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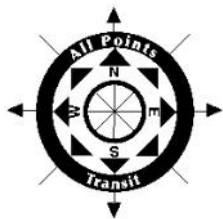
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EVA VEITCH TAKES ON EXPANDED ROLE WITH REGION 10



*Region 10 Community Living Services Director Eva Veitch.
Image by Cara Fandel.*

By Caitlin Switzer
REGIONAL—As the six-county Region 10 League for Economic Assistance & Planning pursues its mission of leveraging resources for stronger communities, a key Region 10 staffer has been tapped to fill a larger role. Effective July 1, Eva Veitch has been named Community Living Services Director, responsible for overseeing the Area Agency on Aging (AAA), the ARCH

(Adult Resources for Care and Help) and acting as ombudsman for the region. Veitch joined Region 10

earlier this year as Program Coordinator of Community Living Services.

“With the experience and vision that Eva brings to this position, we are taking our services to a whole new level for our community,” Region 10 Executive Director Michelle Haynes said, noting that Amy Rowan will soon be joining Region 10 as Options Counselor as well.

Veitch, whose resume includes successful stints as director of outreach for Volunteers of America, executive director of All Points Transit, and with numerous assisted living facilities, is a home-grown success story. She began her career with City Market, as one of the team that opened the market in Downtown Montrose as well as other stores across Colorado, though she quickly followed her heart into the field of elder care. She says that she looks forward to the challenge of her expanded role at Region 10.

“This is such an exciting time,” Veitch said. “There is a lot going on. And there is still so much we can

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SWEET CORN BACK ON THE MENU FOR SUMMER FUN!

By Caitlin Switzer

OLATHE—It’s the salty sweet taste of summer, and the reason more than 16,000 people flock to the region every year. And thanks to the efforts of a committed group of local citizens headed by Montrose Community Foundation Executive Director and life-long area resident Melanie Hall, the Olathe Sweet Corn Festival is back on for Aug. 3 in the Olathe Community Park.

“A lot of kudos go to Melanie,” said Olathe Corn Farmer John Harold, who holds the patent on the Olathe Sweet sweet corn variety. “She has acted as our fiscal agent, and we have already more than raised 75 percent of the funds we need, regardless of ticket sales. We may not have Nashville coming this year, but it’s a go—we’re gonna put on a festival.”

Donations have poured in from throughout the region and from as far away as Denver, and though the City of Montrose has not made a contribution, the Grand Junction Community Foundation gave



See you at the 21st Olathe Sweet Corn Festival, the state’s second largest agricultural celebration, set for Aug. 3! Courtesy photo.

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LEADERSHIP AS A LIFESTYLE—MARKET MANAGER ABBIE BREWER



Families seeking healthful foods should look no further than the Montrose Farmers Market, notes market manager Abbie Brewer. Market photo by Barton Glasser.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—With four growing kids, she has already invested in the future. So protecting that investment only makes sense.

Abbie Brewer has built her career in the non-profit world, raising awareness of issues that impact the health of humans and the environment. As Executive Director of the FORE (Focus on Resource Efficiency) Alliance, she worked to promote green energy technologies and practical ways to improve energy efficiency. Today Brewer manages the Montrose Farmers Market, working to bring greater attention to the wonderful variety of locally grown fruits

and vegetables, and promoting the benefits of an active, healthful lifestyle.

The Market presently includes between 27 and 32 vendors, and is run by a seven-person board, noted Brewer, who has sought creative ways to draw shoppers to the market at South First and Uncompahgre between 8:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. every Saturday.

"We recently celebrated National Pollination Week," she said. "Kate Harvey, who is on our board, actually found a bee costume for me! Some residential beekeepers brought hives to the market, and educated kids. It really was a great time.

"Now we are hoping for peaches," she

said. "My mom has already made me a peach costume!"

Obtaining sponsors for the market to enhance its sustainability has also been on Brewer's agenda.

"Bank of Colorado is our major sponsor," she said. "They have given us \$5,000 in cash. Dalby-Wendland is also a sponsor, and JACK FM (radio 97.7 Grand Junction and 104.9 Montrose) has given us \$5,000 in-kind, which is awesome—they wanted to invest! And the City of Montrose has given us \$500."

So far this year consumer turnout has been strong, she said. Expect different themes throughout the season as producers bring new crops to market, and fun extras like how-to demonstrations and Sarah Brewer's handmade hula hoops.

Brewer also serves on the board of the Workforce Center, and is presently contracting to coordinate the LiveWell Colorado Summer of Health Campaign in Montrose. LiveWell is a Denver-based non-profit organization created to reduce obesity by promoting healthy eating and active living.

"LiveWell has been doing a lot with schools and with community gardens," she said. "They provide seed money for other programs, things like Work site wellness. The funding can help our community tap into other possibilities, and I believe we need to make use of as many resources as we can. I believe in this community, and I have found that if you are willing to step up and make a difference there are so many people behind you."

Human beings are social, and reinforcement from others can help individuals to achieve desired changes, she noted.

"If you want to create behavior change, you need to get out and about," she said. "If you don't invest, it won't happen. We are the only ones who can make it happen!"

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do for ARCH clients and our seniors.”

Though the programs are not heavily funded, all provide essential services, she noted.

“Health care and support systems are complicated,” she said, “and people need help to navigate and learn what services are out there, and how they can access those services.”

Those seeking assistance can just call Region 10 at 970-249-2436, she said.

“Our program is called Community Living Services, and we support people’s

needs so they can keep living in the setting they prefer,” she said. “We work with people over the long term, offering services and support. And acting as Long term Care Ombudsman will be a really exciting role for me; I will be advocating for people who need support. With Amy Rowan on board we will really hit the ground running—her experience will be a great resource for us!”

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counties (Montrose, Delta, Gunnison, Ouray, Hinsdale and San Miguel), operates an Enterprise center (300 North Cascade) administers the Enterprise Zone Business and Contribution tax credit programs, oversees the Area Agency on Aging (AAA), Adult resources for care and Help (ARCH) and Community Living Services, coordinates regional transportation planning, and offers a loan program for small business. To learn more call 970-249-2436 or visit the web site at www.region10.net.

METHODIST CHURCH DEDICATES NEWLY RENOVATED SANCTUARY JULY 21

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--Rev. Steve Reinhard will dedicate the newly-renovated sanctuary of the Montrose United Methodist Church at three services Sunday, July 21. The renovations include dismantling and remodel-

ing the chancel and choir loft to increase accessibility, bringing the sanctuary into compliance with American with Disabilities Act regulations, and to increase the size of the choir section. The project, which began in April, took nearly three

months to complete. The Sunday services are at 8:15 am (blended), 9:45 am (contemporary) and 11:15 am (traditional). Fellowship, including refreshments, will follow each service. For more information, call the church office at 970-249-3716.



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A firetruck in the Fourth of July parade.



Disabled Veteran Ronald Ringo at Cerise Park on the Fourth. Image courtesy Cara Fandel for Howling Wolf Photography.



Redcoat chefs Joe Miller, John Lindh, Norm Brooks, Maggie Miller, Deb Farris and Connie Arentz at work. Image courtesy Cara Fandel for Howling Wolf Photography.



Kids in a car catch the Fourth of July Parade on Main Street.



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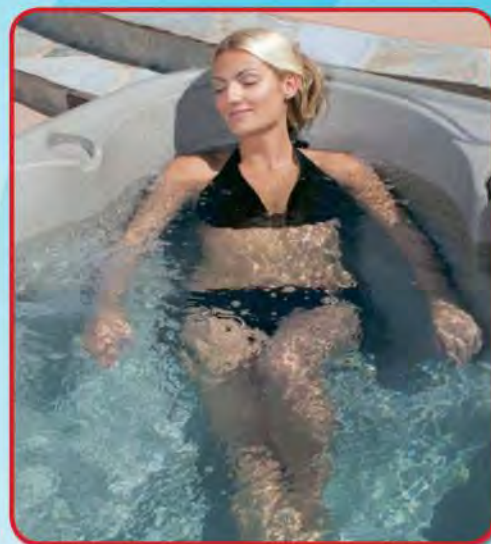
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BEST WESTERN MONTROSE FEATURES LOCAL, FARM-FRESH EGGS

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE—Breakfast is the most important meal of the day; because of this, the Best Western Red Arrow Motel of Montrose has decided to add fresh local flair to their menu. This summer visitors can enjoy Fresh from the Farm Eggs each morning.

"We love offering our visitors something they can't get anywhere else," said Best Western Red Arrow Manager Heather Hert.

"It's important to us to support local agriculture and to purchase local fresh products; we want our customers to have a great Montrose experience, and local farm fresh eggs for our Omelet station just seemed like a really good start to our guests' day."

The Happy Hog Farm South of Montrose supplies more than 30 dozen eggs to the Best Western Red Arrow Motel every week for out-of-town guests to enjoy.

"It's fantastic to have a local hotel feature a product from a Vendor at the Montrose Farmers Market," said Montrose Farm Market Manager Abbie Brewer.

"It's amazing that Montrose visitors have the opportunity to get a Local Fresh-from-the-Farm Taste every morning."

The Best Western Red Arrow Motel is looking to expand their local fresh breakfast menu with seasonal fruits and vegetables later on in the season.

The Best Western Red Arrow Motel has been serving travelers since 1956 and is located in Montrose, Colorado at 1702 E Main Street.



SWEET CORN BACK ON THE MENU FOR SUMMER FUN!

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A child enjoys fresh sweet corn at the 1999 Olathe Sweet Corn fest in this Library of Congress photo. Courtesy photo.

"We have a great corn crop this year," he added. "That water we got in April really cooled us down and made a huge difference. We are contracted with Kroger, and things are looking good."

This year's corn harvest is expected to be ready by July 18 or 19, he said.

When the Town of Olathe opted to cancel the venerable festival earlier this year, Hall and a group of 25 to 30 volunteers pulled together to make it happen. Though longtime festival coordinator Bobbi Sale is not running things, the festival has found a capable coordinator in Ruth Dodge.

"We are back on, and we are sorry for the confusion," Dodge said. "When the town first decided not to hold the festival, one of the concerns was that not only Olathe would lose out—this event brings a lot of revenue to Delta and Montrose."

Expect the same great event, minus the big-name musical acts and nighttime fireworks, she said. Hours will be from 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

"We have a great lineup, with entertainment all day and games for kids and adults too," Dodge said. "We will have our kara-

oke contest again, with finalists on stage in the afternoon. We will have lots of vendors, and arts and crafts—we want to keep things as close to past festivals as we can." Though Olathe's year-round population as of 2011 was just 1,829, close to 16,000 visitors come to the festival each year, with 70 percent of those return visitors, according to the Olathe Corn Festival web site.

Among the world's top corn scientists is Dave MacKenzie of Montrose, whose Mirai Sweet Corn variety is even sweeter than the region's signature Olathe Sweet.

MacKenzie said that he came to this area from the Midwest partly for the climate, and for the strong base of sweet corn growers.

For MacKenzie, who has been focused on growing test plots, the continued popularity of the Olathe Sweet Corn Festival mirrors the growing interest worldwide in Colorado-grown sweet corn.

"This festival is not for the corn industry, it's not for the farmers," MacKenzie said. "It is really for all of the towns around here."

\$1,000, he said.

"This is the second largest agricultural festival in the State of Colorado, after the State Fair," Harold said.

REGION 10 OFFERS SOCIAL MEDIA WORKSHOPS WITH BRIAN SCRANTON

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE—Want to leverage existing resources to build your business without breaking your budget? Plan to attend the Region 10 Social Media Workshops July 18 and 25, with Ridgway ad executive Brian Scranton, whose award-winning brand firm [GrahamSpencer](#) has been consistently recognized as one of the top firms in the U.S. since 1987.

On July 18, the subject will be “How Social Media Helps Business: An introduction for businesses new to social media.” **On July 24**, Scranton will discuss “Getting More out of Social Media: Understanding the strategies behind the tools,” for businesses who currently use one or more social media outlets and are looking to get more from them. Both classes will take place at the Region 10 Enterprise Center, at 300 North Cascade, from Noon to 1 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to bring a brown bag lunch. Both classes are \$20; seating is limited so attendees should RSVP by calling Region 10.

“Social media is integral to small business, and offers many uses and advantages

for the entrepreneur,” Region 10 Small Business Development Center Director Vince Fandel said. “However, it is not necessarily at the top of the mind—so having someone available to help the small business owner at a low price is truly a great deal.”

“Social media is about engaging your target audience with a timely, relevant message intended to catalyze a conversation. Every business can benefit from that kind of marketing,” said Scranton, whose focus on brand strategy and message has helped scores of companies improve the ways in which they communicate with customers.

Before joining GrahamSpencer in 2009, Brian was a member of the executive team at Chaco Footwear, responsible for creating new product launch strategies, partnerships, product naming, the development of an in-house creative team, as well as public/media relations. For a decade prior to Chaco, Scranton leveraged his degree in Molecular Biology from Colgate University and played a key role in developing the strategic plan, launch, and overall

branding of billion dollar brands for Johnson and Johnson, Pfizer, BMS, Novartis, Wyeth, GSK, and scores of smaller companies. To reserve your space for the social media workshops, call Claudette at 970-249-2436 ext. 11. Region 10 is also offering classes on “Starting Your Own Business,” “Quickbooks,” “Creating a Business Plan” and more. The classes are supported with individual counseling sessions. To learn more about Region 10’s programs and services, call Vince Fandel at 970-249-2436 ext. 17.

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LOCAL CAP CADETS RECEIVE PRESTIGIOUS AWARD

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--The Civil Air Patrol’s (CAP) Montrose Composite Squadron CO-141 has presented General Billy Mitchell Awards, one of the organization’s most prestigious cadet honors, to three new cadet/2nd lieutenants. Recipients of the awards are: Casey Irving of Montrose, Aaron Lenihan of Olathe, and Travis MacGregor of Montrose.

Irving graduated from the San Juan Home School Educators in May. He plans to work for one year before attending Maranatha Baptist Bible College in Watertown, Wisconsin. Lenihan will be a junior at Olathe High School in the fall. MacGregor will be a sophomore and is home schooled.

Since 1964, this honor has marked a “coming of age” for cadets as they graduate from enlisted ranks to officer status. At this point in their CAP “career,” cadets have earned half of 16 achievements. In order to earn the Mitchell Award, cadets must pass comprehensive leadership and

aerospace exams, rigorous physical fitness training, and must have attended an encampment.

Additionally, the cadets are eligible for advanced placement to the grade of airman first class should they choose to join the U.S. Air Force, advanced credit in the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps, CAP scholarships and for CAP special activity opportunities.

During the summer, the cadets meet 7-9 p.m. every Monday at the Montrose National Guard Armory, 12147 63.90

Road. Effective August 22, the cadets will resume their normal meeting schedule of 7-9 p.m. every Thursday at the armory. For more information, contact CPT. Mark Ir-



Recent recipients of the Civil Air Patrol’s Billy Mitchell Award are, from left: Casey Irving, Aaron Lenihan and Travis MacGregor.

ving at 596-1008, or visit www.coloradowingcap.org. The Civil Air Patrol is the civilian auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force.

ALWAYS FRESH, EXCITING AND NEW...HARTMAN GARDENS



Janet Hartman of Hartman Gardens was among the first vendors at the Montrose Farmers Market, and still sells there. Photos by Barton Glasser.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—A lifelong resident of the Uncompahgre valley, Janet Hartman can still recall one of the first times she found herself in a “jam.”

“I grew up in Olathe where almost everyone knew each other,” Hartman said. “We felt safe going anywhere by ourselves. One night when I had a slumber party with several friends, we thought we were very daring sneaking out of the house to tour the town at night. When we returned, the house was locked! Fearfully, I had to ring the doorbell to get in. My parents acted very upset, but they really enjoyed the whole thing.”

Among those childhood friends was Marilyn Cox, today one of the area’s most respected historians. And Hartman herself has since gained local and national respect for her business, Hartman Gardens, which she started as a young wife and mother of four. Janet and her husband Carlton had been able to purchase their dream home on ten acres outside of town in 1973, after spending several years in town, thanks to the generosity of the new home’s former owners, whose creative financing options helped the young family to purchase a place they had at first thought beyond their means. The place had a small orchard, a garden and a raspberry patch, Hartman

recalled.

Though at first she had no interest in gardening—her profession was actually teaching high school English--“I learned to garden and loved picking the fruit,” Hartman said. “Because the place was expensive to keep up, I tried to sell some of the produce.”

She eventually began canning and created her own line of delicious jams and preserves—including the raspberry jam favored by her numerous grandchildren.

“It tastes like fresh raspberries,” she said.

Also sought after is Hartman Gardens’ delicious Apple Butter.

“This year we lost our apples,” she said, “But when we do have fruit, I can make different apple butter from each of our different apple trees.”

Her commercial kitchen was first certified in 1990, the year Hartman hired her first employee—who has stayed with ever since. In 2000, the Hartmans built a brand new kitchen to keep up with the demands of her growing business. Hartman also became one of the first vendors in the Montrose Farmers Market, and remains one of its most popular merchants to this day. She recalls that her first commercial customer was the Village Smithy restaurant in Carbondale, though she has since served such large-scale customers as the

MGM Grand in Las Vegas and the Hilton at Beaver Creek. She continues to enjoy a thriving mail-order and local business, with products available here through Camelot Gardens, Creative Corner, Great Harvest Bread Co. (owned by son Kevin Hartman and his wife Kellie), Back Street Bagel, and Walgreens, and Khristopher’s Culinaire in Ouray.

Among Hartman’s newest products is marmalade.

“There is always something that makes this business exciting and new,” she said.

And though she can look back on a successful career, she also takes the lessons she has learned to heart.

“When my kids were small, there was one year when the corn didn’t come up,” Hartman said. “I was out pulling things up, and I pulled up a corn plant that had the longest root I had ever seen. It was a lesson for me on the importance of having good roots.”

She also appreciates the opportunity to come to the Montrose Farmers Market and visit with family and friends.

“I want people to know how much I appreciate meeting them at the market,” she said. “And I love hearing them tell me how much they like our products!”

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SCOTT SHINE RESIGNS AS MONTROSE DDA DIRECTOR

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--The Montrose Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Board of Directors has accepted the resignation of Scott L. Shine AICP, Executive Director. Since joining the organization as the first Executive Director in 2011, Mr. Shine has been responsible for establishing all aspects of the organization and leading the development of a long-range plan for the future of the historic downtown district. The DDA was formed in April 2010 and has taken a leading role in economic and community development efforts in the Montrose community.

Ralph Walchle, DDA Board Vice-Chair, said, "The DDA, in partnership with business owners, property owners, and other community organizations, has created significant positive momentum in downtown.

The organization is in a great position to continue leading revitalization efforts for the benefit of our entire community.

Scott Shine has helped to build something very special here. While we understand his

desire to move on to his next challenge, we've made great progress during Scott's time with the DDA and we are sad to see him go. We are grateful for Scott's contributions, and we wish him the best."

In making the announcement, Shine said, "The past few years have been an incredible learning experience and it is very exciting to see the renewed optimism about downtown Montrose. Downtown is well-positioned to capture new investment and strengthen its role as a fun, unique shopping and entertainment hub. There are many volunteers and organizations contributing to downtown's revitalization, it has been a pleasure to work with all of them and I am confident downtown will continue to be successful."

Under Shine's leadership, the downtown district saw over 36 new businesses open and over \$2M in private investment come into the district. Shine created and coordinated the adoption of the Montrose Downtown Plan of Development, which sets the strategy for the

DDA over its 30-year tenure. In partnership with the City, Shine established the Downtown Opportunity Fund micro-finance program to provide capital at very low-interest for building improvements and business expansion projects. Shine's last day as Executive Director will be on Thursday, July 25. More information about the DDA can be found at www.montrosedowntown.com.

Scott Shine came to Montrose in 2007 as an Assistant Planner for the City of Montrose.

He spent four years with the City of Montrose prior to being hired as the Executive Director of the DDA.

He has a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Studies from Utah State University, a Master's degree in Community and Regional Planning from the University of Oregon, and is certified through the American Planning Association's American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP). Shine and his wife, Jenny, have two children, Lily (4) and Evan (2).



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Flower Motor Co. Re-Ups \$6,000 Sponsorship of Montrose County Fair



Montrose County thanks Flower Motor Company and partners Ram Truck, Business Link and Dodge for their second year of sponsorship at \$6,000 toward the Colorado Professional Rodeo Association (CPRA) rodeo on July 19 and 20. Courtesy photo.

Montrose County News Brief

MONTROSE--The Montrose County Fair and Rodeo is grateful to Flower Motor Company and partners Ram Truck, Business Link and Dodge for their second year of sponsorship at \$6,000 toward the Colorado Professional Rodeo Association (CPRA) rodeo on July 19 and 20.

"This is a great community partnership

that continues to grow," said Montrose County Fair President **Doug Kimberlin**. "Flower Motor Company, Business Link, Ram Truck and Dodge help enable the fair and rodeo to continue to offer a large variety of events for our community."

"We are thrilled to be part of the Montrose County Fair and Rodeo and want to expand it further in the future," said Flow-

er Motor Company's General Sales Manager **Lynn Haynie**. "It looks like we should be able to get it as part of the Ram Professional Rodeo Series for next year. Anything having to do with rodeo hits close to home and that's why we pushed at being the primary sponsor, it's a natural fit."

This year's fair and rodeo will take place July 19-28 at the Montrose County Fairgrounds (1001 North Second Street).

This year's fair is slated to be bigger and better than ever with the theme "Sew It, Grow It, Show It" that challenges residents to get involved and bring the fair back to its roots.

As the oldest event in Montrose—the fair is celebrating its 127th year—this year's adventure begins on July 19 with the junior dog obedience show and the CPRA Rodeo.

The majority of the events are free to the public with the exception of the CPRA Rodeo, Horse Races, Truck Pull and Ranch Rodeo (between \$3.00 and \$10.00 admission and free for children 5 years old and under). Stop by Main in Motion on July 18 for your chance to win free tickets to the CPRA Rodeo for July 19. For more information or to view a complete schedule of events, please visit

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

MAIN IN MOTION TROUBADOR CONTEST WINNERS



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MONTROSE--Winners of the
Second Annual Main in Motion
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include: 1st place--Ryan Rives,
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To the team at Z-Fitness for knowing how to work out to build health—and how to work-social media to build excitement and business!

To Melanie Hall of the Montrose Community Foundation, for recognizing the importance of the state's second largest agricultural fair, the Olathe Sweet Corn Festival, and doing something to help save it.

To outgoing DDA Director Scott Shine, for enthusiasm, know-how, and sheer hard work—you will sure be missed here!

To Karen Maxner of Prestige Real Estate, our newest advertising sponsor!

To Jon Nelson, for keeping spirits up here at the Montrose Mirror, and for creating his newest community web site www.deltacountyliving.com!



MONTROSE CHAMBER RIBBON CUTTINGS

*Photos Courtesy
Montrose Chamber of Commerce*

Below, Montrose Manor Bed & Breakfast hosted a ribbon cutting with the Montrose Chamber of Commerce and the Red-coats. Congratulations!



Above, the Montrose Chamber of Commerce and the Red-coats held a ribbon cutting for DMEA's South Canal Project.. Congratulations !



Valerie Meyers' *Weekly Monday*



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MONTROSE COUNTY NEWS AND INFORMATION

MONTROSE COUNTY EARNS QUALITY IN CONSTRUCTION AWARD

Montrose County News Brief

MONTROSE--Montrose County Regional Airport was recently recognized with a quality in construction award from the national Asphalt Paving Association. Director of Aviation **Lloyd Arnold** presented the plaque to the Board of County Commissioners at the meeting on July 15. Specifically, the award was for recognition of the Montrose Regional Airport relocation of taxiway bravo.

The plaque also honored the contractor—Oldcastle Southwest Group of Grand Junction—and the design engineering firm—Jacob's Engineering of Denver. Jacob's designed the project, providing quality

assurance and onsite project management services. Representatives Matt Nutter (Regional Director of Projects) and John Stewart (Onsite Project Engineer of taxiway bravo) of Jacob's Engineering were on hand to receive acknowledgement as well.

"This is a great example of the ongoing, quality improvements at Montrose County Airport," said Board of County Commissioners Chairman **Ron Henderson**.

Commissioner **Gary Ellis** echoed Henderson's praise as he said, "This project is a great example of cooperation by Montrose County under the leadership of **Lloyd Arnold**, our Director of Aviation, and our

former airport engineering firm, Jacob's Engineering, in completing a large project that improved our airport and our ability to meet current and future aviation demands."

One of the parameters identified was the quality of the asphalt mix design and the prepared taxiway surface. This award for quality construction aligns with the citizen-driven strategic plan priority number three to provide for a safe travel system.

The award was presented in February at the NAPA Convention in Phoenix, Arizona, and accepted by Oldcastle Southwest at the time. The plaque will be prominently displayed in the terminal at the Montrose Regional Airport.

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SUMMER AG NEWS...

YAK IS BACK AT THE MONTROSE FARMERS MARKET

By Caitlin Switzer

RIDGWAY—If you not stopped by the Montrose Farmers Market recently, you are missing a treat—Hawk-n-Yak Ranch of Ridgway has a booth this year, and they have been bringing samples to share. Don't miss the chance to check out this healthful local product—while supplies last.

"We have been in business for seven years," said Dana Hawk, who owns Hawk-n-Yak with her husband Carl, "and we have started processing and bringing meat to market. We are at the farm markets in Montrose and Ridgway, and you can order online (www.yakmeatcolorado.com)."

Restaurants have been expressing interest in the product, which can be difficult to find, she said.

"There are only 2,500 yaks in the United States," Hawk said. "We have a herd of about 70, with babies on the way. We had

three born this year, and they are all doing well."

"The meat is more expensive than beef because yaks take longer to raise—about three years. But they eat a third of what a cow eats."

Known for low-fat, delicious meat, yaks thrive in a mountain environment with sparse vegetation. Though a number of Western Colorado ranchers raise the sought-after animals, which are also prized for their wool, butter and skulls, yak meat is not always readily available here due to scarcity. Montrose yak Rancher Bob Hasse, whose family owns DelYaks, has been encouraging other ranchers to consider raising yaks to help meet the rising demand. Meanwhile, Dana Hawk said that she and her family have been enjoying their yaks, and now you can too. But you better be quick!



Girl and goat at the Market. Photo by Barton Glasser.

ALL'S FAIR! JULY 19-28!

Mirror Staff Report

MONTROSE--Pull on the cowboy boots and fine tune your fiddle! The Montrose County Fair & Rodeo is just around the corner, July 19-28 at the Montrose County Fairgrounds. With the theme of Sew It, Grow It, Show It, this year's Fair promises to be as much fun as ever for all ages.

"We are excited about the expanded Truck Pull this year as well as the addition of the US Bank Barn Tours," Fair Board

Vice President Tracy Baldwin said. "Both activities happen on Friday, July 26th and they should provide great entertainment for our community."

The Fair continues to be a celebration of all the good and wonderful things in Montrose County, she said.

"It's also the culmination of all of the hard work and time that our 4H Youth put into their projects," Baldwin said. "They come to Fair to show off the fruits of their

labor!"

Montrose County Fair Board President Doug Kimberlin agreed.

"This year's Fair schedule is full!" Kimberlin said. "We moved the Truck Pull to the second Friday and are expecting a packed line-up of pullers. All the animals arrive on Monday, and we added a hypnotist and clown show to the weekday lineup to assure everyone has something to see.

"It's going to be a great year."



NOMINATIONS SOUGHT!

The **Making Democracy Work Award** is a signature award of the League of Women Voters honoring an individual who is or has recently been a leader actively working to keep her/his community a strong and vibrant place to live. The presentation of the award offers an opportunity to celebrate just such a member of our county.

The League of Women Voters of Montrose County, serving Montrose and Delta counties, will bestow its award on **BOTH a Montrose and a Delta County honoree** selected by a LWV committee from nominees put forth by local residents, with nominations open to any resident of Montrose/Delta County who has made a positive contribution to our community in areas such as Education, Community Service, Recreation, Social Services, Business, Government, Media, Environmentalism, etc.

Nomination forms must be received by August 19 for Montrose and **August 27** for Delta, and can be down-loaded from the local League website, <http://montrose.co.lwvnet.org>. Mail forms to P.O. Box 3321, Montrose, Co 81402. For more information, please contact Karen Connor at 970-275-1314 or kconnor1941@gmail.com for Montrose and Peggy Baxter at 970-856-6225 or peggybax@gmail.com for Delta.



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ARTS AND CULTURE

FRACTALIA PLAYS FIVE WEST SLOPE SHOWS

By J. Berndt

REGIONAL--Over the years Fractalia has had a heavy presence here in Montrose and the surrounding area, and I will say I have never been to one of their shows where there wasn't a gang of people having a great time. Their energy will always get people up, showing their support with arms swimming through space and rhythmic feet. Fractalia is a band that has taken their music seriously over the years, becoming great musicians. They have proven to be not just another one-trick pony, but a band that can touch on many different genres and make them all work--fusing reggae, jam, and progressive rock--a blend that works so well in this area.

Fractalia recorded their first studio album a few years back, but had to go with a different name because there was already a group with the same name, a female-fronted metal band out of Mexico City. So they recorded the album under the name "Sons of the Addicted," and on the album cover you will find the band in test tubes floating alone in an apocalyptic world, Fractal World. This is the band's first full-length studio album, and is mixed very well, with great sound.

The band had decided to take a break from this area, and had moved up to the Front Range to try and expand. Now



Local favorites Fractalia have returned to the Western Slope for a five-show tour. Courtesy photo.

they're back in the Montrose area to do a mini-tour of the western slope. Five shows in fourteen days, an effort to refuel the local fans and start a new stage of nostalgia for all the people who have stayed fans over the years.

You can listen to a lot of their songs online, as well as a bunch of live videos. They have a music video for the song *Because We Chose to Trip*. This is a ballad-esque, radio friendly, sort-of love song with a psychedelic ending.

As I write this I am listening to their songs on ReverbNation, I realize how long it had been since I listened to them, and coming back a second time I hear so much

more than before, I have no doubt that these guys have what it takes to "make it," if they haven't already. The song *Couch Surfer* will surely be stuck in my head for the rest of the day, and I will forgive the made up words in *I'll Never Smoke Swag Again*, for the unique creativity, and cool sound. I feel the song is a tribute to 1990's Montrose kids and now has become too true thanks to the new laws. If you missed them last week at the Horsefly Brew Pub don't fret, they will be playing at RnR Sports Bar this Friday night, the 19th. If you've never seen them before go give them a listen, I'm sure you won't be disappointed with the show they put on.

METHODIST CHURCH TO HOST ALPHA PROGRAM

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--Area residents are invited to attend an introductory meeting describing the "Alpha Program," titled "A Taste of Alpha" at the Montrose United Methodist Church from 7 to 8:30 pm Thursday, July 25. The Alpha program gives everyone the opportunity to explore the meaning of life from a Christian point of view, in a

relaxed, friendly setting. Following the introductory session and light dessert there will be 10 weekly meetings, beginning in September. "A Taste of Alpha" is a great opportunity for people to learn more about the Alpha program and how God is using it to spread the Gospel in our world today," Pastor Steve Reinhard said. Topics to be discussed include, "Who Is Jesus?", "How

Does God Guide Us?", "How Can I Resist Evil", and more. There also will be a day away from the church, continuing discussions. More than 20 million people worldwide have participated in the course, and include people from all backgrounds, religions and viewpoints. For more information, contact the church office at 970-249-3716.

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ARTS AND CULTURE



*NATURE PHOTOS BY
SARAH BERNDT*



Scenes from around the region...including a curious raccoon and the recent Supermoon, above.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

CIVIL AIR PATROL OFFERS OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH



Above and below left, Several Civil Air Patrol cadets from the Montrose Composite Squadron CO-141 marched in the Fourth of July parade on Main Street in Montrose.

Above, Jeff Sullinger is one of several Civil Air Patrol cadets from the Montrose Composite Squadron CO-141 who helped place and remove 100 American flags every day at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall That Heals in Cerise Park.



Above, Matthew LaJoy and Micaela Valerio were two of several Civil Air Patrol cadets from the Montrose Composite Squadron CO-141 who helped place and remove 100 American flags every day at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall That Heals.

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MONTROSE— The Civil Air Patrol's Montrose Composite Squadron CO-141 offers a cadet program for co-ed youth ages 12-18. The program focuses on character development, leadership training, aerospace education, emergency services, safety and physical training. Youth from Montrose, Delta and Ouray counties have been involved in the program. During the summer, the cadets meet from 7-9 p.m. every Monday at the Montrose National Guard Armory, 12147 63.90 Road. Effective Aug. 22, the cadets will resume their normal meeting schedule of 7-9 p.m. every Thursday at the armory. For more information, contact CPT. Mark Irving at 596-1008, or visit www.coloradowingcap.org. The Civil Air Patrol is the civilian auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

HICKENLOOPER TO KEYNOTE HYDROVISION CONFERENCE

Special to the Mirror

DENVER-- Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper will deliver the opening keynote address at 3 p.m., Tuesday, July 23, at PennWell Corporation's HydroVision International Conference and Exhibition,

which is being held at the Colorado Convention Center July 23-26, 2013. HydroVision International, the world's largest hydropower event, is expected to attract about 3,000 hydropower industry professionals from more than 50 countries across

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WELCOME HOME MONTROSE WEEKLY NEWS BRIEF

THIS WEEK'S NEWS AND EVENTS

(MONTROSE CO 7-12-13) **A huge thank you to** Claire Braddock, who was looking for a way to get the kids in her Montrose neighborhood involved in supporting our troops and veterans. To this end, she has started a **Warrior Wishing Well** in her front yard, and will take the money from the fountain and donate it on the kids' behalf to the Wounded Warrior Project and Welcome Home Montrose. She also hosts a BBQ at the end of the month when they pull out all the money, charging only change to eat. There are some fun "rules" to using the wishing well, and Claire hopes to share this idea with more of the community, allowing others another way to donate and to get their own kids involved.

"This month Claire was able to donate \$50 to the WRC, and several of our local veterans and National Guard members attended the BBQ and met the kids," Warrior Center Executive Director Emily Smith said. "She said it's been a great way to introduce and educate kids on what a veteran really is—just another person in our community who may look like everyone else.

"We can't thank her enough for starting such a wonderful event and supporting our idea of community-based support for our military!" To contact Claire visit <https://www.facebook.com/WoundedWarriorWishingWell>.

UPCOMING

Don't forget! The Warrior Bowl is coming up on Saturday, July 20th at the Rose Bowl, an event sponsored and

organized by WHM board member Kirk Hartman. A number of businesses have already stepped up to sponsor teams - 18 teams of four total - now we need veterans! The sign-up sheet is located at the Warrior Resource Center and some fierce, friendly competition is strongly encouraged. There is no charge to veterans for playing, but you get all the bragging rights!

A book signing for Author and Montrose local Chris Hayden ("An American Veteran's Journey"), who served two tours of duty in Vietnam with the First Marine Air Wing, will be held at the Warrior Resource Center on July 18, from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M. "As a veteran myself I applaud this inspiring story," wrote book reviewer Kelvin Kent. "Although written by one man it reflects the experiences of so many others. It aptly demonstrates not only the incredible heroism and courage of the author but also uncovers the frailties of the human condition and what so many Vietnam vets faced after returning to the U.S. For many of them the war is still not over." Hayden's book has been spotlighted as the Armed Forces and Military Book of the Month by publisher AA Printing.

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 contrib-



Claire Braddock's wishing well for wounded warriors. Courtesy photo.

ute! 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.

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BROWN FAMILY TO OPEN FOR DIRT BAND AT BRIDGES



The Brown Family Band includes Jody, Tia and Levi Brown. Courtesy photo.

By Liesl Greathouse

MONTROSE--Although not an official "working" band, The Brown Family Band still serves up a fun show for their audience no matter the venue.

Jody Brown, the dad, will be teaming up with his eldest son Levi Brown and eldest daughter Tia Brown to perform on July 19 at The Bridges, along with the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band and Dave Stamey. Blue Sky Music presents this summer event and the gates open at 5 p.m.

The family grew up playing music in church, with their roots in gospel music, eventually performing at parties, community events and weddings.

"Music has always been a part of life," Jody said simply. Levi is considered the orchestrator for the group as he worked for 10 years as a professional musician, even working in Nashville.

The group used to perform without an

official title, until Dave Bowman of Blue Sky Music invited them to sing at the concert at The Bridges. He had heard them sing before and came up with the name The Brown Family Band so they could at least have an official name for promotional purposes.

Jody and Levi both play bass and guitar, trading off with different songs, while Tia is the main vocalist. In addition, they will be having a drummer from Grand Junction, Rob Labig, perform with them. The group's music is a bit hard to describe as they cross genres a lot.

They play everything from gospel to folk, old time blues to blue grass, and with Levi's direction they have also delved into pop music, including Michael Jackson songs. "We like to mix it up," Jody said. "We are always looking for new and challenging material. Our main goal is to try to please all the members of our audience."

The Brown Family Band mostly does cover songs, although they have penned a couple original songs of their own.

What makes The Brown Family Band different from other local bands is the family dynamics mixing with their blend of harmonies. However, Jody is the first to say that the valley is full of really good, talented musicians. "We just like to do what we do to entertain folks," He said. "We mostly play for the fun of it."

Jody loves getting feedback from the audience when the group performs. "There is a special bond between musicians that is different from other bonds," Jody explained. "To be able to have that bond with my family, present our music to the public and get positive feedback makes it really satisfying to know people are digging what you do."

While the family loves to perform together, tough schedules can make it hard to do so. "But we do the best we can," Jody said.

"We are always looking for new creative ways to entertain others."

When it comes to the concert on July 19, Jody said, "We are actually both scared and excited. We do not normally play for large crowds, so we were honored and surprised to be asked. We took it as a huge challenge and opportunity because there will be more people to play for, which is a cool thing."

When it comes to playing music for people, Jody said, "We just do the best we can to please folks and have fun. Fun is the main ingredient that people just do not have enough of in life." Tickets for the concert are \$35 and are available at brownpapertickets.com/events/389605, The Bridges Pro Shop, The Liquor Store, Howard Davidson Farmers Insurance Agency, and the Dolphin House.



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ARTS AND CULTURE

Pianist Doris Merritt Brings Jazz and Gershwin to the Sherbino

Special to the Mirror

RIDGWAY--The Ridgway Chautauqua Society and the Ouray County Performing Arts Guild are pleased to present "An Evening of Jazz and Gershwin with Doris Merritt," Saturday, July 20, 7-10 p.m. at the Sherbino Theater in downtown Ridgway.

Doris Merritt, of Englewood, CO, is an accomplished pianist who has been performing for more than 30 years. Her singular musical style has been influenced by Dave Brubeck, André Previn, and George Gershwin among others. The first half of her program will trace the influence of jazz on the evolution of popular music from World War II through the 1970s. Merritt will devote the second half to Gershwin's legendary music. Roger Johns, a professional string bassist, will accompany her.

Like many other musicians, Merritt considers Gershwin the greatest American composer who ever lived. "When I was 16, I learned Rhapsody in Blue and it changed my life," she said. "I went through everything George Gershwin ever wrote."

Music has played a central role in Merritt's life since the first time she sat on the bench of her family's upright piano. At age four, she opened her father's music and played instinctively. Except for some informal instruction during her childhood, she is self-taught. Early in her marriage,

she worked as a professional musician while her husband furthered his education. When the marriage ended, she became a full-time musical entertainer to support her three sons.

Merritt played in hotels, lounges, restaurants, country clubs and private events as an accompanist for professional singers and groups. She has often joked that she has played for everything but burlesque. Eventually, she began performing on her own at Denver-area venues including the Denver Center for the Performing Arts. Over the years, she continued to develop her own style, which has become increasingly jazz-oriented.

"I'm always listening to music and trying to absorb something new," she said. "I think I'm the luckiest person I know because I'm still doing what I love."

A teacher as well as performer, Merritt engages with her audiences and offers commentary on the composers of her selections. Pat O'Leary, a member of the Sherbino Theater Board, has seen Merritt perform several times. He remarked on her excellent repartee with the audience as well as her musical gifts.

"Her performance is always fresh with purposeful improvisation," he said. "I think of Doris as a Colorado musical treasure." In addition to performing, Merritt continues a distinguished career as an instructor of adult students. She is the author



Doris Merritt. Courtesy photo.

of *Play It by Ear*, a book and CD that covers essentials of her unconventional yet highly successful teaching methods. The book includes a foreword by her former student, John Kite, the house pianist at Denver's famous Brown Palace. Admission for Doris Merritt's performance is \$20, \$5 for students under 18 years of age. For more information, visit www.sherbinotheater.com.

DEL-ROSE CHORUS TO HOLD TRY-OUTS FOR FALL SHOW

Special to the Mirror

REGIONAL—The Del-Rose Chorus invites woman of all ages to come and be part of our fall show this year. Rehears this summer with us, learn a few songs and be part of the Del-Rose Chorus "Good Time Barbershop and Variety Show" on November 2nd. Come and give us a try this might be the first of many nights singing

with us. Our chorus is part of Sweet Adelines International, a highly respected worldwide organization of women singers. Our members share a love for singing a cappella music in the barbershop style. As a member, you too can experience the exhilaration of performing and singing. Women of all ages, with or without vocal training, will find a part that fits her voice

range with the help of the chorus' musical leaders and director(s). Reading music is not a requirement to join and other learning methods like learning cd's will be provided by the chorus. For more information about our chorus visit www.delrosechorus.org or call Julie 970-835- 8873 in the Delta area or Cheryl 970-596-2843 in the Montrose area.

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Before joining GrahamSpencer in 2009, Brian was a member of the executive team at Chaco Footwear, responsible for creating product launch strategies, partnerships, product naming, development of an in-house creative team, and public/media relations. Scranton leveraged his degree in Molecular Biology from Colgate University and played a key role in developing the strategic plan, launch, and billion-dollar brands for Johnson & Johnson, Pfizer, BMS, Novartis, Wyeth, GSK, and scores of smaller companies.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

MMH HEALING HARMONICAS DEBUT!



Special to the Mirror
MONTROSE--The Healing Harmonicas assembly held its first concert at Main in Motion in June. Group members played many of the songs they have been working on over the past year. Since the harmonica is the only instrument in which you have to inhale and exhale to play, it's a great tool to help people who have breathing problems. Ann Furgurson, in cooperation with Montrose Memorial Hospital, started the group last August to help people with cardiac and respiratory problems. Ann was following in her father's footsteps who had started a similar group in Virginia a couple of years ago. Her dad, Roger Furgurson was able to visit Montrose in June and participate with the local Healing Harmonica's group. If you are interested in more information about Healing Harmonicas, please call Ann at 970-252-1258 or Don at 970-249-5363.

J ROBERT YOUNG SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED



Alexander Jaycox. Courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE – Two renewable J. Robert Young Scholarships of \$1,000 each have been awarded to 2013 high school graduates. This year's recipients are Alexander Jaycox of Basalt High School and Taylor Poudrier of Fruita Monument High School. Both Alex and Taylor showed a great deal of determination and focus throughout their high school years.

Alex plans to major in business with an



Taylor Poudrier. Courtesy photo.

emphasis in business sports at the University of Colorado beginning this fall. Throughout high school, Alex coached youth soccer and basketball and overcame various injuries and obstacles – experiences that will serve him well in his future career. Taylor will attend Colorado Mesa University this fall and will obtain a degree in accounting with a minor in business management. After graduation, she plans to enroll in a Masters of Public Ad-

ministration program and use her business degree in the public sector. The J. Robert Young Scholarship was established in 2008 by Alpine Bank employees and an executive committee to honor founder and Chairman, J. Robert (Bob) Young, for the bank's 35th anniversary. Scholarships are designated for graduates of public high schools in areas served by Alpine Bank. They are based on financial need and are awarded to students seeking a business-related degree, who have maintained a 2.75 GPA or above, and plan to attend a college in Colorado. The scholarship is administered through the Western Colorado Community Foundation: a nonprofit public charity established by in 1996. The Western Colorado Community Foundation promotes and supports local philanthropy to improve the quality of life in a seven county region. In 2012, distributions from almost 200 funds provided \$1.5 million in grants and scholarships to benefit people and communities in western Colorado.

DOWNTOWN CEDAREGE GETS A \$1 MILLION FACELIFT



Construction has already begun on Cedaredge's long-awaited streetscape project. Photo by Jon Nelson.

By Caitlin Switzer

CEDAREGE—That brand new community messaging sign on Hwy 62 is not the only thing new around town—Downtown Cedaredge is about to get a Main Street makeover.

It has only taken 12 years of hard work and planning, Cedaredge Town Manager Katie Sickles said.

"It is very exciting," Sickles said. "The Town has waited more than 12 years to make this dream a reality, and we expect the work to be substantially complete by Oct. 4."

The cost of the \$1.09 million project will

be covered in part by a \$250,000 energy impact grant as well as a \$20,000 anonymous donation, according to the *Delta County Independent* (July 3, 2012). In addition to pedestrian amenities, landscape and streetscape improvements, the DCI notes that project will include reconstruction of Main Street through Downtown, long-needed storm drainage improvements and resurfacing of Main Street to town limits.

Some of those who have worked to make the project happen are no longer with us, Sickles noted.

"Local government moves slowly, and we

have lost some of our great champions," Sickles said. "This project is a monument to hard work, dreams and the vision of improving our business climate and bringing people into the heart of our little town."

The new variable messaging sign, located near the entrance to the Mercantile on Hwy 62, was the result of planning and fundraising by the Cedaredge Chamber and the Cedaredge Business Support Group, Sickles said, and has already proven to have numerous uses.

"We have no local TV or radio stations, so it is great to be able to post our events on the sign," Sickles said. "We can use it for everything from mosquito spraying to Amber alerts."

Thanks to a little TLC, Cedaredge can now show the world what locals have known for many years—that this is a special community where all are welcome.

"Almost 30 percent of our residents are age 65 or older," Sickles said. "They are people with a great deal of experience and maturity to offer; we also have a very active student population. This is a gathering place for the whole area. We have learned to work together and accomplish things. It is not about one generation, one political point of view, or one form of recreation. Our senior citizens got behind our Skate Park—it was not just the kids who made it happen."

"Not only is our landscape beautiful," she said, "but we are able to bridge the generation gap."

SOCK HOP AT THE HOMESTEAD!



Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE—The Homestead at Montrose threw a sockhop party earlier this month, with help from Dance Around Studios, staff and volunteers. Residents enjoyed a costume party and a great time was had by all! Courtesy photos.

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COMMUNITY NIGHT



Featuring Red Coats BBQ, Ag Appreciation and Farmer/Rancher Awards, Kiddie Tractor Pull, Mutton Bustin Finals, Calf & Steer Riding, Catch-A-Calf Scramble, Crowning of Royalty, Calf Dressing Finals, Petting Zoo and More!



**WEDNESDAY JULY 24
4:00 PM IN THE ARENA**



2013 Event Schedule

THURSDAY, JULY 18

- 8:00am Junior Working Ranch Horse Show (Arena)
4:00pm Junior Gymkhana (Arena)

FRIDAY, JULY 19

- 10:00am Junior Dog Obedience (Show Ring)
6:30pm CPRA Rodeo—\$5 Admission (Arena)

SATURDAY, JULY 20

- 8:00am Pancake Breakfast (Cattlegirl's Pavilion)
9:00am ARBA Rabbit Show (Show Ring)
10:00am Dog Demo by San Juan Vet Clinic (Hall)
10:00am Parade (Main Street)
11:00am Horse Races —\$3 Admission (Arena)
1:00pm Pet Costume Contest by San Juan Vet Clinic (Hall)
3:00pm Dog Pull Demo by San Juan Vet Clinic (Beef Barn)
6:30pm CPRA Rodeo—\$5 Admission (Arena)

SUNDAY, JULY 21

- 8:00am Junior Horse Show (Arena)
9:00am Junior Rabbit Show (Show Ring)
9:00am Cowboy Church by Cross & Spurs Cowboy Fellowship (Hall)
12:00pm Fiddle Contest (Hall)
2:00pm Junior Dog Agility (Festival Area)

MONDAY, JULY 22

- 12:00pm Cake Demonstration (Hall)
1:00pm Kids Cupcake Decorating (Hall)
4:00pm Chris Mabrey Hypnotist (Hall)
6:00pm Horseshoe Tournament (Festival Area)
6:30pm Chris Mabrey Hypnotist (Hall)

TUESDAY, JULY 23

- 8:00am Royalty Contest Horsemanship (Arena)
9:00am Junior/Open Goat Show (Show Ring)
10:00am Junior/Open Poultry Show (Poultry Barn)
12:00pm Pie Eating Contest (Hall)
1:30pm Canning Demo by CSU Extension (Hall)
5:00pm Junior Swine Show (Show Ring)
6:00pm Antique Tractor Pull (Arena)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

- 9:00am Junior/Open Sheep Show (Show Ring)
1:00pm Royalty Speech & Modeling (Hall)
1:00pm Mutton Bustin Eliminations (Arena)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24 CONT'D

- 4:00pm Community Night (Arena)
• Red Coats BBQ
• Ag Appreciation and Farmer/Rancher Awards
• Kiddie Tractor Pull
• Mutton Bustin Finals, Calf and Steer Riding
• Catch-A-Calf Scramble
• Crowning of Royalty
• Calf Dressing Finals
• Petting Zoo
7:00pm Donny Morales (Hall)
*Clown Capers Performances various times

THURSDAY, JULY 25

- 10:00am Open Cat Show (Hall)
12:00pm Junior Pocket Pets Show (Hall)
1:00pm Junior/Open Beef & Dairy Show (Show Ring)
4:00pm Fashion Revue (Hall)
6:00pm Team Roping (Arena)
*Clown Capers Performances various times

FRIDAY, JULY 26

- 9:00am Kids with Kids Goat Show (Show Ring)
9:00am Barn Tours by US Bank (Pioneer Room)
10:00am Bucket Calf Show (Show Ring)
11:00am Merry Little Lamb Show (Show Ring)
12:00pm Round Robin (Show Ring)
12:00pm Ag Trivia by Olathe Sweet Corn Festival (Hall)
12:00pm Barn Tours by US Bank (Pioneer Room)
3:00pm Pig Scramble (Show Ring)
4:00pm Truck Pull —\$10 Admission (Arena)
7:00pm Texaco Country Showdown (Show Ring)
*Clown Capers Performances various times

SATURDAY, JULY 27

- 10:00am Home Depot Kids Activity (Hall)
11:00am Buyer's Lunch
11:00am Garden Demo by CSU Master Gardeners (Hall)
12:00pm Cutest Baby Contest (Hall)
1:00pm Junior Livestock Sale (Show Ring)
6:30pm Ranch Rodeo —\$5 Admission (Arena)
9:00pm Fair Dance (Hall)
*Clown Capers Performances various times

SUNDAY, JULY 28

- 1:00pm Gymkhana (Arena)



Learn more about the events, rules/regulations and download the fair book at www.montrosecountyfairandrodeo.com or scan the QR code at the right.



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 Farmers Market—Open EVERY SATURDAY from 8:30 am to 1 pm- on the corner of Uncompahgre and S. 1st Downtown Montrose.

July 17—Forum at Heidi's Brooklyn Deli (1521 Oxbow Dr.), 8 to 9 a.m. Coffee is \$1. Steve Ellis talks wildfires.

July 18-21—78th Annual Deltarado Days! For full event schedule visit www.deltacolorado.org.

July 18—A book signing for Author Chris Hayden ("An American Veteran's Journey"), who served two tours of duty in Vietnam with the First Marine Air Wing, will be held at the Warrior Resource Center on July 18, from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M.

July 19—Michael Martin Murphy at the I Bar Ranch in Gunnison, 850 County Rd 49 Gunnison, CO 81230. Gates/bar open at 5PM, BBQ starts at 6:30pm and music starts at 7:30pm. All tickets can be purchased at 970-209-9796 for the Country Artists night or www.ibarranch.com.

July 19-20—CPRA Rodeo, 6:30 p.m. Montrose County Fairgrounds Arena, \$5 admission, open seating.

July 19-28—Montrose County Fair & Rodeo! Sew it! Grow it! Show it!

July 20—Sixteenth Annual Partners/Alpine Bank Golf Classic to benefit Partners at Cedaredge Golf Club. Come play, and support Partners of Delta, Montrose and Ouray. This mentoring organization makes a difference in the lives of children and in the future of our communities. Please visit the Partners website at www.partners-west.org to register a team, to become a sponsor and for more information. If you would like to play but do not have a team, Partners may be able to connect you with others who would like to participate. The phone number in Delta is 874-4661, in Montrose the number is 249-1116.

July 20—Pianist Doris Merritt to play at Ridgway's Sherbino Theater, 7 to 10 p.m. Admission is \$20, \$5 for students under 18 years of age. For more information, visit www.sherbinotheater.com.

July 24—Community Night, Montrose County Fair & Rodeo, 4 p.m. Montrose Fairgrounds Arena.

July 25—Michael Hearne and South by Southwest at the I Bar Ranch in Gunnison, 850 County Rd 49 Gunnison, CO 81230. Gates/bar open at 5PM, BBQ starts at 6:30pm and music starts at 7:30pm. All tickets can be purchased at 970-209-9796 for the Country Artists night or www.ibarranch.com.

July 25—Health Equity Live Stream Series Part II—Adewale Troutman, MD, Director of Public Health Practice Program, University of South Florida, will speak about social determinants of health, Montrose Library Community Room (320 S. 2nd St.) 11 am- 1:30 pm ~ FREE LUNCH INCLUDED.

July 25—Alpha Program, Montrose United Methodist Church, 7-8:30 p.m. For more information, contact the church office at 249-3716.

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. 1—Mike Blakely at the I Bar Ranch in Gunnison, 850 County Rd 49 Gunnison, CO 81230. Gates/bar open at 5PM, BBQ starts at 6:30pm and music starts at 7:30pm. All tickets can be purchased at 970-209-9796 for the Country Artists night or www.ibarranch.com.

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. 2—Western Roundup Chamber Scramble, Bridges Golf Course & Club, Start time 1 p.m. Dinner 6 p.m. 970-249-5000 or information@montrosechamber.com.

Aug. 3—Olathe Sweet Corn Festival, Olathe Festival Grounds, 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Aug. 8—Bellamy Brothers Blakely at the I Bar Ranch in Gunnison, 850 County Rd 49 Gunnison, CO 81230. Gates/bar open at 5PM, BBQ starts at 6:30pm and music starts at 7:30pm. All tickets can be purchased at 970-209-9796 for the Country Artists night or www.ibarranch.com.

Aug 8-11—The No Barriers Summit, a four-day outdoor adventure and arts festival with a goal of overcoming barriers for people facing any significant life challenges, including people with disabilities and their families, will take place in Telluride, Colo. Speakers for the 2013 Summit include award-winning journalist Bob Woodruff, who is a major voice for recovering victims of war injuries and Kyle Maynard, the first congenital quad amputee to reach the summit of 19,340-foot Mount Kilimanjaro. The event features many outdoor community activities, including a block party in downtown Telluride, an outdoor movie screening, a wall mural project, and No Barriers University, where leading scientists and inventors share the latest innovations in adaptive technology, including a live demonstration of three robotic exoskeletons on Aug. 9. For more information and a complete schedule of events visit www.nobarriersusa.org/summit.

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.

Aug. 15—Dean Dillon at the I Bar Ranch in Gunnison, 850 County Rd 49 Gunnison, CO 81230. Gates/bar open at 5PM, BBQ starts at 6:30pm and music starts at 7:30pm. All tickets can be purchased at 970-209-9796 for the Country Artists night or www.ibarranch.com.

Aug. 24-25—Western Colorado Botanical Gardens 22nd Annual Grand Valley Garden Tour, 9 AM to 3 PM each day, featuring Designer Gardens and their designers, Master Gardeners, musicians and artists. Visit www.wcbotanic.org for ticket outlet information or call 970-245-3288.

Aug. 31—Uranium History Celebration and Reunion Picnic, Uravan Ball Park, 11 to 3 p.m.

Sept. 12—Health Equity Live Stream Series Part III—Elizabeth Myung Sook Krause, Vice President of Policy and Communications, Connecticut Health Foundation, and Nichole June Maher, MPH, President, Northwest Health Foundation, and Yanique Redwood, PhD, President and CEO, Consumer Health Foundation, will speak about foundation solutions to advance health equity. Montrose Library Community Room (320 S. 2nd St.) 11 am- 1:30 pm ~ FREE LUNCH INCLUDED.

Oct. 5—Montrose Oktoberfest, a benefit for All Points Transit, Centennial Plaza, Montrose.

November 15—Health Equity Live Stream Series Part IV—Anthony Iton, MD, Senior Vice President, The California Endowment and Winston Wong, MD, Medical Director, Kaiser Permanente, will speak about solutions for tackling social determinants of health. Montrose Library Community Room (320 S. 2nd St.) 11 am- 1:30 pm ~ FREE LUNCH INCLUDED.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

BCJC PILOTS DONATE TIME, PLANES FOR JULY FOURTH FLYOVER



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MONTROSE--Black Canyon Jet Center was the staging location and host for the pilots of the aircraft which participated in the flybys over the 4th of July parade on Main Street and the Vietnam wall ceremony at Cerise Park. The pilots donated their time and aircraft to honor Independence Day and our Vietnam vets. Pictured from left to right: Randy Miller, Deven Felix, Steve Mathis, Bill Patterson, John Cossick, Leonard Felix, Bruce Coffin and Rob Duncan.



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Leroux Creek Nursery brought locally grown tomatoes to the Montrose Farmers Market July 13. Photo by Barton Glasser.



Above, The 4H Stall Stompers attended to the tables of hot dogs and drinks at Cerise Park on the Fourth of July. Image courtesy Cara Fandel for Howling Wolf Photography.

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