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FORT TO BECOME A REGIONAL VISITOR CENTER?

By Caitlin Switzer

DELTA—The Old Spanish Trail no longer serves as the trade route between New Mexico and California, leading venturesome travelers over mountains, deserts and canyons in search of the golden West Coast. And yet the trail's history may play a role in the future of our region, helping us to remember our past. A coalition of historians and government officials hope to honor the legacy of the Old Spanish Trail's North Branch by repurposing the Fort Uncompahgre historic site located near Confluence Park (easily accessible from two US highways) as a regional Interpretive and Visitor Center.

On Sunday May 18, interested locals can learn more by attending the Interpretive Association of Western Colorado (IAWC)'s reenactment of a day in the life of the historic Fort. According to a news release issued by IAWC, visitors are welcomed to "step back in time with us as we explore the first trading post on the North Branch of the Old Spanish Trail and learn about life 160 years ago."

A team of professional interpreters headed by



The Visitor Center at Fort Uncompahgre could be repurposed as a regional visitor and interpretive center. Courtesy photo.

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OPENING DOORS TO COMMUNITY, FAITH



Pastor Steve Reinhard believes in the power of music to open doors to faith, and in the power of love to open hearts.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE--The beautiful building at the corner of South First and Park can definitely hold a good sized crowd. But within the church itself, there is room for all.

"It begins with our motto, 'Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors,'" Montrose United Methodist Church Pastor Steve Reinhard said. "The Methodist Church has more than 11 million members worldwide, and we are known as the church of the open door. People may not come to worship at first—they may find their way in through our pot-lucks, and through our community events—there are a thousand doors."

Reinhard believes that music is one of the ways that the doors to faith can be opened. He grew up playing guitar in church and still does, and his wife Tracy teaches music at Northside and Cottonwood elementary schools. Among many other instruments, Tracy recently took up the drums, he noted. "Music is truly the universal language," Reinhard said. "Our sermons and prayers may reach people through their minds or their hearts; music touches

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REGION 10 SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCES HELP CASA GROW



The Region 10 Enterprise Center is located at 300 North Cascade in Montrose.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—Running a non-profit organization is certainly similar to running a small business. As lifelong entrepreneur Carlton Mason is learning, however, there also subtle differences. Mason, who recently took over as executive director of CASA of the Seventh Judicial District after the departure of longtime director Karen Tuttle, has plenty of experience making practical decisions and thinking about the bottom line. Now, he is enjoying the chance to work with and lead an organization that is owned not only by himself, but by the community.

"I am used to working 60, 70 hours a week, and to being in charge," Mason said. "Here, there are so many entities and people involved—from the children to whom we provide services to our board and our volunteers."

"I want to emphasize collaboration."

To that end, Mason has expanded the non-profit's board of directors to 10 so as to include business owners as well as community leaders, adding new board members Valerie Hill (owner of Ridgway's Mountain Market), mechanical contractor Lance Daniel, and retired dentist Mick Francis, who built his own practice from the ground up.

"They bring diversity to our board," Mason said, "and strengthen our business presence. I think our community is very focused on collaboration with small business, which is something that makes this community special."

In addition, he has sought the assistance of the Region 10 Small Business Development Center to create a new business plan for CASA.

"Susan Bony of the SBDC has been providing these services to CASA," he said. "Working with Susan helped me expand our scope, and she answered my questions. She has a very good communication style, and she gets right to the point."

After the first draft of the plan came back "marked up," Mason was able to tighten and narrow the focus.

"Susan taught me not to assume anything," he said. "This plan will really help us to know where we are headed and how to get there; it will be central where we end up. We owe a big thank you to Region 10 for giving us Susan!"

"It's a real vote of confidence, and we need buy-in and support from the entire community."

"Carlton was a pleasure to work with,"

Bony said. "He actually listened and was proactive in the plan development process. Many clients want me to do all the work for them. Carlton was also able to ask insightful questions about why I was having him do certain things. He realized everything had a purpose."

Region 10 is also leading by example, Mason said.

"They are showing us how an organization can evolve to meet the needs of the community," Mason said.

Seeing that businesses and organizations not only function effectively, but also thrive in their environments is a key component of the Region 10 mission, said Region 10 Executive Director Michelle Haynes.

"The Region 10 Small Business Resource Center and the Small Business Development Center enable businesses and organizations to attain professional counseling that they may not have access to," Haynes said, "allowing them to develop in areas beyond the owners and managers expertise."

"We are pleased to be able to offer this service to businesses and organizations at low or no cost," she said, "and happy to discuss their needs as well."

Mason noted that the 2014 CASA Ray of Hope Fundraising event held in April was a success, bringing in around \$27,000 to fund the non-profit's operating costs, with reduced overhead.

And what about the annual dodgeball tournament...will it continue?

"Absolutely," Mason said.

HOPEWEST PLANS TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--All in the Community are invited to join HopeWest for a Spring Memorial Service on Thursday, May 8, 2014. The service will begin at 5:30 p.m. and will be held at Cobble Creek Golf Clubhouse, 699 Cobble Drive in Montrose.

This is a special ceremony to remember and honor loved ones who have died. A reception with light refreshments will follow. Children are encouraged to attend. For more information visit www.HopeWestCO.org or call HopeWest at 240-7734.

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DELTA WINCH LAUNCH DEMO MOVES FORWARD DESPITE WEATHER DELAYS

By Caitlin Switzer

DELTA--For months, Ouray glider pilot and flight instructor Jim Pilkington of Ouray prepared and planned for a series of winch launch glider demonstration flights scheduled to take place April 26 at Delta's Blake Field. As the date drew near, however, Pilkington found himself looking instead to a higher power—the local weather forecast.

"Pilots always look at the weather," said Pilkington, who acknowledged an almost unbearable level of excitement over the winch launch glider demonstrations.

"The rain will begin around 6 a.m., and we are expecting up to 6 to 12 inches of snow."

Though the planned demonstration was postponed due to conditions, as was a similar demonstration planned for December, Pilkington called the delay "a gift."

"Not all hurdles are negative," he said. "And not all is lost!"

Pilkington and his group, Grand Mesa Soaring, chose Colorado's West Central Region because it has some of the best conditions worldwide for glider soaring.

"It's due to the surface irregularities," he explained, "our mountains and our valleys."

And while most American glider pilots launch their crafts by means of a plane-powered aerotow, in which the glider is attached to a powered plane with a tow rope, Pilkington believes winching can become a very practical—and far more affordable—alternative here.

He headed to Delta on Friday, April 25, for a winch launch operator training session, and said he hopes to successfully train Pilot Randy Snider, an experienced local glider pilot and model glider enthusiast with hundreds of flight hours behind him. "He just has not winch-launched," Pilkington said, adding that with hours of the proper training and Pilkington's durable Schweizer 233 glider, Snider will soon be training others on the use of a winch to become airborne in a glider.

The demo was rescheduled for May 3, according to Pilkington, who said that previous demonstrations had been scheduled around the limited availability of Front Range Pilot Carl Keil, the commercial



A winch-launched glider in flight. Courtesy photo Australia Keep It Soaring Club.

officer in charge of glider flight for the Civil Air Patrol.

Frequently used by European gliding enthusiasts, winch launching employs a stationary, grounded winch mounted on a heavy vehicle, attached to the glider by means of a cable.

The winch operator retracts the cable, launching the glider, after which the cable is released.

To learn more, visit [Grand Mesa Soaring on Facebook](#).

EIGHT CANDIDATES TO RUN FOR THREE DMEA BOARD SEATS

Forums to "Meet the Candidates" scheduled for May 6th & May 13th

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-- Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) is a non-profit electric distribution cooperative governed by a board of directors elected by its members. Each year, there is an election to determine the representative from three of DMEA's nine board districts. (Maps of each district are available on the co-op's website, www.dmea.com). This year, the three seats up for election are: District #7 including Cedaredge, Eckert, and Orchard City, District #6, including much of Delta and the surrounding area and the North Region including all service territory North of the Delta-Montrose county line.

By the deadline on April 28, 2014, eight candidates had submitted the sufficient

number of signatures needed to qualify them for the 2014 election ballot.

In District 6, the candidates are B.J. Brown and incumbent, Terry Brown.

In District 7, the candidates are Mark Eckhart, Gynepher Thomassen and Sue Whittlesey.

For the North Region seat, the candidates are John Gavan, Steven Shea and David Stueck.

The League of Women Voters of Montrose County is facilitating two Candidate Forums to enable the members to meet and question the candidates running in DMEA's 2014 board election. The first forum will be held Tuesday, May 6, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. at The Pioneer Town "Stolte Shed", located at 338 S. Grand Mesa Dr. in Cedaredge. The second Forum will be held Tuesday, May 13, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. at

the DMEA Headquarters, 11925 6300 Rd. in Montrose. Light refreshments will be served at both meetings (Due to the number of candidates, please allow up to 15 minutes past the closing time (7 p. m.)

On May 19, 2014, ballots and a summary of each candidate's background are scheduled to be mailed to DMEA members who had electric service from DMEA as of April 28, 2014.

All members may vote for any candidate regardless of the district in which the members reside.

Voted ballots must be returned by mail to DMEA's election credentials committee no later than June 11, 2014, or members can vote in person at DMEA's Annual Meeting at the Montrose Pavilion, 1800 Pavilion Dr. in Montrose on the morning of Thursday, June 12, 2014, from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Who is Putting Our Community at Risk?

Dear Editor:

Why are the three county commissioners considering ANOTHER fixed base operation (FBO) proposal from Majestic Skies out in Florida at our airport when the current FBO barely sells enough fuel to cover their expenses? If you want to know some facts, here are some:

This is going to cost at least \$5 million and we expect....MORE than that.

If the FBO is awarded, they are allowed to not pay fees of \$350,000 for each of three years.

An FBO is defined as a general aviation center that at a minimum is required to sell fuel for retail purchase by aircraft other than their own.

The proposed agreement has flaws. The wording has been lifted from other agreements on line and sent in as theirs.

Majestic Skies has never operated an FBO-no experience.

The county is not obligated to proceed on any time scale or schedule. Let's stop it here. It is our money to spend and we want a say in if it should be spent this way.

Attend the PUBLIC HEARING, Thursday, May 8, Friendship Hall, 6 pm & ask questions.

Call all of your three commissioners NOW before they bring in another FBO to compete with the current FBO, sell fuel at a longer price to drive Black Canyon Jet Center out of business, then take over the BCJC building and probably not spend any of their money, just ours! Somewhere along the line, that line has been erased between good for our county and good for someone else known to those in control of the vote for an FBO when there is not enough business to support TWO FBO's. Call all three now to tell them no to another FBO. There are no coincidences. Follow the money. 970-249-7755.

Sandra L. Tyler, Montrose

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HISTORICAL MUSEUM SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE—Are you looking for some volunteer work for the summer, but want the time to be flexible? Do you want to learn what happens behind the scenes of the museum, create an exhibit, research a family history request from the beginning or introduce visitors to our unique history? Montrose County Historical Museum, at the old Railroad Depot, is just the location for you. If you would like more information please contact Sally at 970-249-2085

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LEARN TO “LIVE WELL” IN THE WORKPLACE!



Abbie Brewer

Special to the Mirror
MONTROSE—On May 21 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Enterprise Center, Region 10 teams up with LiveWell of Montrose-Olathe, Healthlinks, Pinnacol Assurance and the Region 10 Small Business Development Center to host a presentation on the importance of employee health in the workplace, and how it can impact the health of your business or organization.

Featured speakers will be Strategies Manager Abbie Brewer of LiveWell Montrose-Olathe, and Counselor Susan Bony of the Region 10 SBDC.

“Everything begins with good health,” Brewer said.

“Please plan to attend, and learn how keeping your workers healthy can build well-being and a brighter future for your company.” Topics will include:

How Employee health and risk factors impacts workers’ compensation claims.
How workers’ compensation fits into Employee Health promotion.

How to foster health promotion at your Work site.

How to receive kick starter funding to promote health and wellness at your Work site.

LiveWell Montrose Olathe / Health-Links:

Organizations that foster health and safety at work have healthier, happier employees—and healthier bottom lines, too. This is more than good business, it’s good business strategy. LiveWell Montrose Olathe is a local non-profit organization dedicated to helping small businesses find resources to implement and improve work site wellness programs. A new partnership has emerged between LWMO (LiveWell Montrose Olathe) and Health Link Colorado to help kick start worksite wellness programs in our area ; **LiveWell Strategist Abbie Brewer will share more information about the Health Links program and identify what resources might help your employees stay healthy.**

Pinnacol Assurance:

American employers contend with a perfect storm of conditions that can collectively wreak economic havoc on businesses large and small. An aging workforce, escalating obesity rates and corresponding chronic conditions are driving up health insurance and workers’ compensation costs, while driving down productivity. Pinnacol Assurance has been providing a comprehensive worksite wellness program health risk management (HRM) to policyholders since 2010.

The HRM program is structured as a study to determine the impact of wellness on workers’ compensation. Pinnacol believes this is the first large scale initiative to look at the potential for wellness origi-

nating from the workers’ compensation perspective side of the benefits equation to have a significant impact on the health and productivity of a workforce.

Learn more about how workers’ compensation fits into the overall spectrum of health promotion, how health and risk factors of employees can impact workers’ compensation claims, and the preliminary study results of Pinnacol’s worksite wellness program.

Region 10 SBDC Consultant Susan Bony will also present.

“I plan on giving an overview of the C4HCO program for small businesses, and discussing why health insurance through C4HCO is affordable and an employee benefit every business should consider including in their budget,” Bony said.

A non-profit organization, the Region 10 League for Economic Assistance and Planning was formed in 1972 and serves six-counties (Montrose, Delta, Gunnison, Ouray, Hinsdale and San Miguel), operates an Enterprise center (300 North Cascade) administers the Enterprise Zone tax credit and marketing grant programs, oversees the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) and Community Living Services, coordinates regional transportation planning, and offers a loan program for small business. To learn more about Region 10, call 970-249-2436 or visit the web site at www.region10.net.



RSVP SEEKS VOLUNTEERS FOR COMMUNITY EVENTS

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REGIONAL--Be a Hero in your Community by volunteering with the Colorado West Retired Senior Volunteer Program! We are presently working to place volunteers for upcoming events in the region, including the Montrose Wine & Food Festival in May, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) State Convention in Montrose in June! RSVP volunteers must be age 55+, and get free liability insurance while they are volunteering. We need you! Call for details! [970-249-9639](tel:970-249-9639).

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SADDLE UP FOR THE 128TH ANNUAL MONTROSE COUNTY FAIR JULY 18-27

By Liesl Greathouse

MONTROSE--Summer is on the way, and with the warm weather come lots of fun outdoor activities, including Montrose County's 128th Annual Fair and Rodeo, the longest running community event in Montrose. Enjoy the fun July 18-27, with the new theme "Vintage. New. You."

The goal of the Montrose County Fair is, "To promote agricultural based learning through 4-H and FFA, providing high quality family friendly entertainment, and make educational resources and demonstrations available for Montrose County Citizens," said Shelby L. Clarke, fair and events coordinator. "The purpose of the Fair is for an opportunity to recognize all the hard work the 4H and FFA kids have done in raising their livestock and projects.

Concerning the different parts of the Fair this year, Clarke said, "We have so many new contests, events, entertainment and theme days I don't know where to begin!"

This year will feature three different forms of entertainment: the MindSurfers! (hyponotist), Mama's Wranglers (a family band and cloggers) and Jerry Breeden (Ventriloquist puppeteer and musical stage show). Jerry Breeden will be there July 21-24, with one stage show and two walking puppet shows a day. The MindSurfers! will be July 23-25 with four shows a day. Mama's Wranglers will perform July 24-26 with three shows a day.

The Fair will also feature a number of new events this year. The CPRA Rodeo will kick off the Fair at 7 p.m. on July 18, and on Saturday July 19, there will be non competitive lawn games in the festival area. During that time there will also be the Fair's first ever Beard and Mustache Contest.

Monday July 21 is when all the large livestock will arrive and is Kids' Day, featuring a kids Cupcake Decorating Contest, Sidewalk Art Contest and the Cutest Baby Contest, as well as the Kiddie Tractor Pull that evening at 6 p.m. in the Sale Barn.

Tuesday July 22 is Bacon Day, the day of the 4H and FFA swine show, and is coupled with a number of new events and



Montrose County Fair images courtesy Shelby L. Clarke. See you at the Fair July 18-27!

food contests including; Food Art and Marshmallow Building contest and the Fair's first ever Bacon Eating Contest and Bacon Garden, which will hopefully have local restaurants and chefs participating in by entering their bacon centered delicacies.

Wednesday July 23 is Community Night and is featuring an Old-Fashioned Carnival this year as well as an Old Time Strength contest.

Thursday July 24 will be #TBT and 80s Ladies Day. Ladies are encouraged to wear their best 80s outfits that night, and compete in Hair Teasing and 80s Team Makeup Application Contests and stick around for the Fashion Show.

Friday July 25 will include a Senior Coffee Hour before the Kids with Kids, Buck-et Calf, Merry Little Lamb and This Little Pig Shows. Friday evening includes the Country Showdown in the Sale Barn and a Motorcross event in the Arena.

Saturday July 26 will have Safety Demos; including OXX, the County Safety and Assessment Robot, Firefighters and CPW that afternoon during the Junior Livestock sale, and the day will end with a Community Dance in the Sale Barn. On Sunday July 27, the livestock will move out and the Hall will be torn down.

Another fun event for people incorporates social media. "We will be having a social media scavenger hunt through our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram feeds during Fair, as well as fun new hashtags to promote Fair, our contests and events as well as sponsors," Clarke explained.

The Fair is a great opportunity for local businesses to get their name out there.



"We hope that with our new sponsorship program, local businesses will find it easier to be apart of the fair and sponsor contests, events or exhibits that are specific to their target markets," Clarke explained. "Our sponsorship deck can be found at our website <http://www.montrosecounty.net/632/Sponsorship>."

With more than 950 Open Division Categories that people can enter into at the Fair, there is sure to be something fun for locals to participate in. If volunteering at the Fair is more your style, email Clarke at clarke@montrosecounty.net

What is the one thing Clarke wishes people to know about the Fair?

"The Fair is for everyone in our community," Clarke said. "We know it is geared towards our agriculture folks but we want to include those people in our community that maybe aren't agriculturally inclined. We want folks of various talents to come out and show their talents through entries in the Open Division or competing in our contests, while having fun and supporting the kids."

For more information, visit montrosecountyfairandrodeo.com, on facebook (MontroseCountyCOfairandrodeo) Twitter and Instagram (MCFairRodeo) #MoCoFairRodeo #Prepare4Fair. See you at the Fair!

SERVICE CLUB NEWS

ALTRUSA SHARES BOOKS WITH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--Jana Ackerman, Chair of the Altrusa International of Montrose Literacy Committee, is having fun while talking to first graders and later giving out one non-fiction book about the life of a butterfly and a choice of one of three fiction books to every first grader at Pomona, Cottonwood, Johnson, Oak Grove, Olathe, and Northside Elementary Schools.

Jana was joined on her trips to the six elementary schools with Paul Paladino, Montrose Regional Library District Director, wearing his Dr. Seuss hat, who distributed library cards to those who signed up, reminder cards with their library card number to those who already had a card, and an invitation for those not in these two groups to come down any time to the library with an adult and sign-up for a card.

Several Altrusa members also joined in at the six schools to assist Jan and Paul with passing out the books. Courtesy photo.



ASTRA CLUB INSTALLS 2014 OFFICERS, INITIATES MEMBERS



Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE—ASTRA installs their new officers for the 2014-2015 year. Altrusa member Lori Michaels finishes her chairperson duties this year after six years with ASTRA. Kaye Hotsenpiller will be the new chairperson from Altrusa for ASTRA projects and activities.

Left, from left to right: Caitlin O'Meara, President; Heather Fredrick, VP; Maggie Bynum, Treasurer; and Hope Morris, Historian are installed for the 2014/15 year as officers. Not pictured – Emma Cooper, Secretary & Erin Burnet, Historian. Courtesy images.



Above, Montrose ASTRA initiates five of their 11 new members.

Left to Right are Caitlin O'Meara, Aysha Horn, Annika Sheya, Macy Webb-Alexander, and McKenna Sjoden. Courtesy photo.

Water Management in Colorado

A message from Representative Coram



Rep. Don Coram
Courtesy photo.

Friends:
Water management in Colorado is a conversation that is as old as the state, yet remains no less important today than at any other time before. As Colorado's population steadily increases, effective water management practices only increase in importance. Yet with any conversation as

timeless in Colorado as water, we must separate the fact from fiction and the realistic solutions from the impractical ideas.

As a resident of Montrose, I am familiar with the conflict of Western Slope water supplying Front Range needs. While conservation is always important, the issue is less about supply and more about storage. Consider this year, our mountains received snow in epic proportions, but our ability to store the resulting runoff is limited. If Colorado was better suited to store water, this

year could help supplement a year like 2012, when we received a below average amount of snow. Projects such as the Northern Water Northern Integrated Supply Project (NISP) would create reservoirs on the eastern plains to help hold more water runoff. The two reservoirs in the NISP project, the Glade and Galetton, would be able to catch excess runoff from the Poudre River, which normally runs out of the state, and help alleviate frequent drought conditions in the eastern regions of the state. Aside from the NISP project, Colorado will greatly benefit from better water storage in several regions around the state.

We have obligations to other states, but water in excess of our agreements should stay in Colorado.

In addition to water storage, Colorado needs to take an active role in mitigating what are called phreatophytes (pronounced free-at-toe-fytes). Phreatophytes are invasive, water absorbing plants that have infested many regions in Colorado. These non-native plants, such as the Russian olive and Tamarisk (salt cedar tree), are found along river banks and around sub-

surface water tables. A single tree can, according to some sources, can absorb up to 200 gallons of water a day. Water sources in parts of Colorado are being ravaged by these water consuming plants and with water in already limited supply, fields of phreatophytes can greatly impact water availability.

The discussion about water management always includes our water consumption, but it is important to consider the context. Water in cities like Denver is contained in a system, meaning water is continually recycled. Though water conserving devices use less water, they have very little impact on the overall amount of the water in the system.

Therefore, while water preservation helps, it will not address Colorado's water management problems.

We need to invest in water storage to capture and retain as much of our runoff as possible and the state needs to mitigate water consuming plants like phreatophytes. Colorado is fortunate to have the Rocky Mountains, and if we take realistic approaches to water management, we'll have sufficient water for our future.

TOWN OF TELLURIDE INKS AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDITS FROM TRI-COUNTY WATER

Special to the Mirror

TELLURIDE--The Town of Telluride Town Council voted today to enter into a purchase agreement for Renewable Energy Credits (REC) from Tri-County Water Conservancy District's (Tri-County Water) hydropower plant. The agreement goes into effect May 1, 2014 and sunsets in September 2016.

Per the agreement, the Town will pay \$1.25 for each REC - the equivalent of one megawatt hour. Tri-County Water recently completed its 8 megawatt hydroelectric plant at Ridgway Dam. With today's agreement, the Town of Telluride joins project collaborators Tri-State Generation and Transmission and the City of Aspen which purchase power generated by Tri-County's project.

A renewable energy credit (sometimes

referred to as a renewable energy certificate or "greentag") is an environmental commodity that represents the added value, environmental benefits and cost of renewable energy above conventional methods of producing electricity, namely burning coal and natural gas. By approving the contract with Tri-County Water, town council members acted in accordance to the group's stated 2013 Council Goals highlighting renewable energy resources. The Council has set a goal to offset 100 percent of the town's power by 2020.

The hydroelectric power plant project spearheaded by Tri-County Water Conservancy District cost about \$18 million to construct and utilizes water stored in the Ridgway Reservoir. Ridgway Dam was completed in 1987 to help ensure water supplies for the Uncompahgre Valley. The

hydroelectric plant will produce approximately 24,000 megawatt-hours of energy per year. Depending on annual water availability, the amount of energy produced could provide about 2500 homes a year with all electricity needs.

The carbon offset is equivalent to removing 50 million pounds from the atmosphere or about 4400 cars from the road each year.

Revenues generated from the sale of the electricity will be used to repay loans on the project for the first 30 years and then will be used to offset Tri-County operating expenses.

Tri-County Water will hold a special dedication ceremony for the hydropower plant on Friday, June 6th. The public is invited to attend. For additional information, visit: www.tricountywater.org.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Uncompahgre Valley Association Takes First at Knowledge Bowl



Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE- The Montrose High School Knowledge Bowl Team hosted the 14th Annual Community Knowledge Bowl on Wednesday, April 16, 2014.

The Uncompahgre Valley Association Team, comprised of Kile Wetlaufer, Noalani Terry, Fred Wetlaufer and Jim Riddell, were able to knock off the defending champions Unger Chiropactic.

All proceeds from the event went to support the MHS Knowledge Bowl Team.

According to team sponsor Kim Jones, "We would like to thank everyone who participated for supporting the MHS Knowledge Bowl Team."

"The team missed going to state by one point on the last questions of the regional tournament. They had a very successful year."

(Picture L to R: Kile Wetlaufer (in "Thinking Cap"), Noalani Terry, Fred Wetlaufer, Jim Riddell).

COBBLE CREEK TO HOLD SPRING TEA FUNDRAISER FOR LIBRARY

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--Please join us for beautiful Spring Tea on Saturday, May 24th, from 2-4pm at the Cobble Creek Clubhouse. This year's tea is a fund raiser for the Cobble Creek Permanent Book Fund at the Montrose Public Library.

The tea will feature a full assortment of fancy tea sandwiches, scones, lemon curd, Devonshire cream and fabulous desserts. Bring your mothers, daughters, granddaughters, friends and your own special teacups to share the fun.

Tickets are \$15.00 per person and are available at the Cobble Creek Pro Shop. Seating is limited so buy your tickets early. Reserve and fill a table with your friends and you will be eligible to receive a gift.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

WEST MAIN SIDEWALK PROJECT UNDERWAY

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-- City of Montrose Public Works crews will begin a sidewalk construction project at the intersection of West Main Street and Chipeta Drive on April 28, 2014. This project includes construction of a new sidewalk to connect the West

Main Bridge to Chipeta Drive along the southern side of the roadway. Construction is expected to last about two to three weeks.

The project area will remain open to through traffic at all times, although the southernmost lane will be temporarily

closed during work hours. The City asks that motorists and pedestrians please exercise caution near the work area, and please respect all coned-off areas.

Questions regarding the project may be directed to City Engineer Scott Murphy at [\(970\) 240-1498](tel:9702401498).

ALPINE BANK CONTINUES COMMITMENT TO ENVIRONMENT

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE – This past winter, Alpine Bank worked with Clean Energy Collective (CEC) to purchase solar panels in the community solar garden systems for Holy Cross Energy and San Miguel Power Association service areas, and now has plans to purchase panels in the Yampa Valley Electric Association service area once their array is complete, scheduled for summer 2014.

At a total investment of roughly \$700,000, Alpine Bank's purchase included 175 panels of a community-owned solar array in San Miguel Power Association (SMPA) service territory.

In addition to being good for the environment and local jobs, the bank's purchase is also a smart financial decision:

The 175 panels in the SMPA deal alone are anticipated to produce 67,527 kWh of

electricity in the first year, representing 50% of all electricity Alpine Bank purchases from San Miguel Power Association.

The Internal Rate of Return for the first 20 years of ownership in the SMPA Paradox Valley Community Solar Farm is projected to be 8%.

"The employee-owners at Alpine Bank have adopted a myriad of "green" practices that are now a part of our culture. In the spirit of continual improvement, we seized this opportunity presented by CEC and SMPA to support local generation of our power needs," said Andrew Karow, Regional President.

Alpine's purchase of panels in local, community solar array systems coincides with its longstanding environmental practices. In 2006, the bank earned ISO 14001 certification - the universally recognized stand-

ard of excellence for environmental management – and has maintained the accreditation since. For more information on Alpine Bank's green initiative, visit www.alpinebank.com.

About Clean Energy Collective

The Clean Energy Collective is a new idea in power generation that is building, operating and maintaining community-based clean energy facilities.

Based in Carbondale, Colorado, CEC's focus is to provide optimal clean energy solutions and supporting technology that serve its communities, businesses, and utilities in creating a sensible and affordable clean energy nation.

To learn more about community-owned solar arrays and other forms of clean energy, visit www.easycleanenergy.com. Member FDIC www.alpinebank.com.



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MIRROR IMAGES...OUT AND ABOUT!



Above and below, some of the magnificent works of art from the 2014 Re-1J Student Art Show at Region 10.

Above, shopper Deborah Lehl browses the Straw Hat Farm Market store during the indoor farm market in April. Below, market vendor Glen Ahlberg visits with a shopper named Kim.



At right, "Queen of Tarts" Mindy Perkowich welcomes new customers to the Farm Market, which opens for the 2014 season in its outdoor location May 10.



REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

MARKETING MANAGER, NEW ENROLLMENT SPECIALIST JOIN SENIOR COMMUNITY CARE, VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA

Special to the Mirror

REGIONAL - Volunteers of America, Senior Community Care, is pleased to announce the appointment of Tai Blair as the Marketing Manager of Senior Community Care's Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) and Jessica Jenkins as the Enrollment Specialist for Delta County.

The PACE model is centered on the belief that the well-being of seniors with chronic care needs are better served by providing health care and supportive services that enable them to remain living in their home whenever possible. There are three PACE day center locations (Montrose, Eckert, and Paonia). The PACE Day Center is a physical location where medical and support services are provided to participants in addition to individual and group social activities.

Blair will oversee marketing efforts in both Montrose and Delta Counties and Jenkins will work with new enrollees in Delta

County. Blair served as the Delta County Enrollment Specialist for one year prior to his promotion to Marketing Manager. Blair's background includes private case work with seniors and work with the developmentally disabled.

Blair's plans for developing the PACE program on the Western Slope is focused on education. "Our objective is to educate area health care providers on the unique benefits of the PACE model. Integrating physician participation with the interdisciplinary team of social workers, physical therapists, occupational therapists and other disciplines offered by PACE is key to a participant's overall performance." He said. "Superior health care can be achieved with the PACE model; it is an undiscovered resource in our communities of which my goal will be to bring more awareness."

The day center participant enrollments are steadily growing Jenkins anticipates future growth. "Presently, there are 100 participants enrolled in the program and my goal

is to see that number increase by 35 percent over the next year," Jenkins said. Jenkins served as a Health Insurance Specialist for CMS Region 6 of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services in Dallas, TX from 2008 to 2012. Prior to that, she worked in CMS' Office of Policy in Washington, D.C. "After working in health care administration from a Federal level, it is both exciting and rewarding to join a program like PACE. I am honored to be a part of this healthcare program that is so vital to our community," Jenkins said.

PACE serves individuals who are age 55 or older, certified by their state to need nursing home care, are able to live safely in the community at the time of enrollment, and live in a PACE service area. Delivering all needed medical and supportive services, the program is able to provide the entire continuum of care and services to older adults with chronic care needs while maintaining their independence in their homes for as long as possible.

SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT RECEPTION MAY 8

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE – Montrose & Olathe School District Re-1J and the Uncompahgre Valley Education Association will host a retirement reception on Thursday, May 8 from 4 to 6 pm at the Holiday Inn Express (1391 S. Townsend Avenue) for employees that will be retiring from the District with a minimum of ten years of service. For a complete listing of 2014 Honorees please visit the District website- www.mcsd.org. The reception is open to the public.

DELTARADO DAYS SHAPING UP— 'HONORING OUR HERITAGE' IS THEME

Special to the Mirror

DELTA-The 2014 Deltarado Days celebration, presented by Freedom Financial Services, will take place Thursday – Sunday, July 17-20. Kicking off the event on Thursday will be the annual Farmer-Rancher luncheon. The rest of the weekend will be jam-packed with a street fair and street dance downtown, parade, 5K race, live entertainment, beer gardens, kids' games, vendors at Cleland Park and a community wide church service on Sunday. This year's theme is "Honoring Our Heritage."

Thanks to a sponsorship by Farmers Insurance – Applegate Agency, the parade this year is completely free to everyone! All floats must be registered, however, and a late fee will be charged if you sign up after July 11. Trophies will be awarded to

the floats that best represent the theme in the following categories: Children & Youth; Non-profit Group; Commercial; Autos/Tractors/Vehicles; and Animals.

The parade this year will begin at 9 a.m. Applications are available at www.DeltaColorado.org under the Events tab, or by calling 874-8616.

Applications are also for Vendor Village, which takes place in Cleland Park on Saturday from 9:30 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Vendors of all types are welcome! A 10 x 10 foot vendor spot costs between \$35 for non-profits and \$75 for a commercial vendor.

This year's Deltarado Days presented by Freedom Financial Services is going to be wonderful! Make sure you are part of it in some capacity! If your business would like to sponsor one of the events during the



This year's Deltarado Days Celebration will be July 17-20. Courtesy image.

weekend, contact the Delta Area Chamber of Commerce at 874-8616 to learn about sponsorship opportunities and benefits.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Delta Montrose Home Health Celebrates 30 Years

Special to the Mirror

DELTA--Delta Montrose Home Health is celebrating 30 years this April. What began as a tiny department of Delta County Memorial Hospital in Delta with 6 part time employees has turned into a bustling place with 36 staff members making 1,338 home visits last month.

Thirty years have brought a lot of change to the home care industry and to Delta Montrose Home Health as well, but the basic principles have remained the same: to provide quality, compassionate, coordinated health care to those who live in Delta, Montrose and the North Fork areas.

In December of 2013 Delta Montrose Home Health was surveyed by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) and the state of Colorado for our license.

We did not receive any deficiencies and are very proud of the registered nurses, physical and occupational therapists, social



workers, home health aides and office staff who all worked hard to make that happen.

Delta Montrose Home Health cares for all patients from newborn to the elderly and accepts all types of insurance includ-

ing Medicare, Medicaid and private pay. Delta Montrose Home Health is owned and operated by Delta County Memorial Hospital. We can be reached at 970-874-2463.

THROWING OPEN THE DOORS TO COMMUNITY, FAITH From page 1

the heart and soul and body. It teaches us to love God with our heart, soul and strength."

Under the guidance of MUMC Director of Musical Ministries Kelly Thompson, the Montrose United Methodist Church now includes two choirs and a praise band. A blend of new and traditional music reinforces the theme behind Sunday sermons, Reinhard said.

"I thought the choir at my last church was good," said Reinhard, who grew up in Glenwood Springs and who has lived and worked in Durango, Cedaredge and Salt Lake. "But compared to here? I didn't know how good a choir could be.

"The music really drives the message home."

A series of four concerts at the church before Christmas drew an average of 100 listeners, and this year's Lenten concerts were also well attended.

"That is going to become a new tradition," Reinhard said, "another door in."

The Montrose United Methodist Church recently welcomed the Re-1J Fifth Grade Music Festival when the Montrose Pavilion proved too expensive.

"Music reaches kids who can't be reached in other ways," Reinhard said. "It also opens the mind to math and literacy."

Even those who are not gifted vocalists can find their own voice—and place—in a church choir, he added.

"If you are not a good singer on your own, joining your voice with the people on either side of you lifts you up," he said.

The essence of a church is the community that it builds, Reinhard explained.

"We are all broken, we all need healing," he said. "When we are drawn to a family of faith, our lives are interlaced with other lives. I might not have become a pastor if I had not come from a family of faith.

"Our sense of value does not grow in isolation," he said. "My next sermon series, on the five practices of fruitful churches, starts with the concept of radical hospitality. We can feel so alone, so hopeless, so unnoticed. But there are places that draw us nearer to the love that sustains us. And when we are drawn to a family of faith we are more likely to find our own gifts."

The Montrose United Methodist Church will continue its community outreach efforts with a new web site and with its Facebook presence, both of which are designed to reach parishioners where they live today. Reinhard hopes that by using non-traditional methods to draw the community in, the message of the church itself will radiate outward.

"We worry so much about what others think," he said. "We can be so excited to talk about a new haircut, a restaurant that we loved, a new place to take our dog or our cat.

"Don't be afraid to talk about what God is, or where we went to be with God," he said. "People have a higher purpose. A church is about taking risks with our service; after all, Jesus risked everything and died for us."

Reinhard also believes that the Methodist tradition of welcoming all through its doors reflects a higher love and a higher power, and crosses economic, gender and racial lines.

"Our regulations and bylaws help us function better," he said. "But we want our doctrine to reflect the love that comes before the law. More and more Methodist pastors are marrying gay couples though the doctrine says not to. After all, is somebody going to change because you tell them to, or because you welcome them in? I love the Methodist Church because of what we are meant to be.

"I have added a third Sunday service with a contemporary edge, and when my sister and her partner celebrated the 20th anniversary of their union, I performed a little renewal of vows for them," Reinhard said. "Twelve new members joined the church on Easter, one of them a man my own age who was baptized with his partner.

"Love is not what you live on," he said. "But it is what we live for. We want our doctrine to reflect the love that comes before the law."

ARTS AND CULTURE

HARPS AND HAMMERS STUDIO OPENS AT SNOWSHADOW STUDIO



Robin Freed has opened Harps and Hammers Music Studio in the Snow Shadow facility at South First and Park.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—It began with a place, a forlorn building at 535 South First Street that once housed the Montrose Daily Press. Where others saw wreckage, however, gymnastics coach Bruce Kirk envisioned a dream come true—and one that could be shared. Today, Kirk's business—Snow Shadow Gymnastics—is a popular fitness alternative. It is also a growing center for the arts.

The most recent addition to Snow Shadow is Robin Freed's Harps and Hammers Music Studio, which opened April 2.

"I love the space," said Freed, who hopes to work with students of all ages and abilities. "I want parents to feel comfortable and invited to be part of the process, though you are also free to drop your kids off and run errands knowing they are safe! I have classes for seniors as well—just \$10 per hour for a group. Come and enjoy the camaraderie, and play songs together."

"I want this to be a family affair."

Freed will also teach private lessons on

specific instruments.

"Come and try a free sample lesson," she said. "Every student is unique, and I am very flexible. My teaching style is designed to fit the learning style of each person."

Freed, who has longstanding ties to Montrose—she has lived off the grid in a cabin on Last Dollar road, and can remember waiting tables at DeJulio's restaurant many years ago—recently returned to the area with her husband, computer tech Dennis Freed, for family reasons.

"This is our home base," she said. "When we got back to town, I wondered, where to go first?"

"I stopped here, and saw two guys getting out of their cars—I thought, this is it!"

Thanks to help and furniture donations from friends, the studio is now a teaching space. Freed, who specializes in lessons, weddings and church music, has three harps, though two are currently for sale. She teaches harp, piano and hammered dulcimer. Students do not need their own instruments, she said. Joining Freed at Harps and Hammers Studio is Bill Ball of Montrose, a longtime musician and instructor.

Ball, who teaches guitar, mandolin, bass and other assorted instruments, said, "I want my students to really learn a lot, but I also want to make it fun. I try to give them songs to play as soon as possible, and I want parents to feel safe with their kids learning here."

Providing a resource not only for students, but for the entire family is the essence of Snow Shadow, which was first started by Kirk, who began offering summer camp programs in Montrose in 1994, in 1999. The gym moved to its current location after the Daily Press moved to its new building north of town.

Kirk said his plan has always been to offer first-rate classes that locals can afford. Few who meet him realize that this humble instructor has been one of the

world's top women's gymnastics coaches, but in his 38 years as a coach Kirk has trained six world champions and numerous state champions. He did much of the restoration work on the now tidy and welcoming building himself.

"I had worked at a lot of Olympic training centers, and wanted to do rehab for Olympic gymnasts," he said. "We also do some martial arts here. I do not offer open gym except on Youth Appreciation Day, which is when we also open up our indoor mini-golf to parents and families."

A father himself, Kirk does not brag about his background, preferring to focus on the future—something which has helped many of his students do the same.

"We promote Olympic dreams here," he noted, "and so many of the kids who have come through here have gone on to become engineers, and doctors."

Music and art are important to developing minds and spirits, he noted. Kirk, who also carves stone as a hobby, has been offering artwork created by students who have gone on to college, with sales going toward their education.

"I felt we need more artistic and cultural opportunities here in Montrose, and just as I came up with the idea of adding music, these folks walked in," he said. "That's just how things work."

Robin Freed, who has spent the past 20 years traveling with her husband in their motor home, said she is pleased to at last have a studio space.

"I needed a stationary space," she said. "I used to keep my dulcimer and harps on the bed when we were driving. We worked for a contractor cleaning a restaurant chain, and so we moved every day. We welcome people wherever they are—we will be teaching here all summer long."

"I want them to leave happier than they were when they came—let's make beautiful music together!"

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BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW FOR MONTROSE WINE AND FOOD FESTIVAL!

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE— Tickets are on sale now for the 11th annual Montrose Wine & Food Festival, to be held on May 9 & 10. The Montrose Wine & Food Festival will bring much-needed aid to two important local children's advocacy groups: Black Canyon Boys and Girls Club and CASA of the 7th Judicial District. Since the Montrose Wine & Food Festival's inception in 2002, nearly a half million dollars in financial aid has been donated directly as a result of this event. Last year, each organization received \$16,000 from the net proceeds of the Montrose Wine & Food Festival.

The Montrose Wine & Food Festival starts Friday night May 9th at The Montrose Pavilion on the lawn under the big tent with the Private Reserve Dinner, and is followed by a disco dance party. Friday night's festivities are held exclusively for sponsors. However, sponsorships are still available!

The party continues Saturday, May 10th for the Grand Tasting on The Lawn, held 2pm-5pm at the Montrose Pavilion. Guests will enjoy samplings of fine wines

and spirits and tastings from local chefs. The Montrose Wine & Food Festival is also proud to announce that Grand Junction's own rising stars Zolopht and The Destroyers will provide low-key reggae/funk/blues-inspired musical entertainment. Tickets are \$55 and can be purchased at the Montrose Pavilion and online www.montrosewinefestival.com.

Also occurring at the Montrose Pavilion on Saturday:

The 11th Annual Mission To Ride, presented by the Montrose Fighters Association, will host its start and finish at the Montrose Pavilion. Those participating in Mission to Ride can obtain Montrose Food & Wine tickets at ½ price.

www.Missiontoride.com

Botanical Gardens Spring plant sale.

Montrose Food & Wine guests can also enjoy their libations and the scenery while walking through the gardens.

www.montrosegardens.org

Every year the Montrose Wine & Food Festival has grown in sponsorship, donations and numbers of guests at the weekend's festivities. This year the festival

board, which is an all-volunteer board, expects these numbers to be even higher.

"Our sponsors, volunteers, donors and everyone involved over the years gives us the support we need to make the Montrose Food & Wine Festival a special event for the community to embrace. We also get a lot of attendees from outside the Montrose community. Everyone a good time and also feels great about giving back to great local children's charities. Maybe they have learned a few things about wine too," said Gary Bean Montrose Wine & Food Festival co-founder and board member.

The Montrose Wine & Food Festival 2014 is calling for entries for this year's poster art. Anyone is eligible, and art is open to interpretation. Deadline for submissions is April 25th. Check out the website for more details. <http://montrosewinefestival.com/poster-contest/>

To purchase tickets or to get more information about the 2014 Montrose Wine & Food Festival check out

www.montrosewinefestival.com or like the event on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/

Fire Festival Gains Steam with Key Sponsor Support

Special to the Mirror

TELLURIDE—Support for a new winter festival is heating up as sponsors rally support behind the new Telluride Fire Festival. Set to debut Jan. 15 – 19, the festival aims to be an interactive community celebration of performance fire arts including displays and workshops with performers and sculptural artists. Telluride Mountain Village Owners Association, [Hamel Family Wines](http://www.hamelwines.com), and a generous Fire Goddess, who prefers anonymity headline early supporters of the event.

The aim of the festival is to create an interactive fire art experience on Colorado Avenue (Main Street) and the plazas of Mountain Village. Twenty-five-foot-tall, fire-breathing "art cars," artistic burn barrels and other huge, moving, fire-emitting

art installations will line public spaces, and fire eaters and performers will dance down the streets. The festival is also collaborating with the local arts community including Telluride Arts, Ah Haa School for the Arts, and Deep Creek Experimental.

[Ah Haa School for the Arts](http://www.ahhaaschoolforthearts.com) is planning to present a photography workshop to teach people how best to capture fire art at night on film. The school is also creating a weekend creative fire cauldron workshop. Organizers also envision and invite all manner of local businesses to use their creativity to become involved in the event by offering everything from fire-themed art exhibits at local galleries, flaming food on the weekend's menus and fire-themed book signings. Other early business support for the event comes from many of the

best-known lodging properties in Telluride and Mountain Village such as [The Peaks Resort](http://www.thepikesresort.com) as well as the [Cosmopolitan](http://www.cosmopolitantelluride.com) restaurant, and [Telluride Express](http://www.tellurideexpress.com). Confirmed and contributing sculptural artists include [Jamie Vaida](http://www.jamievaida.com), [Michael Christian](http://www.michaelchristianart.com), [Anton Viditz-Ward](http://www.antonviditzward.com), and Grand Junction, CO, metal sculpture artist Alvin Sessions. The festival is the brainchild of Telluride residents Erin Ries, an experienced festival organizer and lighting designer, and former town councilman Chris Myers. For more information on ways to get involved with and support this dynamic new festival including volunteering, teaching workshops, or to submit an installation for consideration, email erin@telluridefirefestival.org or visit the event's website at telluridefirefestival.org.

ARTS AND CULTURE

MAY SHOW AT THE CREAMERY ARTS CENTER TO FEATURE HOTCHKISS HIGH AND MONTESSORI ART STUDENTS

Special to the Mirror

HOTCHKISS--The Creamery Art Center in Hotchkiss is proud to feature student artwork from two Hotchkiss schools during the month of May. The combined shows, which will fill both of their special show galleries has become a much anticipated yearly event at the Creamery. Hotchkiss High School and North Fork Community Montessori School students have been preparing all year for this opportunity to present their artwork. Art educators Jamie Roeber (HHS) and Shannon Castle (NFCMS) are proud of their talented students and excited to share their artwork with the community. An opening reception for the artists will be held the evening of Friday, May 9th from 6 to 8 pm. The exhibit runs through June 9th.

Hotchkiss High School is proud to be presenting their sixth annual art show at the Creamery this May. Students will be displaying the best of their work that has been completed this school year. 76 students, freshmen to seniors, will have pieces in the show. The art ranges from graphite to mixed 3 dimensional pieces. Students work on their pieces an average of two to four weeks. Jamie Roeber, HHS art educator, runs a choice-based classroom, allowing students to work outside the box as they choose their areas of concentration. They have real freedom to explore and develop their own styles in her class. You can follow along with Mrs. Roeber's classes on Facebook@ Art-withRoeber. Opening night at the Creamery is the student's art final. This experience gives them the opportunity to understand how galleries work, what opening receptions are about, and what goes into setting up a show. Mrs. Roeber provides real life application of art to community involvement, while the students provide an exciting show. "The students do the set-up, food, artwork, and they line up music, so



Hotchkiss High School students are displaying work from this year at the Creamery Arts Center. Courtesy photo.

they can experience what it takes to create a gallery opening," says Mrs. Roeber.

Shannon Castle, North Fork Community Montessori School art educator for grades 1st through 6th, teaches a variety of media and techniques to her students, including: collage, clay, drawing, fiber art, pastel, printmaking, sculpture, and water media. Students are encouraged to use and understand visual arts as a way to communicate. The NFCMS mission is to nurture each child's natural desire to learn and passion for discovery. The curriculum stresses innovative problem solving and encourages life-long learning. The North Fork Community Montessori School is a Delta County public school currently located in Hotchkiss. Next year the school will expand and become North Fork Montessori at Crawford. The school's Montessori academic program is enriched by classes in Spanish, music, physical education, and visual art.

The "MORE ART" show will include work from all 77 NFCMS student artists,

preschool through 6th grades. Sheila Torkelson is the art educator for the preschool and kindergarten students. This year all of the NFCMS students were able to visit the Creamery Art Center's Clay Studio for clay classes with Shannon Castle and some of their clay pieces will be featured in the show. The high school students and some of the older Montessori students have also been making raku pieces in the Creamery's clay studio. These pieces will be fired on opening night. The raku firings are quite amazing to watch and are always a great spectator event.

Please plan to join your neighbors at the Creamery for an evening of fun, food, and culture on Friday, May 9th as we show support to the young artists in our community. Refreshments will be provided at this free event. The Creamery Arts Center is located at 165 W. Bridge St. in Hotchkiss, CO. Contact: (970) 872-4848 or visit www.creameryartscenter.org for more information about the Creamery. You can also follow us on Facebook.

The Montrose Botanical Society will be having a "Garden Affair" on Saturday, May 10th from 9 am until 1 pm at the Botanic Gardens south of the Montrose Pavilion on Niagra Rd. Bedding plants, perennials, hanging baskets and related garden decor will be for sale as well as a Silent Auction and an opportunity to build your own Mother's Day plant bowl creation. Information: 765-2237.

ARTS AND CULTURE

AROUND THE CORNER ART GALLERY CELEBRATES SIX YEARS IN BUSINESS THIS MONTH!

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--Around the Corner Art Gallery celebrates its six-year Anniversary in the month of May, 2014.

This month we feature Barbara Torke of Cedaredge, who does wonderful and whimsical pastels of animals, people and landscapes.

This show will be her "Heritage Series" with vintage cars, trucks, and people from the 1920's and 1930's.

Also featured is Ramon Reed, a photographer from Pitkin, CO, who will also exhibit his dramatic wildflower photos.

By the way, Mother's Day is coming soon.

This May is a great opportunity to shop Downtown Montrose for your mothers and the other special women in your lives!



At right, a work by featured artist Barbara Torke. Courtesy image.

ADD LIFE TO OLD WOOD PICTURE FRAMES WITH PAINT, COLOR

By Abby Altshuler

It's easy to improve on old wooden picture frames and give them a new lease on life. You may have some you uncover during your Spring Cleaning, or they can be found at any of the thrift and consignment stores. Even if they never get used they make good "sample boards" for techniques you're trying out for use on furniture, floor cloths or other painted surfaces. Choose frames that have some width to them and choose several to work on at one time.

There's no need to strip the frames but you do want to sand them lightly to create a slight tooth, then clean them with TSP and/or deglosser. That will remove any leftover sanding debris or oils. I generally use water based paints but if the original coating was oil based, your water based paints may bead up on the surface even after sanding. You can apply a layer of primer meant to cover oil paint surfaces so latex or acrylic can then be applied. In both examples shown I did a distressed surface look over the original surface, one using a gold paint and one using blue.

Use a chip brush, they're cheap, come in varying widths and are available in any paint department. They have stiff bristles and actually the older and more used they are the better they work for this purpose. Dip the brush lightly in a small amount of paint, swipe the brush on towel or newsprint to remove excess and lightly sweep it across each side of the frame, producing what's called a Drybrush effect. Adding a little more color in the corners gives it more dimension.

You may be done at this point, or you can then swipe the frame with toweling to mute and spread the color. You can always add more color or even a second or third color.

Once the paint dries you can leave it, or go over it lightly with sandpaper to remove some of the paint you added on and reveal more of the underlayer.

You can go back and forth like this, adding and removing paint until you achieve the aged look you're going for. That's it, easy as that.

This can make a quick project to do with

kids, maybe to frame that special award, photo, artwork or graduation certificate!

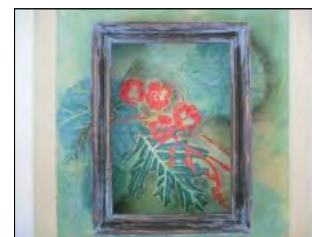
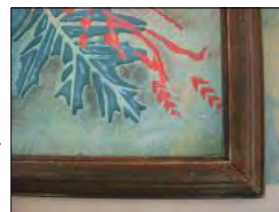
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COULD FORT BECOME A REGIONAL VISITOR CENTER? From page 1

William Bailey will be on site from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., providing a living depiction of the year 1840 and the lives of early day fur trappers. Meet characters from the history books, watch them perform daily tasks, and experience traditional arts such as blacksmithing, adobe work, cooking, and games. There will be lessons on the operation of a flintlock rifle as well.

To IAWC Executive Director Chris Miller, it seems not only feasible but logical for Fort Uncompahgre to be re-purposed as an Interpretive Center for the north branch of the Old Spanish Trail. Miller believes Fort Uncompahgre could be used as a visitor and interpretive center not only for the Old Spanish Trail, but also for surrounding public lands managed by the National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, US Forest Service and Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife.

"The Fort would provide these agencies with a strategic location to communicate with the public about the resources, how they are managed, and the different uses, safety concerns and appropriate public access points while encouraging responsible recreation," Miller explained.

Fort Uncompahgre is conveniently located for accessing both public lands and other local historic sites, and is a recreation of

Trapper Antoine Rou-bidoux's trading post, active between the years 1828 and 1844. For Native Americans of that time and place, the original Fort provided the first contact with European Americans, and was located about two miles down from the confluence of the Gunnison and Uncompahgre rivers. Its design was more to secure goods and livestock than to be defensive, and was abandoned in 1844 when hostilities broke out between Mexican settlers and the Ute Indians, according to information provided by the IAWC.

Also according to the news release, the proposed Visitor and Interpretive Center would provide a central location for visitors to get oriented to the North Branch of the Old Spanish Trail, part of the Old Spanish National Historic Trail 1829-1848. The Old Spanish Trail was recognized by Congress in 2002 with the Old Spanish Trail Recognition Act. Its North Branch ran through traditional Ute hunting grounds, and was a trade route used by explorers, trappers and traders. It ran from



New Mexico through the San Luis Valley, over the Great Divide to the Gunnison and Uncompahgre rivers, eventually reaching the Uintah Basin.

The Center would help visitors properly interpret the intrinsic qualities of local public lands and offer tips for safe travel. Land management agencies would gain a strategic location to communicate with the public about the resources and how they are being managed, as well the different uses, safety concerns and appropriate public access points.

To learn more, contact the IAWC's Chris Miller at 970-640-7076.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

COUNTY SCHEDULES SERIES OF TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--The Montrose Board of County Commissioners have identified key issues facing the county and will host focused town hall meetings to inform citizens and increase awareness of the county's actions.

These meetings will begin with a set topic of discussion and allow time for citizens to interact with the board and staff to discuss other concerns.

The first evening Town Hall meeting will take place May 28th at 6 p.m., in the Board

Room at 161 South Townsend Avenue and focus on the citizen-driven strategic plan.

"The citizen-driven strategic plan is the backbone of our county," said Commissioner **Gary Ellis**.

"I'm glad we have moved forward to create these focused Town Hall meetings to address key issues for our constituents and have meaningful conversations about the future of Montrose County."

Following the creation of the citizen-driven strategic business plan, the Board of County Commissioners agreed to quarterly

town hall meetings as an informal way to gather with constituents and learn about their concerns.

The 2014 Town Hall meetings are as follows:

May 28, 6 p.m., Montrose (161 S. Townsend Ave.), Strategic Business Plan

Aug. 13, Noon Paradox

Sept. 24, 5:30 p.m., Nucla

Nov. 19, 6 p.m., Olathe

*Topics and locations for the remaining three meetings will be released prior to the meeting.

DCMH TO HOST TRAUMA CONFERENCE JUNE 6

Special to the Mirror

DELTA--The sixth annual Western Colorado Trauma Conference is set for June 6th at Delta County Memorial Hospital in the Oncology and Education Building classrooms. Approximately 60 participants are expected for this one-day workshop covering topics related to dealing with trauma patients by emergency physicians and staff and ambulance crews such as EMTs.

Western Colorado Trauma Faculty from Trauma Level I Centers include: William Hall, MD from St. Mary's Hospital Emergency Department; Meryl Livermore, MD from Denver Health Medical Center, Antonia Chiesa, MD from Children's Hospital Colorado, three physicians from Swedish Medical Center and John Hall, CFP, Health and Safety Chief from the Grand Junction Fire Department.

This year's agenda includes subjects such as "Backboard Protocol", "Chest Trauma", "Compartment Syndrome", "Child Abuse Assessment and Documentation" and "Neurovascular Trauma".

This conference is specifically for physicians, emergency medical professionals and other clinical professionals. CME/CE credits available. Cost is \$50 for physicians and \$25 for all others. Includes continental breakfast and lunch. Enrollment is limited so early registration is encouraged.

For details of the trauma conference contact Paula Carter, Education Coordinator at Delta County Memorial Hospital at pcarter@deltahospital.org or 874-2298.

The Trauma Conference brochure may also be found on the DCMH website at www.deltahospital.org.

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MONTROSE COUNTY NEWS AND INFORMATION

KEN NORRIS TO SERVE AS INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--Montrose Board of County Commissioners have asked Facilities Director Ken Norris to serve as interim county manager effective May 16 at 5 p.m. Norris has agreed to fill-in as interim county manager while the county launches a nationwide search. The Board of County Commissioners will take official action on this matter on May 5th at the regularly scheduled board meeting.

Norris has also agreed to serve as acting county manager while Rick Eckert is out of the office on vacation from May 1-11. While serving as acting and interim county manager, Norris will continue his responsibilities with the facilities division from

the administration office.

"I am honored that the Commissioners asked me to fill-in as interim county manager," said Norris. "I am happy to do the best I can for the county in whatever role that may be."

Norris has served as Facilities Director for Montrose County since mid-2010 and is responsible for the fairgrounds, CSU Extension, all new construction, maintenance and custodial, as well as weed control. Prior to his time at the county, Norris worked for the City of Montrose, Russell Stover Candies and most notably Colorado-Ute Electric Association, Inc. During his 15 years at Colorado Ute, Norris advanced from Project Engineer to Manager of Plan-

ning to Vice President of Engineering and ultimately Executive Vice President overseeing approximately 1,000 employees.

Norris graduated from Colorado Mesa University with an Associates in Math and Science, Colorado State University with a Bachelors of Science in Mechanical Engineering and University of Colorado with a MBA. Norris is currently a registered Professional Engineer in the State of Colorado. He has been active on several local boards to include 12 years of service on the Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) board.

Norris and his wife Carlene have lived in Montrose for 39 years and have three children.

COUNTY MANAGER RICK ECKERT ANNOUNCES RESIGNATION

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE—Montrose County Manager Rick Eckert announced his resignation from Montrose County. Eckert has been with the county since January of 2013 and is set to depart following the close of businesses on May 16th.

"I have enjoyed working with the best

employees of my entire career in city and county government," said Eckert. "In my opinion, they are Montrose County's greatest asset.

"I will miss working with them but I know the county will be in good hands with the professional service and attitudes these employees demonstrate."

Eckert and his wife Jan are extremely grateful to the community for welcoming them with open arms and cherish the friendships they have made.

At this time, Eckert has not announced his future plans.

Montrose County will launch a search for a new county manager as soon as possible.

MONTROSE COUNTY CANCELS MAY 8 MEETING ON PROPOSED FBO

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE—Montrose Board of County Commissioners has cancelled the meeting regarding the proposed airport Fixed Base Operator agreement with Majestic Skies LLC that was scheduled for May 8th. At this time, the meeting is cancelled until further notice to allow for further conversations with Majestic Skies LLC to continue to address concerns of the county and the public.

FAIR BOARD SEEKS POULTRY SUPERINTENDENT

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--The Montrose County Fair Board is looking for someone with poultry knowledge to act as the poultry superintendent.

This role is responsible for the orchestration and implementation of the poultry shows during the 2014 Montrose County Fair and Rodeo, July 18-27.

On April 23rd, the Fair Board filled a crucial void by approving three new 4-H

General and Consumer Science Exhibits superintendents—Tanda Martinez, Darlene Dunn and Nicolette Allen. The poultry superintendent is the last vacant position in charge of a show or event that we need to fill.

This person is an important part of the success of the Montrose County Fair & Rodeo.

"The Fair Board is excited to add Tanda, Darlene and Nicolette to our talented team

of superintendents," said Fair Board President **Doug Kimberlin**. "We are still in need of a poultry superintendent and we are looking to the community for suggestions and nominations for this position."

The Montrose County Fair & Rodeo will be held July 18-27, at the Montrose County Fairgrounds (1001 North 2nd Street). For more information, please call 970-252-4358 or visit

www.montrosecountyfairandrodeo.com.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

ALPINE BANK OPENS FIRST DENVER LOCATION



Alpine Bank has officially expanded to the Front Range with its first Denver location. Courtesy image.

Special to the Mirror

GLENWOOD SPRINGS – Alpine Bank has officially expanded to the Front Range with its first Denver location now open in the highly anticipated new Union Station neighborhood.

In addition to opening its doors Friday, April 4, the bank has also announced a small business contest for entrepreneurs wishing to expand or launch their business in the LoDo community, the winner of which will receive a \$100,000, two-year, interest-free loan.

“We are thrilled to open our first location in Downtown Denver, and expand our services from the mountains to the city,” said Norm Franke, regional president.

“It is particularly exciting to be opening our first Denver branch in the historical, new Union Station neighborhood.”

The 2,500 square foot Alpine Bank space will be a full service retail location with seven employees – including two longtime bank employees, Matt Teeters, executive vice president previously stationed out of Alpine Bank Vail, and Franke, former regional president of the bank’s Mesa/Delta region – and will offer exceptional customer service along with the latest in cutting edge technology available in banking.

Additionally, this new location has been constructed to LEED standards to coincide

with the bank’s environmental practices. While it officially opened its doors on April 4, the new Alpine Bank location held a grand opening event on Saturday, April 12 which featured a ribbon cutting ceremony, radio personalities, entertainment, food, and giveaways. In line with founder Bob Young’s philanthropic focus, Alpine Bank donated \$10 for every new account opened at the Union Station branch that day to Colorado UpLift, a Denver-area nonprofit committed to building long-term, life-changing relationships with urban youth, and also made a corporate donation of \$2,500 along with the \$500 cash ribbon used at the ceremony.

Small Business Contest

As a celebration of its entrance into the Denver market, Alpine Bank is conducting a contest to aid a new or existing small business in entering and succeeding in the LoDo community.

Leading up to the Union Station location’s opening, Alpine Bank conducted WhatDoesLoDoNeed surveys with individuals in the LoDo neighborhood as well as through the website www.WhatDoesLoDoNeed.com, asking what respondents thought LoDo needs in terms of services and/or retail. More than 3,000 responses were Member FDIC www.alpinebank.com collected with sug-

gestions such as a hardware store, youth center, farmers market, local skate shop and grocery store, just to name a few. While Alpine Bank hopes that entrepreneurs will submit business plans for the contest that fulfill these needs, it encourages business plans of any type to enter the contest.

Entrepreneurs interested in competing for the \$100,000 two-year, interest-free loan for a small business must submit their business plans to

www.WhatDoesLoDoNeed.com by June 16, 2014. Business plan submissions will be evaluated by a panel of Alpine Bank employees based on several criteria including probability of the business to positively impact LoDo; quality of content of the business plan; feasibility of financial success; and quality and effectiveness of an in-person presentation by the finalists. Three finalists will be announced on June 27 and the winner of the contest will be announced in August. All submission guidelines and rules, as well as sample business plans, can be found at www.WhatDoesLoDoNeed.com and any questions can be emailed to info@whatdoeslodoneed.com.

“As a locally-owned and operated bank that prides itself on supporting the entrepreneur community in Colorado, we could not be more excited about this contest,” said Franke. “We are eager to review the varied and unique business plans that will submit for the opportunity to receive an interest-free loan and look forward to helping the winner achieve their entrepreneurial dreams.”

Actively involved in the banking industry since 1961, Alpine Bank founder Bob Young started his career as an assistant bank examiner and worked his way up to cashier and then on to management within several bank systems before founding Alpine Banks of Colorado in 1973.

Boasting 37 locations, 573 employees, and 55,000 ATM’s internationally, Alpine Bank was named one of the best places to work in Colorado for two years in a row by ColoradoBiz. Additionally, the bank was a finalist in the large businesses category in ColoradoBiz’s “Top Company Award for Family Friendly Business Practices” in 2010 and won Colorado Parent Magazine’s “Top Company for Family Friendly Business Practices” in 2010.



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June 10th, 2014
NO July class
August 12th, 2014
September 9th, 2014
October 21st, 2014
November 18th, 2014
NO December class

Pre-registration is required by calling 252.5000.

**Classes are held at a new location,
at Friendship Hall at the Montrose County Fairgrounds
at 1001 North 2nd Street
from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.**

**The cost to attend is \$10 and a photo id is required.
Successful participants will receive a food handler's card.**

*For additional information
Or, to schedule a class at your location,
Call Environmental Health at 970-252-5000.*

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

MONTROSE HIGH SCHOOL HONORS DIVISION AWARD WINNERS



Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE – Eleven students from Montrose High School were awarded the Division Award for April. The Division Award recognizes students for their outstanding citizenship, efforts and academic achievement by each department. It is great that our students have academic success, or excel in sports, but students who just do good things for the right reasons are recognized with this award. Their leadership and commitment to improve themselves, their school and the environment for fellow students and staff is exemplary and inspiring for other students and staff. Picture Left to Right: Front Row – Seth Bishop, Brandy Thompson, Megan Ruiz, Natalii Gomez and Joshua Adelman. Back Row – Bryce Carr, Gabe Go, Tyler Peloquin, Chloe Peterson, Erik Galvan and Brandon Adelman.

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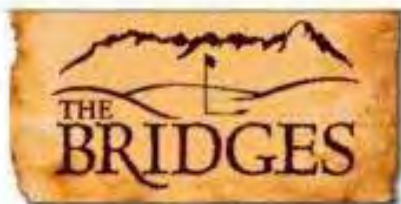


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CIVIL AIR PATROL CADETS VISIT BLACK CANYON JET CENTER



Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--Black Canyon Jet Center hosted the Civil Air Patrol Cadets on Saturday April 26th for a tour of the FBO facilities and lessons in business operations. The cadets were trained on basic FBO procedures including airport communication, aircraft safety, ramp equipment operations, fueling and quality control. Manny Gomez, line service manager at Black Canyon Jet Center, escorted the cadets along with Captain Mark Irving. *Pictured from left to right: Top Row- Captain Mark Irving, Daniel Culver, Elijah Ballard, Matthew Nunez, Abigayle Burkholder. Bottom Row- Theodoro Valerio, Kristian Reed, Manny Gomez.*

Thanks for reading the
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HONORABLE MENTION

To the graduating class of 2014...congratulations Western Slope students!!

To Jane "Nana" Neth Thompson, happy Mother's Day Mom!

To Bob and Pat Brown's Around the Corner Art Gallery, for celebrating six years in business this month! Congratulations!!

To [Sky Reid](#), for opening her new novelty business Earth & Sky Herbal Accessories, LLC in Sampler Square...16 South Grand Avenue...970-275-5813!

To the Montrose Farmers Market, opening for the outdoor season May 10!

To San Miguel County Search and Rescue, for sheer greatness—and for rescuing Ridgway's Joe Ryan and so many others.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

CITY CONTRACTS FOR WATER VALVE EXERCISE, CONDITION ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--City of Montrose Public Works will begin a process of exercising water distribution system valves and assessing their condition on Monday, May 5. This project will help the City's utility division better respond to water emergencies.

"When valve boxes fill with dirt and debris or when the valve nut is not accessible or operating properly, city crews can sometimes struggle to isolate water main breaks to quickly and efficiently complete necessary repairs," explained Utility Division Superintendent David Bries.

"This may result in more customers having service interrupted while the repair is completed."

Wachs Water Services has been contracted to perform valve exercise and condition assessment on approximately 560 of the

over 3,000 water valves in the water distribution system. The project will continue for approximately five years, or until all valves have been completed.

The goal for the first year is to exercise and operate many of the large and more critical valves in the distribution system.

City residents may observe Wachs Water Services Trucks accessing valve boxes, removing debris, and opening and closing the valves with either hydraulic operating equipment or turning them by hand.

Occasionally, this operation may break mineral deposits free, thereby causing cloudy water. "Instances of cloudy water should be reported to the city immediately so the utility division can flush area hydrants to clear up the water," Bries explained. "Although this is not harmful, city staff will flush areas where cloudy water is observed."

The program cost is funded from the City's Water Enterprise Fund.

Enterprise Funds are used to account for functions presented as business-type activities, where the intent is that 1) the cost of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or received primarily through user charges, or 2) the determination of net income is appropriate for accountability purposes.

The City has enterprise funds for water, sewer, and sanitation. Wachs Water Services successfully performs these types of programs for many water utilities across the country, including Baltimore MD, Atlanta GA, Kansas City MO, Knoxville TN, and numerous other municipalities both large and small. Questions regarding the project may be directed to Utility Division Superintendent David Bries, [\(970\) 240-1484](tel:9702401484).

LIVEWELL CHALLENGES LOCALS TO GET MOVING THIS MONTH!

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE/OLATHE--LiveWell Colorado and sponsor Kaiser Permanente with help from Gov. John Hickenlooper, will kick off the second annual statewide Colorado Get Movin' Challenge, which begins on May 1 and ends on May 30. The Colorado Get Movin' Challenge provides free online tools to encourage Coloradans to make a concerted and collective effort to be active during May.

Participants are encouraged to engage in physical activity for 30 minutes a day for 30 days. Colorado's total amassed minutes will be displayed

at GetMovinChallenge.org and will demonstrate that Colorado is the most active state in the nation. Anyone can participate for as many days as they like – incentives are given at three different levels – and all the minutes tracked will contribute to the state's accumulated total. Participants have a chance to win: Chipotle Mex-

ican Grill free entrees and catering for 20, LiveWell hats, water bottles and smartphone wipes, a 2 night stay at the Curtis Hotel in downtown Denver, \$100.00 Boulder Running Company gift certificate, Fit bit Flex Wireless Activity and Sleep Wristbands or Official adidas Brazuca 2014 World Cup Soccer Balls.

New this year is a competition between cities and towns in Colorado for the title of most active Colorado City; to help Montrose become more active LiveWell Montrose Olathe and the Montrose Downtown Development Authority will be Sponsoring – Get Moving Yoga at Centennial Plaza every Wednesday in May. Free Public Yoga starts at 5:15 and ends at approximately 5:55.

Audra Duke, MA, LPC, RYT, will be leading the FREE Yoga Sessions on Wednesday May 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th at 5:15 to 5:55. Audra is a Registered Yoga Teacher and Psychotherapist practicing

in Montrose and Ridgway, CO. In 2003, she graduated with a Master's Degree in Contemplative Psychotherapy from Naropa University and in 2009, earned her 200 hour Yoga teaching certification. Audra has been a dedicated practitioner of both yoga and psychology, serving clients on their journey of self-discovery, reflection and self-actualization.

Audra utilizes meditation, yoga, and her clinical psychology training to inform her work as a teacher and clinician. She engages her clients and students with deep compassion and curiosity, understanding that yoga and meditation can be a transformative tool for healing and uniting body, mind and spirit. So, Sign up today for the Get Movin Challenge

at GetMovinChallenge.org, bring your yoga mat to Centennial plaza (433 S. 1st street) every Wednesday evening at 5:15 and Get moving Montrose and Olathe!!

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HOMESTEAD THANKS GLOBAL CELEBRITY FOR TOURNAMENT ENDORSEMENT



Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--Volunteers of America's Homestead at Montrose Assisted Living really appreciated the Easter Bunny taking time out of his busy schedule to help promote our fundraiser golf tournament! On Easter Sunday afternoon the Easter Bunny and friends passed out Easter "Golf Balls" and flyers at The Black Canyon and Bridges Golf courses. Why don't you hop on over and golf June 14; have some fun and help us raise money for special projects for our residents! This will be a two person scramble on June 14th at 8:30 at the Bridges Golf Course - \$70 a player includes golf, cart, lunch, prizes and lots of fun. For more info pickup a flyer at the golf course or The Homestead or call us at 970-252-9359.

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MIRROR IMAGES...DEMS CELEBRATE 2014 BLUE GALA



Scenes from the 2014 Montrose County Democratic Party Blue Gala at the Bridges of Montrose April 26. Clockwise from top left—Montrose High School student Franklin Eccher is honored with a check for his Youth Voting Initiative project; Dan and Cindy Reardon; Montrose BOCC candidate Tammy Theis; Montrose Mayor Bill Nicholson and his wife Karen visit with third congressional district Candidate Abel Tapia of Pueblo; Bridges bar manager Bobby Walker serves the crowd.

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

BY SENATOR ELLEN ROBERTS

2014 LEGISLATIVE SESSION WINDING DOWN

Depending on what day you read this column, the 2014 Colorado legislative session may already have ended. The state's constitution allows the General Assembly 120 days and, after that, more legislation is only allowed if the governor calls a special session. Even then, it's limited to those issues named by the governor in the call. There's a large pile of bills still to complete the legislative process or be killed by this year's 120th day, Wednesday, May 7th.

If I had my way, I'd move the deadline for introduction of new bills up from the last three days of the session to something like introduced before the last three weeks. This would give the legislators less opportunity to add bills that were either filed late strategically or only hatched as an idea in the pressure cooker of the legislative session. The public's also disadvantaged by the late crush of bills as they don't know what's introduced, amended, killed or passed. But, that's a personal dream, not reality, and I'll do my best in the short space of this column to tell you of a few bills of special interest to my district determined on the emails and calls I've received.

The annual school finance bill and the bill called the "Student Success Act" both passed the Senate last week, with bipartisan support. The situation is better for K-12 funding than it's been for years, but not restored to pre-recession amounts under Amendment 23.

Because we have not satisfied that amount yet, there are some bills that I'm voting against proposing new programs or expanding existing ones that cost additional state revenue.

These can be challenging judgment calls for me to make on behalf of the senate district because I know there may be at least some support for the new expenditures, but I have to balance that with existing obligations not yet met.

Bills that improve job readiness and job opportunities for students receive more favorable votes from me. Based on feedback from constituents, I remain concerned that the number of people who are still unemployed or underemployed in Colorado is too high, even if reported statistics paint a rosier picture.

This past week, I supported a bill that would refer to Colorado voters the question of whether the setting of county elect-

ed officials' salaries should be handled by the counties themselves. Because this bill would be a referred measure for the November ballot, it requires a supermajority vote in both chambers of the legislature. Despite my "yes" vote, the first Senate vote doesn't bode well for the bill's passage out of the chamber and we may continue to be in a stalemate on how to best handle this thorny issue.

My own bills are through the legislative process, so I'm not sweating through these last few days, other than in reading and considering carefully the large stack of bill folders placed on our floor desks daily. When we end the session, my legislative work will continue back home in the district and on interim committees, but I'll not have to travel to Denver during the week as I do during the session.

My columns now print on a monthly, rather than weekly, cycle and I appreciate the publishers who share this column with you to keep us in touch.

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LIBRARY SPONSORS WORLD BOOK NIGHT



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MONTROSE--The Montrose Library sponsored World Book Night (<http://www.us.worldbooknight.org/>) on April

23rd. Their slogan is "Spreading the love of reading, person to person" and is held each year on Shakespeare's birthday. "Book givers" applied to distribute total of

half a million free paperback books to light and non-readers in communities across the U.S.

An independent panel of booksellers and librarians selects the books, using lists curated by experts in the bookselling and library world.

All of the information comes from external, independent sources.

The photo shows the chosen book givers with their books in the Montrose Library preparing to head out and give away free books.

Left to Right: Erin Berge, "The Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet/Large Print" by Jamie Ford (given to older adults at the Volunteers of America Senior Meal Sites), Meg Nagel, Montrose Regional Library Volunteer and Adult Programs with "After the Funeral" by Agatha Christie (given to the Montrose Senior Center), Tim Garvey with "The Dog Stars" by Peter Heller (giving to students in area high schools), and Claudia Bishop with "Sunrise Over Fallujah" by Walter Dean Myers (given to boys at the Robert A. Brown facility).

LEARN HOW TO ESTABLISH AND MANAGE YOUR PASTURES

Special to the Mirror
HOTCHKISS—The warmer weather brings a great opportunity to consider your pasture needs for your property.

It's no secret that our pasture grasses have gone through some tough times, and we're not out of the woods yet related to a potential summer drought.

The management decisions and actions you make now, will ensure your pastures are able to maintain their health and vigor throughout the summer and into the future.

On Saturday, May 17th from 9 am until 3 pm, join experts from the area to learn

about a variety of topics related to pasture establishment and haying and grazing management.

The workshop will provide up-to-date information on establishment of your pasture grasses, understanding the importance of soils and irrigation water management that will work in our arid environment, weed identification and control options, and a hands-on soil demonstration where we will be looking closely into the deeper layers of soil that occur under our feet.

The workshop is offered in partnership between The Delta Conservation District,

Colorado State University Extension, the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, and our local partners.

The \$20 per family fee will be used to pay for lunch provided by a local eatery. There will be plenty of hands-on activities and time to ask the experts your specific questions.

For more information and to sign up for this event, please visit:

www.ext.colostate.edu/sam/.

The workshop registration deadline is May 15th, 2014 as space is limited for this event.

DELTA 2014 STREET FAIRS KICK OFF MAY 10

Special to the Mirror
DELTA--Signs of spring in Delta: trees begin blooming and popping with color. The sun is out and the sky is blue. Car windows are rolled down and shorts and flip-flops are back in rotation. And street fairs happen!

This year, the Second Saturday Street

Fairs will begin on Saturday, May 10, and will take place the second Saturday of each month in June, August, September and October. The fairs take place on West Third Street, next to the Delta Area Chamber of Commerce office. Street fairs will run from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Vendors of all types are welcome: artists, crafters, non-

profits, businesses, kids' groups and everything in between. A 10x10 booth fee costs just \$20. Vendor applications can be found at www.DeltaColorado.org or by calling 874-8616. Vendors of all types are welcome at the Second Saturday Street Fairs. The first one will be May 10. Contact 874-8616 for more information.

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CELEBRATING SIX YEARS – AROUND THE CORNER ART GALLERY

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-- Around the Corner Art Gallery celebrates its six-year Anniversary in the month of May, 2014.

This month we feature Barbara Torke of Cedaredge, who does wonderful and whimsical pastels of animals, people and landscapes.

This show will be her "Heritage Series" with vintage cars, trucks, and people from the 1920's and 1930's.

Also featured is Ramon Reed, a photographer from Pitkin, CO, who will also exhibit his dramatic wildflower photos.

By the way, Mother's Day is coming soon.

This May is a great opportunity to shop Downtown Montrose for your mothers and the other special women in your lives!

From fine oil paintings and watercolors to inspired photography, to works in bronze and beautiful ceramics and even one-of-a-kind jewelry, there is something here for all price ranges, and all tastes.

Those whose works are represented include revered Western Colorado talents, and rising stars.

The Browns opened the Gallery six years ago, after the building in which it is located was tastefully remodeled by local entrepreneur Ralph Walchle, who still owns the space. Over the years, Around the Corner Art Gallery has become a community gathering place, with exciting shows and events that draw the community Downtown to appreciate the best that the local arts community has to offer.

Visit the [web site](#) to browse the catalog of artists, and to find out about upcoming shows and receptions.

Perhaps you will be inspired to take a class, and discover the artist within. Check out the latest courses [here](#). Around the Corner Gallery can be reached at 970-249-4243. Hours are from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday, until 8 on Thursdays, and from 11 to 4 on Sundays throughout the season.



Photo by May featured artist Ramon Reed of Pitkin. Courtesy image.

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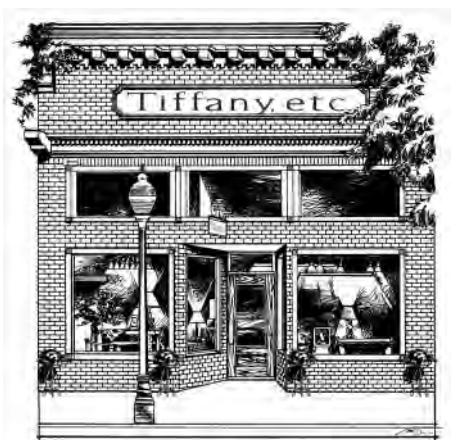
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MONTROSE--Tiffany Store Manager Lorna Santonastaso and Owner Glee Westcott shop throughout the year for the beautiful, useful, and high-quality items that make this Montrose boutique a regional shopping destination. Over the past 30 years, Westcott has established a reputation for superb customer service and an array of merchandise that evokes a unique shopping experience year-round. You may need an entire new look for your home or that perfect gift for your best friend—just think, Tiffany, etc. for home décor and accessories, candles of all shapes and sizes, jewelry, unique apparel, artwork, and even custom design furniture, with fabric chosen by our clients or with interior design help from Lorna or Glee.

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CATCHING UP WITH OLATHE CORN FARMER JOHN HAROLD

By Liesl Greathouse

MONTROSE--For fans of fresh corn, great music and hot weather, the Olathe Sweet Corn Festival is an annual event to look forward to.

While it is still in the planning stages for this year, John Harold, the man behind the Olathe Sweet brand of corn and the one who supplies the corn for the Festival, gave an update on the crop this year.

During last year's trouble with the Festival, Harold had actually fallen off a ladder, injuring his neck and back. Unable to actually get out and see what he could do, he made a few phone calls to see if they could make something happen. Thankfully they did--and the Festival is back this year as well.

For this year, there is not much to update on yet. "It is still in the planning stages, but I think it should go well, if all goes as planned," Harold said.

Harold's favorite part of the Festival is walking the Festival grounds in the evening. "I enjoy seeing it complete and going, seeing it all work and be successful," Harold explained. "There are always bumps in the road, but we just have to work through them."

So what is the crop that the Olathe Sweet Corn Festival is centered around? "It is the sweetest, tenderest corn that you can

buy," Harold explained. "We have been fortunate to have Kroger Company as our partner. There are very few commodities that a person plants and knows the return of."

For this year, Harold is planting more organic crops, including squashes and beans, as well as more organic Olathe Sweet Sweet Corn. The current total land for Harold's operation is 1,600 acres, with 620,000 boxes of corn 'made' a year. "It keeps you busy," Harold said.

As for the crop, the recent frosts are not a major concern for Harold, but labor availability is.

"Since the construction industry has picked up, our local labor has all gone to construction, whether in Texas or elsewhere," he explained. "I'm concerned about it, but since we have already planted everything, all we can do is hope and pray that we have enough help come harvest time."

With Olathe Sweet Sweet Corn, Harold wants people to know that his crops are all non-GMO, and how much of a labor of love goes into his produce.

"They are all handpicked, which is why we need so much labor," he explained.

"There are a lot of hands needed to pick and to pack. I want people to understand the amount of effort there is in getting a



2012 Olathe Corn Harvest.
File photo by Joseph Harold.

seed from in the ground to a finished product in the store."

And that appreciation is what he wants the Festival to show to people as well. "The Festival is a family agricultural event, and I hope people come to have an appreciation of agriculture and what it means to the economic basis of this valley."

"We are fortunate in the valley to have a lot of capable and competent people here, who have been a pleasure to work with."

So why does Harold do it all?

"I like making things work," he said. "I'm one of those people who enjoys what I do. I get up at 5 a.m. and look forward to going."

For more information on the Olathe Sweet Corn Festival, call 970-331-5245 or visit olathesweetcornfest.com.

VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA PACERS RAISE FUNDS FOR WALK TO END ALZHEIMERS



Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--Members of the Volunteers of America Pacers Team set up tents Saturday in the parking lot of Murdoch's on S. Townsend to raise money for the Walk to End Alzheimer's.

The walk will be held September 20th in Montrose. Team members from Senior Community Care PACE include: Heidi Savoy, Tom Smith, Dani Faser, Chelsea Brune, Courtney Hilton, Gloria Munoz, Dorothy Davies, Lisa Whitney, Tai Blair and Courtney Whitney. The bake sale raised \$470.00 and all proceeds will go towards the Alzheimer's Association.

To join the team, visit www.alz.org/walk.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

TRIMMED DOWN, TUNED UP MAIN IN MOTION KICKS OFF SUMMER FESTIVALS

MONTROSE-- The 13th Annual Main in Motion begins in four weeks, on Thursday, May 29th! Vendor booths are filling and the lineup of activities is developing quickly.

Main in Motion is adding a Beer Garden to this year's festivities. It will be in the parking lot on S. Uncompahgre off Main, and the Board is seeking NFP businesses to provide volunteers in exchange for a percentage of profits. There is also a need for volunteers to assist with various tasks like directing foot traffic, staffing children's activities, supply runs, etc. Advance commitments are greatly appreciated but there will also be a complete list of volunteer tasks/opportunities at the Main in Motion Info booth during all events.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available! Show your support for Montrose's

signature summer event by putting your logo on our playbill or purchasing a flag for Main Street. Purchase an advertising space on our new Hogo Balls!

Vendor applications are due shortly. The Vendor meeting is May 22nd, from 5:30-8 pm, in Centennial Meeting Room. Please have applications and payment submitted ahead of time. Vendor packets will be provided and the Health Department will be on hand to answer questions from Food Vendors. Not-For-Profit Vendors are required to have an activity at their booths this year -- contact Miriam Dozier for a list of suggestions or to be assigned to an activity that meets the requirement. If an application is still needed, please visit the new website at www.MainInMotion.ORG and download them from the Applications tab.



Strollers at Main in Motion 2013. Mirror file photo.

All questions and comments can be directed to MainInMotionInfo@gmail.com.

TELLURIDE'S MOUNTAINFILM ANNOUNCES 2014 ARTIST LINEUP



Artist Eugénie Frerichs is one of the two artists-in-residence at Mountainfilm 2014. Courtesy image.

Special to the Mirror

TELLURIDE — Mountainfilm in Telluride, a festival renowned for culling films, artists, activists and adventurers into one four-day festival, has put together an outstanding lineup of artists for its 2014 Gallery Walk, May 23. The mix includes internationally recognized artists, as well as local talent.

Maggie Taylor, known for her contemporary exploration of surrealism, is featured on this year's Mountainfilm's poster and in the Gallery Walk. Her whimsical photomontages have been exhibited internationally, collected privately and featured in books published by Adobe Press and Modernbook Editions. The poster for the 2014 festival has yet to be released, but it will surely demonstrate the surprise ele-

ment that Holbrooke extolls.

Another featured artist in the line-up includes Jerry Uelsmann. As a master printer who works with multiple negatives during countless hours in the darkroom, his fantastical photographic images shattered many of the traditional boundaries of photography. His style was something simply unheard of before the era of Photoshop.

The artist roster also lists Debra Bloomfield, who has photographed the American landscape for over 30 years. She will display a few works from her stunning new series titled "Wilderness" and also speak at Mountainfilm's Moving Mountains Symposium, which highlights the same theme. Reza, a prodigious photojournalist whose works often grace the cover of National Geographic magazine, will exhibit in a gallery during the festival, along with the youngest founding member of the International League of Conservation Photographers (iLCP), Florian Schulz, whose "To the Arctic" photography series shows the beauty and life of the polar region.

Steve Winter — the first photographer to capture snow leopards in the wild and whose iconic image was used by Apple to market the Snow Leopard OS X operating system — will return to Mountainfilm with new work. In addition to a gallery exhibit, he will lead a workshop that will

explore how to set up camera traps, which is part of the festival's new offering of outdoor Wilderness Walks & Talks.

Mountainfilm continues this year with its artist-in-residence program. Conceived with Telluride Arts, it began with B.K. "I Am Art" Adams in 2012 and continued in 2013 with Zio Ziegler. The 2014 festival will expand the program to include two artists: Eugénie Frerichs and Gary Lang. Additionally, two photographers, Merrick Chase and Hunter Metcalfe, will create portraits of festival guests throughout the four-day event.

Tradition dictates that a Telluride artist create the trophies presented to filmmakers at the Closing Picnic & Award Ceremony. For the 2014 awards, local artist Flair Robinson is building mosaic multi-media pieces loosely based on the festival theme of wilderness. The Gallery Walk at Mountainfilm in Telluride takes place on Friday, May 23, from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. in galleries and venues around the town of Telluride. The full list of festival films will be announced in early May, and the festival schedule will go live shortly after. In the meantime, the list of Special Guests, including these artists and others, continues to grow. Tickets and festival passes to Mountainfilm in Telluride are currently on sale.



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JOB HUNTING SECRETS FOR MID-CAREER PROFESSIONALS PRESENTED BY DELTA CHAMBER

Special to the Mirror

DELTA--Despite the snail's pace job recovery, it is still possible to find a good job. People do it every day. But the skills it takes to get a job are vastly different from the skills it takes to do a job. That is the basis upon which a truly unique job hunting workshop is being built. The workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, May 13, from 6-9 p.m. at the Delta Area Chamber of Commerce office at 301 Main St., in Delta.

What makes this workshop different is that it is tailored to meet the unique needs of mid-career professionals. The challenge for most mid-career professionals is that since they performed their jobs well, they think they know how to find a job. Many things people are doing actually hurt rather than help when it comes to job-hunting.

According to presenter Elder Bruce Kneeland, people who are looking for full-

time, career level sales, management, finance, operations or other "white collar" work are expected to conduct their search in a much different manner than entry level or other technical skills employees.

Participants in this three hour workshop will learn 10 things they need to do (or stop doing) in order to get a job and get it faster. According to Kneeland, the central aspect of job hunting for professionals is networking. Studies show most full-time professional positions are filled before the company even has had time to advertise the position.

"Getting access to jobs before they are posted is the primary goal of networking," says Kneeland, and this class will show you how to network effectively.

Kneeland is a retired executive that has held senior sales and marketing positions for a Fortune 500 company and two national not-for-profit organizations. As a senior executive he has also been

"displaced" as his company merged with other companies but was then able to work with two of the country's most prominent outplacement firms – companies that coach displaced executives and help them find refocus their careers. Many of the tips, tactics and techniques in this program are gleaned from what he learned from these companies along the skills he gained as a volunteer job hunting coach over the past several years.

The class fee is \$25. After the workshop, Kneeland will be available for individual coaching – free of charge – as he and his wife are currently residing in the Cedaredge area serving a two year mission for their church which calls for them to provide 10 hours of community service each week.

Class size is limited. Pre-registration and pre-payment is required by calling the Chamber at 874-8616 or emailing director@deltacolorado.org.

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-Coffee with the Cops-Held at 9 a.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month at Great Harvest Bread Company, 324 East Main Street in Downtown Montrose.

May 6-Hillsdale College Constitutional lecture series, Friendship Hall. Problem of Majority Tyranny. 7 p.m.

May 6—Montrose Recreation District board of directors election, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Montrose Aquatic Center.

May 7-League of Women Voters Fundraiser, Red Barn Restaurant (1413 East Main) 5:30 p.m.

May 8—7 p.m. Delta Senior Center, 247 Meeker St., Delta. A short discussion on wills, trusts, powers of attorney, and living wills will be presented by local attorneys. Then, for \$15 per document, participants will be able to make their own will, power of attorney, or living will. Forms will be provided. Proof of identity will be required, as all documents will require notarization. For more info contact Aaron Clay at 970-874-9777.

May 8—AARP Driver Safety Course-Montrose County Health and Human Services at 1845 S. Townsend Ave., Montrose, will host the AARP SMART DRIVER Program from 8:15AM to 1PM. May 8. Save money on insurance, keep up on newer traffic laws (one half day course). Membership in AARP is not required. Fee: \$15 for AARP members, \$20 for non-members, Pre-registration required. Contact: Amy at 970-249-2436 ext. 203, 8AM-3PM M-F.

May 9-Opening Reception, student art show- Creamery Arts Center, Hotchkiss. 6 to 8 p.m. Please plan to join your neighbors at the Creamery for an evening of fun, food, and culture on Friday, May 9th as we show support to the young artists in our community. Refreshments will be provided at this free event. The Creamery Arts Center is located at 165 W. Bridge St. in Hotchkiss, CO. Contact: (970) 872-4848 or visit www.creameryartscenter.org for more information about the Creamery.

May 9-10-Montrose Wine and Food Festival. www.montrosewineandfood.com.

May 10-GARDEN AFFAIR: The Montrose Botanical Society will be having a "Garden Affair" on Saturday, May 10th from 9 a.m. until 1 pm at the Botanic Gardens south of the Montrose Pavilion on Niagra Rd. Bedding plants, perennials, hanging baskets and related garden decor will be for sale as well as a Silent Auction and an opportunity to build your own Mother's Day plant bowl creation. See you at the Gardens!. Information: 765-2237.

May 10 - Montrose Farmers Market opens for the Outdoor Season - 8:30 am to 1 on the Market Plaza located at - S. 1st and Uncompahgre.

May 13-Caregiver Summit and Retreat sponsored by Region10 Community Living Services and many local businesses, 9 AM – 2 PM, Grace Community Church 16371 Woodgate Rd. Montrose, The Caregivers Summit and Retreat seeks to give caregivers the opportunity to connect with others while gaining new insight into this rewarding yet challenging role. Admission is \$5.00 per person which includes continental breakfast, 6 informative Summit breakout sessions, lunch, and keynote addresses from Norman Bouchard. Jane Dupree is also scheduled and will offer messages guaranteed to inspire. A special "Pamper Room" will be available for caregivers with relaxing activities.

May 13-- Passage Charter School, a public high school for pregnant and parenting teens, will be holding registration and enrollment at 5:30pm. Prospective students will get to tour our facility, meet with teachers and childcare staff, and complete enrollment paperwork. The school is located at 703 S. 9th in Montrose. For more information, please call 970-249-8066.

May 13-Ridgway Moonwalk, 6 to 9 p.m. Solar Ranch Neighborhood.

May 13-Delta Chamber Presents Job Hunting Secrets for Mid-Career Professionals, 6 to 9 p.m. at 301 Main in Delta.

May 14-Coalition for a Drug-Free Montrose County Fundraiser, Red Barn Restaurant (1413 East Main) 5:30 p.m.

May 15-Hillsdale College Constitutional lecture series, Friendship Hall. Separation of Powers: Preventing Tyranny. 7 p.m.

May 17-Black Canyon Ascent--The 39th Annual Black Canyon Ascent sponsored by the San Juan Mountain Runners takes place on Saturday. Come join the fun as walkers and runners participate in this scenic and challenging six-mile event. The race starts at the junction of US Hwy 50 and CO Hwy 347 just east of Montrose, walkers @ 7:30 a.m. and runners @ 8:00 a.m. Go to <http://sanjuanmountainrunners.org/> for more info and pre-registration savings. Race day registration is also available at the start.

May 17—CSU Pasture management workshop, 9 am until 3 pm, join experts from the area to learn about a variety of topics related to pasture establishment and haying and grazing management. For more information and to sign up for this workshop visit: www.ext.colostate.edu/sam/. The workshop registration deadline is May 15th, 2014 as space is limited for this event.

May 17—Ridgway Ouray Community Council Parking Lot Sale, Ridgway, 8:30 to Noon.

May 18-Renactment of a day in the life of historic Fort Uncompahgre, Delta, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

May 20-Region 10, Delta Chamber present Facebook Classes, Delta Chamber of Commerce at 301 Main Street. For times and info call 970-874-8616.

May 21st - Healthy Employees mean Healthy Business - 9am to 11 at Region 10 Enterprise Center.

May 24—Cobble Creek Spring Tea, from 2-4pm at the Cobble Creek Clubhouse. This year's tea is a fund raiser for the Cobble Creek Permanent Book Fund at the Montrose Public Library The tea will feature a full assortment of fancy tea sandwiches, scones, lemon curd, Devonshire cream and fabulous desserts. Bring your mothers, daughters, granddaughters, friends and your own special teacups to share the fun. Tickets are \$15.00 per person and are available at the Cobble Creek Pro Shop. Seating is limited so buy your tickets early.

May 28—Montrose County Town Hall Meeting, 161 South Townsend 6 p.m. Strategic business plan.

May 29-Hillsdale College Constitutional lecture series, Friendship Hall. Separation of Powers: Ensuring Good Government. 7 p.m.

June 6—Tri-County Water Dedication at Ridgway Hydropower plant. For more information visit visit: www.tricountywater.org.

June 7—Hang with Dad for a Day! Montrose County Fairgrounds—fun activities and games, parenting tips, music and much more! Everything is free! 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

June 13-15-Ridgway Area Chamber of Commerce presents the Second Annual Ranch Rodeo, Barn Dance, Moonwalk and Heritage Days Celebration! Call 970-626-5014 for more information.

June 14-Volunteers of America Fundraiser Golf Tournament, Montrose Bridges. Deadline for entries June 7.

July 5-Midsummer Night Dance Party with the Stupid Band at Turn of the Century! For info call 970-209-1260.

July 17-20-Deltarado Days!

July 18-27-128th Montrose County Fair & Rodeo! Montrose County Fairgrounds.

Aug. 13-Montrose County Town Hall Meeting, Paradox, Noon.

Sept. 24-Montrose County Town Hall Meeting, Nucla, 5:30 p.m.

Nov. 19-Montrose County Town Hall Meeting, Olathe, 6 p.m.

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Above, Bobby Walker serves the crowd at the Bridges during the Montrose County democratic Party Blue Gala April 26. Walker is known for some of the best Cosmos and best service around.

At left, volunteers unload the "new" Barlow and Sanderson stagecoach at Museum of the Mountain West, just in time for the summer tourism season. Photo by Scotty Kenton.

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