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## The "GO WESTERN!" Issue!

### \$40K FOR FOURTH'S FINAL DAY FAILS TO FILL HOTEL BEDS



*Owners of the spotless Western Motel on East Main are among those expressing frustration with the city's tourism strategy, which included spending \$40K July 6.*

*By Caitlin Switzer*

MONTROSE— Since the City of Montrose took over management of the tourism promotion (\$400,000) and retail enhancement (\$230,000) funds from the former Montrose ACT earlier this year, Rob Joseph of the City's Office of Tourism Promotion has been promising to come up with a new, cohesive identity for Montrose that will "put heads in beds and make cash registers ring." Though it was a city-driven initiative that brought the former Montrose Visitor & Convention Bureau, Montrose Chamber of Commerce and Montrose Area Merchants Association organizations together under the umbrella of Montrose ACT in 2010, the city in 2013 chose not to take on the \$65,000 "Look Deeper" brand created by the Montrose VCB in 2009, but to create its own eventually.

A recent, non-competitive city expenditure of \$30,000 with Marketing Telluride Inc. for data analytics left some scratching their heads, but few have publicly questioned city council's direction or

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### COWBOY-COWGIRL PARTNERSHIP KEEPS HISTORY ALIVE

*By Caitlin Switzer*

ROARING FORK VALLEY—As a little girl, Ginny Harrington remembers running next door to her Great Aunt Cedelia (Roy) Johnson's farm house, to a special loft filled with ladies hats.

"These were the glorious ladies hats with sequins and beads and feathers and silk flowers," said Harrington, whose family has ranched in the San Juans for generations and who now lives near Carbondale. "It was wonderful! I was big enough that I could climb the ladder to the loft and play with the hats. I stood in front of a mirror for hours looking at myself in those hats.

"I have loved hats since."

Today, Ginny makes her own cowboy hats, entirely by hand—a small business that is a natural outgrowth of the life she and her husband Tom have intentionally built, a life centered around a family tradition of love, ranching, giving back to the community and hands-on creativity.

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*Tom and Ginny Harrington and Travis Griebel move cattle by horseback on summer mountain pasture. Photo by Cody Griebel.*

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## MAIN IN MOTION REPLACES “OLD SCHOOL” BANNERS WITH SPONSORED FLAGS

### Mirror Staff Report

MONTROSE—When the 2013 Main in Motion board opted to replace the fading event banners left over from earlier days, they came up with a creative solution that not only brightens up Main, but brings in additional support. Today, anyone strolling Main Street during the popular Thursday evening street fair can easily see the names and logos of local businesses flying from every light pole.

“We had some really old-school banners, and we wanted to do something to beautify Main Street,” Main in Motion board member Yesenia Duncan said. “Jon Nelson came up with the idea of selling banner space, and we thought this would be a way for some businesses to support Main in Motion without having a booth.”

Created by Megapixel Digital Imaging, the 40 banners include the logos of sponsors, she said.

“People really like them,” Duncan said.

The banners are especially nice when placed in an area not directly in front of one’s storefront, said Main in Motion board member and downtown merchant Krista Bush of Chow Down Pet Supplies (202 Main St.).

“The banners are a great way to promote Downtown, and a great way to promote your business,” Bush said.



*The 40 new banners created for Main in Motion by Megapixel Digital Imaging not only look welcoming and bright, but showcase the names and logos of local businesses.*

Both Duncan and Bush said that the 2013 season has been going well, despite weather inconsistencies.

“Our board members are all business owners, and we work well together and communicate,” Duncan said. “When you have that, things fall into place.”

Board members work long hours, and are all volunteers, she added.

Bush encouraged community members to show up and show support.

“Main in Motion has been going great,” she said. “We have had a couple of weeks when the weather was difficult—but when the weather cooperates, it is really fun!”

This week’s theme (Aug. 8) will be Men in Motion, and the final two weeks of the season will celebrate Food in Motion.

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### VENDORS AND EVENT SPONSORS SOUGHT FOR HABITAT'S MOONSHINERS' BALL!

#### *Special to the Mirror*

(MONTROSE CO 8/1/13)—Break out the blue jeans, and pull on your dancing boots! It's a prohibition-era Hillbilly Hootenanny at the Montrose Habitat for Humanity event barn Aug. 17.

We'll have casino night gambling, bluegrass music, delicious craft "moonshine" cocktails and craft brews, with plenty of fun foods and great friends in the mix—we'll even get you a shuttle ride home. Tickets are on sale now, so don't miss your chance to party like it's 1929!

"Habitat for Humanity of Montrose is the leading local non-profit when it comes to affordable housing," Habitat Executive

Director Colleen Burke said. "We have built 42 homes to date—we offer families a hand up, not a hand out—and here is a way that you and your business can help." We still seeking partners, sponsors and volunteers! Call Event Coordinators Deanna Jakino at 970-749-2891 or Mandy Winn at 970-769-1991 to learn more.

Cash sponsors, in-kind donors and volunteers are all welcome! For more information and a complete list of current sponsors, visit the web site at

[www.moonshiners-ball.com](http://www.moonshiners-ball.com). Moonshiners' Ball tickets are \$35; visit <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/422303>.

*Over the past 20 years, Habitat for Humanity of Montrose County has empowered 42 local families to help build and move into homes of their own. Habitat for Humanity is always in need of volunteers to help with construction, special events and at the new ReStore.*

*To organize a build day with your company or community group, please contact Bill Bond at 970-901-9576. To volunteer, please contact us at [re-store@habitatmontrose.org](mailto:re-store@habitatmontrose.org) or 970-252-9304. To learn more about Habitat for Humanity in Montrose, email [colleen@habitatmontrose.org](mailto:colleen@habitatmontrose.org), or call 970-252-9303.*



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# HOW FIRE TEAMS GOT THE WORD OUT



*Strong, coordinated informational campaigns are just part of the overall firefighting strategy for public lands agencies, using everything from traditional signage to twitter to get real information out to all who need it. Courtesy photo.*

By Caitlin Switzer

REGIONAL—When lightning torched a remote area of Gunnison County at around 8:15 p.m. on June 15, bone-dry timber and brush were soon swept up in flames. Over the weeks that followed firefighters struggled to contain the massive blaze, which eventually grew to encompass 447 acres in extreme terrain where access was problematic.

Behind the scenes, a highly-trained communications team also went to work.

“The size of the communications team depends on the size of the fire,” Grand Mesa/Uncompahgre/Gunnison National Forest staffer (GMUG) and communications team leader Lee Ann Loupe said. “We always have a communications system in place; with some of the small, very local fires we may put an announcement on our fire information line or on the [web site](#). We can also send news releases and use our Twitter feed—if the fire is visible and people are asking about it, we do more.”

Loupe is a forester by training, with 32 years of experience.

“I put myself through college working on fires,” she said. “Our communications are part of the overall incident management team—the way we have managed fires for years. We rely on coordination and on everybody bringing their own expertise.”

Management grows more complex when

a fire is upgraded to a Type II Incident Management team, which brings additional resources from throughout the region. From June 24 through July 5, the East Fork Fire was managed by a Type II IMT based at Columbine Middle School. Loupe happened to be out of town during the transition, but knew that a dedicated group of professionals would work cohesively to get the word out. The communications effort included cooperation from the Bureau of Land Management, Gunnison County,

and Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control.

“My assistant Anne Janik got to do the everyday updates, and when the Type II team came in, they brought a communica-

tions officer,” Loupe said.

“We maintain a mailing list, and we coordinate our local resources with the team coming in,” she said. “They bring additional expertise and management, and locals know the lay of the land and where we can put out good information.”

“I intermix with teams to identify certain responsibilities,” she said. “It was neat to have it staged out of Montrose. We appreciate everybody’s cooperation, and caring; understanding and support for our communications has been tremendous.”

And while the daily East Fork Fire updates have ceased and all roads and trails have been re-opened, the fire itself continues to burn. Firefighters monitor its progress (80 percent contained), and remain ready to return in force should the need arise. Once the fire is completely out, teams will assess the area to determine whether resources are at risk and how best to prevent erosion.

Whatever takes place, you’ll be among the first to know.

“Outreach is just part of our responsibility,” Loupe said.



*Communications officers Megan Mast and Ted Pettis worked with the Incident Management Team to keep the public informed during the hottest days of the East Fork Fire, which encompassed 447 acres in extreme terrain where access was limited. The fire is now at 80 percent containment. Courtesy photo.*



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## REGION 10 PRESENTS "TECHNOLOGY FOR YOUR SMALL BUSINESS"

### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE—The Region 10 League for Economic Assistance & Planning presents "Technology for Your Small Business," an information-packed class featuring Robert Benjamin of Networks Unlimited at the Region 10 Enterprise Center from Noon to 1 P.M. on Aug. 20. Topics will include: Enable your Business with Technology; Cloud Computing: What it is and how to Use it; Cycles of Technology; Keeping a Professional Presence with Technology; Responsibility with Technology; and a Question and Answer session.

"We know that technology is constantly changing, and we feel that offering this affordable class is one more way the Region 10 Small Business Development Cen-

ter can support local businesses," Region 10 Small Business Development Center Director Vince Fandel said. It is vital that small business owners not feel left behind in the world of ever-changing technological advances, noted Robert Benjamin. "I am a firm believer in opportunities like this one," Benjamin said. "Technology is always changing, but at the large trade shows, big businesses come first. Our class is designed to help smaller businesses stay up to date and up to speed."

To reserve your space for the Technology Workshop, 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. *A non-profit organization, the Region 10 League for Economic Assistance and Planning was formed in 1972 and serves six-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) 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](http://www.region10.net).*

## Region 10 League for Economic Assistance and Planning Wins \$55,000 Grant

### *Special to the Mirror*

COLORADO--Colorado U.S. Senator Michael Bennet has announced that the Region 10 League for Economic Assistance and Planning has received a \$54,900 competitive Partnership Planning Grant from the Economic Development Administration (EDA) to fund planning and technical assistance to implement their economic development strategy.

The Region 10 League's comprehensive strategy brings public and private sectors together to help communities throughout the region build their economies and meet development goals.

"The Region 10 board of directors has worked hard to strengthen and grow local economies in Western Colorado," Bennet said.

"This investment in the region will help these communities move forward with innovative projects as they craft a strategy to support job creation."

The Region 10 League for Economic Assistance and Planning includes Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Montrose, Ouray, and San Miguel counties and is a non profit organi-



*Economic development and support for small business are part of the mission of Region 10. Above, ad exec Brian Scranton taught a social media class for business at the Region 10 Enterprise Center last month. Image courtesy Cara Fandel for Howling Wolf Photography.*

zation that provides cost-effective programs and services to reduce the burden of local governments, meet community needs, and leverage available resources. It is one of 14 Economic Development Districts in the state. The EDA is a program of the

U.S. Department of Commerce that works to promote economic development nationwide by promoting innovation and regional collaboration.

This project will be matched with funds from local governments.





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## OUT AND ABOUT AT RSVP RECOGNITION LUNCHEON!



*For beloved Delta County Independent reporter (and dedicated local volunteer) Verna Barr, it was a working lunch.*



*RSVP Senior Services recognized Delta County volunteers on July 19. According to Director Sherry Faith, 267 volunteers served more than 23,862 hours at 14 different locations.*



*RSVP Board Chair Paul Ash and Executive Director Sherry Faith (seated) welcomed everyone to the ceremony, and thanked the many volunteers who support RSVP throughout the year.*



*Jane Weisbeck was among those who showed up for the recognition ceremony.*





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## ASSESSMENT STUDY HIGHLIGHTS DMEA'S STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES

### *Mirror Staff Report*

REGIONAL—Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) does a fantastic job of delivering services and communicating with customers, however, a lack of confidence in top management among the employee base could undermine the cooperative's strengths over the long term, states the newly-released Organization Assessment Study of DMEA compiled by National Consulting Group (NCG), a division of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. In the study, NCG identified organizational strengths, gaps and opportunities, engaged with nearly all employees to gain input through interviews, groups and surveys, and formulated recommendations for improvement.

When compared against national electrical distribution cooperatives of similar size, DMEA "performs exceptionally well on its critical areas of safety, reliability, cost and member satisfaction," the report states. Notable comments include DMEA's top tier safety rating and reliability performance; efforts to bring costs down; consistent improvement in resource efficiency and productivity, and high levels member satisfaction as measured by member surveys. DMEA's progressive distribution system, strong plant infrastructure, use of enabling and emerging technologies, 24/7 dispatch center, and

recently completed South Canal Hydro Project were all commended, with other noted areas of strength including high-caliber employees, strong engineering capabilities, solid information technology infrastructure, and the successful maintenance of a stable rate structure within an environment of rising power costs.

DMEA currently employs 97, and is headquartered in Montrose with a service office in Read (rural Delta County). Serving 32,000 accounts, most of which are residential (89 percent), DMEA brings in total revenues of 65 million and has total utility plant size of \$160 million. Twenty-five percent of DMEA's revenue comes from 10 key large power accounts.

The report also notes that DMEA is approaching completion of its capital improvement program, with total capital expenditures for the 2012-2013 construction work plan at \$25 million. The Organizational Assessment Study also noted a number of key attention areas, topped by organizational culture and a perceived lack of engagement and clear direction from top management.

"...perceived conflicts between the (DMEA) board and top management are fostering a negative climate, rumors, confusion and poor attitudes," the report notes. "Employees lack confidence that the board and management will do the right

things."

Also assessed were finance and accounting; DMEA's billing cycle; operations; engineering and energy services; information technology; a high level wage comparison and recommendations concerning the current schedule, which allows some top management to work ten-hour shifts four days per week.

"The four-day workweek works well with certain functions, such as Operations, where you can schedule crews to work later on larger jobs and cover critical times for outage restoration," the report states. "For other functions, the 4/10 work week schedule can limit the ability to provide appropriate resource coverage throughout the week, especially when the number of resources is limited."

In addition to offering recommendations for organizational restructuring, including the elimination of the present Assistant General Manager position, the report concludes with five top line strategies: Improving the relationship between Board and Management; Reengage the General Manager to lead and manage DMEA for continued success; strengthen leadership across the management team; strengthen DMEA's financial planning capabilities; and align resources to maximize performance. To read the final report for yourself, visit [www.dmea.com](http://www.dmea.com).

## **\$40K FOR FOURTH'S FINAL DAY FAILS TO FILL HOTEL BEDS** *Continued from Page 1*

expenditures.

Now, however, some local businesses are wondering where all the money has gone. With uncertainty surrounding the region's main summertime draw—the Olathe Sweet Corn Festival (held successfully by a citizens' group last weekend)—the City of Montrose chose instead to fund its own "signature" event, Four Days of the Fourth, culminating in an expensive, day-long Summerfest on Sunset Mesa featuring a concert by country artist Craig Campbell on July 6. However, the event drew few out-of-town or even local visitors, hotel owners say.

"I know that the numbers say hotel and excise taxes are up, but it just does not seem as busy as it was last year," said Days Inn (1417 East Main) General Manager Brandon Hert. Western Motel (1200 East Main St.) owner Jolanta Ogrodny was more direct.

"I don't think the City is doing a good job at all," she said. "I was thrilled when they took over the funds, but then they decided to do things by committee. Disgusting. The street closures are killing us—and I could not even find anything out about the (Craig Campbell) concert, and actually had to search to even find out where it was. The Olathe Sweet Corn Festival usually brings a day of full houses to Montrose and Delta—but the uncertainty about that has really hurt us this year."

According to city documents, that final day of the Fourth cost the City roughly \$40,000 in public funds. After paying Eventive Events & Promotions LLC \$3,000 to put on the Summerfest event, \$20,000 to SOGA Touring LLC for the concert itself, and \$15,185 to Impact Audio Visual for truck-mounted LED's, allocating \$800 in "event support," \$777 was spent on ads with Cherry Creek radio.

Tickets for the daylong event were \$20 for adults, \$5 for children age 6 to 11, and free to kids under five.

Promotion was never the city's responsibility, but the event coordinator's, OBT staffer and Assistant City Manager Rob Joseph said.

"People will say what they want, but I think most people are just glad we did something," Joseph said., insisting that the Summerfest was very well advertised, and will be "reevaluated in future years." Joseph himself draws a hefty salary, but spends at least some work days volunteering at the Black Canyon to learn why people come to Montrose. Meanwhile, Ogrodny said she hopes to see change on the City Council, accompanied by increased accountability. "My reservations are down 80 percent," she said. "Could you survive? The hotel is for sale. I have actually gone from loving this town to despising it."



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# MONTROSE COUNTY NEWS AND INFORMATION

## ARE YOUR KIDS READY TO HEAD BACK TO SCHOOL?

### Montrose County HHS

Between finding the right supplies, arranging carpools, and trying out for sports teams, the back to school season is a busy one for children and parents.

The immunization department at Montrose County HHS can help simplify your transition from summer to fall by providing vaccination records review, information on mandatory shots, and affordable immunizations for your family.

Colorado law requires that children attending school are vaccinated against certain vaccine-preventable diseases. This law helps to keep children safe from diseases that can otherwise have severe health risks and prevents unnecessary illness and suffering. Some of the vaccine-preventable diseases include: **Pertussis, or whooping cough**, a highly contagious respiratory disease that causes uncontrollable, violent coughing. It most often affects infants and young children and can be fatal. The DTaP or Tdap vaccine can prevent symptoms or lessen the severity of pertussis; **Measles**, a highly contagious respiratory disease caused by a virus that spreads through the air by breathing, coughing, or

sneezing. Symptoms can include fever, runny nose, cough, and a rash all over the body. Measles can also make a pregnant woman have a miscarriage or give birth prematurely. Measles can be prevented by the combination MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella) vaccine. **Varicella, or chickenpox**, is a highly contagious disease that is very uncomfortable and sometimes serious.

While many people have heard of chickenpox, many people do not know that people with serious complications from chickenpox can become so sick that they need to be hospitalized. The Varicella vaccine is the best protection against chickenpox.

These are just a few of the diseases that can be prevented by childhood immunizations. Vaccinating your children not only protects them from becoming sick, but also protects those children who cannot receive vaccines for medical reasons.

In addition to receiving those vaccines required to attend school, we encourage you to learn more about the recommended shots that can further protect your children from disease. If you are interested in learning more about the benefits of immuniza-

tion and vaccine safety, please visit [www.immunizeforgood.com](http://www.immunizeforgood.com) or call our office at 970-252-7079.

Montrose County HHS offers immunizations for infants, children, teens, and adults by appointment or during walk-in hours. Parents can bring their children in for vaccinations required before going to day care or attending school, and adults can receive booster vaccinations or travel shots. We also offer TB testing and are able to provide resources about vaccine safety.

Our appointment hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Friday from 8 am to 4 pm; our walk-in hours are Wednesday and Thursday from 8 am to 4 pm.

We are located in the Health and Human Services building on 1845 South Townsend in Montrose.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John W. Hickenlooper".

*John W. Hickenlooper  
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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### ROTH TO HEAD SALES-SERVICE AT ROCKY MOUNTAIN HEALTH PLANS



**Monique Roth.**  
*Courtesy photo.*

*Special to the Mirror*  
GRAND JUNCTION – Rocky Mountain Health Plans has named Monique B. Roth to the newly-created position of Director, Sales & Service. Working from the not-for-profit health plan's Denver office,

Roth will be responsible for statewide commercial sales and service. Because Rocky Mountain is the only state-wide health plan in Colorado that serves every market including employers, individuals, Medicare, Medicaid, and Child Health Plan Plus, Roth's experience and knowledge will be of great value as we enter the new chapter in health care reform.

Roth is the former Director of Business Development for Visiting Nurse Association of Colorado, a non-for-profit home health agency.

Previously Roth has been successful in sales, consulting, and strategy positions for United Healthcare and Aetna.

"Monique has a proven track record of developing and implementing strategy that increases member satisfaction, sales, and profits," said Neil Waldron, Chief Marketing Officer, Rocky Mountain Health Plans. "At a time when the health insurance industry is constantly evolving, Monique brings the energy and innovation to strengthen our relationships and continue serving all communities throughout the state."

A graduate of University of Northern Colorado, Roth began her career in the insurance industry with Prudential Healthcare in Columbus, Ohio in 1993, before moving to back to Colorado in 1998. In addition, she received her MBA from Regis University in Denver. She has managed large dollar budgets, supervised teams of various sizes,

and improved relationships with brokers, clients and members.

"Monique will greatly complement our already-strong sales team and will help us implement the strategic steps we believe are necessary to continue our long record of service to our Members with a collaborative, community-based focus," Waldron said.

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.

## HONORABLE MENTION

**To Charlotte Blowers...** One of our favorite local corn farmers, now helping parents navigate registration with Re-1J schools...

**To Tracy Schalow of Kindred Collective and the Ridgway Area Chamber of Commerce for Ridgway's excellent new web site and "Think Outside" brand!** We understand that there was a VERY small budget...but it sure doesn't show. Nice work!

**To everyone who supports the Montrose Oktoberfest, scheduled for Oct. 5.** This is a benefit for All Points Transit. Public transit is important to our city and our region! Become a sponsor, or just show up. We can't do it without you.

**To Vogy, for putting together the Sharing Ministries Street Dance Sept. 21...featuring local faves The Stupid Band, and Rusty George...great BBQ by Scotty Kenton...Show up and Share!!!**



## MIRROR IMAGES...COMMUNITY NIGHT AT THE FAIR



*Images courtesy Cara Fandel  
for Howling Wolf Photography*

*Above, Jenni Sopsic of the Montrose Chamber of Commerce and Kevin Johnson of the Fair Board presented the Farming Family of the Year award. At right, Red Coats served up more than 1,300 hot dogs and 800 cans of pop to the crowd.*



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# MONTROSE COUNTY NEWS AND INFORMATION

## THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE MONTROSE COUNTY FAIR & RODEO



### Montrose County

MONTROSE--Sunday July 28 marked the close of the 127th Montrose County Fair and Rodeo, and Montrose County wants to recognize the individuals that dedicate their time and energy to fair week. This year's fair was a tremendous success and could not have happened without the hard work of the Montrose County Fair Board as well as Montrose County Fairgrounds Manager **Emily Sanchez** and the facilities staff.

The 14-person fair board that deserves the spotlight includes the following individuals: **Doug Kimberlin** (President), **Tracy Baldwin** (Vice President & Treasurer), **Kristi Gurule** (Secretary), **Mike Monell**, **Rhonda Castle**, **James Plumhoff III**, **Tami Distel**, **Scott Riba**, **Stacy Lynch**, **Megan Wilson**, **Craig Mergelman**, **Brian Yocum**, **Taylor Distel** and **Nick Grater** (4-H Representatives) and **Trent Hollister** (ex-officio member).

For the first time in years, the Montrose County Fair and Rodeo drew enough par-

ticipants to host a cat show. A popular event among the crowd, fans and exhibitors alike enjoyed watching their feline companions—especially in the costume contest.

The highlight of fair week, however, is and always will be the smiles on the faces of children as they win a ribbon or achieve a goal. Whether the medium is a scrapbook, hand-sewn dress, pocket pet or beef, a purple ribbon will always bring back fond memories. Montrose County would like to offer its thanks to not only the children who show their animals, projects and crafts in the fair but the parents and caregivers that support them along the way. The fair showcases the talents and successes of the youth in the area, and helps solidify community roots.

Also, thank you to the local businesses and individuals that stepped up to help support the local 4-H participants as they prepare for next year's projects, college and more. The Junior Livestock Sale featured 139 animals that raised \$203,232.79. This year's grand and reserve champions are featured below with their buyers.

Lastly, a word of thanks to the fans and families that showed up to cheer on participants, entertainers and exhibitors. Please look for an entire fair wrap-up in the next county newsletter in mid-September.

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### Chicken

Grand Champion: Micaiah Thompson (Bolinger & Queen)

Reserve Champion: Micaiah Thompson (West Slope Ag)

### Meat Duck

Grand Champion: Jennifer Frantz (West Slope Ag)

Reserve Champion: Jennifer Frantz (Grett)

### Turkey

Grand Champion: Kael Mattics (Bolinger & Queen)

Reserve Champion: Ryan Eberle (Berentis

Rodeo Company)

### Lamb

Grand Champion: Brooke Snyder (Wayne Maurer)

Reserve Champion: MaKayla Millsap (American Ag Credit)

### Bred & Fed Lamb

Grand Champion: Lauren Davey (Black Canyon Ranches)

Reserve Champion: Brooke Snyder (South River Real Estate)

### Market Goat

Grand Champion: Jackie Brown (United Companies)

Reserve Champion: Nicholas Brandon (Murdoch's Ranch & Home)

### Swine

Grand Champion: Tasha Gibson (Kinikin Processing)

Reserve Champion: Lauren Davey (Wollert Automotive)

### Bred & Fed Swine

Grand Champion: Alycia Navarrete (Turner GMC)

Reserve Champion: Taylor Dement (D'Medici Footwear)

### Beef

Grand Champion: Tasha Gibson (Flower Motor)

Reserve Champion: Aaron Handke (Hellman Chevrolet)

### Bred & Fed Beef

Grand Champion: Amanda Kinterknecht (Hartman Brothers)

Reserve Champion: Grace Sanburg (Black Canyon Ranches)

### Meat Rabbits

Grand Champion: Sydney McCullough (Bolinger & Queen)

Reserve Champion: Nathan Scharnhorst (Turner GMC)

### Single Fryer Rabbit

Grand Champion: Brianna Killip (Eric & Lindy McCullough)

Reserve Champion: Sydney McCullough (Montrose Oral Surgery)





# MIRROR IMAGES—TELLURIDE JAZZ FESTIVAL-2013

*Photos by Barton Glasser*

*At right, Festival goers watch Dr. Lonnie Smith at the 37th annual Telluride Jazz Festival at Town Park in Telluride, Saturday, Aug. 3.*



*Above, the Mike Dillon Band plays at Town Park stage Sunday.*

*Below, Voodoo Orchestra played Saturday.*



*Right, Guest of honor Dr. Lonnie Smith performs.*



*Below: The Hooligans Brass Band plays during the New Orleans Day Parade down Colorado Avenue during the 37th annual Telluride Jazz Festival in Telluride, Colo., Sunday, Aug. 4,*



## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### PETER WALDOR OF MONTROSE TO BE FEATURED AT TALKING GOURDS AUG. 6



Peter Waldor.  
Courtesy photo.

*Special to the Mirror*  
TELLURIDE--The Telluride Institute's Talking Gourds Poetry Club will host poet Peter Waldor of New Jersey and Telluride, who has a new book out, *The Wilderness Poetry of Wu Xing* (Pinyon Publ., Montrose, 2013), on Tuesday, Aug. 6th at 6 p.m. at Arroyo Telluride.

Books will be available for purchase. Trained in Iowa and

mentored by Gerald Stern, Waldor's first book *Door to a Noisy Room* was a finalist for the 2009 National Jewish Book Award. Like Wallace Stevens, he spends his non-poetry hours employed in the insurance business.

Club members and drop-ins are encouraged to attend. After announcements and the featured reader, we do a Talking Gourd Circle where everyone is given a chance to share. Bring poems, songs or stories to perform -- one's own or pieces by favorite writers. The theme for August is Mushrooms.

Coming up: Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> Art Goodtimes of Norwood and Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer of Placerville will be featured. Art's

new book is *Looking South to Lone Cone* (Western Eye Press, Sedona, 2013). Rosemerry's latest book is *The Less I Hold* (Turkey Buzzard Press, 2012).

And Oct. 1 John Nizalowski of Grand Junction will star. His latest book is also from Turkey Buzzard Press, *The Last Matinée* (2011)

Talking Gourds Poetry Club is a joint venture of the Telluride Institute, Wilkinson Library, Between the Covers Bookstore, Telluride Arts and San Miguel County poets. Members meet monthly, on first Tuesday evenings, at Arroyo Fine Art Gallery & Wine Bar at 220 E. Colorado Ave., 970.239.2006, beginning at 6 p.m. in Telluride.



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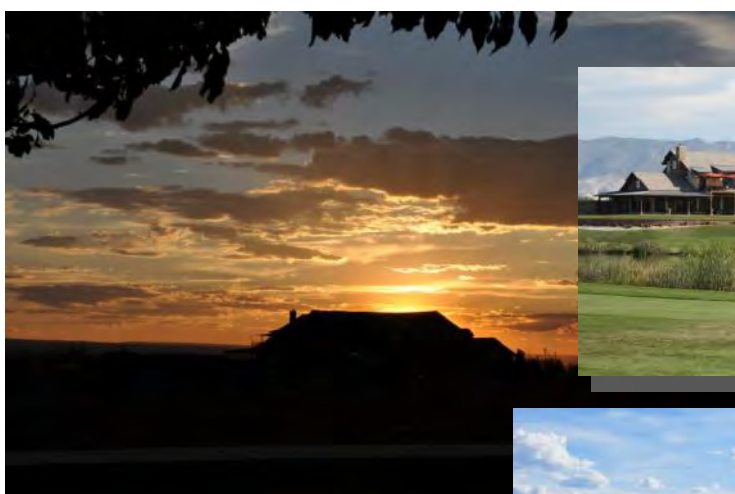




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## NEW MENU FOR LUNCH, DINNER AND SUNDAY BRUNCH



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## 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](mailto:kconnor1941@gmail.com) for Montrose and Peggy Baxter at 970-856-6225 or [peggybax@gmail.com](mailto:peggybax@gmail.com) for Delta.



### The League of Women Voters® of Montrose County

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization encouraging informed and active participation in government. It influences public policy through education and advocacy.





# Legislative Update

BY SENATOR ELLEN ROBERTS

## KEEP COLORADO THE LAND OF OPPORTUNITY

Summer's winding up with the start of back-to-school sales. Delicious Western Slope produce is showing up at the grocery stores and roadside stands. The last wave of summer visitors is cramming in as much fun as they can before heading home.

All of this reminds me of the many hard-working people in Southwest Colorado for whom summer's not as much a time for play, but a time to earn their bread and butter to get through the leaner months ahead. For those who work in retail, agriculture, construction, public safety and the hospitality industry, summer's a very busy time indeed and they make our area what it is for many others.

I've spent much time this summer in meetings, large and small, getting input from my constituents about how things are going for them. There's a general sense of economic improvement, but still considerable concern about what the future holds. I share that concern. There are many changes passed at the state legislature last year that will have financial impacts on the average individual and family.

While I welcome being wrong, I don't see the promised savings materializing to balance the new costs as Obamacare is imple-

mented. People in my district already struggle to see a doctor or other provider, period.

Access to healthcare is much more than carrying an insurance card in your wallet and, if you doubt that, ask those already on Medicaid, Medicare or Tricare who can't find a doctor. Funding healthcare reform by reducing provider reimbursements is going to exacerbate that problem, not fix it. We've got work to do.

New laws and regulations with costs are going to start making themselves known to the small businesses in my district, at a time when our economy is struggling to keep its (our) head above water.

Around here, business owners are your friends and neighbors. Feedback tells me that employers are very worried about increasing costs for utilities, health insurance and other bottom line expenses, afraid that the next step could be layoffs or reducing employees' hours just to keep the businesses open.

I don't mean to be depressing, but am urging that it's really important for you to be aware and involved with those you elect, at all governmental levels. I can't promise sunshine and roses each time you are in touch with those in government, but

successful representative democracy requires engagement from the electorate as well as from the elected. If those elected fail to listen, remember and vote accordingly at the next election.

In the late 1800's, my great-grandparents traveled westward by wagon and homesteaded in northeastern Colorado. Tough environmental conditions for raising sheep made their effort unsuccessful and they returned east to farm there. Nearly a century later, I arrived in Colorado at the optimistic age of 21, with literally nothing more than a duffel bag, hiking boots and a willingness to work hard, so I could stay here. I've worked many jobs along the way and I don't want Colorado government, at the city, county, state or federal level, to become the new barrier driving people out of our state.

We need to remember the contributions made by all in our communities, young and older, and make sure that we don't turn Colorado into a place where only the already-wealthy can stay.

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# THROUGH THE EYES OF A JEEP TOUR GUIDE...



*Tour Guide Clay Greathouse poses with a jeep, left; jeep tourists take in the sights. Photos Clay Greathouse.*

*By Liesl Greathouse*

MONTROSE--Long ago, Montrose was the support town for the mines in Ouray and Telluride. Today, Montrose serves as the support town for tourists visiting those two places. One local, Clay Greathouse, has had the unique experience of working in all three towns during the summer as a Jeep Tour Guide. Here are some of his thoughts on making a living from mountain visitors.

While Montrose supports both Ouray and Telluride, the differences between the two mountain towns could not be more apparent. "Ouray caters to working class folks, like people who work in construction and even the Amish," Clay explained. "Telluride is more for resort folks." In regard to how the two towns treat Jeep Tours, Clay said, "In Ouray, it appears that people come to Ouray for a Jeep Tour, it being the highlight of their whole trip. In Telluride, it is kind of more of on their list of things to do, like hiking, biking, fly-fishing, etc., but is not the focus."

The appeal of Jeep Tours to people can be summed up in the famous words of Francis Kuboski, the famous owner of San Juan Scenic Jeep Tours in Ouray: "It's the most fun you can have with your clothes on." Clay elaborated in more general terms, "It is the best way for folks who are not 'the athletic elite' to get up into the high country, as well as for the disabled to see it. Going up into the mountains, people see things not seen in town and are entertained by the Tour Guides, while learning local history."

While the economy has affected tourism, in the world of Jeeps Tours things have

been getting better, although the clientele has changed. "This year and last we seemed to have had a lot more working class people rather than rich and famous people," Clay said. "It makes me think that the resort areas are trying to lower prices and offer deals to get people in. Maybe the working class were not as badly affected by the economy as the rich." Clay has noticed that more people are coming from the Eastern Slope/Front Range, showing that people are preferring to travel in-state more than out of state or abroad.

As compared to long ago, technology has not had a huge affect on Jeep Tours. Cell phones have added a sense of security as people, including Tour Guides, can call for help when necessary, instead of having to be on their own. GPS has not had a bit affect on Jeep Tours, except for adding the bonus of Geocaching while on Jeep Tours (an activity that Clay tries to include on trips).

As Clay sees it, the main reason for the decline in Jeep Tours has been the limit of access to roads, due to Forest Service restrictions, and the popularity of rental Jeeps and SUVs. "The uniqueness has been taken away," Clay said. "In the 60s and 80s, people generally did not have a 4x4 vehicle. It was a very, very unique experience to go up into the mountains and drive over rocks. Now, someone can do it with their SUV."

When Clay reminisces on when he first started doing Jeep Tours in the 1980s, he brings up how busy the Jeep Tour companies used to be. "I remember how when I started, we used Jeep pick-up trucks that

could hold 12 people each. When I would go to the tour office, we would have five or six of those Jeeps in front full and ready to go. Now we often get two or so people a Jeep. But it has still been pretty good this year as compared to the last couple years."

As many people in the tour guide industry know, once you do a few tours, the newness wears off, routine sets in, and it can become like a regular job. So, for Clay the part that makes doing Jeep Tours fun is the people. "I

love the driving, etc. but the people and the conversations are what I like the best," He said. "Half the tour, especially up Imogene Pass in Telluride, is giving spiels on the way up. But when we are coming back down that is when the interaction happens, with talking, asking questions and discussing politics."

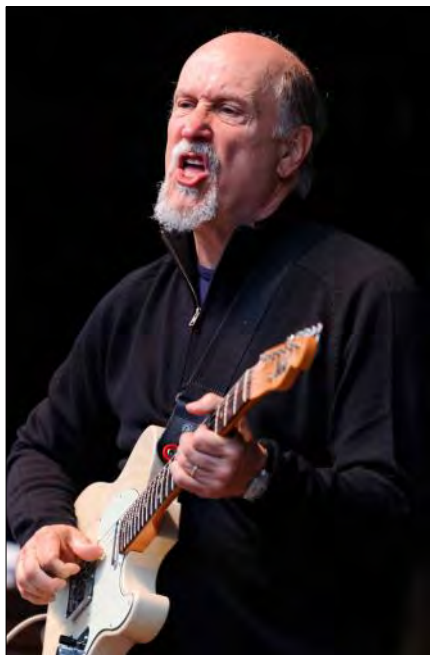
For people wishing to pursue becoming a Tour Guide, Clay offers this advice: "There are tour guides who work on buses, at Mesa Verde, and many other places. Pick something that you are passionate about, like Jeeping, archeology, etc., and then really decide if you like people or not. The nice thing about being a Tour Guide is that the people you take up are on vacation and are in a good mood. You are just helping them have a good time. Jeep Tours are good for people who like driving Jeeps in mountains, like the history of mountainous places and of course like talking to people." Still interested? "Then go shmooze a tour company."

Some may take a melancholy look at the future of Jeep Tours, but Clay is confident that they will continue for a while longer. "They will always have their niche, although there is no going back to anything like they were," Clay said. "They can only offer history and stories to people now. The next stage would probably be to create an App, while I sell books on my spiels that I give on tours. There are still a few roads that people cannot drive their SUVs on, and we still get people who think it's amazing that we can drive vehicles up those roads." For more information about Jeep Tours in the area, visit [AlpineParadise.com](http://AlpineParadise.com) or call 970-596-2158.



# MIRROR IMAGES...TELLURIDE JAZZ FESTIVAL-2013

Photos by Barton Glasser



Above, John Scofield performs with his 7berjam Band at the 37th annual Telluride Jazz Festival at Town Park in Telluride on Friday, Aug. 2.




Top right, Voodoo Orchestra performs at Telluride Town Park on Saturday, Aug. 3.



Right, Stooges Brass Band performs at Town Park on Sunday, Aug. 4

Below, Stanley Clarke performs at Telluride Town Park on Saturday, Aug. 3.






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# Free Energy Upgrades for Families in Need

### *San Miguel Power News Brief*

REGIONAL--In partnership with Housing Resources of Western Colorado, San Miguel Power (SMPA) is helping low income members receive free energy upgrades through the Low Income Weatherization program. Weatherization can help reduce energy use while improving the comfort of your home year around. The process often includes basic energy efficiency measures such as weather-stripping and caulking exterior doors and windows. The goal is to protect homes and their interiors from the outside elements, particularly, heat, cold, precipitation and wind. Weatherization improvements for low-income SMPA members **may** include: Insulation in Attics, Walls, & Perimeters ; Furnace Replacement; Furnace Safety Testing; Refrigerator Replacement; Sealing Air Leaks; Compact Fluorescent Light Bulb; Energy Audit; Storm Windows and Doors; Energy Conservation Information

"This program helps our members in need save money and energy and ultimately improves the comfort and quality of their home. I encourage any of our members who qualify for this program to apply,

because even the smallest improvement can have an impact on your energy bill," said SMPA General Manager, Kevin Ritter.

The Colorado Energy Office (CEO) has set the following guidelines to help residents determine their eligibility. If a resident currently receives financial assistance from any of the following programs they automatically qualify for weatherization services: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF); Aid to Needy and Disabled (AND); Old Age Pension (OAP); Supplemental Security Income (SSI); Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) Eligibility can also be determined by household incomes. *Please note: SMPA cannot determine eligibility. Please contact your local agency listed below and speak with a program representative.*

Funding is still available for low-income families in all seven of the counties within San Miguel Power Association's service territory. SMPA members who are qualified homeowners or renters can apply for free weatherization services by contacting their local weatherization agency (listed

below).

Montrose, Ouray, San Miguel & Hinsdale counties: Housing Resources of Western CO in Montrose (also MADA office), [\(970\) 249-4774](tel:9702494774); San Juan, Dolores counties: Housing Resources of Western CO in Durango, [\(970\) 259-1086 x11](tel:9702591086); Mesa County: Housing Resources of Western CO in Grand Junction, [\(970\)241-2871](tel:9702412871)

More information about the Low Income Weatherization Program can be found online at <http://www.smpa.com/EE/LowIncomeWeatherization.cfm>.

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.

## Paonia to Celebrate Food, Farms, Film and Wine Aug. 16-18

### *Special to the Mirror*

PAONIA--The Fifth Annual Food·Farm·Film·and Wine Festival will be held in Paonia August 16-18, and features timely food documentary films, tours of organic farms and wineries throughout the North Fork Valley and events to highlight the fresh, organic food being produced in the valley . Local chefs will pair with farms to create appetizer tastings on Friday before the film, a Farm-to-Table Dinner will be served on Saturday, and Sunday Brunch will be at a local farm.

This weekend event is sponsored by Slow Food Western Slope, First State Bank of Colorado, Avalanche Cheese and the Town of Paonia.

Proceeds of this event will go to **Western Slope Conservation Center** (<http://www.theconservationcenter.org/>) and **Citizens for a Healthy Community** (<http://www.citizensforahealthycommunity.org/>) to honor their advocacy efforts in helping to preserve and protect the North Fork Valley's local food system.

Tickets are available for daily events or the whole weekend. More information is available at <http://www.slowfoodwesternslope.org>. **Festival Schedule: Friday, August 16** 3 - 5 PM - Event Check-In at Delicious Orchards 5 PM – Chef-Farm Food Pairings "Valley Tastings" at the Paradise Theatre 6 PM - Film - *Bag It!* 7:30 PM - Dinner on your

own at local restaurants **Saturday, August 17** 9 AM - 12 PM - Event Check-In at Delicious Orchards 10 AM - 4PM - Morning and Afternoon Farm and Winery Tours 5 - 7 PM - Film - *Genetic Roulette* at the Paradise Theatre 7:30 - 9:30 PM - Dinner at Fresh & Wyld Farmhouse Inn **Sunday, August 18** 9 AM - Continental Breakfast at the Paradise Theatre 9:30 - 11 AM - Film - *Dirt* 11:30 AM - 1 PM - Brunch at Orchard Valley Farms with Music **Tickets:** can be purchased online at <http://2013flimflam.brownpapertickets.com/> 3-day ticket \$175; 2-day ticket (Friday & Saturday) or (Saturday & Sunday) \$150; Saturday only \$125; Friday or Sunday only \$35.



## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### CONSTRUCTION SET TO BEGIN AT JUNCTION AND EAST MAIN

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE--Beginning the week of August 5, the City of Montrose will begin construction of an important pedestrian improvement project at the Junction Avenue/East Main Street intersection. The project includes construction of ADA compliant bulb-outs at each corner, installation of an upgraded fire hydrant, pedestrian lighting, improved crosswalks, and

new pavement. The project goal is to increase safety for pedestrians crossing Main Street to access local businesses.

Construction is expected to last approximately four weeks. Access to Main Street from Junction Avenue will be blocked throughout construction and the outside driving lanes on Main Street will be narrowed to accommodate construction.

Motorists may be impacted by traffic

detours periodically throughout construction and should exercise caution as they travel through the project area. The coned-off area is necessary to increase safety for construction crews and expedite progress. Access to residences and businesses will be maintained throughout construction. Questions about the project should be directed to Scott Murphy, civil engineer, at 970-240-1498.

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS



### WELCOME HOME MONTROSE WEEKLY NEWS BRIEF

MONTROSE--Welcome Home Montrose and the Warrior Resource Center recently submitted a formal request to host the 2014 state convention for the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) next June. Our application was signed by the City of Montrose, Montrose County, our local VFW commander, and representatives from the City's Office of Business and Tourism. We will find out soon if we have been chosen!

**GRAND OPENING--**Two local veterans, Jesse and Heath McCombs, celebrated the grand opening of their business, Montrose Archery Xpress (237 North Fourth Street), with partner Zach Johnson on Saturday, Aug. 3. They offer Archery lessons for children and adults, shooting lanes, and supplies. Support

our veteran entrepreneurs!

Thank you SO much to Horsefly Brewing Company for catering and Brightleaf Power for sponsoring our spouses' luncheon on July 26. Thanks also to our luncheon volunteers, Deborah Ferris, Mysti Miller, Susan Zanol and Julio of Horsefly. The food was amazing and we saw a lot of new faces. What a great experience to have so many take time out of their busy day to come together!

We are also very excited to welcome George Delahanty from the Veterans' Center in Grand Junction to the Warrior Resource Center--George is making himself available to veterans and their families at the WRC every Monday and Thursday. His hours vary and the schedule is flexible, so please call 970-765-2210 to

schedule an appointment or learn more!

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

*Our corporate office is located in Timberline Bank (1561 Oxbow Dr.), and can be reached at 970-765-2210. **Welcome Home Montrose is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and runs entirely on donations of all kinds at the Resource Center and on the website, [www.WelcomeHomeMontrose.org](http://www.WelcomeHomeMontrose.org).***



*National Weather Service – presents*  
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**Hosted by Montrose County Emergency Management**

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For more information: [www.weather.gov/gjt](http://www.weather.gov/gjt)





## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### ElderAdo Financial Recognized By Financial Advisor Magazine



*Adam Miller, Certified Financial Planner.  
Courtesy photo.*

*Special to the Mirror*  
**MONTROSE**—ElderAdo Financial has been recognized by Financial Advisor magazine and selected for the "2013 RIA Ranking." This special recognition appeared in the July, 2013 issue of Financial Advisor

magazine. Recognizing both success and company growth, Financial Advisor magazine included ElderAdo Financial in their annual RIA Ranking for the second year.

ElderAdo Financial is the sole RIA firm on the Western Slope earning this designation and one of only 12 firms throughout Colorado.

ADAM MILLER, a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ at ElderAdo Financial, commented: "We are thrilled that our team has been recognized by Financial Advisor magazine for two years in a row. We are honored and thankful that our commitment to guiding our clients towards financial freedom is being noted. We view this as a shared achievement, as without the confidence of our clients in us, we could not achieve this recognition."

#### **About ElderAdo Financial**

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### ALPINE BANK CREATES SCHOLARSHIP FOR MONTROSE CMU STUDENTS

*Special to the Mirror*

**MONTROSE** – Alpine Bank is pleased to announce its creation of the Alpine Bank Scholarship for students attending the Montrose CMU campus. The scholarship is open to part time and full time students with a 2.5 GPA or above. "We strongly believe in giving back to others through the opportunity of education. Our customers who utilize their Education Loyalty Check Card do too. Each time an Education Loyalty Check Card is swiped, we donate 10 cents to education related projects in the Montrose community," states

Carolee Hawkins, Alpine Bank Community Relations Director. The scholarship is worth \$1,000 and is non-renewable. Alpine Bank plans to make the scholarship a yearly offering. "Community support and engagement is invaluable to students pursuing their education. Alpine Bank is helping create access for students who want to pursue their goals of attaining a degree; we are very grateful for their support of CMU Montrose students," says Joey Montoya Boese, Montrose CMU Director. Scholarship applications can be picked up at either Alpine Bank in Mont-

rose or at the Montrose CMU Campus. Application deadline is Friday, August 30, 2013. All applications must be returned to the office at the Montrose CMU Campus.

Alpine Bank is a \$2.4 billion dollar, employee-owned organization chartered in 1973 with headquarters in Glenwood Springs, Colorado. With 36 western and southwestern Colorado banking offices, Alpine Bank employs over 500 local people and serves more than 130,000 customers with retail, business, trust, asset management, mortgage, and electronic banking services.

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# COWBOY-COWGIRL PARTNERSHIP KEEPS HISTORY ALIVE

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*Tom Harrington at branding at the Crystal River Ranch earlier this year. Photo by Cody Bainbridge Griebel.*

"I call my hat business Quarter Circle Lazy H-Hats by Ginny," said Harrington, who inherited the brand from a cherished lifelong friend, Charlene Kinney. "This was one of their family brands and Charlene gave it to Tom and I on Christmas in December of 2005. She passed away that next spring. She loved hats as I do. In fact, she wore the same size hat as I, and I have several of her hats that were given to me and yes, I wear them."

Tom and Ginny also use the brand for their own cattle herd, Ginny noted.

Although Ginny has accomplished much in her professional life—A CSU graduate, she has served as head of the Ouray County Historical Society and Northern San Juan Alliance, and helped to establish the ranching history museum in Colona while living on the Double RL Ranch (where Tom served as ranch manager) in Ridgway a decade ago—today she spends her days in traditional ranching activities that keep those traditions alive. When Tom is not busy on the ranch he currently manages in



*Branding is done the traditional way by roping and dragging. Photo by Cody Bainbridge Griebel.*

the Roaring Fork Valley, he turns his skills to leatherwork, and to building his own saddles and other leather items under the name Harrington Saddlery.

"These are just things you do on a ranch, things we do and enjoy together," Harrington said. "These are things you might need. My mom and dad live on 40 acres, and they are very creative to this day—mom is a seamstress, and dad welds and also can work on any type of vehicle. Creativity was always part of my upbringing, and I always did 4H."

"I especially love Western history, and the industries like ranching, agriculture and mining that are inherent to Colorado," she said. "It's part of me."

The two small businesses came about after Tom and Ginny took a class together at the National Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Elko two years ago, she said.

"Tom has always done leatherwork, and he wanted to take a class," Ginny said. "I took a cowboy felt hat making class, and I kept in touch with the friend I met there. She helped me find the supplies I need, old hat blocks—wooden blocks that correspond as closely as they can to heads, and

you need all sizes. I finally have put together my tools. You need the right tools for stretching the hat."

"I am not going very fast right now, but that's not the point," she said. "The point is to do a great job, and to enjoy seeing people wear them. It's about making something from your own heart." Putting hands and heart to work are part of an overall partnership that has kept this ranching couple happy, and living the life they were both born to live.

"Communities were more tight-knit when my grandparents were young," Ginny said. "Tom and I feel that honoring those who went before is part of taking care of the land. We want to carry it forward. We want our grandchildren to know where their food comes from."

Although Ouray County, where Ginny's ancestors have lived for generations, will always be home, the Roaring Fork Valley has proven to be an excellent fit for the Harringtons, who now live at Crystal River Ranch.

"The owner of this ranch is wonderful," Ginny said. "She makes it about family. The whole family rides the ranch; wives



# COWBOY-COWGIRL PARTNERSHIP KEEPS HISTORY ALIVE

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*Ginny Harrington wearing one of her own felt hats. Photo by Cody Bainbridge Griebel.*

and kids have the opportunity to help out with moving cattle, checking on new calves, branding and just enjoying the ranch.”

Doing things in traditional ways is part of the Harrington family philosophy.

“We are trying to preserve history through living it,” Ginny said. “I love to read about history, but I also want to keep it alive. Sometimes the way we do things seems old-fashioned, but they were done that way for a reason. We like to do things for ourselves as we can.”

Tom has done leatherwork since age 12, building his own tack and other items, and shoes his own horses most of the time, she said.

“We rope and drag for branding, all horseback work, the traditional way of branding and working cattle,” Ginny said. “We ‘neighbor’ with other ranchers and neighbors and friends. Everyone helps each other out. It’s about preserving our heritage and honoring those who came before through the way you live each day. I sew and I can and I put up all kinds of things. Since people love my jalapeño pickles, I have traded them for all kinds of stuff. I did 72 quarts and 18 pints of the jalapeño dills last year and 36 jars of old fashioned sweets for Tom last year. Tom also loves salsa, so I put up 186 pints last year.



*Ginny Harrington and her horse, Twister, moving cattle to the mountain earlier this summer. Ginny is wearing chaps-“armitas” made for her by husband Tom last Christmas. Photo by Cody Bainbridge Griebel.*

“People here have told us, ‘you fit right in.’ We have been blessed to find such a great place to settle,” she said. “We want to pass on this heritage and traditional way of ranching to our granddaughter Tegwyn, who is two. We love that she and our daughter Crystal get to spend a good part of summer with us on the ranch. Tom can put Tegwyn on the front of his saddle, and take her with him when he goes to feed and irrigate.”

Both Tom and Ginny serve on numerous boards, both local and statewide. Tom serves on the board of the Carbondale Wild West Rodeo, which runs on Thursday evenings for 12 weeks each summer (Aug. 8 will be the tenth rodeo of the 2013 season). Ginny updates [the rodeo web site](#), continues to do historical presentations as time permits, and to record her memories of her family and her own life as a ranch wife. At the center of it all is a marriage that is as much a working partnership as the embodiment of a shared lifelong dream. Every year, Tom wears a hat built by Ginny to the Roaring Fork Ranch Roping Event (Sept. 7-8), which he helped to

start, and which draws enormous community support. Ginny wears chaps made for her by Tom as a Christmas gift. And together, they live a life that shows how much is possible, even today.

“Last week I put up green beans,” Ginny said. “I try to have a big garden, but this is high altitude, so if I can’t grow it I will buy or trade for it locally. I do end up spending time on my computer each day, but it is nice to do things that produce more tangible results—something you can look at, and hold.

“Just last night at the rodeo I made a deal with a local ranch wife to trade her more of my orange brandy syrup to use in her pancakes and muffins in exchange for a crunchy salad topping that she makes that is sooo yummy...”

“Tom would tell you I am way behind on the mending. I guess it will wait ‘til winter.”

To learn more about Ginny’s hats, call 970-318-0076; to learn more about Harrington Saddlery or the Roaring Fork Ranch Roping (Vaquero style, big loop roping) event, call 970-275-1165.



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**Small Talk Skills Mean Big Money--**

A study at the Stanford University School of Business tracked a group of MBAs 10 years after they graduated. The result? Grade point averages had no bearing on their success -- but their ability to converse with others did. WHAT!

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doesn't have to be inane, trite and airheaded. There are ways to interact without reciting the theory of relativity.

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### CASA of the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Returns to Original Name

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE--CASA of the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District (Court Appointed Special Advocates-CASA)—formerly “Voices for Children”—has come “home” again, officially returning to its original name, “CASA of the 7th Judicial District.”

Founded in 2000, CASA serves abused and neglected children in the six counties that comprise the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District: Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Montrose, Ouray, and San Miguel counties. CASA operates offices in Montrose, Gunnison, and Delta Counties.

“While ‘Voices for Children’ is a great tagline that reflects what we do, returning to our original name better reflects who we are and emphasizes our service to children throughout the District,” explained Development Director Stacey Ryan.

CASA provides highly trained and dedicated volunteer advocates for abused and

neglected children who have been removed from their homes and find themselves in the courts and child welfare systems through no fault of their own.

“We are accredited with the National CASA Association and are one of 16 member programs with CASA in Colorado,” explained Executive Director Karen Tuttle. “Our name now best reflects our connection to our national and state programs—and that we are a regional agency serving the entire 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District.”

CASA’s mission is to help to break the cycle of child abuse and neglect, and advocate for safe, permanent, nurturing homes for children, utilizing highly trained and dedicated volunteers. CASA’s vision is to provide a volunteer for every abused and neglected child. To move toward this goal, the child advocacy agency is in constant need of qualified and dedicated volunteers; training can begin at any time. “Being a

CASA advocate is the only way a private citizen can become an appointed member of the court,” explained Tuttle. “It’s a powerful way for citizens to make a profound difference in their communities,” added Ryan.

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

To learn more about CASA’s mission and child advocacy efforts, for information about becoming a CASA volunteer, or to donate or otherwise support the program, call CASA at (970) 249-0337, email [info@casa7jd.org](mailto:info@casa7jd.org), or visit [www.CASA7jd.org](http://www.CASA7jd.org). For information about National CASA, visit their website at [www.casaforchildren.org](http://www.casaforchildren.org).



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# ARTS AND CULTURE

## 29TH ANNUAL RIDGWAY ARTS AND CRAFTS AUG. 10-11



*The Ridgway Arts & Crafts Rendezvous is now in its 29th year. Courtesy photo.*

RIDGWAY--The beautiful town of Ridgway is known for spectacular scenery, railroads, ranching, recreation and of course: the Ridgway Arts and Crafts Rendezvous held every year in August for the past 28 years. In its 29th year, Weehawken Creative Arts will welcome over 130 artists and vendors on August 10th and 11th in the Town of Ridgway's historic park. All types of fine arts and original crafts will be represented at this show. Additionally, there will be a di-

verse assortment of food concessions offering everything from bar-b-que to Gyros. This year's event will also feature the delicious brews from 2Rascals Brewery in Montrose and will also feature signature drinks such as margaritas and bloody mary's as well as wine at the event.

This two-day event offers plenty for you to enjoy all day long throughout each day. On Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup>, the crowd will be encouraged to migrate north to 630 N. Cora Street, where a Street Dance will take place.

This event will feature the Rendezvous Vendor/Artist Awards Ceremony at 6:15 pm and then will roll into danceable live music by Bonewagon and dancing into the night (dancing and fun until 10:00 pm). Entry to the street dance will be \$8 for Adults / \$5 for kids 10 and under. Food will also be available, as will fun activities and plenty of drinks and snacks.

Both events are perfect for families to attend as well; having plenty of extra special things for families and kids to do at both. For example, the children will enjoy

riding the Ridgway Fire Department train, free balloons, face painting, a free arts and crafts booth, and several kids booths including sand art and more each day. This annual show is located at the junction of Highways 550 and 62 in Southwest Colorado, Gateway to the beautiful San Juan Mountains.

The show runs on Saturday from 9 am until 5 pm and on Sunday from 10 am until 5 pm. Admission is FREE, so make plans to bring your whole family and a car load of friends for a fun weekend in Ridgway Colorado! Saturday's Street Dance runs from 6 pm until 10 pm. For more information, contact Weehawken Creative Arts at [questions@weehawkenarts.org](mailto:questions@weehawkenarts.org) or call 970-318-0150. Or, contact the Ridgway Chamber of Commerce at 1-800-220-4959.

This event is sponsored by Weehawken Creative arts and is a fundraiser for the children's arts programming offered through Weehawken. (This event is sponsored by Weehawken Creative Arts, a 501 (c)3 non-profit organization - Tax ID: #75-3145854). Arts.

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## *Hold the Date! Upcoming Business and Cultural Events*

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**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.

**Aug. 6**—Talking Gourds Poetry Club to feature Montrose's own Peter Waldor. 6 p.m. at Arroyo (220 East Colorado Ave.) in Telluride.

**Aug 7**—Forum at Heidi's Brooklyn Deli (1521 Oxbow Dr.), 8 to 9 a.m. Coffee is \$1. State transportation advisory committee chair and chair of Gunnison Valley Transportation Planning Region head Vince Rogalski will talk about state roads in this si-county region.

**Aug. 8**—Connect for Health Colorado presentation, free to the public, 6 p.m. Bill Heddles Recreation Center in Delta. Call 970-874-8616 for information.

**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](tel:970-209-9796) for the Country Artists night or [www.ibarranch.com](http://www.ibarranch.com).

**Aug 8-11**—The [No Barriers Summit](http://www.nobarriersusa.org/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](http://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](http://manyhandsfiberartsfestival.dreamhosters.com) or email [fo@manyhandsfiberartsfestival.org](mailto:fo@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](tel:970-209-9796) for the Country Artists night or [www.ibarranch.com](http://www.ibarranch.com).

**Aug. 15**—Montrose County Emergency Services presents Storm Spotting Classes at the Montrose County Fairgrounds. 6-9 p.m. Free to the public.

**Aug. 15-16**—Fifth Annual Paonia Food, Farm, Film and Wine Festival. To learn more or get tickets visit [www.slowfoodwesternslope.org](http://www.slowfoodwesternslope.org).

**Aug. 17**—Moonshiner's Ball-A benefit for Habitat of Montrose, Habitat Event Barn Tickets \$35.

**Aug. 17**—Youth Appreciation Day—Free activities for kids all day in Montrose.

**Aug. 22**—Ouray County Courthouse celebrates its 125th birthday! 10 a.m. to noon.

**Aug. 23**—30th Annual Montrose County Democrat BBQ, Lions Park, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tickets at Coffee Trader. Call 970-209-8654 or 970-249-2369 for information.

**Aug. 24-25**—Western Colorado Botanical Gardens 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://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. 7-8**—[Fourth Annual Roaring Fork Ranch Roping Event](#), 10 A.M. Gus Darien Arena, Carbondale. Call 970-275-1165 for information.

**Sept. 7**—Montrose Musicians Festival, 11 a.m. Montrose Elks Club.

**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.

**Sept. 21**—Sharing Ministries Street Dance! The Stupid Band to headline, Rusty George to open. Proceeds to benefit Sharing Ministries...show up for a great time, with BBQ by Scotty Kenton and \$1 tacos by Ah Chihuahua! When the sun sets we will move indoors to Two Rascals, where Doug Kolz will perform an evening show. Show up and share! Call Vogy at 970-249-1321 to learn how you can help!

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

**Nov. 2**—Stupid Band Halloween Dance! Turn of the Century Saloon.





# MONTROSE CHAMBER RIBBON CUTTING



*The Montrose Chamber of Commerce, Montrose Communiiti Foundation and Redcoats joined Altrusans, friends and community members for a ribbon cutting at the new Altrusa Park Gym on July 18. Congratulations Montrose!. Image courtesy Cara Fandel for Howling Wolf Photography.*



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Above, Deanna Jakino of The Event Pro sells tickets at the Montrose Farmers Market for the upcoming [Moonshiners' Ball](#) benefit for Montrose Habitat Aug. 17. Courtesy photo.

At left, Lt. Eric Carlton manned the flag on the ninth hole of the Volunteers of America Homestead benefit golf tournament at the Black Canyon Golf Club July 27.

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