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—'Rollin' on a River' brewfest and roller derby benefit for Montrose Habitat, Riverbottom Park, 1 to 4 p.m.

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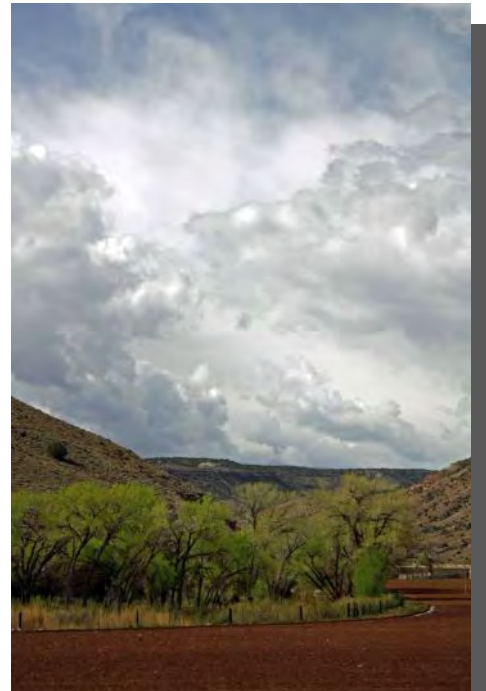
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