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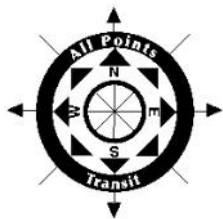
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Listening...to something COOL

JAZZ IT UP... IN TELLURIDE!



Telluride's world class Jazz Celebration is now in its 37th year. Courtesy photo.

By Caitlin Switzer

TELLURIDE—Every note has meaning, and echoes exponentially in the box canyon with a power that belongs only to Telluride and the San Juans.

It is America's most original, improvisational art form, performed in a place unique in all the world. For 37 years, jazz aficionados have returned to Telluride to celebrate jazz in its myriad forms, in an intimate, yet world-class venue—the San Juan Mountains. This year, the Telluride Jazz Celebration is scheduled for the weekend of Aug. 2-4. Telluride Society for Jazz Executive Director Paul Machado has been involved for 25 of those years, and has served as director for 22.

"We are totally, totally excited for this year," Machado said. "Our Guest of Honor will be Dr. Lonnie Smith—he is one of the top three organ players in the world—and we have Stanley Clarke coming back as our headliner. In recent years, we have really gotten into our Sunday "New Orleans" parade, at noon,

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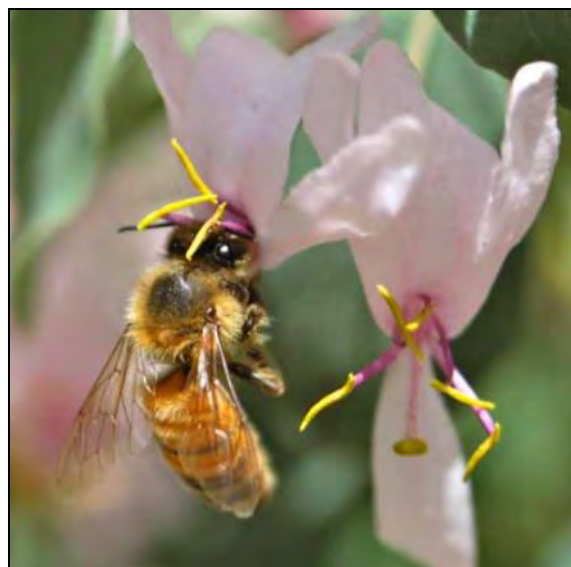
BACK IN HARMONY WITH BEES...

By Rita Clagett

North Fork Bureau Reporter

CRAWFORD--Yesterday the honeybees descended on the blueleaf honeysuckle. Today the aroma of this amazing shrub burgeoned as the sun warmed the morning. Also known as blue velvet honeysuckle, or honey rose honeysuckle, it is amazing to behold for a few weeks a year. The rest of the time, it's quite nice, too. But this week and next, *Lonicera korolkowii* is in its glory, and the bees have exactly four yards to fly from their hive to their feast. The bush is alive with bees.

And I'm not afraid anymore. After a visit from the bee doctor last month, we're all getting along smoothly. I'd been anxiously awaiting the arrival of the bee doctor for eight months, three of which I'd spent back east and the previous three here in a deep freeze. One missed message or weather delay after another led me to arrive home just two days before



A honey bee, hard at work. Photo by Rita Clagett.

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SPRING PRECIPITATION LESSENS WATER WORRIES

By Caitlin Switzer

REGIONAL—Despite dire predictions and the recent US Department of Agriculture designation of Montrose as a contiguous disaster area due to the ongoing drought, a cool, wet spring has delayed the impacts of the drought on this season's crops, water officials say.

"Things are still tight, but they are better than they started out to be this spring," Uncompahgre Valley Water Users Manager Steve Fletcher said. "Mother Nature has helped us tremendously with the added moisture and cool weather."

UVWUA is running at 70 percent right now, he noted, and does not expect to call either of its senior rights to the Uncompahgre River or Gunnison Tunnel until later this summer.

"Runoff has started to dwindle, but we won't make a call until we need to," Fletcher said. "We don't expect that to

happen until late June or early July."

Accumulated precipitation in the Gunnison River Basin remains at 75 percent of average, according to the Natural Resources Conservation service [Snotel site](#), but hot weather is expected to change that.

"We have been fortunate to the weather slow things down, but the snowpack is going in a hurry now," Fletcher said.

Snows in the Upper Gunnison region have been especially beneficial, noted Colorado Division of Water Resources Division Four Assistant Division Engineer Jason Ullmann.

"We are certainly better off than we were two months ago," Ullmann said. "And they are much, much better off in the upper Gunnison. The snows that we saw in April and early May will help fill the reservoirs. Right now Blue Mesa is holding fairly steady, and Ridgway is pretty well full."

Though the statewide drought continues,



Blue Mesa Reservoir as shown on the reservoirs Facebook site. Courtesy photo.

Western Colorado will have water, he said.

"In this valley, we have water even in a dry year," Ullmann said. "Ridgway Reservoir typically fills. The more storage we have, the more we can conserve for the following year. And hopefully, this will be a good snow year and we can recover."

UNCOMPAHGRE VALLEY VISION CENTER TO OFFER HEALTH SCREENINGS



UVVC owner and board certified optician Terry Burns, shown here with her Silky Terrier, is opening her doors for health screenings on Aug. 5.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—Kids who can see do better in school. That's the motivation for a visual and dental screening clinic at Uncompahgre Valley Vision Center from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (314 South Sixth Street) Aug. 5.

"Kids seem to be overlooked quite a bit, but if vision problems are caught while they are in grade school, they will find it easier to learn and earn better grades," UVVC owner and board certified optician Terry Burns said. "All they need is a pair of glasses." In addition to visual checks by Dr. Joanna Albert of [Gravity Works](#), the clinic will offer dental and hearing screenings as well. Performing dental screenings will be Elizabeth Scully of Mountain Oasis Dental Hygiene, Burns said. "The clinic is free, people just need to call us at 970-249-3183 for an appointment," Burns said.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

CHARRETTE LAUNCH AXEL PROJECT: LET'S ROLL!

Special to the Mirror

RIDGWAY-- The Charrette family has announced the launch of the Axel Project. The Axel Project was created in honor of two-year old, Axel Charrette, who was killed in Sayulita Mexico in February 2013. The organization's mission is to introduce and nurture a lifelong passion for cycling to children and their families.

Axel's love for all things bikes, clearly instilled by his family's passion for cycling, and his particular affinity for chasing his brother around on his Strider bike, led to the creation of the Axel Project and its natural corporate partnership with Strider Sports International, Inc.

Randy Charrette, Axel's father and Project co-founder, expressed his passion for the endeavor, "In the months after our loss we wanted to come up with a way to honor our son's memory. We decided to set up the Axel Project. Axel loved his Strider and we loved watching him gain confidence and enjoy life as he rode around. By getting more children and families on bicycles we are helping build healthier communities and a better world."

The Axel Project's immediate goal is to provide balance bikes to children in need. Organizations can apply to receive Strider bikes, for a nominal fee which includes

shipping, as well as instructions on teaching children the basics of riding, by filling out a simple online application on the Axel Project website: <http://axelproject.com/> apply. Jen Charrette, Axel's mother and Project co-founder, explains, "We believe biking not only builds confidence in young children but also improves health, is an outlet to express pure joy, is a foundation to a lifelong appreciation of nature, and helps strengthen family bonds because it's an activity the entire family can do together. The Axel Project was an obvious way for us to forever memorialize Axel and everything we came to love about riding together as a family."

Ryan McFarland, founder of Strider Bikes, had only two words when he was asked if his company would be the founding sponsor of the Axel Project. "We're In," was his immediate, and indelible response.

Donations to the Axel Project can be made at www.axelproject.com. All donations will be used to fulfill the organization's mission. In addition, for every Strider bike sold on the Axel Project website, one will be donated to a child in need.

About The Axel Project The Axel Project is Ridgway, Colorado-based nonprofit

organization dedicated to the fundamental principle that a productive, happy life begins with bikes. Our mission is to introduce and nurture a lifelong passion for cycling to children and their families. While our goal is broad, our first project is aimed at providing balance bicycles and instruction to children in need, ages 18 months to 5-years of age, to teach the basic skills necessary to get them riding on two wheels—with their friends, their family and forever. For more information or to contact the Axel Project, visit www.axelproject.com.

About Strider Sports International, Inc. Strider Sports International, Inc. designs efficient, no-pedal balance bikes that encourage toddlers to ride, learn, and explore the world on two wheels. Founded by Ryan McFarland in January 2007, Strider Sports is a company full of passionate riders of dirt, mountain, street, and road bikes. The goal of Strider Sports is to simplify a bike to its essence, so that proper size, lightweight and simplicity combine to eliminate any fear of riding and instill confidence in young new riders. The patented STRIDER™ No-Pedal Bike is now distributed in more than 35 countries. To learn more and to find a retailer in your area, visit <http://www.StriderBikes.com>.

Valerie Meyers' Weekly Monday



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THE ART OF LISTENING...



Jamie and Sarah Berndt listen to customers at Riddled Raven Coffeehouse, 16 South Grand.

By J. Berndt

MONTROSE--I mentioned to Sarah (wife) that I was going to be writing an article on listening, she simply replied, "why would you write about something that you know nothing about?" I had no real comeback because she is right, I am a horrible listener, not by choice but because I seemed to have missed a few classes on selective hearing. We all have the ability to selectively hear but sometimes we drift, some might nicely call it day dreaming. It's easy to go through the day without paying much attention to the noises and sounds that are constantly around you. We are so used to just hearing all kinds of different clatter, so many sounds around us pretty much all the time, and now we have mastered the art of selective hearing. This is the ability to focus on one voice in a room full of talking people, a great feature to the human brain. There are several books on the subject. If we didn't have this ability, could you im-

agine the strain it would be on your mind to have to take in numerous conversations at once. It would be chaos. But I think when you shut it off and try to take in everything or nothing is when you get labeled as a bad listener.

I have decided to venture into the world of audio.

As I'm sure you all noticed, a lot of the movies coming out right now are in 3D, and can be a good time. As movies progress into the future so does the audio but... this technique was discovered 33 years ago and hasn't seemed to go much further. I came across this video about 3D sound (homophonic sounds). Thinking to myself, how could it be any different from good surround sound in a movie? I almost passed it up until it said I would need headphones. I take every chance I can to use the things. "Now close your eyes," it says. So I did, only to cheat and open them a few seconds in. You get to hear matches,

hair dryers, and a lady whispering in your ear, pretty crazy. The sounds don't only come from the left and right side, it moves all around you. I might be a little late in coming across this but I found this to be pretty cool. This method was created by an Argentinian inventor, Hugo Zuccarelli back in 1980. He recorded short sound clips of objects making noise and moving around your head, and in 1983 the band Pink Floyd used it on their album that year. There has been some controversy over his discovered technique, saying it is no more special... specialer (not real word...yet) than some other methods of recording. Next, on to the exploration of a 3D audio cave...

There is also another form of audio called Binaural Beats that claims it can get you "high". This has been used in the alternative medicine field to relax and even hypnotize you. I found none of the above to take effect. But as I read more about this it said to listen to it at a low volume, that I didn't do, it was loud and very destructive, I'm confident the brain cells will regenerate over time.

The 3D audio cave is a fun one to listen to, the sound quality is great, but once again I find that being in a cave is about the most un-relaxing place. I could think of nothing, not a single thing calming about a cave, but the sounds are unlike anything above ground. It has been quite an adventure into the world of sound but I am ready to get back to music where I belong. All these videos I watched can be found on YouTube. If you have a few minutes to spare, explore the very slim world of Homophonic sounds.



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COLLABORATION HELPS SECURE GOCO FUNDING

"The water sports park has been a dream of city staff and community members for several years."

Montrose Mayor Judy Ann Files

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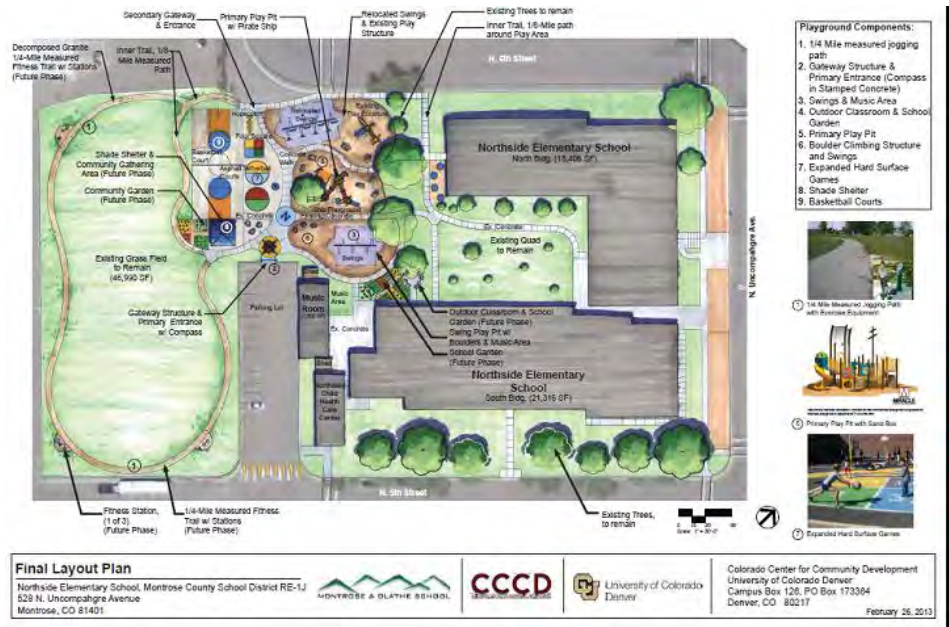
MONTROSE—A healthful infusion of GOCO funding this summer ought to keep Montrose's growing reputation as a recreation destination in tip top shape. In recent weeks, officials have announced awards of \$100,000 in grant funding for Phase I of Northside Elementary's Play Yard Project, as well as \$259,384 in lottery proceeds for the Montrose Water Sports Park, River Trail and Field Renovation Project, a collaborative effort of the Montrose Recreation District (MRD), the City of Montrose and Montrose County.

The Northside Navigators Play Yard, one of 14 selected for funding statewide, was planned and designed through a student-driven task force that worked with graduate students from the University of Colorado at Denver's College of Architecture and Planning. The City of Montrose applied for funding on behalf of Montrose County School District RE-1J. According to a news release issued by Re-1J Communications and Special Projects Coordinator Mindy Baumgardner, Phase I will include a play pit, swings, natural climbing structures, expanded hard surface games, basketball courts, an 1/8 mile jogging path, as well as two entrances, signage, concrete sidewalks and resurfacing for two of the school's three play areas.

"We are excited about the project and what it will bring to the students and families of Northside Elementary School," Baumgardner said. "This project is a great example of the City of Montrose and the Montrose and Olathe School district working together to improve our community."

The Montrose Water Sports Park, River Trail and Field Renovation Project was one of just eight such projects funded statewide, according to a news release issued by Montrose Recreation District and the City of Montrose last week.

"We would have absolutely not received this funding if all three GOCO-eligible



The Northside Elementary School Play Yard, pictured above, is one of several projects in Montrose to receive GOCO funding. The play yard was planned and designed by a student-driven task force that worked with graduate students from the University of Colorado at Denver's College of Architecture and Planning. Courtesy image.

agencies in Montrose did not come together like they did," MRD Executive Director Ken Sherbenou said. "We are very grateful for the partnerships that made this effort successful."

This project will improve the community's parks and recreation infrastructure, he said.

Montrose Mayor Judy Ann Files expressed enthusiasm for the grant, and gave credit to those who first began the Uncompahgre Riverway Master Plan several years ago, under the guidance of former Montrose City Park Planner and Project Manager Dennis Erickson. Montrose citizens chose a whitewater park and river trails as their highest priority projects during the Uncompahgre Riverway Master Plan process, the news release stated.

"The City of Montrose is excited about being able to further implement concepts from the Uncompahgre Riverway Master Plan," Files said. "The water sports park has been a dream of city staff and community members for several years. We are very appreciative of the GOCO board approving our request for funding." Among the project's components will be the Montrose Water Sports Park, a whitewater park on the Uncompahgre River through

Baldrige Park that will support kayaking, tubing, swimming and spectating. Also included will be nearly 2,000 feet of concrete trail, with 1,900 feet of soft-surface trail and signage installed along the river. Other project components include a sensory playground, fitness stations, picnic tables and ball field upgrades at the Ute/McNeil Fields, enhancing safety and offering new amenities for park users.

In addition to a significant cash match provided by all three Montrose GOCO-eligible entities, key project partners include the Colorado Department of Local Affairs, the Montrose Recreation Foundation, LiveWell Montrose-Olathe, Friends of the River Uncompahgre, Welcome Home Montrose and the Montrose Community Foundation. GOCO is the result of a citizens' initiative passed by the voters in 1992. As the recipient of approximately half of Colorado Lottery proceeds—\$57 million in Fiscal Year 2012—GOCO awards grants to local governments and land trusts, and makes investments through the Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife. Since 1994, nearly 3,500 projects in all 64 counties have received GOCO funding—Montrose County projects have received \$2.7 million in GOCO grants.

OUT AND ABOUT IN MONTROSE!



Cara Fandel of Howling Wolf Photography took this photo of hula hoopers at Main in Motion...dancer and artist Sarah Brewer of Montrose made the hoops, and will create custom hoops too. Find them at the Farmers' Market and at Main In Motion, or contact Sarah at 970-417-9918 or sarah@dftz.org.



The Black Canyon Barbershoppers concert on June 14 was captured in this image by Mirror writer Liesl Greathouse.

Below, horses wait outside Big J Pawn on June 17. Mirror staff photo.



Montrose musician Susan Walton sent this courtesy photo of her performance at Chapel of the Cross in Cedaredge with Kevin Humphreys.



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Two little boys get set to get on the bus. Kids ten and up can ride by themselves on the All Points Transit City Bus.

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--Even at noon mid-week, All Points Transit Driver Ethel Murdock's Gold Mine Route 3B bus is nearly full. Passengers of all ages step on and off at stops from the Transfer Point near Downtown, to Miami Road and Hillcrest Drive, along Niagara Road and South Townsend. Some hop on for just a block or two, others ride all the way to the shopping centers South of Town. And yet, Murdock takes a personal interest in each one.

"What kind of wild, crazy stuff will you do today?" Murdock teases one regular passenger, as she lets down a ramp to make it easier for him to disembark at his stop. "Are you done with school?" she asks another.

"I'm heading to Sports Authority and GameStop today," said rider Nicholas Sulham, 17. "It's easy to catch the bus, because I live over near the San Juan Cinema."

Others are heading to lunch at the Pavil-

ion or at Christ's Kitchen.

"Ethel's my favorite driver, because she really helps me out," said a passenger named Lori.

Restless children in the back seats are no challenge for Murdock, who spent five years as a school bus driver.

"Sit down, and buckle up," she calmly tells them.

"Will you be riding back with us today?" she asks their mother as she lets the family off behind Heidi's Brooklyn Deli, just in time for lunch.

In addition to its city bus service in Montrose, All Points Transit operates a Dial-A-Ride service for seniors and people with disabilities, provides an Olathe Shuttle Service, and offers regional transportation on a monthly basis. City busses run between 6:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

To learn more about All Points Transit and how you can help, call Sarah Curtis at 970-249-6204 or scurtis@allpointstransit.org.

WASH ON WHEELS KEEPS MONTROSE SPARKLING

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—If Montrose appears exceptionally clean despite being surrounded by 'dobies and pinon juniper badlands, we probably have Dominick LaJoy to thank, at least in part. For the past 17 years, LaJoy and his business, Wash on Wheels (2870 North Townsend), have been helping Montrose put its best face forward.

"It's fun work, and it gets you out," LaJoy said, noting that he and his WOW team typically clean three to four vehicles each day, but can accommodate as many as 20.

"It's a great way to meet people.

"We have been around for so many years, most of our business comes through word of mouth," LaJoy said.

"We have people who come from Paonia, from Crested Butte, from Silverton and from Telluride, because they know we do a good job."

One client drives in from Nucla, and plans her day around having her car detailed at Wash on Wheels, he said.

"She knows she can come to town and leave her car with us," he said, "and come back to a clean car."

LaJoy, who grew up in California before moving to Montrose with his wife Cindy, said that he got the idea for Wash on Wheels from a California-based plane washing franchise.

"Mine is not a franchise," LaJoy said, "but I have taken the idea a little bit farther. And as the longest running detail service here in town, I can honestly say that you get what you pay for."

Wash on Wheels has washed houses, cars, trucks, boats, sidewalks, driveways and commercial buildings—but the biggest thing LaJoy can remember cleaning is the old Weatherport facility in Delta.

"It took us 11 days, but we cleaned that thing from top to bottom—ceilings, walls, floors," LaJoy said. "We spent six days on the ceiling!"

Wash on Wheels serves not only individuals but companies, and LaJoy has some longtime clients he has never even met in person.

"We do paint chip repair, we clean headlights, we can do tree sap and tar removal," he said.

"We have cleaned so much, I don't know if there is anything left that we haven't



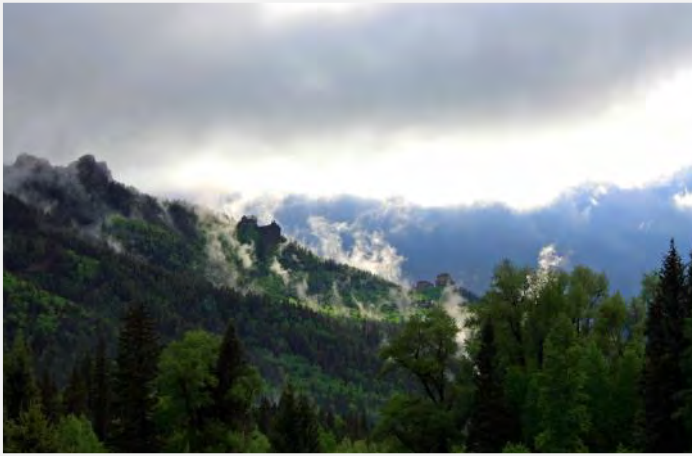
Dominick LaJoy started Wash On Wheels 17 years ago. Courtesy photo.

cleaned!

Although he has brought a water truck and hoses to Main in Motion in years past to cool down the crowds, LaJoy said he probably won't be out much this season due to the demands of business.

However, those in need of a good cleaning are encouraged to call 970-209-4969.

OUT AND ABOUT AT SILVERJACK



PHOTOS BY SARAH BERNDT

Sarah stepped out to snap these stunning shots up at SilverJack last week...be sure to stop in and visit her at The Riddled Raven Coffee-house (Sampler Square in Montrose) for a great coffee or breakfast in a wonderful, cool setting!



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BACK IN HARMONY WITH BEES...Continued from page 1



A syrphid fly visits the garden. Photo by Rita Clagett.



A Native Cutter Bee feeds on Wasatch Penstemon. Photo by Rita Clagett.



At long last, fresh honey. Photo by Rita Clagett.

his expected visit.

He pulled up about 4:30 that afternoon. While I went inside to put on my bee suit, Corwin Bell walked around the hive.

"They're speaking a language I don't understand yet," he said, when I joined him outside. "They're very aware, very wild."

I told him they'd come out of a cottonwood known to have had a hive in it for at least twenty years. "That explains it," he said. "They've got a very old language."

He spent the next hour slowly moving into the bees' space, gradually getting on their wavelength. He circled the hive a few more times before settling down to one side of the door and watching for a long time, as bees came and went. He gently waved his hand a few inches in front of the door to determine the level of defensiveness of the hive, and a few guard bees flew out to inspect it. The level of the buzz ramped up for a few seconds, then settled down to what he called "a nice sense-of-self hum."

He held his hand in front of the doorway and swept it backwards away from the door into the crowd of bees approaching the landing platform. "Wow!" he said. "Look at that! They're very aware." As his hand swept back into their path they backed away from it. Not a single bee crashed into his hand. "Most bees don't move that fast," he said, "they crash right

into my hand. These guys are aware and agile."

After making their acquaintance this way, he moved his face close to the door and blew gently into it, again to gauge their reaction to his exhalations. Bees don't like carbon dioxide, a big huff of it into their hive signals a predatory invader like a bear. But they didn't react badly to his breath. And then he shared with me a mystical yet scientifically sound technique for bonding with the bees, to let them know that I am one with them, that we are all one.

Once he had literally gotten himself onto the same energetic plane as the beehive, we opened it up. Very gently we pried a bar loose from the hive and lifted out a perfect wedge of honeycomb. He spoke little, putting all his energy into reading and responding to the bees. He called my attention to the shifting energy of the buzz of the hive, high-pitched, louder, softer with their mood.

We went through two spray bottles full of water, misting the bees if they got aggressive, pausing in our ministrations to let them settle back down if they got too agitated. As he worked with each comb before removing it, he used a small wooden beeherder to encourage the bees to move down the comb to the floor of the hive

"Oh," he said, "they're running!" Some of those on the floor of the hive were running toward the front. "Don't get wigged out," he went on, "but that's something Africanized bees do, they run like that." Just one more example of their wildness, he assured me, not that they had gotten Africanized.

Gradually, we removed three combs. One at a time, he carried each bar through the yard, softly sweeping a handful of garlic leaves down along the capped comb to dislodge the bees clinging to it, making his way to the house; by the time he reached the door the bees were all flying back to the hive, and he brought the clean comb into the kitchen where we hung it in a box until I could harvest the honey the next day.

Corwin stayed in the yurt overnight, enjoying the garden for the evening while I kept a dinner engagement across the valley. In the morning when he came inside, he announced, "Here's what came to me in my morning meditation with the bees: They chose you. They didn't convey to me why, that's for you to find out, but they chose you."

I was prepared to believe that, considering the uncanny way they had come to me. In a weird sense, I might have known these bees for twenty years. I used to play with

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JAZZING IT UP IN TELLURIDE *continued from page 1*



with plenty of New Orleans food and music—so much fun! Everybody loves a parade.”

Also performing at this year's Telluride Jazz Celebration will be the New Orleans-based street artist Frenchy, who created this year's one-of-a-kind poster, and who will offer a live painting demonstration.

Donations are still needed for the free stage, he noted. For tickets and information and a complete lineup of artists, visit www.telluridejazz.org, or call 970-728-7009.

At left, poster art for this year's Telluride Jazz Celebration by guest artist Frenchy. At right, Vic Wooten and Bob Hemminger perform in front of Wilkinson Public Library in 2012.
Courtesy photo.



LOCAL TAXING ENTITIES COLLABORATE, HOST BUDGET PROJECTION SYMPOSIUM JUNE 27

As assessed property valuations continue to drop, taxing districts and governmental agencies throughout the region will see a corresponding decrease in tax revenues. Find out how these changes will impact you and your community, at a collaborative forum where representatives from local agencies will discuss the impacts of decreasing property tax revenues on the projected 2014 - 2017 budgets of the region's taxing entities. **The public is encouraged to attend the Budget Projection Symposium, scheduled for noon on June 27 in the Wilkinson Public Library**

(100 West Pacific Avenue) program room. Participating taxing entities include San Miguel County, Telluride School District, Wilkinson Public Library, the towns of Telluride and Mountain Village, Telluride Fire Protection District and Telluride Medical Center.

“Each entity is different,” said Lynn Black, San Miguel County Administrator. “Some rely almost solely on property tax revenues. Other entities that rely more heavily on sales tax revenues will see less revenue degradation. However, all groups have been and will continue to be affected

by the drop in property values.”

All entities represented at the Symposium have seen valuations decline, and project them to continue to decline by as much as 15 percent through the next 18-month cycle. This Symposium will identify projected trends on an entity-by-entity basis, and will outline steps already taken and additional steps that will be taken as we continue to respond to drops in valuation. If you are not able to attend in person, this Symposium will be live streamed or available on demand at townofmountainvillage.com/video.

Lund, Elder Join Incumbant Prendergast on DMEA Board

Special to the Mirror

DELTA--Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) held its 75th annual meeting at the Hotchkiss Memorial Hall on June 14th, 2013.

Attending members were treated to a variety of features including a professional rendition of the national anthem, a video tribute to linemen, a historical look back to the beginnings of electrification in the Uncompahgre valley, and an engaging presentation on coal mine methane har-

vesting by leading renewable energy analyst, Randy Udall.

Many members also cast their votes for the three DMEA board director seats up for re-election this year.

Toward the end of the meeting, the winners were announced: In District 4, Jim Elder won the seat with 3,762 votes over Erica Lewis Kennedy's 2,495. In District 3, Olen Lund beat incumbent Ed Marston with 3,815 votes to Marston's 2,652. Incumbent, Tony Prendergast held

on to the South Region seat, beating challenger, Kay Heinschel 3,491 to 2,785.

All who attended the annual meeting received the gift of a 75th anniversary commemorative, gold-rimmed coffee mug, and several members received door prizes including two iPad minis, which were preloaded with DMEA's new SmartHub app, which allows members to communicate with the cooperative, analyze their home energy usage, and view and pay their bill with the touch of a button.



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SAN JUAN COLORADOANS FOR NEBRASKA!—CORRECTION!



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MONTROSE--San Juan Coloradans for Nebraska continue their tradition of supporting our local community and believing in the leaders of tomorrow as well as the need for continuing education. Rex Swanson, President of San Juan Coloradans for Nebraska, made the scholarship presentation to two Montrose County students: Brooke Gaber (above right) who will be attending University of Colorado in Colorado Springs, and Haley Turley (left) who will be attending Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Co.

HONORABLE MENTION

To Bobbi Sale and the entire community of Olathe, for many years of hard work on the Olathe Sweet Corn Festival... and for unselfishly bringing people in to fill hotel rooms in surrounding communities like Delta and Montrose.

To the team who worked on having Montrose designated an All American City...nice work!

To former Montrose City Park Planner and Project Manager Dennis Erickson, for envisioning a river corridor with opportunities for recreation and economic Development, and to everyone who has kept the momentum going...

To Welcome Home Montrose and the Warrior Resource Center and everyone who worked to make the first Mission: No Barriers Week (June 11-17) a success!

To Montrose Habitat for Humanity, for receiving a City of Montrose sustainability award for the new ReStore building!

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HEALTH PLAN HONORED FOR WEB SITE

Special to the Mirror

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. – Rocky Mountain Health Plans has won a Gold Web Health Award for our organization's website, www.rmhp.org. The recognition was received at the annual Web Health Awards, which recognizes high-quality digital health resources for consumers and health professionals. The awards program is organized by the Health Information Resource Center. The panel of health technology professionals judged the entries

based on content, format, success in reaching the targeted health audience and overall quality.

Our website (rmhp.org) underwent a complete redesign in the fall of 2012, allowing users to find information more quickly, in a user-friendly format.

About Rocky Mountain Health Plans
Founded in Grand Junction, Colo. in 1974, as a locally-owned, not-for-profit organization, Rocky Mountain Health Plans uniquely understands Colorado's health

care consumers. We provide access to affordable, quality health care enabling our more than 220,000 Members to live longer, healthier lives. RMHP believes receiving preventive care is key to maintaining good health, which is why it is included as a standard component in our benefit plans. We are the first Western Slope employer to receive the Platinum Well Workplace award from the Wellness Councils of America.

For more information, visit rmhp.org.

DONATIONS SOUGHT FOR FRONT RANGE FIRES

Special to the Mirror

COLORADO—America's Disaster Relief is collecting household and personal items for the Front Range wildfires in Colorado. Many homes have already been lost to the fire and many more will suffer smoke damage requiring many items to be replaced.

CEO Jan France is asking that drop off locations be set up all over the Western Slope – if you can help with being a drop off location please let Jan know by calling 970-208-6553 or by email to [WCDisaster-](mailto:WCDisaster-Relief@aol.com)

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If you would like to hold a "Stuff The Truck" event at your place of business, please feel free to do so. America's Disaster Relief has storage facilities in Montrose – Please contact Mercedes Rodriguez – Colorado In-Kind Donation Chairperson – to arrange delivery. America's Disaster Relief will arrange for 18 wheelers to deliver to secure Distribution Centers when people are ready to receive these items (NO CLOTHES PLEASE) A list of WHAT TO DONATE can be found on the

web site WCDisasterRelief.org, a PayPal donation button can also be found on the web site – be sure to fill in FOR COLORADO as America's Disaster Relief is also helping in Oklahoma following the tornados and in New York & New Jersey following Super Storm Sandy. Monetary donations can be taken to any Wells Fargo Bank – DONATION ACCOUNT, America's Disaster Relief. 100 percent of the donations either funds or In-Kind go to the disaster relief, many times by purchasing Gift Cards for those in need.

HEALING OUR EARTH FROM THE GROUND UP...TELLURIDE MUSHROOM FESTIVAL 2013

FUNGI AS MEDICINE!

Special to the Mirror

TELLURIDE—Health, of the planet and its people, is the focus of the Telluride Institute's annual Mushroom Festival (Aug. 13-18, 2013). For 32 years, the Telluride Mushroom Festival has offered a forum for intellectual discussion and exploration of the role of mushrooms on Earth. In 2013, America's best known and most respected celebration of all things mycological will focus on "Fungi as Medicine."

"We will raise awareness of the role of mushrooms in healing the environment,

treating the human physical condition, and the mind," Festival Organizer Scott Koch said. "This theme allows us to strengthen the cross-disciplinary approach for which our festival is known, while enabling people to understand more deeply the interactions of fungi in our world." This year's Keynote Speaker will be Gary Lincoff, whose innovative topics and fresh ideas have made him a rock star in the fungophile world. Festival presentations, scheduled at Wilkinson Public Library and Palm Theater, will look at cultivation, remediation, and the medicinal and cultural

impact of mushrooms on Planet Earth.

Expect delightful culinary opportunities as well, from specials offered by local eateries to a chef's event hosted by a renowned molecular gastronomist. Plan your trip now, and join in the discussion, and the solution. For lodging, camping and directions go to www.visittelluride.com. To learn more about this year's festival, go to the [group Facebook site](#).

This year's festival partners include Wilkinson Public Library, Delilah LLC, Coprinoid, Smuggler's Brewery and Between the Covers Bookstore.



MONTROSE COUNTY NEWS AND INFORMATION

MONTROSE COUNTY RECOGNIZES COUNTY ATTORNEY ROBERT HILL

Montrose County News Brief

MONTROSE-- Montrose County Attorney Robert (Bob) Hill announced his resignation after over nine years of service with the county. Hill is leaving Montrose County to pursue other opportunities.

"He has been a valued, hard-working asset to Montrose County during his entire employ," said Board of County Commis-

sioners (BOCC) Chairman Ron Henderson. Hill's last day will be August 31, 2013.

At this time, the BOCC is reviewing the criteria for the county attorney position and a search will begin as soon as the details are solidified.

"I've worked with Bob ever since I have been a commissioner and have valued his input and legal advice," said Commission-

er Gary Ellis. "I'm sad to see him go. I wish him well in his future endeavors." County Manager Rick Eckert also wished Hill success in his future career path and said, "I've only had the pleasure of working with Bob for six months and his institutional knowledge of county issues over the past nine years will certainly be missed and finding a replacement will take some hard work."

CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON KINIKIN ROAD

MONTROSE—Montrose County Road & Bridge Department has begun reconstruction of Kinikin Road at Cottonwood Drive, and will extend east to Pahgre Road for a total distance of 2.06 miles.

Approximately 1,500 feet of Kinikin Road east of Cottonwood Drive will have an asphalt overlay instead of reconstruction due to utilities and irrigation structures. The remaining balance of the road

will be reconstructed using a process of mixing Portland cement and water into the existing roadbed, and then finishing the driving surface with two coats of chip seal applied about 30 days apart.

Kinikin Road is the last scheduled road reconstruction project in 2013. The project is expected to take approximately 60 to 90 days to complete. The road will be open to local traffic during this time but motorists

should expect up to 20 minute delays at times.

To alleviate delays, all motorists are encouraged to use Sunshine Road and Pahgre Road as alternate routes.

Montrose County appreciates the patience of its citizens as we work to support priority number two of the citizen-driven strategic plan to improve and maintain a safe transportation system.

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Dessert Dash a Crowd Pleaser at CASA Ray of Hope Benefit



At left, Dessert Dasher Sinny Richardson, representing CASA's Ray of Hope "Tricycle Sponsor" The Coffee Trader, tussles playfully with Event Host/Dessert Dash Referee Sue Hansen of Sue Hansen Speaks (right), while CASA Executive Director Karen Tuttle (center) looks on with a laugh. Richardson nabbed the "Double Layer Mocha Cheesecake" donated by Dave and Madison Corso of Montrose. Courtesy photo Howling Wolf Photography.

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--CASA of the 7th Judicial District (Court Appointed Special Advocates-CASA) hosted their "Ray of Hope Annual Benefit" at the Montrose Pavilion

on Saturday, April 13th, to a sold-out crowd representing all six counties in the 7th Judicial District (Montrose, Delta, Gunnison, San Miguel, Ouray, and Hinsdale).

"We loved the event, especially the Des-

sert Dash," said Tisha McCombs, a guest of Francis and Mandy Wick's at their "Table of Friends." For the Dessert Dash, each table bid collectively for a dessert. The table with the highest total bid has first chance to choose from desserts donated by restaurants and individuals throughout the District. "We were the lucky dogs that got the peanut butter pie from Camp Robber!"

Held annually in April during National Child Abuse Awareness Month, the Ray of Hope featured elements designed to both inform and enjoy, including a live auction and a touching interview with former CASA Kid Judi Boyce. "The event was a tremendous success," said CASA Board President John W. Nelson. "I want to thank all of the sponsors, donors, supporters and the 250 attendees. The unfortunate children we represent and assist are the beneficiaries of their generosity."

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, email to info@casa7jd.org or call an office nearest you: Delta - 970- 874-7730; Gunnison 970- 641-7998; Montrose 970-249-0337 or email info@casa7jd.org. For information about National CASA, visit their website at www.casaforchildren.org.

REGISTER NOW FOR GET GRANTS TRAINING IN MONTROSE

Special to the Mirror

DENVER--Community Resource Center (CRC) is bringing the most comprehensive and affordable grant writing training in Colorado to Montrose! This full-day training is designed for executive and development directors, board and staff members, and volunteers of nonprofit organizations who are looking to build their organizations ability to write competitive

grants. In this workshop, learn best practices in grant writing and tips for success. Participants will understand essential elements included in a grant proposal and how to craft a compelling case for support. A review of grant terminology, sources of grant funding and research tools including the Colorado Grants Guide will be discussed. Participants will learn how grant

funding fits into the larger, diversified fundraising program.

The Get Grants training will be held on Wednesday, July 10, 2013 from 10 am - 5 pm at the Hilltop Regional Office (Conference Room 2) - 540 S. 1st Street Montrose, CO. Registration is OPEN; visit www.crcamerica.org/ruraltraining to register.

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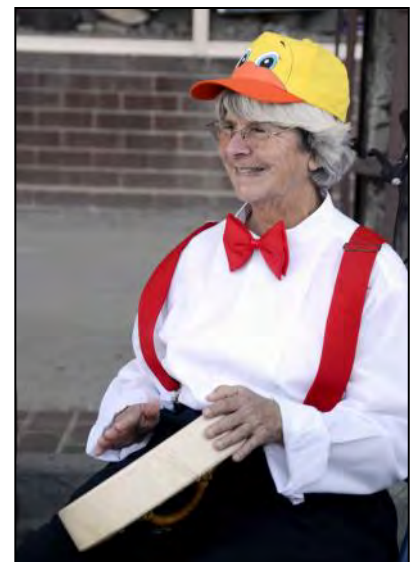
Downtown Development Authority Director Scott Shine was on hand to help with logistics at the first Main in Motion of 2013.



Bungee runner Jager Waterman, age 7, appeared to be having a great time.



At left, as always, the human-powered hamster balls were a hit!



City council member and community activist Carol McDermott joined the drum circle.



Future sales managers Hunter Hancock, 7, and Jessi Muse, 6, put their best faces forward.

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TRIO SOLISTI TO PLAY RIDGWAY EVENTS CENTER



Trio Solisti. Courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror

RIDGWAY—The first highlight of the summer classical music season in Ouray County is the 11th appearance of New York-based Trio Solisti, with Maria Bach-

mann, violin; Alexis Pia Gerlach, cello; and Jon Klibinoff, piano, coming to the 4H Event Center in Ridgway June 23rd at 7 p.m. Presented by Ouray County Performing Arts Guild, this vibrant trio never fails to thrill its audience, and this year will be no exception. The program consists of Beethoven's Trio, Op. 11, Trio No. 1 in F major, Op. 18 by Saint-Saens and Trio in G minor by Smetana.

Hailed as "The most exciting piano trio in America" by *The New Yorker* Magazine, having this trio perform locally is truly an opportunity not to be missed. One of America's most notable critics, Terry Teachout of *The Wall St. Journal* proclaimed, "To my mind, Trio Solisti has now succeeded the Beaux Arts Trio as the outstanding chamber music ensemble of its kind." Their performance is soulful and

passionate marked with electric energy, seamless ensemble playing and thrilling abandon. They have performed at premier performance centers around the country and consistently draw an appreciative audience. Read more on their website, www.triosolisti.com. Attendees at the June 23rd concert will receive 1/2 off coupons to attend the screening of the film, "Orchestra of Exiles" for the following evening. OCPAG is most grateful to its local sponsors, Citizens State Bank of Ouray, Ridgway Mountain Market, and Donald Swartz, DDS for helping to underwrite this concert. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$5 for students, and may be purchased at Buckskin Booksellers, Cimarron Books and Coffee, Coffee Trader in Montrose, and online at www.ocpag.org.

ORCHESTRA OF EXILES TO BE SCREENED AT WRIGHT OPERA HOUSE

Special to the Mirror

OURAY--On June 24th at 7:30pm - Ouray County Performing Arts Guild and The Wright Opera House will offer a screening of the documentary, "Orchestra of Exiles" directed by Telluride director, Josh Aronson, at the Wright Opera House in Ouray. This film tells the extraordinary story of the life of Bronislaw Huberman, Polish violinist, who in the 1930's realized the future that Jewish musicians faced under Hitler.

He fought back with all he had -- music -- and ultimately saved 1,000 Jews and redefined the cultural world forever. The

outcome was the founding of the Palestine Symphony Orchestra which would become the Israeli Philharmonic.

This remarkable movie is an uplifting story of hope and features film and audio clips of some of the world's most celebrated musicians, including Maria Bachmann, Aronson's wife, and Trio Solisti. Aronson will be in attendance to talk about the documentary and answer questions.

Tickets are \$10 for adults (\$5 discount with Trio Solisti coupon from the performance on the previous night) and \$5 for students. The movie is very worthwhile for teens.



ARTS AND CULTURE

SHERBINO PRESENTS JOSEPH SOHM'S VISIONS OF AMERICA

Special to the Mirror

RIDGWAY--Award-winning photo historian Joseph Sohm will bring his spectacular "Visions of America" to the Sherbino Theater in downtown Ridgway on Saturday, July 6 at 7 p.m. The Ridgway Chautauqua Society and the Ouray County Performing Arts Guild present Sohm's multimedia portrait of the American story.

Sohm, whose photographs have been published throughout the world, created *Visions of America* to answer the question, "How do you photograph Democracy?" Drawing upon his Gold Medal-winning tabletop book, he escorts audiences on a 50-state journey to capture the essence of democracy in daily life. In addition to Sohm's keynote talk, the event includes an HD-Blue Ray video production, with original music, of his iconic images. The voice of actor/director Clint Eastwood narrates the visual story of Sohm's three-decade quest. Sohm's discerning lens explores subjects such as Main Street, Native America, African Americans, farms, cities, sports, military, transportation, environment, presidents, homeless people, land-



scapes, history, and 50 state capitols. "My portrait of America is not Norman Rockwell's," he told PBS Newshour, but rather a nonpartisan mosaic of many images that together capture the country's rich diversity. Joseph Sohm is an American history teacher turned photo historian, public speaker and author. His images have appeared in publications such as *National Geographic*, *Time*, *Newsweek*, and *The New York Times*, and on CNN, ABC, PBS, and The History Channel. His photographs are featured in President Clinton's *My Life* and in his Presidential Library. Sohm's work also is featured in President Reagan's book, *The Great Communicator*, Bill Mahr's, *Real Time*, and in Al Gore's

Oscar-winning film, *An Inconvenient Truth*. His work was recently featured at the NEWSEUM in Washington D.C. Sohm is represented by Getty Images & Corbis. Sohm's book, *Visions of America – Photographing Democracy*, will be for sale at the event and he will sign copies. The book won the 2009 Gold Medal award of the Independent Publisher Book Awards and includes a foreword by Paul Theroux. A new edition of the book was recently released by *Readers Digest*. Admission is a \$10 donation. Joseph Sohm will conduct a follow-up Photographer's Workshop Monday, July 8 at the Sherbino Theater 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. For details, visit www.sherbinoteater.com.

GUNNISON RIVER FESTIVAL AND CRESTED BUTTE FILM FESTIVAL PRESENT FILM EVENT

Special to the Mirror

GUNNISON--Gunnison River Festival and Crested Butte Film Festival join forces to bring the Gunnison Valley a liquid film event at the newly-reopened I Bar Ranch in Gunnison on June 19, 2013. The merging of these nonprofits at the I Bar, flow together like the mighty rivers of the Gunnison Watershed. North meets south along the banks of Tomichi Creek. Visitors are encouraged to come early and wet their fishing line in Tomichi Creek under the large "W" on Tenderfoot mountain. The I Bar Ranch is located 850 County Road 49, at the end of the Gunnison/Crested Butte Regional Airport runway. (From the southeast corner of Jorgensen Park, look for signs). The audience can expect a visually fulfilling and inspiring evening under the open-air barn. The event will resemble

an anglers fly box, with a selection of films, some fluffy and bright, some textured and stimulating with the feature film, *Borrowing Hollywood* film tools and techniques, including RED digital cinema cameras and world class post production techniques, *WildWater* brings not only new perspectives, but new images to white-water and the world of adventure cinema."

The gates open in the afternoon for fishing access. Beverages and food is available and on-location ticket sells start at 5 p.m. Early ticket purchases are encouraged and can be made at http://www.gunnisonriverfestival.com/?page_id=194. Cost is \$5/person. Curtains will be drawn at 6 p.m. signaling all eyes should go center stage. A fun raffle will take place at intermission for all ticket holders. Questions about the Film Event

evening, contact Joellen Fonken, 970-275-3516. The Gunnison River Festival is a 501(c)(3) organization that plans an annual river event that embraces river and stream activities, education and the celebration of the Gunnison River Basin. The Festival title sponsor is the Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District. The Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District was established in 1959 to protect and develop the water resources of the Upper Gunnison River Basin.

The Crested Butte Film Festival is dedicated to providing an annual forum that celebrates the art of film and the power of storytelling. The CBFF mission is to inspire and educate our audience through films and discussions that spark creativity, cultural awareness, and personal, social, and environmental change.

ARTS AND CULTURE

TELLURIDE WELCOMES FIRST MANY HANDS FIBER ARTS FESTIVAL



Telluride's newest festival is all about the fiber arts! The Many Hands Fiber Arts Festival will take place in August, and will celebrate the work of gifted artists from across Western Colorado. Courtesy photo.

By Liesl Greathouse

TELLURIDE--For local fiber art enthusiasts, Telluride will be offering a great opportunity to showcase people's fiber art creations at the first Annual Many Hands Fiber Arts Festival. The name 'Many Hands' symbolizes the many different disciplines of fiber arts, whether it be knitting, quilting, textiles, weaving, needlepoint, embroidery, felting, crochet, or any other idea an artist can come up with. The Festival will be held August 8-11 in Telluride.

Valerie Franzese is a fairly new quilter who came up with the idea for the Festival.

"Although Telluride has many festivals, they have never had a quilting or fiber arts festival before," She explained. "I originally wanted to do a quilt show. But as I thought about it, I remembered all the people who are gifted in the various fiber arts

disciplines (knitters, weavers, etc.). I decided that instead of just a quilt show we needed to do a fiber arts festival to showcase all the fiber arts disciplines."

Her goal for the Festival is for it to be educational and fun for the whole family.

Entries and vendors will be coming from all over Colorado, New Mexico and Utah, although the primary focus will be on fiber artists from the Western Slope of Colorado.

The main venue for the event will be the Telluride Highschool Gym, as it is the only place big enough to hang quilts in all of Telluride.

The Festival will feature a Shopping Mall with a wide variety of vendors selling everything from quilted clothing items to yarn for knitting or crocheting. There will also be live demonstrations each day of the Festival. Many Hands will also have a booth with logo items.

Each discipline will be juried, not to determine who gets into the Festival, but when the pieces are at the event each one will be given comments and the chance to win in each discipline category.

Anyone can enter the Festival, whether their item be knitted, quilted, needlepoint, or anything in the fiber arts realm. Entries will be accepted until mid-July. Visit the Many Hands website for more details and entry forms.

The entrance fee for the Festival is \$3 per person per day, and all kids (16 and under) are free. "We really want to get kids to be involved," Valerie said. "We never know what will spark creativity in kids."

The Festival has been working closely with the Telluride Library's children's program. "If we don't pass these skills onto the next generation, they will be lost," Valerie said. August 6 will be kid's quilting day at the Telluride Library,

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ARTS AND CULTURE

TELLURIDE WELCOMES FIRST MANY HANDS FIBER ARTS FESTIVAL *Continued from page 21*

where kids will make either a quilt square or a square for a larger piece. All the kid's creations will automatically be shown at the Festival.

The Festival is also working with the 4-H and One-to-One programs in Norwood to teach skills in various fiber arts disciplines. "We want to show people the entire progression in creating a fiber arts item, from shearing the sheep to carding to spinning and knitting," Valerie explained.

As a local business owner, Valerie believes it is important to get people into local stores. That is why several local businesses, including a bookstore and a rug store, will be featuring wine receptions and guest speakers on various topics relating to fiber arts.

The Telluride Historical Museum will be exhibiting antique quilts, weavings and clothing, which will run concurrently with the Festival. "We are trying to get people to visit the Museum, as not everybody gets up there very much," Valerie said. There will also be a beautiful raffle quilt, created by the ladies from the Placerville Quilt Guild, which people will have a chance to

win at the Festival.

On Thursday August 8, the judging of the fiber arts entries will occur. The Telluride Historical Museum Quilt and Weaving Exhibit will start at the Museum, 201 W. Gregory.

On Friday, August 9, the Festival's exhibits and Shopping Mall will be open to the public 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Festival Center, 725 W. Colorado Ave. Raffle tickets for the handmade quilt will go on sale as well. There will be a needlepoint demonstration and tutorials by Jenny Sullivan, as well as a drop spinning demonstration. There will also be a wine reception at Azadi Fine Rugs, 217 W. Colorado Ave., 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

On Saturday, Aug. 10, there will be live fiber bearing animals in Elks Park, featuring yaks, alpacas, cashmere goats and more.

"People see animals but don't realize that their fur becomes the fibers that we humans wear in clothing," Valerie explained. There will also be a rust dyeing class by Kathy Green and various demonstrations throughout the day. A wine reception and

lecture on hemp will be held at Between The Covers Bookstore, 224 W. Colorado Ave., 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

On Sunday, August 11, the drawing for the raffle quilt will be held and the festival will close at 1 p.m.

For Valerie, after living in Telluride for 30 years, the entire Western Slope feels like a 'neighborhood.' Because there are many gifted fiber artists in the area, Valerie wanted to create something in Telluride for locals that features fiber arts creations from all over the 'neighborhood', including Montrose.

"It is more of a regional fiber artists show, instead of just a Telluride show," she explained.

"The fiber arts is a wonderful community and I just want to expose people to the different disciplines of fiber arts, especially in getting kids involved. Educating and participating is my goal."

For more information, and for a complete schedule of events and entry forms, visit manyhandsfiberartsfestival.dreamhosters.com or email info@manyhandsfiberartsfestival.org.

Montrose Memorial Hospital Again Recognized as a Community Value Five-Star Hospital by Cleverley + Associates

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--For the second year in a row, Montrose Memorial Hospital has been recognized as a top-ranked Community Value Provider by Cleverley + Associates. Cleverley + Associates, a leading healthcare financial consulting firm specializing in operational benchmarking and performance enhancement strategies, released the findings as part of its new publication: *State of the Hospital Industry* – 2013 Edition.

MMH is part of a select and distinguished group of hospitals in the United States. Only **four** hospitals in the state of Colorado were honored with this

award. Inclusion in the Community Value Leadership Award group speaks to the great value that MMH provides to those in our community. As healthcare value is increasingly discussed nationally, the Community Value Index (CVI) provides an objective assessment of the relative value a hospital provides. The CVI is the first and most comprehensive analysis of its kind – making the award even more meaningful. This accomplishment provides evidence that MMH is operating efficiently, charging reasonably, and providing high quality services. In addition, we are reinvesting to continue the great care we provide our community.

According to Cleverley + Associates, issues of pricing and community benefit have been well-publicized but little has been offered to measure the broad scope of value. In response, the Community Value Index was created to provide an assessment of a hospital's performance in four areas: financial strength and reinvestment, cost of care, pricing, and quality. Fundamentally, the CVI suggest that hospitals who have low costs, low charges, use financial resources efficiently for reinvestment back into the provision of healthcare, and provide a high quality of patient care are operating with a high degree of community value.



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NATURITA TRANSFERS LAND FOR SENIOR CAMPUS

Special to the Mirror

NATURITA--Two years, one month and one day after the Town of Naturita passed a Resolution to transfer property to the Montrose County Housing Authority for a Senior Campus in the west end, it took place. Montrose County Housing Authority Executive Director, Tim Heavers and Board member Tom Marschner were present at the Naturita Town Board Meeting to receive the Deed to the ten-acre parcel located between Naturita and Nucla on Highway 97.

Over the past two years the Housing Authority has performed due diligence on the project and the property. A preliminary demographic study, jointly commissioned by the Housing Authority and the Town of Naturita, was completed in January by The Highland Group out of Boulder. The study confirmed earlier findings of the need for a facility. "There are 27 people in need of Skilled Nursing and 20 people in need of Assisted Living in the service area," Heavers stated. The service area consists of the west end of Montrose County, northern San Miguel County and Delores County, with the greatest need in the west end of Montrose County.

The Housing Authority received a grant from the Housing Assistance Council, Rural Senior Housing Capacity Building Grant, Washington, D.C., earlier this year to perform predevelopment studies on the property. Phase I Environmental Assessment was performed by Storage Tank Technologies Inc., out of Grand Junction, soil testing and Radon testing were per-



Montrose County Housing Authority Executive Director, Tim Heavers, and Board Member Tom Marschner, left, accept the Deed to the Senior Campus Property from the Naturita Town Board.

formed by Lambert and Associates and Del-Mont Engineering is completing an ALTA Survey on the property. "All of the studies indicate the property is suitable for a facility to be constructed on the property," Heaver commented.

In addition to the property being structurally suitable and environmentally sound, Nucla-Naturita Telephone Company has a fiber optics cable running along the proper-

ty to provide telephone and internet service. The Town of Naturita has both a water and sewer main adjacent to the property, San Miguel Power has Single Phase power available with Three Phase nearby and Source Gas has a gas line within a half mile of the property.

The next steps will include pre-engineering for the facility and obtaining funding for construction.

Terry Rhoades Wins San Miguel Power Board Election

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RIDGWAY--The results of San Miguel Power Association's (SMPA) 2013 Board of Director Elections are as follows: **District Seven:** Total ballots received: 434; Spoiled ballots: 18; Votes for Keith Meinert: 189; Votes for Terry Rhoades: 227. Rhoades will represent SMPA mem-

bers in the Ouray and Silverton areas for the next four years. San Miguel Power Association, Inc. is a member-owned, locally-controlled rural electric cooperative with offices in Nucla and Ridgway, Colo. It is the mission of San Miguel Power Association to demonstrate corporate responsibility and community service while

providing our members safe, reliable, cost effective and environmentally responsible electrical service.

SMPA serves approximately 9,600 members and 14,000 meters and supports local communities with \$300,000 annually in property taxes and \$400,000 in energy efficiency and renewable energy rebates.

MONTROSE LIBRARY SUMMER READING EVENTS

Teen Summer Reading: What Lurk

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 Steam-punk'd!

July 9, 2:00-4:00

Montrose Library Meeting Room

Discover the world of Victorian Steam-punk--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.

Teen Summer Reading: Petroglyphs in Our Backyard

July 20, 8:00-11:00

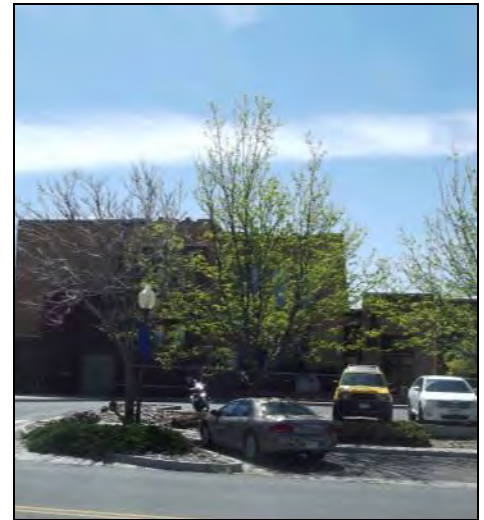
Hike with the Colorado Archaeological Society and learn about ancient Native American rock art. Meet at the Ute Museum parking lot. Limited to 25 participants. Call 249-9656 ext 3.

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



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

249-9656 ext 3.

Teen Summer Reading: Awards Night

July 31, 7:00-8:00 pm

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

TELLURIDE REGIONAL AIRPORT'S GEOTECHNICAL PROJECT COMPLETE BY END OF JULY

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TELLURIDE—A slide remediation project undertaken in August of 2012 at the Telluride Regional Airport will be complete by the end of July, according to Airport Manager Richard Nuttall. The geotechnical project will stabilize the southeast corner of the Airport's runway safety area; funding was provided through the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Colorado Division of Aeronautics (CDOA) and the Telluride Regional Airport.

"We have been monitoring this slope for many years," Nuttall said. "During the runway reconstruction project in 2009, we moved the service road further north of this area and the road relocation eliminated much of the runoff, which helped to partially alleviate some of the problems. With this slope stabilization project, the fix is complete."

The primary stabilization design consists of the eight-by-eight foot concrete anchor plates that are now visible from Highway

145 at Lawson Hill. Each anchor plate is tied to the embankment by a strand anchor tie-back system, and will be covered with the native soil. Turf reinforcement mats will be placed over the entire site and seeded. Finally, a Tecco mesh will be applied—possibly by helicopter—over the entire site to stabilize the soil.

Williams Construction Company of Norwood is the General Contractor, with DBM Enterprises of Seattle, Washington as the sub-contractor.

"Williams has been very excited to be a part of this project with the Telluride Regional Airport," Williams Construction Company president Hank Williams said. "It has been a unique and at times challenging project, which we look forward to seeing through to successful completion this summer."

Kimley-Horn & Associates and Terracon provided the engineering expertise for this complex engineering project.

"Considering the difficult terrain and

unique geology of the site, the project has been difficult and challenging, but necessary to provide stability of what was previously an unstable area at the southeast corner of the Airport property. We look forward to the completion of the project that will be a long term benefit to the Airport," Don Clark from Terracon said.

In other news, the Airport is expected to complete runway electrical and drainage projects in late August--September. The runway's "distance remaining" signs and threshold lights will be relocated per FAA requirements. In order to keep the airport open during its normal operating hours for the festival season, the runway electrical work will be completed between the hours of 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. for approximately 10 days. Drainage repairs will include cleaning existing drain pipes, installing riprap using waste rock from the airport quarry and installing a new drainage pipe. This work will be completed during normal airport operating hours.

BACK IN HARMONY WITH BEES...Continued from page 10

with an old boyfriend along the ditch they came from.

Corwin validated several hunches or intuitions I'd had about the bees and what to do next. He understood my sense of the gravity of my infraction during the beetaastrophe last summer, but, he said, the hive couldn't have looked better.

"It's perfect," he said, "whatever you guys did worked out just fine after all."

This went a long way toward assuaging the guilt I'd been holding all winter, and also salved my fear of the bees.

After he left, I spent hours collecting honey from the combs, and managed, after smashing them and straining them, to pour almost a gallon into enough small jars to share with almost everyone to whom I'd promised honey. The rest of them will have to wait for the next honey harvest, and who knows if I'll have the time or the nerve for

that before next spring.

In the month since Corwin was here, I've delighted in the honeybees as they discover each new blooming flower or shrub in the garden, and also delighted in all the little wild bees and flies that also pollinate. As I meditatively pull weeds each day, or walk through the garden with the camera, I am learning to discern the sound of a single bee, recognizing from the buzz alone whether it is one of the frenetic native bee-flies, or the red-banded solitary bee, or a bumblebee, or a honeybee.

This time of year, the rare moments I get to breathe in the beauty of all that's come in the garden, all that's been done, all that's in order, growing, blooming, thriving, are few and far between, crowded out by sights of what still needs doing. But I am at the threshold today of passing on to the sweetest part of the carnival ride through sum-

mer; the ratcheting crash of the roller coaster into full-on weed season has slowed to a slog uphill to equilibrium, and now what's undone diminishes incrementally, while what's done bursts into a profusion of blooms.

The bees have drawn me back into the garden, and the garden has drawn me back into connection with the bees. We are finding again right relationship. Bees weave me like a documenting thread through all that happens in this garden now:

Each day I am eager to step outside with the camera, asking "Who's on what today?"

Rita Claggett tends her garden and photographs bees in her home near Crawford. For more images and stories you can check out her blog, Morning Rounds, at <http://www.dukkaqueen.com>.

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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.

June 5—Forum at Heidi's Brooklyn Deli (1521 Oxbow Dr.), 8 to 9 a.m. Coffee is \$1. Museum of the Mountain West! including softball throw, running long jump, running /walking and relays. Medals will be given to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place participants.

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

June 18-- Montrose Chamber of Commerce Annual Post- Legislative Breakfast is from 7:30 AM to 9 AM at The Bridges Golf Course & Country Club. Sponsored by members of the Governmental Affairs Council, the event will include a breakfast buffet and feature Montrose County's State Senator, Ellen Roberts, and House Representative Don Coram. There is no cost to attend, however RSVP's are requested. For reservations or more information, call the Chamber of Commerce at 249-5000.

June 19—Forum at Heidi's deli—Self-confident newspaper heir Francis Wick will attempt to explain what he done to the Montrose Daily Press over the past two years, and his weight loss goals, 1521 Oxbow Dr. 8-9 a.m. Coffee is \$1.

June 19—Western Business Alliance presents author Bette Laughrun, 11:30 to 1 p.m. at Bridges of Montrose, 2500 Bridges Drive. Call 970-901-6761 for reservations.

June 21—Relay for Life Montrose!!

June 22—'Rollin' on a River' brewfest and roller derby benefit for Montrose Habitat, Riverbottom Park, 1 to 4 p.m.

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

June 22--Weehawken Amateur Sculpture Contest, Ridgway Town Hall 10:30 a.m. to 12:30.

June 23rd—The first highlight of the summer classical music season in Ouray County is the 11th appearance of New York-based Trio Solisti, with Maria Bachmann, violin; Alexis Pia Gerlach, cello; and Jon Klibinoff, piano, coming to the 4H Event Center in Ridgway at 7 p.m. Presented by Ouray County Performing Arts Guild, this vibrant trio never fails to thrill its audience, and this year will be no exception. The program consists of Beethoven's Trio, Op. 11, Trio No. 1 in F major, Op. 18 by Saint-Saens and Trio in G minor by Smetana.

June 24--7:30 at the Wright Opera House in Ouray -- "Orchestra of Exiles" -- a documentary film produced by Josh Aronson of Telluride about the formation of the Israel Symphonic Orchestra by Polish violinist Bronislaw Huberman rescuing scores of Jewish musicians from the Nazi Holocaust. This is an uplifting and inspiring film about one of humanity's darkest hours. Donations requested. Sponsored by Ouray County Performing Arts Guild and Wright Opera House. www.ocpag.org.

June 25--The bestselling writer Ellen Hopkins will speak in Montrose from 9 to 11 am in the Fox Theater Penthouse. Hopkins is a poet, freelance writer, and award-winning novelist. She is the author of Crank, Burned, Glass, and Impulse, among other titles, and is one of today's foremost young adult writers. Hopkins will speak about her work, answer questions, and sign books. Hastings Books will be on hand to sell copies of her work. This event is free and everyone is invited. Ellen Hopkins is sponsored by the Montrose Regional Library. For more information, please call the library at [249-9656 ext. 3](tel:249-9656).

June 27—San Miguel County Budget Projection Symposium, noon, Wilkinson Public Library Program Room (100 W. Pacific Ave.

June 29--The Montrose Botanical Garden Society will be holding the 1st annual Benefit Garden tour, from 9 am to 1 pm. This self-guided tour will start at the Montrose Botanical Gardens, then will go to five different gardens. Tickets are \$10/adult and \$5/child, and can be purchased at Around the Corner Art Gallery, or Wednesday mornings at the Botanical Gardens. For more information please call 970-417-1524.

July 4—Independence Day! Hometown Fourth of July Celebration, Montrose.

July 4--Main in Motion Troubador songwriting Contest, 4 p.m., Downtown Montrose. Entries MUST be submitted by June 25, 2013; for info go to www.maininmotion.com or email pearlroad09@gmail.com or phone Susan at 970-249-1382.

July 6-7—Montrose Arts Council presents Bob Milne at Montrose Methodist Church, 19 South Park Ave. "New Orleans Blues" and "Concert for America" 7 p.m. Saturday; "Ragtime of the River," 3 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$15, available at Around the Corner Gallery in Montrose and at the door the day of the show.

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

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

Aug. 2-4—37th Annual Telluride Jazz Festival, with Stanley Clarke, Dr. Lonnie Smith and an all-star lineup. Call 970-728-7009 or visit www.telluridejazz.org for tickets and information.

Aug. 8-11—Many Hands Fiber Arts Festival in Telluride. Telluride High School Gym and other venues. For more information, and for a complete schedule of events and entry forms, visit manyhandsfiberartsfestival.dreamhosters.com or email info@manyhandsfiberartsfestival.org

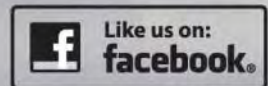
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Above, Mariah Hernandez paints the face of Alex Contreras, age four, at Main in Motion on June 6. Image courtesy Cara Fandel for Howling Wolf Photography.

At left, Bronny Wells cares for the gorgeous planters on Telluride's Colorado Avenue. Mirror staff photo.



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