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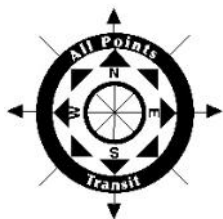
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## The "ACCOUNTABILITY" Issue!

### CONNECT FOR HEALTH OPENS MONTROSE OFFICE

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—The office is spare, just a corner of the Montrose Chamber of Commerce building at 1519 East Main. When Connect for Health Colorado goes live in October, however, the local office will serve as the Montrose "nerve center" of a transition that brings new options for health care to all Coloradans. Thanks to a 16-month grant obtained under the auspices of Volunteers of America, Connect for Health staffers Lynn Carretta and Alicia Plantz are already hard at work, preparing to assist local consumers with questions, guidance, and real information as the state and the nation prepare to implement a competitive market for health insurance.

"We start taking clients on Oct. 2," Carretta said. "We are really focused on getting people through the enrollment period, which runs from Oct. 1 through March 31 this year, and from Oct. 15 through Dec. 7 next year."

Colorado is well positioned to take advantage of

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*Lynn Carretta and Alicia Plantz are ready to help you navigate the new health care laws, at the new Connect for Health office at 1519 East Main.*

### MAIN STREET FUROR REMAINS "UNDEAD," MERCHANTS QUESTION CITY STRATEGIES, WORK WEEK



*The sight of volunteer "Zombies" lurching forth beneath the Montrose All America City banners on Aug. 24 is a memory that has some Downtown merchants calling for greater accountability from the City of Montrose OBT. "Give us our MAMA back," some say.*

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE--Once again, a lack of communication has left Downtown business owners and others crying foul about the City's newly-created Office of Business & Tourism, which has come under fire for closing Main Street for two days on behalf of a group of out-of-area filmmakers last month—and amidst the uproar, questions and concerns over city spending, the city's four-day work week, and the benefits derived from Main in Motion are also being raised by those in the local business community. Some longtime merchants are also questioning why an organization that they felt was accountable and which served them well, the Montrose Area Merchants Association (MAMA), was ever disbanded.

Though the controversial street closures that took place over the weekend of Aug. 23-24 on behalf of crews filming a zombie movie were supposedly planned in advance by the OBT, many Main Street businesses were caught off guard. The 35-year-old

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## MONTROSE SCIENTIST BELIEVES LATEST TESTS UNVEIL ONE OF WORLD'S LEADING SWEET CORN HYBRIDS



*Montrose Corn Scientist J. David MacKenzie. Mirror file photo.*



*The latest Mirai hybrid is larger, and scores top marks for flavor, tenderness and yield. Scientist MacKenzie believes it is one of the world's leading sweet corn hybrids.*

*By Caitlin Switzer*

MONTROSE—He has spent years standing in corn fields, testing ears for flavor, tenderness and yield. This year, Dave MacKenzie of Montrose may have finally struck “gold.” Though his popular Mirai sweet corn variety is already known around the globe as the world’s sweetest, it has mostly been available in seed form to home growers. This year, after establishing test plots in Colorado, Illinois, New York and Florida, MacKenzie believes he is ready to take things to the next level.

“The big news is we now have one of the leading hybrids in the industry,” he said. “We have always had the taste; now our

tests show that we have the yield as need to really blow the doors off. In Florida, we beat the leading industry hybrid—so we can now grow the Mirai taste in Florida. In the past, we have held back because of the yield factor.”

Here in Montrose, where local growers experimented with two-acre test plots this season, Mackenzie expects to expand to ten acres next summer. And locals who can’t get enough of the tender, sweet kernels still have two more weeks to stop by Bob Milton’s Mirai stand at the Beer Barn II location on East Main. MacKenzie, who first discovered the Mirai strain in Illinois, has been based in Montrose for a number

of years. He hopes that his latest product, a version of Mirai dubbed “No. 315,” will become something that locals recognize and take pride in as a Colorado success story. He has already moved his seed production operation to Colorado, though his sales staff remains in Illinois.

“No. 315 has been one of the mainstays at the Montrose stand this year,” MacKenzie said. “We should have enough corn to last through next weekend. Our latest hybrid has great appearance, great performance, strong yield, and great taste. It is getting picked up everywhere.

“I would really like to see this become a Colorado institution.”

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### TELSKI PARTNERS WITH UTAH'S SOLITUDE MOUNTAIN RESORT TO GIVE PASS HOLDERS A DEAL

#### *Special to the Mirror*

TELLURIDE- Telluride Ski Resort has some of the most spectacular terrain in Colorado for every ability of skier. Amazing views, great dining and a town with historical character and charm compliment a Telluride experience.

Solitude Mountain Resort boasts over 500 inches of snow annually covering 1200 acres of incredible terrain on 65 runs and three bowls, making it a Utah must for every ski enthusiast.

And let's not forget Honeycomb Canyon with its off-piste terrain similar to Telluride's.

These two unique resorts have come together to offer a great opportunity for full season pass holders at each mountain to get out and experience something new and

different this season. Telluride Ski Resort full season pass holders will now be able to experience three free days of skiing at Solitude Mountain Resort and the same for Solitude full season pass holders this 2013-14 ski season.

"This opportunity allows Telluride pass holders to check out what's happening in Utah and Utah skiers to experience the best Colorado has to offer," said Heidi Lauterbach, Sponsorship Manager for Telluride Ski Resort. "This partnership of two unique resorts brings the best of skiing together."

Telluride Season Pass holders will also get the added benefit of being able to get some early season and late season turns in as Solitude opens Nov. 14 and closes April 20.

Both resorts will have blackout dates for the exchange during the Holiday Season, Dec. 26 through 31, 2013. Telluride Season Pass holders will also receive the added benefits of 10% off all on-mountain food & beverage and 10% any resort lodging at Solitude.

"We are excited to offer our collective pass holders and loyal customers an opportunity to not only explore new and exciting terrain but to enjoy two of the most naturally beautiful areas in the country", said Dave DeSeelhorst, General Manager for Solitude Mountain Resort.

For more information about the season pass exchange and the purchasing of a Telluride Ski Resort full season pass please visit [www.tellurideskiresort.com](http://www.tellurideskiresort.com) or call the Pass Office at 970-728-7517.



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# EYE ON EDUCATION

## HISTORIC OAK GROVE SCHOOL FACES MODERN PARKING CHALLENGES

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—Call it a work in progress. Since the historic Oak Grove School was first established in 1886 (the original brick building that still stands today was built in 1901), the community it serves has grown and prospered...and taken to the road en masse in motorized vehicles.

“Oak Grove School...began as a one-room log cabin where children shared desks and drank from a common water bucket,” wrote Montrose Author and Historian Marilyn Cox, in her “Step Back in Time” column published in the Montrose Daily Press on Aug. 19, 1997. “Its name originated from the surrounding oak brush.” From the beginning, the school has been a center of community life.

“The walls echoed with laughter during picnics, box suppers, dances, and meetings of all kinds,” wrote Cox. “Mothers packed sandwiches made from home-baked bread in lunch pails or lard buckets. Most children walked or rode horses to school, some as far as five miles.”

Oak Grove’s first pupils faced challenges unheard of today, from itchy flour-sack underwear to outdoor plumbing. Today, however, there are new challenges—though Oak Grove still boasts one of Montrose County’s loveliest and most spacious parks, parking at the school, which sits at the corner of Oak Grove Road and 6200 Roads, is increasingly problematic. Though many students are transported by bus, few walk to school or arrive on horseback any longer, and parking spaces are in short supply during morning and afternoon pickup times.

The Montrose Mirror sat down with Oak Grove Principal Dana Burwell and Montrose County School District Re-1J Property Services Supervisor Jason Arebalos last week to learn what options are being considered to improve safety and access at Oak Grove. Though renovations to the school’s buildings were undertaken in 2006, including the addition of the current Kindergarten pickup lot, pickup times remain briefly chaotic.

“When we renovated Oak Grove, (former Principal) Dave Arellano wanted to separate the school busses from cars,” Arebalos

said, “so we created the lot for Kindergarten pickup. Now, Dana and I are looking carefully at what else we can do.”

Arebalos, who oversaw Re-1J’s successful \$23 million school facility upgrade ten years ago, made sure that the projects were completed on time and within budget. In turn, those upgrades helped to return the community’s investment with \$30 million in brick and mortar improvements. Now, parking and traffic flow at Montrose & Olathe campuses are among the Property Services Manager’s daily concerns.

Burwell, who noted that the staff parking lot at Oak Grove is always full these days thanks to an increase in staff, said that the safety of students and parents is her number one concern.

“We have been looking at this systematically,” she said. “Jason monitors our lots; in theory, we actually need one lot for student drop-off, and one for parking.”

Some ideas being considered for the school, which serves 380 students this year, include possibly joining the two lots in front of the school and making access one-way only. Any changes to the Oak Grove Road right-of-way must be coordinated with Montrose County, however, which in the past has extended the island in front of the school to prevent parking along the street.

“Farm vehicles could not get through,” Arebalos explained, and added that the lots are heavily impacted for only around ten minutes each day, and that afternoon pickup times are far more of a crush than morning drop-offs, which tend to be more staggered.

“We see these kinds of challenges district-wide,” he said, “things get crazy for just 15 minutes—but when you have a school that is landlocked, like Oak Grove, Pomona Elementary, or Montrose High School, it can be very challenging. We are trying to monitor traffic flow, and we supply crossing guards all around town. We are looking at things that will work over the long term, and we do ask everyone to be understanding—remember that it really is only for a few minutes.”

The fact that many Oak Grove students are bussed makes it easier, he said, as does



*The Oak Grove Parking lot on a typical afternoon. Parent Brent Carlile, foreground, said that he would like to see safety improvements in the congested lot after experiencing a close call on his motorcycle.*

the fact that student numbers are down this year.

“When you look at a modern school, they include long pickup loops that allow stacking,” he said. “With Oak Grove, we are looking at different options.”

Among the ideas being considered are staggered pickup times for different age groups, having a school resource officer present during morning or afternoon pickup times, possibly extending the kindergarten lot slightly, or merging the two front parking areas and making them one-way. Any changes must take into account the fact that the Oak Grove School remains a center of community life, Arebalos said.

“There is a social aspect,” he said, “and people like that.”

Upon arriving in Montrose a decade ago, the Los Angeles native said that he was somewhat surprised to see that a small town could have issues when it comes to traffic flow and parking. A thoughtful approach continues to be needed for long-term improvements, he said.

“I like to see the big picture,” he said. “Sometimes I will park across the street during school pickup times just to observe. Oak Grove is not alone; Cottonwood Elementary has 500 students, and 138 cars come through. At Pomona, no students are bussed in.

“Now that school is in session, we can see how things are operating, and see how things are nuanced,” he said. “And we can do something, for sure.”



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## CONNECT FOR HEALTH OPENS COLORADO OFFICE

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the new laws, thanks to the state's efforts to create its own plan beginning in 2006, when health care costs were spiraling out of control. As the national legislation known as "Obamacare" is implemented, Coloradoans can turn to Connect for Health Colorado to compare information regarding cost and quality; shop health plan features containing the same base benefits; determine eligibility for and access to new federal, income-based financial assistance; call, chat or sit down with trained representatives for help; and enroll in a health plan.

There are things that Connect for Health Colorado does not do—the non-profit organization is not part of Medicare or Medicaid, does not replace current markets or brokers; engage in negotiating rates between carriers and providers, is not a new government health care system or state regulatory agency or body, and does not pull money from Colorado's general fund.

"We really believe that this is a great opportunity for our community to become ensured," Carretta said.

"We know that some things will need fine-tuned, and we know that everybody is wanting access. We plan to figure this out with them, and as we start informing and educating people about the process, people will be more receptive and open."

There has already been strong public interest, Plantz noted.

"People really want to go on and see what plans are available," she said. "They have

been very receptive to new information, and they are asking a lot of questions. Fear comes from not understanding what we are, what we offer, and what we are NOT.

"We are here to help you see what options you have before you turn them down."

Among the goals of the program is to reach the "young invincibles," Carretta said.

"One of our primary target markets is working and non-working people under age 40," she said, "and we welcome the opportunity to speak to any group or organization. Individuals making between \$15 and \$45K will get a premium tax credit."

"There are plenty of ways we can help you—you can go to the web site, which will be up first-- <http://www.connectforhealthco.com/>-- or call 855-752-6749—there are hundreds of people manning the call center, ready to answer questions."

All health plans sold to businesses and individuals inside or outside of Colorado must provide 10 essential health benefits: preventive and wellness care/chronic disease management; ambulatory patient services; emergency services; hospitalization; maternity and newborn care; treatment for mental health and substance abuse; prescription drugs; rehab services and devices; laboratory services; and pediatric services including oral and vision care.

Local insurance brokers who have been

trained through Connect for Health will also be available to help through the Montrose office, Carretta said.

"The brokers will be certified," Plantz said, "and free to the public like all of our services—no matter how many times you call."

Small business owners with tax questions should plan to consult their broker or agent after Oct. 5, Carretta said.

"Brokers are anxious to help new and existing clients," she said, "and Colorado will pay the costs of your agent."

Both Carretta and Plantz commended the foresight of Volunteers of America for embracing the concept, and the community.

"VOA sponsored our grant," Plantz said. "Without them, it would not happen. Now we are here for you, if anybody just wants to come and talk, and if you would like us to come to your meeting we are more than happy to do so."

In the North Fork Valley, Maria Forster is the local contact, she added, and can be reached at 970-872-2233.

Forster will be located in the Creamery Building in Hotchkiss.

"What we really want people to know is that under the new health care plan, in the State of Colorado, you will have more than 200 plans to choose from," Carretta said. "Insurance companies will all provide the ten essential benefits, and they will be fighting for your dollar. Our state is a great place to be."



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# MONTROSE COUNTY NEWS AND INFORMATION

## VOTE BY MAIL WITH ALL OF YOUR FAVORITE OPTIONS

By Lura Kuchyt

Montrose County Elections Team

MONTROSE--As a result of House Bill 13-1303 Voter Access & Modernized Election (VAME) Act, all active registered voters in Montrose County will receive a ballot by mail delivery.

All voters will receive ballots in the mail to the mailing address on your voter registration approximately 18-22 days before the election.

Voters still have all their favorite options for voting! Voters can choose to mail-in their ballot; drop their ballot off at a drop-off location or a Voter Service & Polling Center (VSPC) or vote in-person, on paper or by machine, at a VSPC. The technology

that tracks when voters cast ballots in "real time" allows us to securely offer voters options to (1) mail-in ballots (2) drop-off ballots at a Voter Service & Polling Center or drop-off location (3) vote in-person days prior and on Election Day. Any voter needing assistance may visit a VSPC.

New information, dates, deadlines and VSPC site locations, related to each election, will be posted on our website prior to the election. The VSPC sites for the Nov 5, 2013, election will be the County Clerk's Election Office in Montrose. If you live in the West End, your VSPC will be open beginning on October 28, 2013.

The Montrose County Election Team is excited to offer all these options. No mat-

ter what your preference we are here to help you have a great voting experience. Ballots will arrive in the mail around October 21, 2013. For questions please call (970) 249-3362 extension three.

Also, do not forget to update or verify your voter registration. Please keep the address on your voter registration current because ballot packets are not forwardable by mail. To update or verify your voter registration, please visit the Montrose County Website at

[www.montrosecounty.net](http://www.montrosecounty.net) or [GoVoteColorado.com](http://GoVoteColorado.com). You can also update your registration by visiting the Election Office at 320 South 3rd Street in Montrose or 300 Main Street in Nucla.

## Local Students Invited to Participate in Montrose Youth Council

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--Montrose youth with a desire to get more involved in the community are being invited to join the City of Montrose Youth Council. The Council, initiated in 2011 as a means of encouraging greater youth participation in the city's government, is charged with actively advising City Council with thoughtful recommendations on issues concerning youth and assisting city staff in considering youth perspectives in their planning efforts. It also

provides youths with opportunities to give back to their community in the form of community service projects.

The Youth Council is composed of 11 high school students between the ages of 14 and 18 who represent a cross-section of youths attending school and/or residing within the city's boundaries. Members must have and maintain a grade point average of 3.0 or greater.

Members serve one-year terms and may reapply until they graduate from high

school.

Members are appointed by the City Council following a review of candidate applications and interviews. Interviews will take place at the regular City Council meeting on Tuesday, October 16. Applications are now available at [cityofmontrose.org](http://cityofmontrose.org), at City Hall (433 South First Street), or by calling 240-1420.

Deadline to apply is 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 3, 2013.





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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

# Bosom Buddies 21st Annual Walk-Run-Bike “One Step Closer to Help and Hope”

### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE--Montrose Memorial Hospital is proud to present the 21st Annual “One Step Closer to Help and Hope” 5K Walk and 5 & 10K Run, and 12-mile bike ride on Saturday, October 12th. The walk/run/bike begins at 9:00am with registration beginning at 8:00am at the Montrose Pavilion. The cost for the event is \$25.00 before the event and \$30.00 on the day of the event, which includes a long sleeve T-shirt. (If you do not pre-register, your T-shirt will be mailed to you after the event.) Registration forms are available at Montrose Memorial Hospital, City Markets, Safeway, Curves, KUBC, San Juan Cancer Center, Cascade Bicycles and online at [www.MontroseHospital.com](http://www.MontroseHospital.com) and [www.bosombuddiesswc.org](http://www.bosombuddiesswc.org).

The cycling event starts and finishes at the Pavilion in conjunction with the run/walk. It covers a gently rolling course suitable for recreational riders. A map of the course will be available the day of the event. Helmets required for the bike ride!

A Wine Tasting and Silent and Live Auction will also be held on Friday, October 4th at the Holiday Inn Express beginning at 5:30pm. A large variety of items will be available. \*(Please note that the events are two different weekends)\*

ALL money raised during these events stays in Western Colorado to help individuals who have been touched by breast cancer.

If you are unable to attend and would like to send a donation to this year’s annual fund raiser, please mail it to Bosom Buddies, P.O. Box 1263, Montrose, CO 81402. *Special to the Mirror*

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Above, “One Step Closer to Help and Hope” participants in 2012. Mirror file photo by Dave Bernier.

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## DAVE MASON TO PLAY GRAND JUNCTION OCT. 27

### *Special to the Mirror*

GRAND JUNCTION--Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Inductee, songwriter, and legendary guitarist Dave Mason has been making music since the age of 18 when he teamed up with fellow England native Steve Winwood to form the band Traffic. Since then he has penned dozens of hits, and has been

linked with numerous other members of rock and roll elite, including Eric Clapton, Stevie Wonder, Michael Jackson, Fleetwood Mac, The Rolling Stones, Graham Nash, Stephen Stills, Rita Coolidge, Leon Russell, Ron Wood and Mama Cass Elliot. Mason has been performing to sold-out audiences for years and has sold millions

of recordings worldwide. Join us in welcoming Dave Mason and his acoustic trio to the Moss Performing Arts Center Recital Hall on Oct. 27 at 7:30 pm. Tickets go on sale to the public this coming Saturday at 10am but you can reserve your seat now! Call 970-243-8497 for more information.

## A Seat at the DMEA Table—Women Encouraged to Continue Historic Role in Local Cooperative



**DMEA General Manager Dan MacLendon with former FORE Alliance Community Energy Coordinator Abbie Brewer in 2012. Women remain less visible than men at DMEA, but have played a historic role in energy and cooperative development. Mirror file photo.**

By Caitlin Switzer

REGIONAL--From the outside, it is an organization that appears almost overwhelming male. And yet, the heritage of rural electric cooperatives such as Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) is actually rooted in the need for power in the West, an effort driven largely by the demands of women. According to the National Association of Rural Electrical Cooperatives, nine out of ten rural homes were without electricity as recently as the 1930's. "The farmer milked his cows by hand in the dim light of a kerosene lantern. His wife was a slave to the wood range and washboard," notes the [NRECA website](#).

However, the passage of the Tennessee Valley Authority ACT in 1933 marked the beginning of change. By 1953, most US farms were supplied with electricity, and today 99 percent of the nation's farms have electrical service. Cooperatives total more than 900 systems in 47 states, and serve 75 percent of the U.S. land mass. They own more than 82 billion in generation, transmission and distribution assets. And here in Western Colorado, the Delta-Montrose Electric Association board remains a stronghold of power, with seats mainly

held by men.

It was not always that way. At this year's annual DMEA meeting in Hotchkiss, Delta resident Dorothy Dunfelder shared memories of her mother, Kate Tracy, who served on the DMEA board from 1939 until 1957. According to Hank Lohmeyer of the *Delta County Independent*, Dunfelder recalled that the first appliance the Maher ranching family acquired was a refrigerator.

"Life was so much simpler and easier on everyone," Dunfelder

told the crowd.

Nancy Hovde of Cedaredge, who is currently serving as chair of DMEA's nine-member board of directors, took time to share her thoughts as a private citizen on the role of women in an industry where power is now highly concentrated, and in which local board elections tend to become heated battles.

"Though there are female linemen, the physical demands of a significant portion of our workforce are such that the average woman is not interested," Hovde said, "and they tend not to do it."

Women are well represented in other aspects of DMEA's workforce, however, she noted, including engineering, staking, positioning and customer service.

DMEA works through the Colorado Workforce Center to hire all employees, in an effort to ensure fairness and compliance with Federal regulations.

When it comes to the board itself, Hovde said that qualifications are far more important than gender.

"We do not see many women step up the plate and actually run," she said.

"Ultimately, it boils down to the fact that you must be qualified; as an individual, I

believe it is incumbent on women who have that kind of interest to get out there and do it."

A diverse board is one of DMEA's major strengths, she said.

"We reflect our community," she said. DMEA General Manager Dan MacLendon noted that while few women apply for and hold jobs as linemen, their expertise and abilities are highly valued on the cooperative's staff.

"Of course women play an important role here," MacLendon said. "Over the years, we have tried to maintain a good balance not only in our expenditures throughout our service territory and the investments we make in these communities, but in our employees. Women certainly bring a dimension of compassion and understanding that is essential to our front desk customer service operations, and they have served us well in financial capacities and in upper level management.

"These are the folks who, in the 1930's, did everything by hand," he noted. "They knew that by bringing lights and power for things like washing machines that they could relieve the burden, and improve their families' lives. Today, we try to encourage women to move into the areas where they have not traditionally been."

Virginia Allen of Delta, who as administrative service manager oversaw DMEA's affirmative action efforts during her 29-year tenure with the cooperative, said that rural women were among those largely responsible for bringing electrical power to the region in the early days. The cooperative's very first board in the 1930's included two women, one of whom was Kate Tracy.

"Right now, DMEA does look very male," Allen said. "Overall, employee numbers are down in general. But there have been quite a few women in management over the years, and both managers that I worked under were very encouraging of female employees. We always did everything we could to reach both men and women.

"I think it is actually hard on the board, because so few women run."





## TIPTON ADDRESSES COMMUNITY AT DELTA TOWN HALL MEETING



*Above, Congressman Scott Tipton spoke to constituents in Delta on Sept. 5. At left, Olathe Corn Farmer John Harold listens to the discussion, which included a focus on the need for real immigration reform in the U.S. "We either import the labor or import the produce," one local told Tipton, who emphasized that the topic has been ignored for far too long. Photos by Clay Greathouse.*

*By Liesl Greathouse*

DELTA--U.S. Congressman Scott Tipton held a Town Hall meeting in Delta on Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>. Locals were invited to come in order to have an opportunity to ask questions and get an update on what the Congressman has been working on. The room was filled to standing-room only with County Commissioners, other officials, and locals from Montrose, Delta and Grand Junction.

A common theme that Tipton spoke on was empowering the states and getting control back into the hands of locals. "Not all good ideas come from Washington," He said, bringing laughs to the room. "One idea out of Washington D.C. may not really make sense in Colorado or other Western states," He added.

The issue that has recently been uniting Americans is the issue of Syria, and Tipton was quick to address it. "I see no interests of the United States being threatened by Syria," He said. "My vote is no." That brought a round of applause from the audience.

Concerns over Obama Care (Affordable Care Act) were raised and Tipton talked

about the impact that it is already having on small businesses. "Small business owners do not know what it will cost, or the rules of it, which change daily," He said. "What did everyone originally agree on? That insurance was too high and that people wanted access to affordable care. But did we achieve that? No." Tipton is working on a piece of legislature to replace the ACA, effectively defunding it and putting in something that he believes will work better. He encouraged people to look at his bill and give feedback on it.

Immigration was brought up multiple times, from talking about the 4.4 million people waiting to enter the nation legally to the need for workers in the agricultural industry. "We either import the labor or import the produce," as one local put it.

One tool that Tipton is supporting is the Red Card, a system for temporary immigration involving a smart card that could verify biometric and demographic information, that he believes would be good for employers. "It is not perfect, but it is a starting point," He said. Tipton believes that there needs to be a thoughtful solution

to the immigration issue and not just a temporary fix. "We need to fix it, so we can finally put this issue behind us," He said. "There are a lot of uncomfortable scenarios to deal with and we have to go through this in a thoughtful and compassionate way."

One woman asked when we would see a solution to the immigration issue on a piece of paper rather than just talked about.

"As a nation we have ignored [immigration] far too long," Tipton said. "But there are steps that we have to go through." He compared immigration reform to building a house: "First you have to buy land, then build the foundation, the walls, etc., and as you are going through the process, when someone suggests a good idea, you then apply it to make it better." Tipton emphasized that it is time to actually fix immigration reform for good, not just create a quick fix.

Tipton encouraged that if people are frustrated that they contact the Senate and encourage them to work with the House on a multitude of issues, including immigration. He said, "It is time that we roll up sleeves and for Congress to do its job."

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## FRIENDS OF LIBRARY TO HOLD USED BOOK SALE SEPT. 19-21



*Great bargains, and great finds await you at the Annual Friends of the Montrose Library Used Book Sale. Courtesy photo.*

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE--It's not as easy as it looks—volunteers spend hours pouring over books in a back room, elbow to elbow in a small space. The Friends of the Montrose Library used book sale has been going on for so many years, even organizers have a hard time recalling just how long.

However, despite its age, the event has remained flexible and light on its feet,

keeping pace with the ever changing world of literature.

"We have tried over time to improve the quality of the books we put on sale," organizer and Friends of the Montrose Library President Dora Cornman said. "Now, we have a crew who researches donations and assesses values.

"It really is a tremendous amount of work—we have people who bring us 20 to

25 boxes of books at a time."

Fortunately, all that work benefits you! Once the library chooses the books it will put on its shelves for the public, they will throw the doors open to shoppers, beginning with the Friends of the Library at 7 a.m. on Sept. 18, and to the general public at noon on Sept. 19.

The sale runs through Sept. 21.

This year's sale once again includes a special section for readers seeking a little "more."

"These books are not necessarily valuable, but interesting," Cornman said.

"It segregates books for those looking for something a little newer, perhaps enhanced. This section has been very well received."

The idea is to put more books on shelves, and keep them out of the landfill, she said. And though the long hours of hard work are done behind the scenes, there can be rewards.

"Sometimes, buried in all of those boxes, we find something valuable," Cornman said. "It takes lots of man power and there's not much space. We work closely together, but we all get along well and do the best we can!"

"Yes, we know the Library is closed on Saturdays," Volunteer Dennis Olmstead said. "The book sale is in the Library Meeting Room, and will be open with lots of excellent used books!"

To learn more, call the Friends of the Montrose Library at 970-249-1835.

## MONTROSE COMMUNITY BAND TO PLAY SHOW

MONTROSE--The Montrose Community Band will hold a free concert on Sunday, Sept. 29, 2013 at 3 p.m. at the Montrose Pavilion. The concert entitled "A Century of Music" will take you on a musical journey through time with songs featuring Glenn Miller, Elvis, The Rolling Stones, movie medleys from Saturday Night Fever, Pirates of the Caribbean, The Wizard of Oz, Dixieland, rag and more! For more information visit <http://www.montroseband.com/> or call Tina at 970-596-1188.

### TO OUR READERS...

Thank you for taking time to read the Montrose Mirror! In the past I have printed a few paper copies of each issue, but as the publication has grown it has become increasingly costly. While I will still print issues that are 32 pages or under, the larger issues will instead be sent to Columbine Copy Center as a pdf file so that anyone who would like a print copy can call and order one for the cost of making the copies. Columbine's phone number is 970-249-4418, and their email address is [orders@columbinecopycenter.com](mailto:orders@columbinecopycenter.com).

Have a wonderful Autumn, and we hope to see you at the Sharing Ministries Street Dance on Sept. 21!

Caitlin Switzer

Editor and Publisher



## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### GO AHEAD, GET FRESH AT MONTROSE FRESH FEST!

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE—Go ahead, get fresh! Montrose is the place to be the first weekend of October, as four outstanding events come together for the first annual Montrose Fresh Fest: the PAX Celebration of Art and Culture, the Farmer's Market Farm Fresh Breakfast, the Black Canyon Sprint Triathlon and the Montrose Oktoberfest. "Fresh Fest is a new take on a harvest festival, one that is unique to Montrose," explains Yesenia Duncan, Chairperson of the Montrose Downtown Events and Promotions Committee. "All of the events have elements that tie into the 'fresh' theme, whether it's original local art, organically grown food, craft beer or an exhilarating race through town." The weekend kicks off with the Public Art eXperience (PAX) Celebration of Art and Culture on the evening of Friday, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> in Downtown Montrose. Event attendees will stroll downtown, admire new public art exhibits and stop into businesses to enjoy culinary delights, taste local wine and beer and get great discounts from merchants. Proceeds from ticket sales will support PAX's efforts to purchase perma-

nent public art for the City of Montrose. Saturday is packed with excitement. Those participating in the Black Canyon Sprint Triathlon will get started with the race at 8:30am, beginning with a 500 yard (10 laps) swim at the Montrose Aquatic Center, followed by a 24K (14.6 mile) bike course winding through the west side of town, and wrapping up with a 5K (3.1 mi) run, finishing back at the Aquatic Center. For those seeking a more relaxing way to spend Saturday morning, the Montrose Farmer's Market and Valley Food Partnership will present a farm to table breakfast near the Farmer's Market Plaza at South 1<sup>st</sup> and Uncompahgre.

The Fresh Harvest breakfast will be prepared by Chef Janice Wheeler of Pine Cone Catering from all locally grown organic foods. "There will be a pastry station, an omelet bar, organic juice and even cider pressing," said Abbie Brewer of the Montrose Farmer's Market. "This is a chance for the community to come together around the breakfast table and support local producers, while enjoying a unique and delicious meal!"

Across the way at Centennial Plaza, Ok-

toberfest will begin at 1 pm. This is the 8<sup>th</sup> year for Montrose Oktoberfest, presented by The Black Canyon Homebrewers' Association (BCHA). The event features live music, traditional Oktoberfest fare from local restaurants, artisan booths and beer tasting from craft breweries throughout the Western Slope and beyond. This year, the BCHA is expecting over 20 different breweries to participate. Proceeds from the event benefit All Points Transit. The weekend will wind down with an Oktoberfest After Party at RnR Sports Bar, complete with music from Grand Junction's Zolopht and the Destroyers, who will also be playing Oktoberfest earlier in the day.

"All of the events are strong on their own, but now they are coming together as a package that will bring out of town visitors to Montrose for the weekend," said Duncan.

"Hotels are offering discounts to entice overnight stays. We can't wait to see what the results will be from this collaboration." Discounted tickets, weekend packages and lodging information are available online at [www.montrosefreshfest.com](http://www.montrosefreshfest.com).

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### MONTROSE REC FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER PLANNED

#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE--The Montrose Recreation Foundation (MRF) is hosting a Tap Night at Horsefly Brewing Company on Tuesday, Sept. 17th starting at 6 pm. Horsefly Brewery will donate \$1 for each beverage purchased, and a Silent Auction is planned. The group hopes to raise \$3,000 to contribute to the Montrose Water Sports Park, River Trail and Field Renovation Project. Any amount collected above \$3,000 will go towards the swim lesson scholarship fund to promote water safety and education for families in need.

The river project was awarded a \$259,384 grant from Great Outdoors Colorado, and is a collaboration between the Montrose Recreation District, the City of Montrose, Montrose County, the Colorado Department of Local Affairs, the Montrose Recreation Foundation, LiveWell Montrose-Olathe, Friends of the River Uncompahgre, Welcome Home Montrose and the Montrose Community Foundation. The Montrose Recreation Foundation pledged to raise \$3,000 from the community as a part of the grant application. "We were proud to be a partner in helping the Water Sports Park become a reality for our community. The project will provide upgrades

to Baldridge Park, as well as creating a Water Sports Park that will benefit the community as users and as a magnet for tourism," said Lori Sharp, Montrose Recreation Foundation Board President.

Project improvements include the Montrose Water Sports Park, a whitewater park on the Uncompahgre River through Baldridge Park that will support kayaking, tubing, swimming and spectating.

Also, nearly 2,000 feet of concrete trail, 1,900 feet of soft-surface trail and signage will be installed along the river. Montrose citizens chose a whitewater park and river trails as their highest priority projects during the Uncompahgre Riverway Master Plan process. Two additional citizen surveys showed widespread support for the other project components that includes a sensory playground, fitness stations, picnic tables and baseball/softball field upgrades at the Ute/McNeil Fields.

These improvements will enhance safety for baseball/softball participants and provide new amenities for other park users.

The project is scheduled to be completed by the spring of 2015.

For more information on the project, visit <http://montroserec.com/index.aspx?nid=71>, near the bottom of the page.

The Montrose Recreation Foundation was formed by community members who have a vision of helping Montrose become a leading community in Colorado for recreational opportunities.

The primary goals of the organization are to significantly increase the youth scholarship fund to allow more kids to participate in organized physical activities and to raise funds for the expansion of recreational opportunities in Montrose, such as the river project.

The Foundation works closely with the Montrose Recreation District (MRD) Board of Directors to accomplish its goals.

The organization is filing for non-profit status, and is a component fund of the Montrose Community Foundation.

MRF Board of Directors include: President Lori Sharp, Vice-President Mindy Miller, Treasurer Suzi King, Secretary Sara Lokey, Ellen Angeles, Mike Brown, Wayne Quade, Valerie Harper, Rob Omer, Jayne Bilberry, Jim Plumhoff and Judy Lokey.

For more information on the organization, the events or to get involved, visit [www.MontroseRecFoundation.org](http://www.MontroseRecFoundation.org).

To donate, please call the Montrose Community Foundation at 970-249-3900.

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### MONTROSE COUNTY GARDENING CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER!



## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### FOREST SERVICE CELEBRATES CAMPGROUND, TRAIL RIBBON CUTTING



*Left to Right are Ralph Files, Jon Waschbusch, Walt Blackburn, Kris Ann Wist, David White, Ryan Crabb and Tammy Randall-Parker.*

#### *Special to the Mirror*

**MONTROSE** – The Uncompahgre Plateau was busy the afternoon of Sept. 31, with about 100 people attending festivities for the Forest Service’s Ribbon Cutting Ceremony celebrating the completion of the new Columbine Campground and the Parallel Trail. The Public Lands Partnership (PLP) hosted the celebration and provided hotdogs, drinks and dessert to the attendees. These new features provide enhanced recreation opportunities on the Uncompahgre Plateau.

The Thunder Mountain Wheelers ATV Club (TMW) spent the weekend at the Campground and hosted a ride on the newly constructed Parallel Trail. TMW’s Public liaison, Walt Blackburn, was a part of the ceremony and was recognized for his efforts to secure funding and build support for the completion of the projects. Several other clubs were also recognized for their support including the Public Access Preservation Association (PAPA), West-

ern Slope 4-Wheelers, the Uncompahgre Trail Riders and Colorado Plateau Mountain Bike Trail Association (COPMOBA). According to Ouray District Ranger Tammy Randall-Parker, “This is a clear example of how the State’s OHV registration fees go back into providing opportunities for the users.”

She went on to state that, “The construction of the parallel trail would not have been possible if not for the financial support of the State Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Funding.”

Ryan Crabb, Trail Coordinator for Colorado Parks and Wildlife also participated in the ceremony. Crabb complimented the clubs and Forest Service for their good working relationships and for creating new opportunities for motorized recreationists.

Ralph Files, PLP, echoed the comment saying, “We want to thank the Forest Service, for listening and being proactive with the community’s ideas and suggestions for managing public lands.”

David White, Montrose County Commissioner stated, “The local economy is dependent on tourism and the recreation opportunities in this area. These improvements will benefit the surrounding communities greatly.” Ouray Ranger District, trail coordinator Krisann Wist was thanked by dozens of trail riders after enjoying the day riding the new Parallel Trail. “Kris has created a one of kind experience, she is a really hard worker and we very much appreciate all the hard work that she dedicates to the motorized trails on the GMUG” stated Kim Kokesh with Thunder Mountain Wheelers.

Dignitaries were lined up and each was handed the yellow ribbon to hold. District Ranger Randall-Parker addressed the crowd of visitors as the ribbon was cut to officially open the new facilities saying, “Thank-you everyone for your help in making this happen. Enjoy the new campground and trail and enjoy this beautiful Labor Day weekend.”

## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### GET READY, GET SET, GET STUPID AT THE STREET DANCE!

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## HONORABLE MENTION

To Nancy Turley and Crystal Moore of the former Studio 1011, for opening their new salon in LOMO (as part of the Shear Beauté empire) this week and making Montrose more beautiful!

To the Stupid Band, for so many years of great dance parties. Don't miss the Sharing Ministries Street Dance Sept. 21!

To Brad Switzer, for organizing, raising funds for, and then RIDING the whole Partners Challenge...in a drenching mountain rain...at age 60...and three days later, arguing a case in front of the Colorado Court of Appeals. So hot!

To the great Bill Wilson, for hosting Art on Trout Road again this year, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on November 23 and 24—just in time for the holidays!



## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### MMH'S DEAN MCCALL RECOGNIZED



**McCall.**  
*Courtesy photo.*

**MONTROSE** – Montrose Memorial Hospital Program Director Dean McCall, PT, MBA, FACHE, recently became a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives, the nation's foremost professional society for health care leaders.

The American College of Healthcare Executives is an international professional society of more than 30,000 healthcare executives who lead hospitals, healthcare systems and other healthcare organizations.

Fellow status represents achievement of the highest standard of professional development.

In fact, only 8,500 healthcare executives hold this distinction. To obtain Fellow status, candidates must fulfill multiple requirements, including passing a comprehensive examination, meeting academic

and experiential criteria, earning continuing education credits and demonstrating professional/community involvement. Fellows are also committed to ongoing professional development and undergo recertification every three years.

"Because healthcare management ultimately affects the people in our communities, it is critically important to have a standard of excellence promoted by a professional organization," says Thomas C. Dolan, PhD, FACHE, CAE, past president and chief executive officer of ACHE.

"By becoming an ACHE Fellow and simultaneously earning board certification from ACHE, healthcare leaders can show that they are committed to providing high-quality service to their patients and community."

Mr. McCall has been the Program Director of the Acute Rehabilitation Unit and Joint Replacement Center at Montrose Memorial Hospital since 2006. Mr. McCall is a Bighorn Fellow through Colorado State University's Public Policy and Leadership program.

He is completing his Doctorate in Business Administration and currently holds a Master of Business Administration (MBA) in Health Care Management from Columbia Southern University, and a Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapy from the University of Oklahoma.

"It is an honor and privilege to become a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives," Mr. McCall commented.

"The mission of Montrose Memorial Hospital is to provide healthcare services to our communities with excellent service, compassion, and fiscal responsibility, while integrating a leadership style that instills innovation and creativity.

"I believe, our communities deserve this level of performance and the team at Montrose Memorial Hospital is committed to delivering this standard of excellence. I am proud to be recognized by ACHE for achieving this level of professional development and having the opportunity to use these skills in serving our communities through Montrose Memorial Hospital."

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## OUT AND ABOUT IN MONTROSE!



*Above, a child laughs with delight as he prepares for a pony ride around the Montrose Farmers Market Garlic Festival Sept. 7.*



*Above, kids get some exercise on the new equipment at Altrusa Park, including Eryk Christiansen on the balancing cans.*

*Below, Social Behavior performs during the Montrose Musicians Festival on the lawn at the Elks Lodge Sept. 7. Photo by Bradley Switzer.*

*Above and below, scenes from the 2013 Montrose Garlic Festival, a feast for all of the senses..*





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## OPINION/EDITORIAL

### PEOPLE SALVAGERS IN ACTION—COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Dear Editor:

With all of the gloom and depression in the news these days, it is easy to write off segments of our population, even here in "Paradise". That is often what we do subconsciously with those who have broken the law. Let the courts, law enforcement and jailers deal with them! Many times, however, these "write-offs" are otherwise

good people who, due to addictions or mental and emotional disturbances, have simply made bad choices. For those people, there is hope, in the form of Community Corrections, with its new home at the Montrose Justice complex. The program is highly successful and spectacularly beneficial to not only its clients but more importantly, to the community at large, our

home. With a wide spectrum of services, those clients who qualify receive treatment, guidance and encouragement to return to useful and productive lives. For more information, go to <http://dcj.state.co.us/occ/about.htm>

John W. Nelson  
Montrose

### HOSPITALITY SUMMIT DESIGNED TO BUILD SUCCESS



Terri Leben and Sue Hansen of the Western Business Alliance. Courtesy photo.

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE--There is a restaurant in Montrose that doesn't look like much from the outside. If you prefer upscale cuisine, you probably won't ever stop here—they do just one thing, though they do it very well. And yet I find myself returning again and again, despite the simplicity of the menu. Why? The food is delicious, but it's

really because the owner of the business makes me feel, just by stepping through the door, that I have brightened his day. He always remembers me and acts thrilled that I have returned, and rushes to open the door for me when I leave. And while I would love to credit this to my own personal magnetism, others tell me he treats them just as well—every single customer. You never spend much here, and yet you leave feeling like a million bucks. And you come back again.

So what is the secret? Every industry has its specific challenges, but the goal is always to keep your customers happy and to keep them coming back—and for the hospitality industry, it's a matter of life or death.

The [Western Business Alliance](#) was created to strengthen the Western Slope business community, and once again they are offering an unprecedented opportunity for professional growth at the Western Colorado Hospitality Summit at the Montrose

Pavilion Events Center Oct. 24-25.

Take advantage of the chance to learn from some of the industry's best, and pack your professional toolbox with state-of-the-art skills at seminars and interactive classes featuring diverse topics like social media, branding and customer service, as well as a Certified Guest Service Professional course. Interact with business owners, managers and staffers in the restaurant, hotel, transportation, travel and tourism industries, and take your own career to the next level of success.

"Whether your season is summer, winter or all year long, whether you are a front desk attendant, a server or a hair stylist, you will come away with actionable ideas and inspirations to do your job better and grow your business," WBA Co-Director Sue Hansen said.

Visit <http://westerncoloradohospitality.com/> for more information! Save \$30 on your ticket before Sept. 30, group discounts available!

### STATE TO OFFER HISTORICAL ARCHEOLOGY CLASS

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE--Historical Archaeology, a twenty-hour class presented by Assistant State Archaeologist, Kevin Black, will be held in Montrose Sept. 20-23. The class is

part of the Program for Avocational Archaeological Certification (PAAC) and covers the importance of historical archaeology, types of sites, sources of historical information, key historic artifacts, Color-

ado history vs. archaeology. The cost is \$12; contact Connee Moffatt to register at 970-243-8066 or [jcmoffatt\\_5@msn.com](mailto:jcmoffatt_5@msn.com). Also check out <http://www.coloradohistory-oahp.org>.

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### MMH ACHIEVES HIGHEST ACCREDITATION FOR CME PROGRAM

*Special to the Mirror*

**MONTROSE**--The Colorado Medical Society Committee on Professional Education and Accreditation awarded its highest accreditation level to the Continuing Medical Education (CME) program at Montrose Memorial Hospital. This honor, "Accreditation with Commendation," is awarded to CME programs that adhere to all 22 CME criteria of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education. To receive commendation, MMH had to demonstrate that they use CME as a tool to improve quality performance and health outcomes, and that they collaborate with internal and external stakeholders to further improve quality. Montrose Memorial Hospital's CME program was first accredited in 1978 and holds the distinction of being the first program accredited in the State of Colorado. Over 100 hours of instruction are offered each year and include formal lectures from a variety of medical specialists, case presentation conferences and videoconferencing with other institutions.

Dr. Mike Benziger and Dr. Mike Brezinsky oversee the development of CME programs along with Julie Disher and Nancy Abel, with input from the hospital's Continuing Medical Education Committee



*Dr. Mike Benziger and Dr. Mike Brezinsky oversee the development of CME programs along with Julie Disher and Nancy Abel. Courtesy photo.*

and the Fall Clinics Committee. MMH is one of only a few hospitals in the state of Colorado that requires a physician to complete CME as part of their medical staff

membership.

"We congratulate the medical staff on their standards and achievements of excellence" said Dave Hample, CEO.

### CITY'S OBT SEEKS VOLUNTEERS FOR VISITOR CENTER

*Special to the Mirror*

**MONTROSE** - The Montrose Office of Business and Tourism (OBT) is pleased to announce the development of the Champion Volunteer Program in support of the Downtown Montrose Visitor Center at 107 South Cascade Avenue. The office is open to the public Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., with plans to extend days of operation to include Friday and Saturday by November. In order to do this however, we do request the assistance of knowledgeable regional volunteers. While volunteers provide valuable guest services, other tasks may include business communication, itinerary development, event assistance, display development, etc. Volunteer assignments will depend on your ex-

pressed interest and expertise. How do you know if you would be a good fit for the OBT? Just ask yourself these questions: Are you familiar with the natural resources of the area? Do you know where to find that perfect gift? Have you enjoyed a majority of the restaurants in town? Do you enjoy hiking, biking or any other recreation in the region? Are you enthusiastic about Montrose and the surrounding area and are you passionate about sharing your zeal? If you answered yes to any of the questions above then the Montrose OBT would like to invite you to attend an informational session to become a member of our champion volunteer group. The OBT will host these two-hour meetings on Wednesday, Sept. 25 at 6 p.m. and Satur-

day, Sept. 28 at 11 a.m. To RSVP, please call Jennifer at 240-1435 or email the OBT at

[jloshaw@ci.montrose.co.us](mailto:jloshaw@ci.montrose.co.us). Refreshments will be served. Letters of interest may be submitted via-email or in person at the historic Elks Civic Building (107 S. Cascade) between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. or at one of the informational sessions. The OBT will offer educational opportunities, local tours and more to keep you engaged and enhance the learning environment. Volunteer hours completed earn you a slot in our volunteer champion "Familiarization" rewards program. Rewards may include lodging, retail, dining, or activity vouchers within Montrose and the Southwest Travel Region of Colorado.

# MAIN STREET FUROR REMAINS UNDEAD from page 1



*A police officer stops a skateboarder at Main in Motion last month. Some Downtown business owners feel that the longtime Thursday evening street fairs are not bringing in commerce, but a circus atmosphere—and lots of trash to be picked up on Fridays. Mirror file photo.*

Montrose Farmers Market, which has its own space at South First and Uncompahgre, was able to convince the film crews that they had the right to remain Downtown, however, customers of some Main Street businesses did not fare as well.

"We spent four hours watching the film crews ride up and down Main Street on their ATV's, chasing our customers away," said Dahlia Floral (431 East Main St.) owner Rachel Schmucker.

Among those who offered constructive criticism afterwards were Barbara McDonald of Adams Vacuum and Montrose Sewing Center (509 East Main) and Ernie Tolvo of Computer Business Solutions (523 East Main). Though McDonald's concerns over lost business made the front page of the Montrose Daily Press, nobody from the City has called her to apologize or ask for advice on ways to better serve Downtown merchants, she said.

"It benefitted them," she said, "and everybody Downtown just kind of said, 'oh well.' But I don't think it is right—Bob Brown (of the Downtown development Authority) is the only one who stopped by to apologize."

Ernie Tolvo, who took the time to appear before Montrose City Council to register his concerns, said that his customers were unable to park in front of his store on the busiest day of the work week.

"Fridays are huge for me," Tolvo said. "We do about thirty percent of our intake on Fridays, and the people who bring their computers in for us to work on are often older—they need to be able to park in front of our store."

Fridays are already problematic in the summer because of Main in Motion, which Tolvo believes has run its course.

"The City is not doing enough for the people of the City," Tolvo said. "We still have streets right in the middle of town that are not paved! And I don't think Main in Motion is doing what it was expected to do. It was supposed to enhance retail Downtown; but all of these outside vendors come in, set up shop up and down the street, and I spend Friday mornings picking up all of the trash and scraping gum off the sidewalks. I feel that Main in Motion should be restricted to Downtown businesses."

"I think there is a lot to be addressed, and now is the time to do it," he said. "Main in Motion is not going on, and nobody is shutting down Main Street. Downtown business is tough enough."

Tolvo said he also does not believe a four-day work week is appropriate for a municipality the size of Montrose, where citizens often prefer to access city offices and services on Fridays.

"If they want to run the City like a corporation, you still have to cover business," he said. "We should have access to city

services throughout the work week—any time that businesses are open. When I was MIS Manager at Motorola, I had 250 programmers working for me. We had four-day work weeks, but we staggered them so the work got done. I was there all the time of course, but it was a good deal for the programmers—they were not responsible for making any decisions."

Tolvo said he finds the Downtown Development Authority (DDA)'s 3 p.m. meeting times difficult, but plans to attend those meetings in future in hopes of making changes.

"I just want the City and the DDA to truly think about Downtown," he said. "When we had MAMA (the former Montrose Area Merchants Association), Juli Messenger would meet with us at 7 a.m.—she was wonderful. Meetings in the morning or evening are far better for working business owners."

Tolvo said he also misses the emphasis on local spending that MAMA strongly encouraged.

"Things purchased locally might cost a little more, but the multiplier effect means that the money re-circulates here eight times," he said. "If you spend money in Denver, it stays over there."

Brian Badini of Pollux (433 East Main St.) was even more direct.

"Main in Motion was beautiful when MAMA was in charge," he said. "Now it is a complete mess; with the streets closed, it is a circus atmosphere, which I don't want coming in my store—we see too much theft. And the Zombies? I found out about the street closure the day before—and when I sent an email to (Montrose City Manager) Bill Bell, he sent me a nasty email back."

"I think everything they are doing in Downtown right now is a mistake."

Badini said that the City's taking of \$600,000 in funds that were formerly allotted to the Montrose Association of Commerce & Tourism (a combination of the former MAMA, Montrose Visitor & Convention Bureau, and Montrose Chamber of Commerce that was created by a city-driven process in 2010) amounted to nothing more than a money grab. He was less than impressed with the \$40,000 spent on the City's Fourth of July concert, which some estimate was attended by only

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## MAIN STREET FUROR UNDEAD Continued from page 24

around 2,000.

"It was ridiculous," he said. "They gave everybody the finger when they took that money. I think they just took it so they could do something else with it. And any idiot knows that when you put on a concert, you have to promote it. Otherwise, there's no reason to spend that kind of money. I think the funds should have been left with people who can actually manage them."

Those who rely on the City or DDA for help will have to fend for themselves, Badini said.

Phuong Nguyen of Coffee Trader (845 East Main St.), who serves on the DDA board, said that blame for the lack of communication regarding the Zombie film should be shared by the City and DDA, though it was the City that chose to promote the film and issue the extensive closure of Main Street for two business days. However, as a business owner, he also said that he understands the frustrations

that many endured because of the street closure, and expressed hope that the City will do a better job of communicating and accounting for the expenditures it has made from the former retail enhancement and tourism promotion funds.

"Both the City and the DDA have to take responsibility," Nguyen said. "There are procedures in place, but they were not followed. And had there been an administrator in place when they City took that money, I believe things would have turned out differently. Now that there is someone in place (the City recently hired Ouray's Jennifer Loshaw as coordinator of the Montrose Office of Business & Tourism), there are HUGE expectations for the Christmas season and afterwards."

Though he feels it would be unfair to assess the City's performance at this point, Nguyen made it clear that he and others expect increased accountability in future.

"With someone in place now, there are

expectations of much greater return," he said. "The public expects more."

Rachel Schmucker at Dahlia Floral hopes to see less divisiveness on Main Street, and more emphasis on the business community.

"We need everyone to be on the same track; we need to get united, and we need to reach our whole community," she said.

Brian Badini hopes to see a new DDA Director in place soon who can help return the emphasis to facilitating rather than thwarting commerce Downtown.

"I don't like the way things have panned out," Badini said. "There is no help coming from the City or the DDA—when it comes to City Council, pet projects always come out ahead. The Pavilion loses money, but they want to spend \$30,000 on a marquis sign—why not spend \$100,000 Downtown to beautify Main Street, slow traffic and beautify the parks?"

"When it comes to doing business, the climate here sure is rough."



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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### ALPINE BANK HONORS GRADUATES OF CU'S BANKING PROGRAM



*Pictured left to right: GSBC graduates Noel Hansen, Kjerstin Hill, David Miller, Garrett Jammaron, and Allison Nadel. Not shown is Jenny Sauer. Courtesy photos.*

#### *Special to the Mirror*

**GRAND JUNCTION** – Alpine Bank would like to congratulate Kjerstin Hill, Garret Jammaron, David Miller, Jenny Sauer, Allison Nadel, and Noel Hansen on their recent graduation from the University of Colorado's Graduate School of Banking at Colorado (GSBC), a 25-month program geared towards community banking professionals. Each employee spent two weeks of the summer in Boulder completing the challenging curriculum.

"Completing the coursework and projects associated with the Graduate School of Banking at Colorado is a great accomplishment for community bankers around the country," said GSBC President Tim Koch. "Sponsoring organizations and communities should be very proud of the time and effort our graduates exhibit during their time as students at GSBC."

Kjerstin began her banking career in 1996 as a teller at Horizon Drive Alpine Bank. In 2000, she joined a team of two others in the newly-formed Internet Banking department. Thirteen years later, she now manages both the Internet Banking and Treasury Services departments, which have grown to handle 65% of Alpine Bank's total customer interactions.

Garret was born and raised in the Roaring Fork Valley and graduated from CU Boulder in 2009 with a BA in Economics. He

began his career with Alpine Bank through an internship in the summer of 2008 and was later accepted in the Management Trainee program upon his graduation. Garret currently specializes in loan portfolio management and stress testing for the bank's central loans department and has been an active volunteer on the Crystal River Chapter of Ducks Unlimited for the past four years.

Noel is a Midwest kid at heart, and grew up in Jordan, Minnesota. She joined Alpine Bank in July of 2001 after graduating from Luther College in Decorah, Iowa with a communications degree. Since then, Noel has earned a graduate degree in marketing and management from SMU. Noel has always been active in the Summit County community. Currently, she serves on the board for Advocates for Victims of Assault and also volunteers with the Girls on the Run program at Frisco Elementary.

David started with Alpine Bank in 2004 bringing with him more than 25 years of I.T., business and consulting experience. He holds a MSS in Social Policy Research from the Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research, Bryn Mawr College and a BS with Distinction in All Subjects, Social Science/Engineering from the College of Human Ecology, Cornell University. David is very active in the community and currently serves as chair for the Local

Advisory Committee of KRMJ (Rocky Mountain PBS), on Mesa County School District #51's Gifted and Talented Education Advisory Council, and numerous other volunteer efforts. David also chairs Alpine Bank's Green Team.

Jenny grew up on a small farm just outside of Eugene, Oregon. She holds a degree in Agribusiness from Cal Poly in San Luis, Obispo, CA with a concentration in Finance/Appraisal. In 2007, Jenny joined Alpine Bank Aspen as a teller and was later accepted in the bank's management training program at the end of 2010. Jenny currently sits on the board of directors for both the Roaring Fork Conservancy and Blue Lake Preschool. Allison is a true Colorado Native, having been born and raised in Ridgway. She started with Alpine Bank Montrose in 2002, relocated to open the Durango location in 2005, and moved back to Alpine Bank Montrose in 2008. Allison graduated from Ft. Lewis College Magna Cum Laude in 2007 with a business administration/management degree. She has always been active in her community and is currently the Chair of the Montrose advisory board for Hospice & Palliative Care of Western Colorado as well as a volunteer for special events. She is also an active member with Altrusa International of Montrose and is acting as the current President.

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### DELTA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RIBBON CUTTING



*Special to the Mirror*

**DELTA**--Delta Area Chamber of Commerce welcomes Rice Recycling! On hand for the Sept. 4 ribbon cutting were (from left) Robert Jurca with the Delta City Council; Mindi Heinrich from Crossroads Assisted & Independent Living and Chamber Ambassador; Rice Recycling owner Corey Najarian Rice; Chamber director Kami Collins; and Chamber president Gynee Thomassen.

### LOWV TO HOLD SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE FORUM

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE--Because the League of Women Voters believes citizens should be well informed when casting their ballots, the Montrose County League is hosting a School Board Candidate Forum on Thursday, Sept. 26, 2013. The forum will be

held in the school district's board room located at 930 B East Colorado Avenue. Nothing is more important to the future of our students and community than education, and school boards have an important role to play in ensuring that students receive a public education that will prepare

them to assume a productive role in society according to their abilities. To achieve this aim the League is providing a platform for those candidates with the courage and integrity to answer questions from attendees, and an opportunity to state their case to voters.

### OURAY WOMENS' CLUB GRANT DEADLINE APPROACHING

*Special to the Mirror*

OURAY--The Woman's Club of Ouray County's annual grant application deadline for Ouray County non-profit organizations is Sept. 30. Mail application forms to Vivian Ferguson, P.O. Box 6, Ouray, CO 81427. For questions, contact Vivian at 325-0228 or Donna at 325-7254 or visit us at <https://www.facebook.com/Womans.Club.Ouray>.

# ARTS AND CULTURE

## QUESTIONS REMAIN ABOUT MAMMOTH PETROGLYPHS

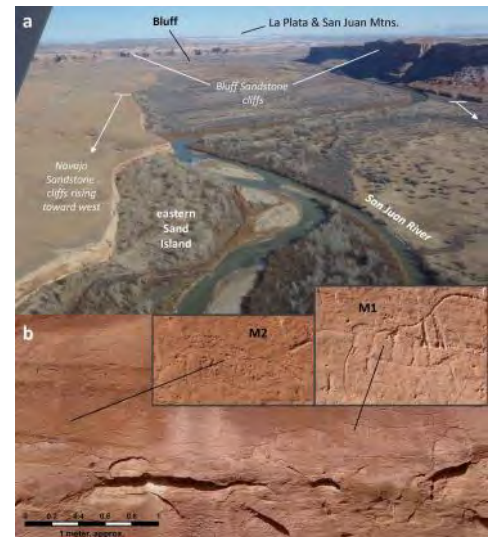
By Mary L. Gillam, Ph.D.

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DURANGO--Two petroglyphs on a cliff near Bluff have been interpreted as images of living mammoths and thus late Pleistocene in age. Evidence for erosion of the cliff is not consistent with this age interpretation. Also, partial erosion of younger petroglyphs shows that very old petroglyphs are unlikely to be preserved on such weak stone.

The petroglyphs are on a 20-m cliff cut into Navajo Sandstone by the San Juan River after the last glaciation. The river first undercut the cliff, causing rock-fall. After enough talus accumulated at the cliff base to protect it from the river, cliff erosion was continued by fracturing, scaling and grain removal. Slow erosion by

surface runoff and by moisture seeping through the rock erode the rock surface continually even though the “mammoth” are beneath a slight overhang. Geologic dating suggests that the cliff face beneath the “mammoth” stabilized during middle to perhaps early Holocene time, long after mammoths and mastodons became extinct around 13,000 to 12,500 years ago in this region. Some elements of these petroglyphs resemble mammoth anatomy. Yet their interpretation must be based on all available evidence, including the geologic setting. Further work on the petroglyphs and their geo-environment may resolve scientific questions but could take years or be inconclusive, partly due to cost and other limitations. Meanwhile the “mammoth” interpretation remains a hypothesis, not settled fact.



*Mammoth Petroglyph map shows sites in question. Courtesy image.*

## STROLLING SCONES MUSICAL STAGE PLAY PREMIERS AT PARADISE THEATER

*Special to the Mirror*

PAONIA-- Colorado's Strolling Scones were originally formed as something of a lark, explains the band's bass player and publicist, Helen Highwater; "We had a 2004 New Year's Eve gig in Paonia, our hometown," she explains, "and we wanted to do something different. And, since it was a 60s themed party..."

One thing led to another, and Highwater and Rick Stockton, her husband and fellow band director, worked with other Paonia musicians to form the Strolling Scones, a faux British Invasion band that came complete with period costumes, stage names like T. Malcolm Oxford and Rainbow Sunshine for all players, and a set list based on hits from the 60s.

And the Strolling Scones had quite a backstory... "We decided to go as far as we could with it, so we put out a story that our band had been touring in Colorado in 1969, and ended up careening into an icy mountain lake where we all froze instantly," says Highwater. "Forty years later, we

miraculously thawed out... and decided to play one last gig in Paonia."

What started as a novelty act began to win over critics and receive serious praise. Which, in 2013, led to something even more unexpected; "We're doing a musical stage play!" Highwater says, with evident delight.

Based on a 'book' written by writer and musician L.E. McCullough, Ph.D. (author of 27 theater books) *Ladies and Gentlemen, it's the Strolling Scones!* is a two-act musical that expands on the original backstory to tell the poignant tale of a band that freezes in the 60s and wakes up in the 2000's. The show is part concert and part musical, and Stockton wrote 10 songs especially for the stage play.

The musical is in production now, di-



rected by Lenore Cambria and will feature Highwater herself as bass guitarist Yardley London. Stockton will be in the orchestra pit, directing the production's live band, and local musicians and actors, including Gustavo Brett and Thea Deley, round out the cast. The galactic premier of *Ladies and Gentlemen, it's the Strolling Scones!* is Oct. 11th, 2013, at the Paradise Theater in Paonia, Colorado. More details are available at [www.strollingscones.com](http://www.strollingscones.com).

Sponsorship details are also available at the Strolling Scones website, or contact Helen Highwater at [info@strollingscones.com](mailto:info@strollingscones.com).



# ARTS AND CULTURE

## HOMESTEAD RESIDENTS TAKE TO “STREET” FOR CARS AND CONEYS!



*Special to the Mirror*  
**MONTROSE**—Residents and staff at Volunteers of America Homestead at Montrose had a wonderful time when the Black Canyon Classics Car Club roared up for the Annual “Cars and Cones” event Sept. 6. Thanks for having Cones with us—this delightful event was appreciated by all! Courtesy photos.

## BILL BOND, ELLIE DOOLEY HONORED FOR SERVICE TO MONTROSE HABITAT

*By Robin Berndt*  
*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE--Bill Bond's recent retirement as construction supervisor for Habitat for Humanity marks the end of an era. Ellie Doolie (not present for photo), who has since moved away with her husband Steve after helping to start this process 21 years ago, will also be greatly missed. Bill and Ellie were both on the original board of directors of Montrose Habitat when it first was conceived in 1992. Bill Bond has been the Construction Supervisor since 2006, building approximately 16 homes for those in need and giving his heart and soul to Habitat.

He not only designed the affordable homes that HFHM built, many receiving 5-star energy ratings, but he also oversaw the safe construction of these homes, negotiated for thousands of dollars of savings, recruited many suppliers to donate free goods and supplies and built a core team of accomplished volunteers to build these affordable homes. He also supervised many folks who were required to do community service by the courts in a kind and caring manner. Bill searched for, located and eventually facilitated the negotiations for the purchase of the 14 HFHM lots that are presently being built on. He also was instrumental in the purchase and renovation

of the current HFHM ReStore in town. This new Restore won the 2012 Sustainability Project of the year award “because of Bill Bond and his volunteers”

according to the Community Development Department of the City of Montrose. Thanks for your hard work Bill and Ellie!



*Friends of former Montrose Habitat for Humanity Construction Supervisor Bill Bond gathered to celebrate his many accomplishments on Sept. 7. Courtesy photo Don Falline.*

# ARTS AND CULTURE

## RADIO ROOM PRESENTS JILL COHN TRIO SEPT. 21

### *Special to the Mirror*

GRAND JUNCTION--KAFM's Radio Room presents the Jill Cohn Trio with special guest Will Whalen on Sept. 21, at 7:30 p.m.

Performing songwriter, Jill Cohn is best known for diverse styling and heart-string-tugging ballads intermingled with the humorous/quirky brighter side of things. The Seattle singer has just released her ninth studio effort. The release, "Beautiful I Love You" is a collection of lush ambient Indy-folk songs that take a whimsical and somewhat bitter-sweet look inside long distance love affairs, relocation, and a traveling girl's solo adventures in a man's world. The show will feature Jill's Trio with Bay Area guitarist, Dave Sampson who recorded the "Beautiful I Love You" CD with Cohn last year. Sampson's sonic styling's create an engaging signature sound-backdrop for Jill's heart-felt songs. Rounding out the Jill Cohn Trio is percussionist and drummer Shane Trout who has a long history with Jill, and recorded several of her earlier works with her. Shane Trout currently resides in Pueblo, CO. but has deep ties to the Grand Junction area, as he has played in several Jazz and Blues groups in the region.

In addition to noteworthy performances that include opening for Dave Matthews at a Biodiversity Forest Rally in Seattle, Cohn was also a top 5 finalist in the Lilith Fair National Talent Search in Seattle,

Portland and Phoenix and her music has found an international audience with her songs being placed in numerous TV shows by both Sony Music and the WB.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door, and may be purchased by calling (970) 241-8801, Ext 223 or online at [www.kafmradio.org](http://www.kafmradio.org). The Radio Room is located at 1310 Ute Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501. Doors open at 7:00 p.m.

### Radio Room Concert Series

Radio Room concert series are held in the KAFM Radio Room, located at 1310 Ute Avenue, Grand Junction, CO. The Radio Room is a live music venue in an intimate environment, with only 75 seats and great acoustics.

KAFM Community Radio is a public access radio station serving Mesa County in Western Colorado. KAFM has been on-air since 1999 and is programmed by a passionate staff of over 150 volunteers. Lifelong Learning Series

These are lectures and presentations that we present in the Radio Room on a regular basis. They are part of a lifelong learning initiative involving storytelling, theatre and lectures.

Topics have included: a young man who spent a year in Antarctica, a Marine One helicopter pilot telling stories of his years at the White House, a presentation on the Burning Man Festival along with a fire dance exhibition in our parking lot, a program of a staged reading of a new play



*Performing songwriter Jill Cohn will play at the Radio Room Sept. 21. Courtesy photo.*

along with interactive feedback with the playwright, a lecture and demonstration on naturopathic medicine and a storytelling/musical performance by John Winn, a musician who was part of the folk revolution in New York City during the 1960s with the likes of Bob Dylan and Judy Collins.

### The Gallery at the Radio Room

Located in the Radio Room at KAFM, 1310 Ute Avenue, the Gallery at the Radio Room features the work of some of the area's finest artists. Works in every medium are represented in ongoing exhibitions throughout the year.

The Gallery is open Monday through Friday from 10 am to 1 pm and at all events at the Radio Room.

The Gallery is also open by appointment. Call 241-8801, ext. 223 to arrange an appointment. A portion of all gallery sales benefit KAFM Community Radio.

## METHODIST CHURCH TO HOST FREE COMMUNITY CONCERT

### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE--The music department of the Montrose United Methodist Church will present a free concert at 3 pm Sunday, Sept. 22. The department is under the

leadership of Kelly Thompson. The concert will include two contemporary Christian bands, bell choir, pianist and organist and will last approximately one and one-half hours. It will be conducted in the

newly-remodeled church sanctuary at 19 S. Park Ave.

A free-will offering will support the church's music department. For further information, call 970-249-3716.

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## RIDGWAY TO HOST NEXT MOONWALK SEPT. 19

### *Special to the Mirror*

RIDGWAY--Please join the Ridgway Creative District and Weehawken Creative Arts for the September Ridgway MoonWalk, third in a series of Monthly Art Outings at the Full Moon, on Thursday, Sept. 19, 2013, from 6 – 8:30 PM, featuring the commercial area east of Highway 550 and the Vista Terrace neighborhood.

Start at either (1) Citizens State Bank, Ridgway branch, for their centennial anniversary celebration and the Ridgway Area Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours (5:30PM) OR (2) Trail Town Still (6:00PM), offering local handcrafted spir-its and displaying Alice Billings' paintings. MoonWalk maps and guides will be available at both starting locations.

Visit the Ridgway Pharmacy to see Dr. David Sherwood's art and taste Panny's delectables. At the White Stone Barn, you can see and hear a collection of artists painting and musicians performing. At the Barn: musicians - Jessi Stout and John

Randolph; artists - Susan Wing, Judy Hazen, Barbara Kendrick, Anthony Gegauff, and Allen Monroe (sculptural wood art). Up on Vista Terrace at the home of Joan and Kevin Chismire, you'll find another collection of creative works, including those of artists Natalie Heller, Connie Anderson, Carol Lipton, and the meteor collection of sky watcher and discoverer of asteroids, Roy Clingan, whose telescope will be ready to view the rising full moon and beyond! Food and drink available at each location. Join the evening's activities whenever it works for you!

Come explore Ridgway's hidden secrets! For more information, go to [www.ridgwaycreativedistrict.com](http://www.ridgwaycreativedistrict.com) or [www.facebook.com/RidgwayMoonWalks](http://www.facebook.com/RidgwayMoonWalks).

The Town of Ridgway achieved Creative District Certification in July 2013, after having been awarded Prospective Creative District status from the State of Colorado in 2012.

The mission of the Ridgway Creative

District is to celebrate our diverse culture and history by nurturing an environment where creativity can flourish.

In bringing organizations and individuals together, the District cultivates and supports the advancement of creative industries in Ridgway to ensure sustained, appropriate and imaginative economic development. The District supports creativity and art in all aspects of community life and for its citizens.

Weehawken Creative Arts is a Colorado Non-Profit Organization (501c-3) and Ouray County's Arts Education Center serving Ridgway, Ouray, Colona, Silverton, and Montrose.

The Mission of Weehawken Creative Arts is to provide high-quality arts education and personal growth programs and events to adults and children year-round. This activity is supported by funding from the Colorado Creative Industries Division, a State Agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

## GEORGE WINSTON RETURNS TO TWO RIVERS CHATEAU

### *Special to the Mirror*

GRAND JUNCTION--The incredible George Winston returns to the Chateau at Two Rivers Winery on Saturday, Dec. 28.

Tickets are on sale now at Back Porch Music, Two Rivers Winery, Triple Play, all local City Market stores and online at [www.sandstoneconcerts.com](http://www.sandstoneconcerts.com). There will

be outstanding wines of course and you might consider a stay at the Chateau following the concert. Only 160 tickets will be sold for this night.

## PAX Announces Celebration of Art & Culture

MONTROSE—The Montrose Public Art eXperience (PAX) is hosting the "Celebration of Art & Culture" on Friday, Oct. 4, 2013, from 5-8:30 p.m. in historic downtown Montrose. It is a special evening celebrating art, music, culture, culinary delights and fine spirits, featuring special promotions for participants and the unveiling of new public art. Advance tickets of \$10.00 (to be exchanged for wristbands on October 4) are available at A+Y Design

Gallery, Around the Corner Art Gallery, The Canyon Gallery, City Hall and SheShe Boutique. Wristbands at the event are \$15. Proceeds from ticket sales will support PAX's efforts to purchase permanent public art for the City of Montrose.

The Celebration of Art & Culture is part of the weekend-long Montrose Fresh Fest featuring PAX, the Farmer's Market and Valley Food Partnership Farm to Table Breakfast, Black Canyon Sprint Triathlon

and Montrose Oktoberfest. Discounted tickets, weekend packages and lodging information are available online at [www.montrosefreshfest.com](http://www.montrosefreshfest.com).

There is still time to vote for your favorite "People's Choice Award" from the 2012-2013 exhibit! The winning sculptor will be presented with a \$500 check at the October 4 event.

The vote form is available online at [www.cityofmontrose.org/art](http://www.cityofmontrose.org/art).

# ARTS AND CULTURE

## DIAMOND W WRANGLERS RIDE INTO TOWN



*The Diamond W Wranglers, shown above, are returning to Southwestern Colorado for the fourth time to perform in Montrose and Ouray. Courtesy photo.*

### *Special to the Mirror*

REGIONAL--The award winning Western Music group, the **Diamond W Wranglers**, returns to Southwest Colorado for the fourth time to perform in Montrose and Ouray. Their show combines traditional western classics with Diamond W Wranglers' originals. The four balladeers pay tribute to our heritage with beautiful harmonies and home-spun humor. The show will also feature the golden voice of Western Music recording star, **Rex Allen, Jr.**, in a special guest appearance.

The music they will be performing is a mixture of traditional Western music that pays homage to several Western greats and their New West originals like "Deep in the Saddle" and "Seven Nights". You'll also enjoy the group's rendition of several of John Denver's popular songs. "Deep in the Saddle", written by the group's arranger Jim Farrell, was the title song of the album that received the Will Rogers Award for "Western Music Album of the Year" from the Academy of Western Art-

ists in 2008. The Diamond W Wranglers were acknowledged in 2010 by Western Way Magazine for the release of their CD "The Old and the New" as "continuing to establish their standing as some of the most accomplished creators of music on the planet". Their latest release "Time Changes Everything" is an eclectic collection of songs that expands the DWW "vision" of western music.

The Wranglers led a troupe of Western entertainers to Carnegie Hall in New York City twice to sell-out crowds. They were the first musicians from the western hemisphere to perform cowboy music in China as well as the first musicians to have a concert ON the Great Wall of China. They also performed at the Country Music Hall of Fame in Nashville, the Roy Rogers-Dale Evans Theater in Branson, and several shows in Germany, and throughout the western U.S.

### **PERFORMANCES:**

**Fri., 9/20/13**

"The Very Best of Western Music" with

the **Diamond W Wranglers** and **Rex Allen, Jr.**, **Montrose Pavilion, 7 PM. Tickets \$25: Montrose Pavilion, Murdoch's, brownpapertickets.com, Delta Area COC or The Stone House;** A portion of the proceeds to benefit the Dolphin House.

**Sat., 9/21/13** "The Very Best of Western Music" with the **Diamond W Wranglers** and **Rex Allen, Jr.**, **Wright Opera House, Ouray, 7 PM. Tickets \$25: Wright Opera House, Buckskin Books-Ouray, Cimarron Books-Ridgway;** NA portion of the proceeds to benefit the Wright Opera House.

**Sun., 9/22/13** Dinner show at the **Historic Western Hotel, 5 PM, Tickets \$50: 970-325-7255/970-901-8515. Following dinner is a special performance by the Diamond W Wranglers, Featuring Gourmet Chef Rose Marie.**

**General Info: John or Virginia Ast 970-325-7255, 970-901-8515, [vjast@q.com](mailto:vjast@q.com). Listen at [www.diamondwwranglers.com](http://www.diamondwwranglers.com) or [www.thediamondW.com](http://www.thediamondW.com).**



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- Senior CommUnity Care • Home Health of Western Colorado

# 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.

**Aug. 20-Sept. 27**—Ouray County Historical Society Quilt Show. Admission to the Quilter's Tea (Sept. 27) is \$10, which includes refreshments and admission to the Quilt Show. Regular museum admission, including the Quilt Show, is \$6 per adult and \$1 for children 6-12. The museum is located at 420 Sixth Avenue in Ouray. For more information and hours, call 970-325-4576.

**Sept. 17**—Horsefly Brewing Company to host tap night benefit for Montrose Recreation Foundation, 6 p.m.

**Sept. 17**—Woman's Club of Ouray County meeting - San Juan Room, Ouray Community Center at 1:00 p.m. Visitors and guests welcome. Info: Vivian Ferguson 325-0228 or Donna Hudson 325-7254, or visit us at <https://www.facebook.com/Womans.Club.Ouray>.

**Sept. 18**—Forum at Heidi's Brooklyn Deli, 8 a.m. to 9:30. Speaker is MPD's Tom Chinn. Coffee is \$1.

**Sept. 19**—Moonwalk in Ridgway! 6 to 8:30 p.m., featuring commercial district East of Hwy 550 and Vista Terrace subdivision.

**Sept 20-23**—Historical Archaeology, a twenty-hour class presented by Assistant State Archaeologist, Kevin Black, will be held in Montrose. The class is part of the Program for Avocational Archaeological Certification (PAAC) and covers the importance of historical archaeology, types of sites, sources of historical information, key historic artifacts, Colorado history vs. archaeology. The cost is \$12; contact Connie Moffatt to register at 970-243-8066 or [jemoffatt\\_5@msn.com](mailto:jemoffatt_5@msn.com). Also check out <http://www.coloradohistory-oahp.org>.

**Sept. 20**—"The Very Best of Western Music" with the Diamond W Wranglers and Rex Allen, Jr, Montrose Pavilion, 7 PM Tickets \$25. A portion of the proceeds to benefit the Dolphin House. Call 970-325-7255/970-901-8515 or email [vjast@q.com](mailto:vjast@q.com) for information.

**Sept. 21**—"The Very Best of Western Music" with the Diamond W Wranglers and Rex Allen, Jr, Wright Opera House, Ouray, 7 PM Tickets \$25. A portion of the proceeds to benefit the Wright Opera House. Call 970-325-7255/970-901-8515 or email [vjast@q.com](mailto:vjast@q.com) for information.

**Sept. 21**—Sharing Ministries Street Dance 3:30 to 7 p.m. ! 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!

**Sept. 21**—Top of the Pines of Ridgway to host family day from 1 to 4 p.m. Take County Road 5 southwest out of Ouray to Highland Drive, then turn right and follow the signs. It's about 15 minutes from Ridgway. For more information about TOP and the Open House, see <http://topofthepines.org>.

**Sept. 22**—Dinner show at the Historic Western Hotel, 5 PM, Tickets \$50. Featuring Gourmet Chef Rosemarie. Following dinner is a special performance by the Diamond W Wranglers (Seating limit: 60). Call or email now for advanced ticket purchase and reservations.

**Sept. 22**—Free concert for the community, Montrose United Methodist Church, 3 p.m.. The concert will include two contemporary Christian bands, bell choir, pianist and organist and will last approximately one and one-half hours. It will be conducted in the newly-remodeled church sanctuary at 19 S. Park Ave. A free-will offering will support the church's music department. For further information, call 970-249-3716.

**Sept. 24**—This is National Voter Registration Day and the LWV Montrose County will be assisting in the registration CMU students and adults on that day from 9 AM – 3 PM. Tables will be located in the lobby of CMU and the Montrose Library, and lap top computers will be used for online registrations. For more information, contact Karen Connor at 970-275-1314.

**Sept. 26-29**—The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Mountain Harvest Festival - FREE in Paonia Town Park. The festival is a community celebration showcasing the abundance of agriculture, music, art and life in the North Fork Valley, the "*Heart of the Western Slope*". Activities include: The Grape Stomp, Chili Cook-off, Pie Contest, Farm/Wine/Gallery/Bicycle Tours, Art vendors, Farmer's Market, Kid's activities and much more! As always, there is continual live music, both in Town Park and during the special Saturday night "*Harvest of Music*" concerts in town! Tickets for the Saturday night concerts include one ticket price for four venues & 16-bands. Come share in the experience and find what the beautiful North Fork Valley has to offer! Please visit: [www.mountainharvestfestival.org](http://www.mountainharvestfestival.org) for more information.

**Sept. 26**—League of Women Voters to Host RE1-J School Board Candidates Forum. The public is invited to attend and participate in the forum from 7 to 9pm in the Board Room of the district offices located at 930 B East Colorado Avenue, Montrose. Doors will open at 6:30, and seating is limited. Town hall format with questions from the League and the audience. For more information, contact Karen Connor at 970-275-1314.

**Sept. 27**—Cobble Creek Second Annual Watercolor Show. Reception Friday 4 –7 pm. Show runs Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m..Upstairs at the Clubhouse. 699 Cobble Drive. Call 970-249-5645 for more information.

**Sept. 27**—The League of Women Voters of Montrose County, serving Montrose and Delta counties, invites the community to the presentation of its first annual "Making Democracy Work Award" on Friday, September 27. The ceremony will take place at Mountain Harvest Festival (Chili Cook-Off) in Paonia Town Park at 7 PM. The award offers an opportunity for the community to recognize and celebrate this year's nine nominees and honor one local resident, all of whom exemplify leadership and service to our towns and have worked to make them strong and vibrant places to live.

**Sept. 28**—Paint in the Park Plein Air event, Dennis Weaver Memorial Park, Ridgway. Dawn until 3:30 p.m. Call 970-626-5050 for information or to register.

**Sept. 29**—The Montrose Community Band will hold a free concert at 3 p.m. at the Montrose Pavilion. The concert entitled A Century of Music will take you on a musical journey through time with songs featuring Glenn Miller, Elvis, The Rolling Stones, movie medleys from Saturday Night Fever, Pirates of the Caribbean, The Wizard of Oz, Dixieland, rag and more! For more information visit <http://www.montroseband.com/> or call Tina at 970-596-1188.

**Sept. 30**—Woman's Club of Ouray County's annual grant application deadline for Ouray County non-profit organizations. Mail application forms to Vivian Ferguson, P.O. Box 6, Ouray, CO 81427. For questions, contact Vivian at 970-325-0228 or Donna at 970-325-7254. Details, [www.facebook.com/Womans.Club.Ouray](https://www.facebook.com/Womans.Club.Ouray).

**Oct. 1**—Delta Chamber of Commerce Social media class starts 6:30 p.m. The class fee is \$10. Pre-registration and payment is required. Please call the Delta Area Chamber of Commerce at 874-8616 for more info and to register.



*Friends of the Library*

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# BOOK SALE

**Thursday, September 19, 7 am-7 pm\***

**Friday, September 20, 9 am-5 pm**

**Saturday, September 21, 10 am-4 pm**

**Montrose Library  
Meeting Room**

*\*Friends of the Library only may shop the sale early from 7 am - 12 pm on September 19th. Sale opens to the public at 12 pm. Become a Friend at the library or sale.*





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*At right, Emma Cooper prepares to take the stage at the Montrose Musicians Festival at the Elks Lawn Sept. 7.*



*Below and below right, a mom takes the pups out for a spin in a wagon at the Montrose Garlic Festival Sept. 7, while Dave Starr and Roy Martin performed for the appreciative crowd.*



## Colcannon in Concert

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