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WATER OFFICIALS RAISE AWARENESS OF PUBLIC TRUST INITIATIVE



At the Heidi's Deli Forum May 28, Marc Catlin offers additional perspective on the prospect of Public Trust Doctrine. "Everything our state has had for 150 years could be gone," he said.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE--It's a concept that originated in England long ago, for the purpose of allowing public navigation rights to rivers and streams. Public Trust Doctrine sounds good on paper, water officials say, but would be disastrous if implemented here in Colorado. However, two ballot initiatives may come before the public in November, and could to change Colorado's original prior appropriations system forever.

Last week's forum at Heidi's Deli brought together engineers from the Colorado Division of Water Resources and interested members of the public to learn more. Among those gathered was Marc Catlin, former head of the Uncompany Valley Water Users Association.

"I can't tell you how to vote," Catlin commented after the speakers addressed the subject of Public Trust Doctrine. "But if public trust passes, prior appropriations will be set aside. Everything our state has had for 150 years will be gone.

"This is an out-of-state

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MONTROSE AT HEART OF THE FRACTAL(IA) UNIVERSE

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--On a cool evening last week, a group of old friends gathered on the back porch, laughing over cold beers. One picked up his guitar to play a song he had recently written, the perfect soundtrack for a spring night. Conversation ceased as the others listened raptly.

"It's a universal tune that makes everybody happy," someone finally said.

"Bailey and I wrote that song together," the singer explained. "It's more like a triumph."

The song is called Reflections, and Bailey, of course, is Bailey Vince--a local musician now living in Denver. The singer on the porch was no less than West Slope Rock icon Stosch Dembitsky. Both are founding members of Fractalia, a band that has become legendary for musical virtuosity and quirky brilliance, and for a legion of adoring fans that show up wherever Fractalia is booked. Bailey is living and working in Denver at present--but Stosch is back home in Montrose, and ready to rock.

He still practices guitar six hours a day, but he also has a day job that he loves, working for the Acme



Fractalia frontman Stosch Dembitsky has moved back to Montrose. Photo by Jen McClanahan.

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A COMEDY OF ERRORS

Dear Editor,

May 16th a trail began regarding CORA requests of a local business, Black Canyon Jet Center-BCJC and Montrose County-MC. CORA stands for The Colorado Open Records Act statute that establishes the rules for public access to government records throughout the state. A formal opinion from past Attorney General Ken Salazar stated "The CORA gives people in Colorado a very important right. It allows them to learn what their government is doing. The citizens of Colorado want an open government, and this statute is the most basic embodiment of that goal."

That afternoon the court learned that the BCJC had to request information three

times, beginning in 2013. The County did not follow the rules regarding timely responses and gave incomplete information.

MC Airport director Lloyd Arnold's testimony revealed a host of errors. The legal counsel for the County tried to deny the Colorado Procurement Code-PC from being admitted into evidence, stating that the MC Procurement Manual-PM was the standard followed by the county. The facts demonstrated MC is a statutory County and the Colorado Code trumps the County Manual. When Mr. Arnold answered questions regarding his understanding of the Request for Proposal-RFP process provided in the County PM, he explained, where RFP/contracts/agreements are stored and

that documents would be shredded if not signed or executed. Questions were raised why the preparation of the RFP was done outside the County Procurement Office and sent via private emails to people other than the designated MC Airport Evaluation Committee? And why the PC retention schedule requirements of 3 years would not be followed?

The trial had to be continued to Monday, June 9th. Maybe the public will learn why the 2013-2014 RFP used for a new Fixed Based Operator-FBO is being withheld from the public? Maybe the facts will restore public trust? Respectfully,

Tammy D. Theis

ALPINE BANK AWARDS J. ROBERT YOUNG SCHOLARSHIPS

Special to the Mirror

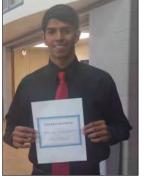
MONTROSE - Two renewable J. Robert Young Scholarships of \$1,000 each have been awarded to deserving 2014 high school graduates, Edgar Enriquez of Coal Ridge High School and Lindsey Cookson of Fruita Monument High School. Despite many obstacles, both students displayed exceptional leadership skills and a strong determination to succeed throughout their high school years.

Edgar is the first in his family to attend college and will work towards a business degree at Colorado State University-Pueblo this fall. As prior team captain of his high school soccer and track teams as well as member of the yearbook staff and the Link Leadership program, Edgar knows the power of teamwork - after graduation, he hopes to use that experience towards building a successful business and positively impacting his community for future generations.

Lindsey will attend the University of Colorado Boulder this fall and plans to major in business. Throughout high school, she maintained a 4.0 cumulative GPA and was a part of the National Honor Society, Future Business Leaders of America, and her school's marching band as well as being a

volunteer tutor and teacher's aide. Lindsey hopes to obtain a career in marketing or the financial services industry after college. Congratulations to both students in reaching for your dreams! The J. Robert

Young Scholarship was estab-



Edgar Enriquez. Courtesy photo.

lished in 2008 by Alpine Bank employees and an executive committee to honor founder and Chairman, J. Robert (Bob) Young, for the bank's 35th anniversary. Scholarships are designated for graduates of public high schools in areas served by Alpine Bank. They are based on financial need and are awarded to students seeking a business-related degree, who have maintained a 2.75 GPA or above, and plan to attend a college in Colorado. The scholarship is administered through the Western Colorado Community Foun-

dation, serving seven counties in western

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Lindsey Cookson. Courtesy photo.

Colorado by managing charitable funds for community good. Currently, the Community Foundation and its regional affiliates manage 26 scholarship funds totaling over \$12 million in assets and \$44 million in total charitable funds. In 2013, distributions from over 200 funds provided \$1.9 million in grants and scholarships to benefit people and communities in western Colorado.

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dispensary fruit stand in Ridgway.

"I have the best bosses ever," he said. "And I have two steady gigs; I play at Trail Town Still in Ridgway on the first Saturday of every month, and on the last Saturday of every month I play at Taco Del Gnar in Ridgway."

Stosch said that he still loves the old songs--Fractal Universe and Couch Surfer are still crowd pleasers--but he is writing new ones too. He has kept the sense of humor that has helped fuel the Fractalia fires all along, despite the "worst year ever," a terrible 12 months that included the tragic, accidental death of his beloved halfsister, the artist Zina Lahr. And he is ready to take it to the next level. Though Fractalia has played countless benefits over the years--they helped raise funds for Ridgway's skate park with a street dance, among other things--they now hope to play larger venues that can accommodate the crowds they draw.

Stosch, who grew up in both Montrose and Ouray, is the son of retired Montrose educator Jeffra Walters (a Montrose-Olathe teacher of the year) and classical guitarist Steve Dembitsky.

"I was Montrose High School homecoming king of 1999," he recalled. "I was sure I was going to be a rich rock star."

He may not be rich, but here in Western Colorado, Dembitsky is definitely a star-though an elusive one who presently has no phone. And while most of his recent gigs have been solo, Fractalia re-united as a band April 18 in Crested Butte for the Freedom Fest, one in a series of concerts sponsored by Acme Healing Centers in honor of the legalization of marijuana. "We crushed it," Stosch said. "And my boss got to hear me play."

For Stosch, stardom was never the lure--it has always been about playing the music, the sound that has kept them at the top of the Western Slope music scene for so long, despite the low pay and lack of job security.

"How do you market yourself when you are busy writing music?" Dembitsky asked. "I just hope people here will really support local music--show up to our shows, and don't just scroll down when you are on Facebook; if you hear something you like on <u>our site</u>, like it and share it."

Fractalia's fans have always been dedicated, but one Montrose resident takes top honors for showing up over the years, Dembitsky said.

"Kit Johnson has been to more Fractalia shows than anyone else on the face of the Earth," he said. "She has been to more shows, hands down, than any other fan we have got. I know she is Bailey's mom, but she's also our biggest fan."

Stosch's roommate, Jesse Wilson, has also been a "fan" since the band's earliest days.

"Many of the songs we still play today were written at the Wilson house when we were still kids," Dembitsky said.

In many ways, the love of friends and family has helped keep Fractalia on stage over the years. However, it's also about making new friends and fans.

"It's not all about the music," Stosch said. "When you come to see us you are going to run into old friends, and see people you don't ever get to see. So come on



Fractalia photographer Jen McClanahan snapped these shots of the band on stage, above, and Stosch at left.

out, take pictures with your smart phones, and share them!

"I try to keep our sets fresh," he added. "I still write silly songs, and I have always written sad ballads. I still play a lot of metal, but I have gotten better with my voice. Our old songs are so weird that they still sound fresh--I have played Fractal Universe 1,000 times for my fans, but it still sounds brand new to them--I can see it on their faces."

The friends gathered on Stosch's porch last week shared some of their own thoughts on hearing Fractalia play.

"It's like a new style of music," Augustine Martinez said. "Their old stuff may be "new again," but it really is a new sound."

"As Stosch always says, they come to heal, not to hurt," band photographer Jen McClanahan said.

"We have been uniting rednecks and hippies since 2000," Dembitsky added. "Come and hear us--we are going to play something you like."

Though Fractalia has been a Telluride favorite and has won the Grand Junction battle of the bands not once but twice, when it comes to Western Slope venues, Montrose and Ridgway top the band's list of favorite places to play. And in this case, the geography of the West Central region of the Western Slope acts as a powerful magnet, keeping their talent right here.

"It's the big boy stripe, as I call it, where the Cimarrons are smashing into the San Juans," Dembitsky said. "There are not many places you can go to find one that big, unless you head to Alaska."

In addition to showing up for his gigs and Fractalia's, Dembitsky has one more request for the people of the communities he has always called home.

"Share that video about my little sister," he said quietly. "She had such a good vibe. I don't want her ever to be forgotten." Neither do we...here it is ...http://

vimeo.com/80973511.

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effort to move water to other states," he said, "and it is a very, very frightening piece of work."

Public Trust in the United States is determined at the state level, said Jason Ullman, Assistant Division Engineer for the Colorado Division of Water Resources.

The concept originated here in Illinois in 1892, and has been adopted by other states, including California, Ullman said.

"California took water from Mono Lake for the City of Los Angeles," he said, "and the state later decided it must be reconsidered due to damage to the environment." Public Trust Doctrine allows for governmental control of water, he noted.

However, what works in other states may not be a good fit for Colorado, he said. "This is the only state in which water leaves the state," he said. "We are a highaltitude state, and all of our water eventually flows to the Atlantic or the Pacific. We were the first state to administer water development; first in time, first in right."

The Division of Water Resources is charged with administering water through the state's prior appropriations system, in place for more than 130 years. The oldest water right in Colorado, on Culebra Creek in the Costilla County, dates back to 1852.

"The benefit of prior appropriations is in stability and certainty for those who hold a water right," Ullman said. "The value of a senior water right is in its priority; without that certainty, the economy of our state would not be what it is today."

Because he administers rights on a day-to -day basis, a Colorado water commissioner has more authority than a sheriff, and must know the rights throughout a large territory --one person can cover 400 active ditches.

Division Engineer Bob Hurford noted that in other states that have implemented a public trust doctrine, users' rights are conditional.

"There is no specific right," Hurford said. "You may be able to use it, but only under a program. With prior appropriation, it's none of my business how you use your water right--that's what makes Colorado different."

Like Catlin, Ullman declined to tell others how to vote. However, he did offer a comment from Colorado Supreme Court Justice Justice Gregory J. Hobbs. "Justice Hobbs has said that here in Colorado, Public Trust Doctrine would drop what amounts to a nuclear bomb on our water and land rights," Ullman said. "That's just one man's opinion; keep your eyes peeled for those initiatives."

After a discussion of major basins, Ullman offered a "snapshot" of water in the state. "There is an abundance of water on the Western Slope," he said, "but there are more people on the East Slope--the population there is more than four million, while the population of the Western Slope is around 500,000.

"Therein lies a big problem."



Jason Ullman of the Colorado Division of Water Resources.

Agriculture still uses 86 percent of water in Colorado, though that number is shrinking and domestic use rising, Ullman said. Because just two percent of the population makes its living as agricultural producers, officials are hoping to spread the word to voters throughout the region to pay attention to any public trust initiatives that do make it to the ballot in 2014.

SCRIFFINY HONORED WITH ALTRUSA APPLE AWARD



Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE—Jim Barnhill from MHS informed Altrusa members of all the reasons he selected Patti Scriffiny to receive the Altrusa Apple award.

He stated that Patti wears many hats. She teaches Math to the gifted and the not so gifted.

She is a mentor and a coach to new teachers, assisting with providing motivational techniques. She is his Data Diva-helping staff understand the data information about the standards and provides suggestions and ways to help improve the results in the future. Patti received a Make a Difference certificate and Mama Bucks.

Patti appreciated the recognition by Altrusa and their strong support of education and the schools. She further commented that Altrusa makes a difference in our community and that our influence and support is recognized and respected.

DESPITE CHANGES, SENIORS ARE PRIORITY AT PAVILION, OFFICIALS SAY

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE--From the beginning, the Montrose Pavilion has been a center of community life for local seniors, with the east side of the building dedicated to programs and activities for those over age 50 and the west side available for community meetings and events. Recreational activities for seniors at the Pavilion continue to enjoy strong attendance, notes Cindy Marino, who has headed the Montrose Recreation District's 50+ programs for the past five years.

"My programs are moving along just fine," Marino said. "A lot of them are growing--especially our free fitness classes, which we offer several times a week. They have gotten bigger each year. We have arts classes with strong followings--wood carving, ceramics. We have guys who come in to play billiards every day, and there are 15 line dancers who come in every Monday night. The trips we take out of here are bursting at the seams--we usually have to add a second vehicle.

"Our senior nights out, on the third Monday of every month are very well attended," she said. "But the congregate meals, which we are not involved with, have been through some changes and are not as well attended."

Also struggling is a group of senior volunteers working to keep regular meal deliveries to homebound seniors going since Pavilion senior center meal contractor Volunteers of America (VOA) implemented cutbacks to the local meals on wheels program in October of 2013. VOA, which is contracted through the Region 10 League for Economic Assistance & Planning, had taken over the regional senior meal programs and meal deliveries in 2009 after Columbine Senior Services, which had managed the regional meal site and meals on wheels programs for more than 35 years, announced that it was closing its doors.

Golden Circle Seniors, a group of volunteers that began in 1972 and that helped raise \$26,000 for the Pavilion project when it was conceived in the late 1980's, had been helping with daily meal deliveries to homebound seniors through VOA. When the VOA cuts were announced in September of 2013, the Golden Circle Seniors decided that the meal delivery reductions-the VOA Meals on Wheels program had been changed from hot meals every week day to six frozen meals delivered twice each month--were not acceptable.

With community support from volunteer drivers and generous eateries, the group

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Golden Circle Seniors fear for the future of local meal deliveries to homebound adults.

created its own "Hot Wheels" program, with the goal of maintaining daily meal delivery at a cost of \$5 per month to participants.

Though meals were being donated in the beginning by local restaurants, the seniors had been working to obtain liability insurance for use of the Pavilion kitchen (an expense traditionally covered by the City), so they could hire a cook of their own when they found themselves locked out of the senior center kitchen May 9. While access to the Pavilion kitchen (where volunteers had been washing the dishes) was denied, the Hot Wheels program was operated from the Montrose United Methodist Church.

"We are working cooperatively with the city at this point," Golden Circle Senior Carol McDermott said last week, "though I am disappointed. I do understand the need for liability insurance; it is a big expense. But I thought once we had the insurance and showed the city that we had it, we could get in and wash the dishes. Then, we found that they wanted a Memorandum of Understanding."

Golden Circle has signed the MOU, and the group is no longer locked out.

However, some strong feelings remain. Wini Tappan, a longtime Golden Circle volunteer, feels that the senior group should not have had to sign anything, as the Pavilion was originally envisioned and constructed with the goal of providing a place for senior meals and activities.

"A letter was sent to potential donors by the original Montrose Civic Center Community Fund Raising Committee," Tappan recalled. "In the opening paragraphs it states, 'The City of Montrose is going to build a memorial senior citizens Center and you can be part of it.'

'A handsome "home away from home," the Center will be a place where you can meet with friends at coffee, take a class, hear a lecture, dance, join a trip, shoot pool, play cards; where you can eat a nutritious meal after an invigorating exercise class, and enjoy arts and crafts. It will provide an incentive for every senior to get out of the house early and stay late. The seniors themselves will determine what is taught, presented, or made available to do and will control the use of the Center including the kitchen.'

These were the promises made to the people who in good faith donated the money to make this dream a reality.

"Why is the City not willing to live up to its promises?"

The City has every intention of keeping those promises, Montrose City Attorney Stephen Alcorn said.

"There is absolutely a future for seniors at the Pavilion; they are the reason it was built," Alcorn said. "We are just trying to work together on space issues; this facility still operates at a loss, and is a huge financial strain. We had nothing to do with the VOA decision, and we do have to balance community interests.

"We realize how important this is," he said. "We have no intention of taking the kitchen away; in fact, we would like to see them grow the service."

VO-TEC, CMU EXPLORE MUTUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES



Colorado Mesa University's Montrose Campus is expanding—now, the University is looking at ways to offer more 16-week programs through its Western Colorado Community College.

By Caitlin Switzer

REGIONAL--Their missions are different, but the goal is the same--to serve the educational needs of the West Central region. So when officials from Colorado Mesa University and the Delta-Montrose Vo-Tec sat down last week to talk about the future, the conversation focused on how best to expand programming.

"We are talking about what makes the most sense for our communities and our students," CMU Montrose Director Joey Montoya Boese said. "Right now the Vo-Tec serves both counties, and our advisory council has asked us to expand our programming. So at the end of the day, this is a conversation we need to have--about providing expanded knowledge and improving the quality of life for our communities.

"Do they have the resources to expand their programming here?" she asked. "We have a great working relationship with the Vo-Tec. Our number one strategic goal is to increase the educational levels attainable in our community; we are hoping we can find a win-win solution."

With the expansion of the Montrose Campus has come a renewed emphasis on academic offerings, Boese said.

"What has been lacking are areas for our students to come together for group study," she said. "Now, they will have a place to embrace and call their own--and they can get to know their fellow students." Among the exciting new classes available through CMU is Creative Writing, she said, while the nursing program continues to grow. "We have graduated 120 RN's," Boese said. "With our renovations in 2012, our students are telling us they feel like they are attending a real college campus."

CMU would like to be able to offer some

certificate programs--particularly those not currently available through the Vo-Tec-through its Western Colorado Community College division.

"We do hope to include more 16-week programs," she said, "especially if there things that the Vo-Tec doesn't offer--why not offer them here?"

The Vo-Tec has been serving the vocational education needs of the local community since 1978, Vo-Tec Director John Jones said.

"We currently do have a presence in Montrose, and we have had one all along," Jones said. "Forty-two percent of our students presently come from Montrose County and from Grand Junction. We work quite well with CMU--we do want to partner with them, as it is beneficial for both schools."

Jones cited the nursing program shared by the two institutions as an example of cooperation that benefits students and the communities. "The nursing program serves as a model," he said. "We offer the CAN program, and first year LPN. After they finish here, many of them go on to CMU to become RN's."

Some of the programs CMU has expressed interest in are currently taught through the Vo-Tec and are already available in Montrose, he noted.

"Ideally, the Vo-Tec teaches the handson classes, while CMU teaches academics and theory," he said. "There's lots of room to work together."

For her part, Boese expressed excitement over the growing number of opportunities available to local scholars. "One of the things we really stress is teaching students to think critically," she said. "You have to do more than just show up, in class and in life--you have to learn, engage and interact. You have to push yourself beyond your limits."

MMH BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVES CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE- The Montrose Memorial Hospital Board of Directors approved two construction projects Thursday night at their monthly meeting. Total cost for the San Juan Cancer Center remodel and the Information Technology (IT) relocation is estimated at \$1,093,946. Both projects are scheduled to begin in August, 2014.

The remodel on the second floor of the San Juan Cancer Center will help improve

patient flow and patient comfort. "With two medical oncologists seeing patients at the Cancer Center, we just don't have enough room to keep everyone comfortable and private while they are checking in and waiting for their care," said Joan Napolilli, CNO. The construction project will improve our current waiting area, increase patient privacy, enhance the pharmacy space and add an additional chemotherapy/infusion chair. The cost for this project is estimated at \$570,526.

The second project will include construction for, and relocation of some of our Information Technology department. An area on the fourth floor of the hospital will be remodeled to accommodate the hospital computer servers and staff. Work will also be completed to create redundancy in the computer systems to ensure the safety of our data. The cost for the remodel is estimated at \$523,420.

HEAD TO RIDGWAY HERITAGE FESTIVAL FOR FATHER'S DAY

By Caitlin Switzer

RIDGWAY--Looking for something extra special to do with dad on "his" day? Consider an afternoon of old-fashioned, Old West-style fun in Ridgway Town Park, at the annual Heritage Days festival on Sunday, June 15.

The day finishes with a concert at 4:30 p.m. by cowboy artist Michael Martin Murphey to benefit Ouray County's growing Ranch History Museum.

The popular museum, which showcases the region's ranching heritage, has already outgrown its space at the old Colona School.

"This will be a full day of heritagethemed happenings," organizer and volunteer Joan Chismire said, "highlighting a lifestyle that teaches work ethics, responsibility, pride in work well done, friendships, and a sense of belonging and helping our community."

Heritage Day kicks off with a fundraiser breakfast whipped up by local firefighters, followed by an array of exciting displays and demonstrations, from blacksmithing, horseshoeing and brand talks, to how-to demos and vendors offering hand-made items.

Kids can play in Ridgway's welcoming green spaces, learn to rope "dummy" steers, and see the amazing Ute Mountain and Azteca dancers, Chismire said.

At day's end, Murphey will take the stage to help raise funds the Ouray County Ranch History Museum's land acquisition fund.

"We are celebrating an important part of our Ouray County history," Chismire said. "Mr. Murphey will bring items to sell, including a very special silent auction guitar."

OCRHM will also auction off two Stetsons adorned with special commemorative pins by Sweet Bird Studio and autographed by Murphey.

"Pamper dad with a great breakfast and later strawberry shortcake," Chismire said, "and enjoy demonstrations that are interesting to him while mom doesn't have to cook.

"The whole family can enjoy a fun day together, and everybody can get home before dark with a full day of great memories and music still lingering on their minds."

In an age of technological advances, it is important to remember that 100 years ago, the homesteaders who settled in this area were the innovators of the age, designing tools on the fly to fix problems as they arose, and learning everything they could to survive in a challenging mountain environment, Chismire said.

"While still learning from and remembering the teachings of these generations, we also recognize lives well lived," she said. "We preserve this history through educational events, donations of buildings, items and photos, and we are mindful of what an invaluable heritage we have been given."

Besides the schedule of events on the <u>Ranch History Museum's website</u>, the following groups will have tables and will be participating along with Heritage vendors throughout the day, she said: Ouray County Historical Society will be selling raffles for quilt and quilt demonstrations;

Rodeo Association - membership drive and showcasing displays and information about our new Grandstands and Arena being built;



Ridgway's historic depot can be seen through the trees, framed by a kinetic sculpture by David Miss.

For the kids: Opportunities for kids to learn how to rope calf-head dummies on hay bales (roping dummies);

CSU Extension Master Gardeners-- including a Native Plant Master Gardener--will be available to help answer questions and diagnose problems;

Ouray County Ranch History Museum will be fundraising with coffee cups, heritage books, t-shirts, puzzles, and games; Ridgway Creative District will be fundraising with T-shirts, some auction items, and selling beer and wine at Benefit Concert; Ridgway a la Mode and SweetCakes will be offering Strawberry Shortcake for a Father's Day treat in the park; River Sage Information;

Dennis Weaver Memorial Park information;

Ridgway Railroad Museum will be open for the day for museum tours; Local Minerals & Rocks will be displayed at a geologists/miners table.

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MIRROR IMAGES...PICKLEBALL, FUN AT THE PARK





Whether you call it Riverbottom or Baldridge, Saturday, May 31 was a busy day at the park—where Montrose Recreation District's 50+ Program and Alpine Bank welcomed Pickleball players from around the region for a tournament, and kids and families gathered for a day in the sun.









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DELTA COUNTY HOSPITAL PARTNERS WITH NORTH FORK CLINICS

Special to the Mirror

DELTA-Delta County Memorial Hospital is partnering with the North Fork Clinics in Hotchkiss and Paonia to provide additional primary care providers to meet the medical needs of North Fork families, announced hospital CEO Jason Cleckler. Two of the family physicians that North Fork residents know well will continue at the North Fork Clinics.

Tim Meilner, MD and Michelle Hundley, MD, both family practice doctors, will continue to offer medical care in a more streamlined and efficient medical clinic model designed and operated by DCMH. "We are working hard to avoid long wait times for appointments so that North Fork residents may access medical care in a timely manner." Some specialty physicians such as Obstetrics and Gynecology physicians currently practicing in Delta will rotate to the North Fork", said the hospital CEO.

In a time of challenging health care changes, keeping rural primary care physicians is a vital part of offering medical care to all Delta County residents, including families in the North Fork By working cooperatively with the existing clinics, DCMH will employ additional physicians and mid -level practitioners such as Physician Assistants (PAs) and Nurse Practitioners (NPs) to help fill the gap left by other providers who have left the area in the past few years.

With this country already facing a shortage of family physicians, rural areas are especially hard pressed to recruit and retain primary care providers to serve local families.

Affordable Care Act impacts are already being felt with higher numbers of Medicaid participants who also need medical services. Along with many other transformations in health care including electronic medical records being mandated and a change in medical codes to an even more complicated model, independent primary care clinics are having increasing difficulty in remaining in business as independent practices.

"We are planning ahead to assure North Fork families and all Delta County families continue to have access to quality health care," CEO Cleckler commented.

"We are proactively instituting a plan now so that Delta County families will continue to have family doctors well into the future as more health care changes come with the implementation of the Affordable Care Act, explained the hospital CEO. This community, non-profit hospital has served Delta County families for the past 100 years by providing high quality medical care.

"It is a proud heritage that Delta County Memorial Hospital takes very seriously and that is why we are committed to serving our county residents in the years to come, commented Clecker.

DCMH's vision statement is to be the vital force driving ongoing improvement of our community's health and well being. The mission of our hospital is to be the people's first choice for accessible, high quality health care and enhance the well being of those we serve.

"These are the primary reasons that we are taking positive steps now to keep family physicians and recruit new ones to our rural area." added the hospital CEO. Currently DCMH owns and operates seven medical clinics including: Internal Medicine Associates, DCMH Primary Care (formerly Delta Pediatrics), Premier Women's Healthcare of Delta, Colorow Family Medical Clinic in Olathe, Grand Mesa Oncology Center and Grand Mesa Rheumatology, and Delta-Montrose Home Health Services.

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MONTROSE REC DISTRICT ORGANIZES WATER SAFETY EVENTS

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--MRD is organizing several local family events related to Summer Water Safety and would like to get the word out. Statistics show that many children do not take lessons, and/or are fearful of the water, due in part to a parents own fear and anxieties. MRD wants to provide a fun, safe environment where participants, young and old, can enjoy the water together, regardless of their income levels.

Summer events organized by MRD to address this situation include: <u>Free Family Swim Lessons on Wednesday</u> <u>evenings from June 4th through June 25th</u>. These lessons will focus on the basics such as floating, submerging and breathing, as well as safety in and around the water. Those interested can register up to 48 hours before each Wednesday lesson, by stopping by the Aquatic Center. Each child will need to have an adult participating with them in the water.

<u>The World's Largest Swim Lesson on Friday June 20th at 9am</u>. These events will be capped off by MRD is participating in an effort to set the Guinness World Record for the World's Largest Swim Lesson. Swimming pools across the country will be hosting this lesson simultaneously on this date, including a free lesson at the



A family enjoys the Uncompany River in Ridgway. Water safety is essential in all seasons, but especially now when river levels are high.

Aquatic Center. To participate, individuals must be at the Aquatic Center between 8am and 8:30, on the 20th. The official count will take place precisely at 9am. For more information, contact Liz Gracesun @ 249-7705.





Planning Committee: Empowering Dads, MCSD RE-1J Early Childhood Centers, Delta County HHS, Hilltop, CSU Extension 4-H, Montrose Regional Library District, Crossroads Victory, and Montrose County.

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IT'S SHOW TIME IN LAS VEGAS WITH THE BLACK CANYON BARBERSHOP CHORUS!

By Liesl Greathouse

REGIONAL--For fans of tunes from Las Vegas, the Black Canyon Barbershop Chorus will be bringing a bit of the big city to Delta and Montrose, June 6 and 7, with Show Time in Las Vegas. The Chorus' 39th annual show will also feature guest quartet, McPhly. June 6 will be the Delta show at the Delta Performance Arts Center, 822 Grand Avenue, at 7 p.m. On June 7 will be the Montrose show at the Montrose Pavilion, 1800 Pavilion Drive, also at 7 p.m. The announcer for this year's Show is Jim Kerschner of KUBC Radio. MaryAnn Rathburn will be directing.

The Black Canyon Barbershop Chorus was formed in the spring of 1975 and proudly represents both Delta County and Montrose County with roots in the communities of Hotchkiss, Cedaredge, Delta, Olathe and Montrose. They perform at numerous locations throughout the summer including RV Parks, nursing homes, and special events. They always welcome new members.

The order of the show will be the Black Canyon Barbershop Chorus and their Quartets first. Some of the fun-filled songs performed by the Chorus will include Taking A Chance On Love, Basin Street Blues, Are You Lonesome Tonight?, Get Me to the Church on Time, and Moments to Remember.

Then comes the Del Rose Chorus performing classics such as Big Spender, Who's Sorry Now, and Ain't Misbehavin'. They are a local women chorus from the Montrose / Olathe area who have performed at the annual show for a number of years.

The second half of the show will be the guest quartet, sure to be an entertaining act. The special guest quartet this year is McPhly. Starting in 2008 as a side project, McPhly has quickly become one of the most popular quartets in the Barbershop Harmony Society. Not only are they a champion barbershop foursome, their song selections include everything from jazz, pop, gospel, country, classical and more. The quartet is made up of Curtis Terry who lives in St. George, UT, Ryan Wilson of Lakewood, CO, Travis Tabares who spends his time between Denver and Long Beach, CA, and Brian Fox, a native of Colorado, who also splits his time between Denver and Long Beach. For long time fans of the Barbershop Chorus, McPhly will be a familiar face. "They performed in our annual show back in 2009, and they have only gotten better since," Olmstead

said.

In Montrose, there will also be a third part to the show with the Afterglow party, where for only \$10 people can enjoy a catered meal, cash bar and even more songs from the three barbershop groups.

A new feature this year will be the fact that the Chorus will be performing two shows, one in Delta and one in Montrose. "We thought, why not have two shows?" eight-year member Dennis Olmstead explained. "It is no more work to prepare for two shows and it provides entertainment for people who don't want to drive to Montrose."

Another difference this year will be the lack of 'risers', raised steps for large groups to perform on. Instead there will be dice tables, playing cards and set pieces to make the show seem more like a theater set.

Olmstead is most excited to see how the group does pulling off two different shows. "It gets the Barbershop Chorus experience up to people in Delta who do not normally get to see it," Olmstead said.



Starting in 2008 as a side project, special guest McPhly has quickly become one of the most popular quartets in the Barbershop Harmony Society. Courtesy photo.

Tickets are \$15 at the door or \$10 in advance at the Pavilion Box Office, DeVinny's Jewelry store in Montrose, or from Chorus members. Children 12 and under are free. Tickets to the Afterglow are \$10 per person. To reserve tickets call the Pavilion at 249-7015. For more information, visit www.blackcanyonchorus.org

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS DIGITAL CREATING COURSES FOR KIDS

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE—The Montrose Regional Library is hosting a series of digital workshops for young people this summer as part of its ongoing Digital Creations Club series. Lessons in beginning coding using the Scratch software platform from M.I.T. are scheduled for June 5 and June 12 from 1:00 to 2:30 pm in the library's meeting room. Students in grades two through five are eligible to attend but MUST PRE-REGISTER by calling the Marguerite H. Gill Children's Room at 249-9656, Option 2, or stopping by the library. Stop motion

video will be the subject of the club's activity on June 19 for the same ages. Space is limited, so sign up soon!

These computer-based activities are ageappropriate and kid-friendly. Parents must be present in the building during these events.

MONTROSE HISTORICAL MUSEUM ESTABLISHES MONTHLY 'MONTROSE DAY'

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The last Saturday of each month will be "Montrose Day" at the Montrose County Historical Museum, 21 N. Rio Grande Street. If you live in the Montrose area, then you will receive a free pass to the Museum. So bring down the family to learn about our unique town and area history. For more information please call 249-2085.

LIBRARY ANNOUNCES SUMMER STORYTIME SEASON

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--The Summer Season of Storytimes at the Montrose Regional Library begins June 2 and runs through July 31.

Storytimes are planned around the library's STEM-related summer reading program, "Fizz, Boom, Read!" (STEM is an acronym that stands for science, technology, engineering, and math.)

On Mondays at 10 am, kids ages 3-5 can attend "Mad Scientist" storytime, an hourlong program blending books and science to create hands-on fun for preschoolers. Reading, dancing, and science experiments are some of the activities on the agenda!

"Grade School Craft & Storytime" will take place Monday afternoons at 1:30 pm. Many STEM-related crafts are planned!

A traditional story and craft hour for ages 3-5 will be offered every Thursday at 10 am (except for July 3). Preschoolers will be entertained and their brains stimulated with puppets, music, and rhymes as well!

Fridays in JUNE ONLY, babies and

toddlers (birth through 36 months) will have fun while caregivers learn about five important practices to do with wee ones that promote early literacy: reading, writing, talking, singing, and playing.

Information about all children's events and programs can be found on the library's website at <u>www.montroselibrary.org/</u> <u>srp.</u> You may follow the Marguerite H. Gill Children's Room on Facebook (<u>www.facebook.com/MontroseKids</u>) and on Twitter (@MontroseLibKids). Or call 249-9656 and choose Option 2 for the Children's Department.

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SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

BAIRD, GREEN WIN FRANCIS AND LUCY BOCKHAUS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



Desiree Baird. Courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--The Francis & Lucy Bochaus Memorial Scholarship Committee has chosen three2014 graduating seniors from Montrose County to receive this memorial scholarship. The new recipients are Desiree Baird, Montrose High School; Tanner Nelson, Nucla High School; and Rio Green, Olathe High School. Francis and Lucy Bochaus were long-term residents of Montrose who had no children of their own. Because neither of them had the opportunity to go to college, they wanted to help young people pursue that goal. In 1990 they set up a trust which would provide scholarships after their death for Montrose County high school students who plan to pursue a baccalaureate program at an accredited college or university. This scholarship may be re-



Rio Green. Courtesy photo.

newed for an additional four years. The scholarship committee believes that the students they have chosen are excellent choices, who are highly motivated and more than capable of reaching their career goals. Baird will be attending the Culinary Institute of America; she states her goal as becoming one of America's most sought after personal chefs. To gain experience in this field while in high school, Baird has interned at the local Camp Robber Restaurant and has worked for both the Camp Robber and Pinecone Catering. In addition to her culinary experiences, Baird ranks 7th academically in her graduating class, was Vice President of National Honor Society and was a member of the MHS

Cross Country team, MHS Marching Band and Drama Club in addition to being a state competitor for both the MHS Knowledge Bowl team and the MHS Speech and Debate Team. Nelson will be studying physical sciences with a concentration in geology and environmental geology at Colorado Mesa University in the fall. He hopes to then earn a master's degree so that he can be considered for a geoscience research position in the future. An outstanding student, Nelson will have completed 24 college credit hours before graduating from NHS. During high school, he was a member of the NHS Student Council, National Honor Society, and class officer during his junior and senior years and was awarded the 2011 Outstanding Science Student award and the 2012 Outstanding Math Student award. In addition, he has been active in several community service projects. Green will major in wildlife biology with a minor in small business entrepreneurship at Hastings College in Nebraska. He also plans to continue his education to earn a master's degree in order to become a Parks & Wildlife Officer. He has chosen this career field because he believes that it is important to maintain, preserve, protect and grow, not only the animals, but their environment as well. By becoming a wildlife biologist, he can participate in keeping our wildlife healthy, protected, balanced and available for future generations to appreciate as he does.

While at OHS, Green was a member of the varsity track and footballs teams, FFA and the National Technical Society. He has been active in 4-H since 2005 and has been a volunteer for the Division of Wildlife since 2012. In addition to his school activities, Green has worked for the Town of Olathe Parks Department, the West Slope Ag Center and continues to work on the family farm.

Huge Annual Rummage Sale, Ouray! Friday June 20, 10am-4pm. Saturday, June 21, 9am-2pm. All proceeds benefit Ouray County non-profits. Men-women-children Clothing, accessories, jewelry, shoes, gifts, sports items, toys, furniture, household goods, artwork, music, books, more. More info. 970-325-0228. <u>www.womansclubouraycounty.org</u>



MONTROSE HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS MAY AWARDS



Perfect Attendance all year: Left to Right Gustavo Villalobos Saenz, David Villalobos Saenz, Olivia Davidson and Yvonne Rosales. Courtesy photo.



Perfect Attendance 2^{nd} semester: L - R Front – Gustavo Villalobos-Saenz, Jacqueline Brown, Marina Brown, Eduardo Lanuza-Jimenez, Gabriel Taylor, Dakota Clark, Casey Crawford, Ellarie Anderson and Yvonne Rosales L - R Back – David Villalobos-Saenz, Jonathan Gray, Trae Comer and Donovan Adams. Courtesy photo.



Division Awards: Front L-R – Bethany Wells, Sydney Llujan, Lauren Brennan, Megan Lahm and Abigail Padilla Back L-R – Justin Peterson, Weldyn Allen, Kali Ping, Caitlan Buchanan.

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE – On May 7th Montrose High School held its final awards ceremony for the 2013-2014 School Year for students earning the Division Award, Leadership Award and Perfect Attendance for the semester and entire school year. Students are chosen for the Division & Leadership Awards because of their leadership and commitment to improve themselves, their academics, their school, the community and the environment.



May Leadership Awards L:R Franklin Eccher – Rochester – Humanities Mitchell Freismuth – Rochester - Computers/Engineering Kaley Holyfield – Rochester - Young leaders

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SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

MONTROSE EMBLEM CLUB SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED



Dillon Giles. Courtesy image.

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE - The Montrose Emblem Club #91 has announced two scholarship



Jason Seymour. Courtesy image.

recipients for 2014. Dillon Giles, a 2014 MHS graduating senior, plans to study chemical and biological engineering at Colorado State University in the fall. OHS graduating senior, Jason Seymour, will be studying agricultural business and animal science at West Texas A&M University. This scholarship is awarded to local students who are hard-working, active in their school, striving for further education and who demonstrate financial need. Both recipients have achieved outstandacademic records. In addition, ing Giles is an Eagle Scout, a member of the Partners' Teen Advisory Board and the Montrose NJROTC Academic Team Commander. His long-term goal is to run a government research lab that develops new medicines. Seymour lettered all four years in football, basketball an USEF Equestrian. He also is an active member and has won awards through 4-H, Future Farmers of America and numerous local, state and national Horse Associations. After graduation from Texas AMU, he plans to return to Olathe and help his brother operate the family farm, which started in 1909. Montrose Emblem Club #91 is a charitable organization charted in 1944 with the Supreme Emblem Club of the United States. The club is affiliated with the Montrose Elks Lodge and the Emblem Club members work closely with the Elks Club on many of their projects.

CARY WINS JERRY BROWN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE - The selection committee for the Jerry Brown Memorial Scholarship has announced Ty Cary, a 2014 MHS graduating senior, as the new recipient of the *Jerry Brown Memorial Scholarship*. Ty plans to attend either Colorado State University or McGill University, a public research university located in Montreal, with a major in environmental studies. His career goal is to create policies for a healthier planet.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brown established this scholarship in 1984 in memory of their son, Gerald_Brown of Cheyenne, Wyoming, a victim of cancer.

The scholarship was established to help a deserving student further his/her education after high school and to recognize a student of good moral character, who demonstrates financial need and has the desire to obtain further education beyond high school. Recipients must know what they want to do, be sincere in their desire to obtain further education and be honestly expending efforts to achieve their goals.

Cary has demonstrated his interest in political and environmental issues in numerous ways. He was a founding member of the City of Montrose Youth Council and has been involved in several research projects and programs outside of MHS including the Yale Young Global Scholars Summer Program; the Siemens Westinghouse, "We Can Change the World" Challenge; online studies in global warning; an independent philosophy study group and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Youth Tour.

His activities in Montrose and at MHS include MHS Band, MHS Boys' Swim Team, National Honor Society, Knowledge Bowl. Montrose Downtown Development Authority Intern and the City of Montrose Earth Week Planning Commission. In addition, Cary runs his own residential recycling service.



Ty Cary. Courtesy photo.

The selection committee believes that Cary demonstrates the ideals and characteristics important to Mr. Brown and is an exceptional candidate for this award.

QuickBooks Seminars

QuickBooks 1: June 2 • QuickBooks 2: June 4 Both Days Classes Available Noon–1pm & 5:30–6:30pm

Members: \$20 / \$40 for Both Non-Members: \$30 / \$50 for Both

QUICKBOOKS 1 OVERVIEW:

- Some Basic Principles of Accounting
- Entering Transaction in QB
- Perform a Complete Company File Setup
- Set up Accounts in the Chart of Accounts List
- Reconcile Your Checking Account.
- Create Bank Reconciliation Reports
- Reconcile Credit Card Accounts and Record a Bill for Later Payment
- Track & Record Company Sales
- Record Sales Receipts
- Record Invoices and Payments from Customers
- AND MUCH MORE!

QUICKBOOKS 2 OVERVIEW:

- Set Up Vendors in the Vendor List
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- Process Customer Returns & Credits
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- Describe Several Types of QB Reports
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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS CASA OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT ASSISTS CASA OF THE FOUR CORNERS

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MONTROSE--CASA of the 7th Judicial District, headquartered in Montrose Colorado, provides court appointed advocacy for children who have experienced abuse and neglect in Montrose, Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Ouray and San Miguel counties. CASA of the 7th Judicial District's impact on helping these children has been so effective that the State CASA Board asked our local office to assist CASA of the Four Corners, serving the 22nd Judicial District, through a difficult time. In addition to providing management support to CASA of the Four Corners an interesting collaboration has developed between CASA, Osprey Packs, a Durango based business that makes high quality backpacks, and **Bags of Love**, a local Montrose organization,. The backpacks, donated by Osprey, are filled with essentials for hygiene and fun things like Teddy Bears, coloring books, games and handmade quilts, donated by Bags of Love. These bags, full of love and things that the child can call their own will be distributed in the Cortez and Delores area to children entering foster care.



Collection of backpacks headed for the Four Corners and the Board of Directors for CASA of the 7th JD. (Left to right: Lance Daniel, Carlton Mason – Executive Director, Patty Voorhis, Margo Lewis, Pat Blackwelder, Valerie Hill, Judy Hollingshead, James Haugsness - Board President, Mick Francis, Mark Harmon.

First Friday Stroll in Downtown Montrose—June 6, 5:30 to 8 pm

Special to the Mirror

DOWNTOWN--There will be something unusual and striking for everyone when the First Friday Stroll unfolds on Main Street in Montrose on June 6th.

High Point: The Art of Showing Horses will be featured at A+Y Design Gallery featuring paintings by equine artists Barbara Haynie and Cheri Isgreen. Everyone who has owned a horse, or dreamed of owning a horse should be entranced by these pieces. On Thursday night, a preview during Main in Motion will feature MON-ARCH, a Lipizzaner horse. He will be present for body painting, painting a portrait, or taking his picture. There will be face painting available for the humans as well.

Around the Corner Gallery will be opening a juried show with the theme "Sunshine and Shadows." More than 20 artists will exhibit their work. The opening reception is from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. with appetizers by Guru's Restaurant and wine and hard cider tasting by Williams Cellars of Cedaredge.

Next door you can enjoy the variety and colors of Tiffany etc. Whether for a gift or something to please yourself, there's a choice and always a good deal to be found.

Mike Simpson has been busy creating a number of new pieces for the Little Gems Collection, a series of small paintings of dramatic outdoor scenery perfect for smaller walls without grand mantles. Simpson Gallery will be open with a special show from 5:30 to 8:00.

Nina Suzanne will be open with a range of new selections of ladies clothing. Stop by and browse in her hospitable shop at 336 Main Street. Canyon Gallery continues to offer its high level of western photography and art, so stop by to see what has been added to the mix.

Across the street is the new incarnation of Fabula, with even more great finds for



On June 5, a preview during Main in Motion will feature MONARCH, a Lipizzaner horse. Image courtesy Cheri Isgreen.

the home, the children's playroom, or your own desktop. Stop by and wander down Main to the Ice Cream Shop for a special treat now that the temperatures are warmer. Several other businesses will also be open.

LEARN HOW TO SURVIVE A BUSINESS DISASTER

Special to the Mirror

DELTA-Between 40-70 percent of businesses that experience a disaster - the death or sudden leaving of a key employee, the loss of electronic data, a flood or other natural disaster – never rebound. As a business owner, do vou have vour own Emergency Response Plan in place? When disaster strikes, will you be ready to overcome it?

Mark Brown, a former Delta police officer, who is now an Emergency Response Planner for LegalPlex, will offer a threehour seminar for small businesses called "Successfully Surviving a Disaster." Two class times will be offered; Wednesday, June 11 from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., and June 11 from 2-5 p.m. Both classes will be held at the Delta Area Chamber of Commerce.

The course will cover the following areas that small businesses should consider and plan for:

The importance of an Emergency Response Plan (ERP)

Operations Planning Continuity of (COOP) and Business Impact Analysis (BIA)

Violence in the workplace, including Active Killer Response Training

SUMMER ART CAMP AT CREAMERY

Special to the Mirror

HOTCHKISS--Summer Art Camp Classes at the Creamery Arts Center will be starting June 10th. This year for the first time kids will be able to choose from clay classes, art classes or fused glass classes! Classes will be held on Tuesdays (fused glass), Wednesdays (clay studio) and Thursdays (art classroom) with each day having a morning and an afternoon session. 4 class punch cards are \$36 or \$10 for single classes. All classes are on a drop-in basis, but register at the front desk before your first class. Drop in and pick up a schedule or email infor-

mation@creameryartscenter.org and we will send you one. The classes will run for 8 weeks, starting June 10th and ending July 31st. Morning sessions are 10am-Noon and afternoon sessions are 1 -3pm. Creamery Art Center Summer Camp Classes have always been a great way to entertain visiting friends and grandkids! See you this summer! Call 970-872-4848 for more information.

Plans for recovering from a disaster

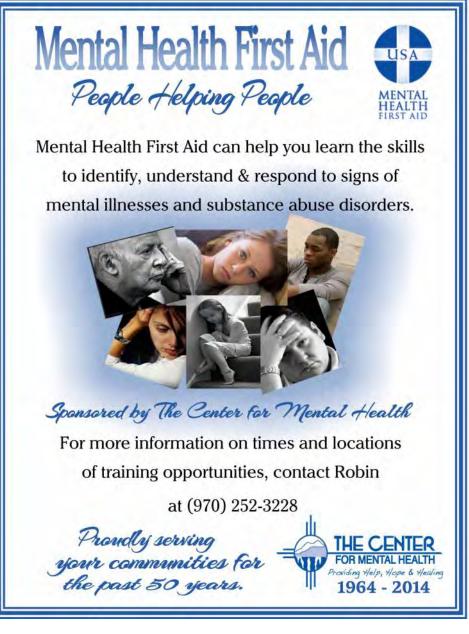
Whether planning for a flood, the death teer fire fighter and EMT. of a key employee, or the loss of electronic data, being prepared for a disaster should be a top priority for any business. According to former FEMA Executive Director, David Paulison, "Small businesses that don't have a plan in place generally don't survive after a disaster, whether it's a flood or a tornado.'

Brown has a BS in business administration and served as a police officer for 16 and \$200 for non-members. RSVPs are School Resource Officer and member of the Chamber at 874-8616.

S.W.A.T. He has also served as a volun-

He has trained thousands of administrators, employees and students on how to survive and recover from man-made threats and natural disasters. "I am passionate about the safety and welfare of others," he said, and wants Delta area businesses to have the tools they need to survive a disaster.

The cost is \$150 for Chamber members years, including positions as a detective, required. For information or to RSVP, call



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MONTROSE COUNTY NEWS AND INFORMATION

Emergency Manager Don Angell Joins Montrose County

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Montrose County is readying for the future with the hiring announcement of Emergency Manager **Don Angell**. As a retired fire chief, NWCG and All Hazard Type II Incident Commander, Hazardous Materials Instructor and Team Leader/Technician, Fire Officer III and Fire Service Instructor, Angell brings a wealth of experience to the position. "We are glad to have Don on board," said Sheriff **Rick Dunalp**. "Montrose County was in need of a dedicated emergency manager and Don has hit the ground running." Angell has served as incident commander on numerous all-hazards incidents including wildfires, aircraft crashes, mass causalities, underground tunnel fires, hazardous materials, mass evacuations, sheltering, blizzards, hurricanes and several other types of all-hazard responses. Most notably, he acted as Deputy Incident Commander responsible for assisting the City of San Antonio in the evacuation of over 26,000 people in 36 hours and then sheltering them for 23 days to include 17 special needs shelters and 501 critical care patients. Angell is a civilian member of the Sheriff's Office. He and his wife, Christy, are excited to make Montrose their home.



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CLUB NEWS

ALTRUSA NAMES NEW OFFICERS FOR 2014-2015



Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Altrusa International of Montrose, Colorado, Inc. installed new officers for the 2014-2015 year. Left to right: Allison Nadel, Immediate Past President, Diane Winger, Director, Janyne Yehling, Treasurer-Elect, Elaine Hale-Jones, 2nd Vice President, Margaret Goodhue, President-Elect, and Marianne Cross-President. Not pictured but also installed, Dr. Sheryl, Continuing Director, Gail Kubik, Treasurer, Sonja Horn, Secretary. The work we do in Altrusa is a continuing work and far-reaching in its influence. It is always a privilege to install new officers. They give new ideas, new approaches, new growth from one group to another. During 2013-2014, 50 members volunteered 4138 hours for club activities and another 3776.50 for other various organizations within the community.

Altrusa members Carol Parker, Rose Price, Cheryl Gibson, Val Burnell, June Estep, Joyce Loss, and Sandra Tyler; Time Bank of the Rockies members. Sandy Anderson, Mary Redmond, and Jennifer Alton; and Botanic Gardens volunteers Fran Adams (also a master gardener) and Liane Muller came together Wed. May 29th to renew the Edible Garden at Altrusa Park, north end, for this summer for the community to enjoy. Drop by and check it out!



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Food Safety Classes Offered by Montrose County Environmental Health

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2014 Montrose Classes

January 14^{th} , 2014 February 11^{th} , 2014 March 11^{th} , 2014 April 8^{th} , 2014 May 13^{th} , 2014 June 10^{th} , 2014 *NO* July class August 12^{th} , 2014 September 9^{th} , 2014 October 21^{st} , 2014 November 18^{th} , 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.

CITY TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--The City of Montrose Office of Business and Tourism (OBT) is now accepting applications for the 2014 Fourth of July Parade that will take place Friday, July 4, beginning at 10am. Main in Motion, rescheduled from its regular Thursday evening time slot, will immediately follow the parade as part of the July Fourth celebration.

All area clubs, churches, organizations,

schools, dance/drill teams, and businesses are encouraged to take part in this popular community parade.

The application deadline is Wednesday, July 2, 2014. Registration is required. Parade rules, regulations, and applications are available: Download

at www.CityofMontrose.org/July4

Pickup at City Hall (433 South First St) Pickup at the OBT (107 South Cascade Avenue) Judges will award prizes to the best of the best. Winners will receive Montrose Bucks: first place - \$50, second place - \$30, and third place - \$20. Judging will be based on the theme (Fourth of July/patriotic), overall appearance, originality/creativity, and crowd appeal.

The OBT is proud to present the annual Fourth of July Parade with the guidance and assistance of the Montrose Police Department and the Lions Club. For more information, call (970) 240-1402.

OBT DELAYS ANALYTICS RELEASE, ANNOUNCES ADS IN TELLURIDE TOURISM GUIDE, PROMOTES MONTROSE APP

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE—The Montrose Office of Business and Tourism (OBT) announces the official launch of the new Visit Montrose mobile app, designed as a tool for visitors and locals alike to access the full range of opportunities to stay, eat, shop and play in Montrose.

The new app is the most recent development surrounding the new Montrose Visitor Center – which also features innovative and interactive touch-screen displays to help visitors plan their Montrose adventures. The latest additions to the new center include a gallery of artwork from local artists, museum displays highlighting samples of local history and patio enhancements.

The OBT has partnered with the Colorado Flights Alliance and the Telluride Tourism Board (TTB); the summer edition of the TTB's official guide includes a twopage Montrose spread – a new Montrose full-page, four-color ad and a full page of editorial entitled, "Wide Open Spaces."

OBT continues to work on gathering visitor data that will enable a targeted approach to its marketing.

As a result of the valuable support from local tourism partners, nearly 16,000 past

visitor records have been gathered thus far in preparation for a marketing analytics report.

Although originally scheduled for a May delivery date, the OBT is committed to achieving a more robust data set for the report and will be approaching businesses and lodgers with a final opportunity to provide information in order to compile the most complete visitor profile possible.

To download the Visit Montrose mobile app, go to VisitMontrose.com/ mobileapp. Additional information about the mission and activities of the OBT is available at CityofMontrose.org/OBT.

New Tax Goes into Effect June 1

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Beginning June 1, 2014, the 0.3% sales and use tax increase for the Montrose Recreation District will go into effect. This increase was approved by voters on April 1, 2014. Beginning June 1, 2014, the City of Montrose will require all sales tax licensees to begin collecting the new 0.3% sales tax in behalf of the Montrose Recreation District (MRD), as required under Referred Measure "B."

The measure was approved by Montrose voters at the 2014 General Municipal Election held April 1 and authorized the MRD to raise \$1,252,500 during 2015, the first full fiscal year of the rate. The 0.3% MRD sales tax increase will remain in

effect until June 1, 2039, and is designated for "Recreation District facilities."

The total sales and use tax rate for retail sales within the City of Montrose will be 7.95% (3.30% City and MRD, 1.75% Montrose County, and 2.9% State). Total sales tax rates collected will be 8.75% for restaurants and 8.85% for hotel/lodging establishments.

The sales tax collected by the City of Montrose to fund essential operations such as law enforcement, streets and parks, has not changed since 1986 when city residents voted to increase the rate from 2% to 3%. Since 1986 and prior to the MRD increase, there have been three city ballot measures to temporarily increase the local sales tax rate for outside organizations

such as Montrose County School District (1% in 1991 and .5% in 2002) and Montrose Library District (1% in 1994).

The last of these temporary increases expired in 2008. In 2007 voters approved two sales tax increases for Montrose County (1% for Roads and .75% for Public Safety). These County collected sales taxes have no expiration and were intended to benefit all residents of Montrose County.

A variety of sales tax information, including a breakdown of local tax rate components, monthly revenue reports, and licensing forms are available at: <u>www.cityofmontrose.org/salestax</u>. For more information, contact Finance Director Shani Wittenberg at(970) 240-1462. volunteers of america homestead at montrose **FUNDRAISER GOLF TOURNAMENT BRIDGES OF MONTROSE** June 14, 2014 8:30 a.m. Shotgun Start Two-person teams \$70 per player

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Join us for a pre-golf BBQ on Thursday, June 12,from 5 pm to 7 pm on the Homestead patio at 1819 Pavilion Drive. \$5 donation requested. View silent auction items; bid or take advantage of our "BUY NOW OPTION!" Sign up for the fundraiser golf tournament on June 14! Call 970-252-9359 or pick up a form at The Bridges.

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DELTA CHAMBER RIBBON CUTTING-CORNERSTONE MORTGAGE LENDING



Special to the Mirror

DELTA--Ambassadors from the Delta Area Chamber of Commerce welcomed Cornerstone Home Lending to town as a new business and as a new Chamber member with a ribbon cutting on May 28. Pictured are (from left) Ambassadors Jesse Messenger with All Windows and Doors Plus, LLC, Nancy Wood, Re/Max Mountain West Real Estate Agent, Chamber board member Darnell Place-Wise from KRYD JackFM, Sarah Hickman, loan processor, and Christina Ledesma, loan officer, with Cornerstone; City Councilor Bill Raley; Ambassadors Kylynn Wilson with Crossroads Senior Living - Delta, Shellie Sanburg with USBank - Delta and Christina Busch with Richards Consulting and Accounting, LLC. Cornerstone Home Lending is located at 102 Grand Ave., Ste. B, in Delta.

HONORABLE MENTION

To DMEA Board Chair Nancy Hovde, for leadership...

To Joe Westcott, prayers for a complete recovery...

To Delta Mortgage pro Christine Ledesma, now with Cornerstone Home Lending...

To the crews and personnel who have helped with the mudslide tragedy on Grand Mesa, and to the Hawkins and Nichols families, our prayers...

To all who donate and volunteer their time to community causes...you rock!

Montrose is First Stop on 2014 Bicycle Tour of Colorado City-Wide Celebration Planned to Welcome Summer Visitors



Montrose is a bicycle destination in 2014! Mirror file photo by Dave Bernier.

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--June 22 through June 28, 2014, more than 650 cyclists from all over the world will participate in the 20th Annual Bicycle Tour of Colorado (BTC), one of Colorado's ultimate cycling adventures. Riders will be cycling more than 400 miles through the beautiful Colorado Rockies. The seven-day adventure starts in Gunnison, with Montrose as the first stop on Sunday, June 22. Cyclists will conclude their day trip at Columbine Middle School in Montrose with a local welcoming celebration next door at Rotary Park. The public is invited to the all-day event. Festivities kick off with a Lions Club pancake breakfast fundraiser at 9am to welcome riders into town and also offer a send-off to participants of the VFW State Convention, which is in town June 18-22.

"Bike tours are great for tourism, and we're thrilled Montrose is on the BTC route this year," said Stacey Ryan, special events coordinator for the City of Montrose's Office of Business and Tourism (OBT), which is sponsoring the event along with the Montrose Area Bicycle Alliance (MABA), and the Colorado Plateau Mountain Bike Association (COPMOBA). "The tour brings hundreds of visitors to town, and we get to throw a party for locals and visitors to come together for the day and showcase Montrose."

The tour celebration will be combined with a send-off breakfast for the VFW State Convention participants. "This is our way of saying 'thanks!' to the VFW for choosing Montrose as the host site of their 93rd Annual State Convention," Ryan explained. "Sharing the morning with the VFW participants surrounded by all the bike tour festivities will bring these events together at a venue where the town can enjoy the day, too."

Music, food, arts/crafts booths will be open from 9am-8pm. Businesses and nonprofits are encouraged to become vendors for a nominal fee: businesses \$25; nonprofits \$10. Shuttles will move participants out to the Black Canyon National Park and throughout town to eat, shop, and enjoy Montrose. All three museums will host a "fee free day" from noon – 6pm, opening their doors to welcome riders and the public. MABA and COPMOBA will provide a beer garden (including wine and margaritas) as a group fundraiser from 4-8 pm. At 8:30 pm MABA will cap off the evening with a free Bike-In Movie, "Back to the Future," sponsored by Alpine Bank. People are encouraged to bike or walk to the park to enjoy the movie. Popcorn will be available on a donation basis. "We're looking for everyone in Montrose to serve as a host and help warmly welcome visitors to our All-America City," explained Ryan. Rotary Park is located next to Columbine Middle School on South 12th Street in Montrose. After an early breakfast in town, riders will leave Monday morning for Ouray and the San Juan Mountains. The seven day adventure begins in Gunnison, Colorado, and tours through several of Colorado's pristine mountain towns including Montrose, Ouray, Durango, Pagosa Springs, Creede, and ending back in Gunnison. Gaining well over 24,000 feet in elevation, riders will be climbing over Cerro Summit, Red Mountain Pass, Molas Divide, Coal Bank,

Yellow Jacket, Wolf Creek Pass, Spring Creek Pass, and Slumgullion Pass. Kent Powell, director and Colorado native, developed the tour based on his own experiences with biking and hiking in the Rocky Mountains. Every year since 1995, Kent has designed tour routes with skilled cyclists in mind, centering on amazing scenery, friendly towns, and hard climbs. "This tour, for many cyclists, is a trip of a lifetime. Friends and family members get together to ride one of the most challenging, breathtaking tours in the country," says Powell.

"It's such a great feeling to see hundreds of cyclists come together and experience an extraordinary journey across the Colorado Rockies," says Powell.

Over the last twenty years, the Bicycle Tour of Colorado has catered to over 25,000 cyclists and has raised over \$375,000 for a number of charities in Colorado, including Rocky Mountain PBS, the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Special Olympics, and Adaptive Adventures. For more information about MABA, visit <u>www.MontroseBicycle.org</u>. For more information about the BTC, call (303) 985-<u>1180</u> or vis-

it <u>www.bicycletourcolorado.com</u>. For information about the visitor center, tourism, and fun things to do in Montrose,

visit <u>www.VisitMontrose.com</u>. Follow the visitor center on Facebook (<u>facebook.com/</u><u>visitMontrose</u>) and Twitter (@VisitMontrose). The visitor center is located at 107 South Cascade Avenue in downtown Montrose and may be reached at (<u>970) 497-8558</u>. Winter hours are Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

For information about the City of Montrose, visit <u>www.cityofmontrose.org</u>. Follow the City on Facebook (<u>facebook.com/</u> <u>cityofmontroseco</u>) and Twitter (@montrosegov). City Hall is located at 433 South First Street in downtown Montrose and may be reached at (<u>970) 240-</u> <u>1400</u>. Hours are Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m. – 6 p.m.

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MONTROSE ALTRUSA HONORED WITH NINA FAY CALHOUN AWARD



Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--The Altrusa International of Montrose, Inc. club received 1st place for the Nina Fay Calhoun award for our multiple International projects. The local club provided sports equipment to a school in Tibet and traditional Sherpa costumes for cultural awareness in Nepal; made micro-loans to 81 entrepreneurs in 13 countries; funded medical treatment to cure intestinal worms in children in Tanzania; helped fund commemorative wind chimes for veterans of foreign wars through the local Wounded Warrior organization; and donated relief funds to Altrusa International Foundation following the Philippines typhoon. As the top club in District Ten for this category, our projects will be judged at the next International Convention in 2015 against entries from the other Districts. The local club of 52 members also received a monetary award of \$100 from Altrusa International Foundation to use toward our international projects in the future.

DEMENTIA AND ALZHEIMERS WORKSHOP

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--Hilltop and Region 10 Community Living Services are offering an eight-hour workshop from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. June 24, for family, community members or professionals caring for those affected by dementia and/or Alzheimer's. This class covers a basic overview of normal memory loss, dementia, and Alzheimer's disease, along with basic caregiving tips and strategies for understanding and dealing with typical dementia behaviors. Class fee: Free for Region 10 Volunteers, \$10 for community members and caregivers and \$15 for professional agencies. Class includes lunch and a comprehensive 170 page manual. Registration Required, deadline June 20th. Call Amy Rowan 249-2436 ext. 203 to register or register online at <u>www.region10.net</u>.

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ARTS AND CULTURE

TALKING GOURDS FEATURES POETS TONIGHT AT ARROYO

Special to the Mirror

TELLURIDE--The Telluride Institute's Talking Gourds Poetry Club features Alan Wartes and Issa Forrest of Parlin (near Gunnison) on first Tuesday, June 3rd, at 6 p.m. at Arroyo's in Telluride.

Alan Wartes has written and performed his music for nearly 40 years. His style is most influenced by the popular storytelling songwriters of the 70s. He is also an accomplished writer, poet, and filmmaker. Issa Forrest is a highly versatile vocalist. Since falling in love with choir in the fourth grade she has performed jazz, rock, pop, country swing, Afro-Cuban chant, Americana and bluegrass Featured poets for the first Tuesday in July will be Aama Harwood of Durango, daughter of Mysto the Magi – a former Tellurider.

As always, following Club announcements and performances, we'll have a short break and then pass the gourd around the room to give those club members and attendees a chance to read poems from the monthly theme -pieces of their own or the work of a favorite other. June's theme, chose by Tish Roo, will be Sheep or Toes.

Also, of local note, ACE of Norwood sponsors a Gourd Circle reading at the Livery on the last Wednesday of each month starting at 6:30 p.m. Visit www.aceofnorwood.org

Talking Gourds Poetry Club is a joint venture of the Telluride Institute, Wilkinson Library, Between the Covers Bookstore, and the newly formed Telluride Literary Arts. Members meet monthly, on first

Tuesday evenings, at Arroyo Fine Art Gallery & Wine Bar at 220 E. Colorado Ave. (next door to Telluride Hardware and the Masonic Hall), beginning at 6 p.m. in Tel-



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luride, Colorado. Call 970-729-0220 for more info. Or visit the Telluride Literary Arts website, tellurideliteraryarts.weebly.com

SHOCK, AWE AND DELIGHT! GARGOYLES FOR THE 21ST CENTURY



Special to the Mirror HOTCHKISS--The Creamery Arts Center is pleased to present the unusual and bizarre works of their newest artist member and sculptor Rich Powell.

This unique first of its' kind exhibition will open with a "meet the artist" reception the evening of Friday, June13th from 6 to 8 pm. You don't want to miss this show! It will run through July 7th.

Rich Powell was born and raised in the delta town of Greenville Mississippi and graduated from the University of Mississippi. He lived in Memphis, Tennessee and New Orleans until hurricane Katrina forced Rich to relocate to Atlanta, Georgia. Rich lived in Atlanta until deciding to follow his dream of creating art and moved to the North Fork Valley.

He currently works in the Creamery Art Center clay studio where he has been inventing imaginative, life size faces with multiple features. His clay faces evoke strong emotions and plenty of humor.

Rich states: "I create free-form, anamorphic, clay faces/masks. I consider them modern day gargoyles and each one is unique. The pieces spring forth from my subconscious and from the act of manipulating and working with the medium. The first ones or prototypes were made after hurricane Katrina when my life was upside down. "I originally used polymer/self-drying clay that I discovered at Hobby Lobby in Atlanta. That was in 2005 and I didn't make any more until I moved to the North Fork area. This is my first art show and I really can't tell you where the ideas come from.

"I have always drawn and painted since I was little, but never in any serious capacity. This is my first attempt to work with clay and the 3D format. It's also my first attempt to be a working artist. I use clays, under glazes, and glazes under the guidance of David Strong." (Creamery Art Center–Clay Studio Manager) The Creamery Arts Center is located at 165 W. Bridge St. Hotchkiss, CO. More information about this show or other events can be found at <u>www.creameryartscenter.org</u> or by calling 970-872-4848.

Please join us for an evening of refreshments, local wines and micro-brews, great art and good company. Rich Powell's artist reception will be held on Friday, June 13th from 6-8pm.

MIRROR IMAGES...SAN JUAN SHUFFLE!





Above, Ridgway Chamber Administrator Gale Ingram (left) and server Jessica Hines welcome visitors to the San Juan Shuffle tasting tour Saturday, May 31. Participants picked up maps and wrist bands at the Visitor Center, where they also enjoyed wine and samples of cuisine from Thai Paradise.

At right, Land & Ocean Costa Rican restaurant offered shufflers samples of ceviche—both traditional and vegetarian, perfect accompaniments to the eatery's signature strawberry margarita, near right. Luiz Bolanos and Barbara Pounds welcomed San Juan Shuffle tour participants with









Left, True Grit owner Tammee Tuttle goes over the tasting options with Shuffler Jack Switzer. Above, Café Ridgway A la Mode welcomed Shufflers for delicious dessert sundaes.

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Governor Signs Bipartisan Small Hydropower Reform Bill into Law

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--Governor Hickenlooper was in Montrose, Colorado today to sign into law bipartisan legislation, HB14-1030, which will streamline development of new small hydropower in Colorado. The bill-signing took place at one of Colorado's leading-edge new small hydroelectric projects, the South Canal Hydroelectric Plant, co-owned by local irrigation company, the Uncompanyer Water Users Association (UVWUA) and the Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA). "Last summer, federal permitting requirements for small hydro were streamlined thanks to Colorado legislators in Congress," said Colorado Small Hydro Association (COSHA) President Kurt Johnson. "Thanks to leadership from Colorado legislators in Denver, today similar state-level streamlining legislation has become law in Colorado, further underscoring Colorado's leadership in hydro policy innovation." Colorado Governor, John Hickenlooper HB14-1030 developed from an October 10, 2013 Water Resources Review Committee hearing chaired by Senator Gail Schwartz. The bipartisan bill was unanimously approved by the House Transportation and Energy Committee on Feb. 5th and subsequently passed the House. On March 13, the bill was unanimously approved by the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Energy. Witnesses testifying in support of the bill on March 13th included representatives from the Colorado Energy Office, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Delta Conservation District, American Rivers, the Colorado Rural Electric Association and the Colorado Small Hydro Association.

"HB14-1030 cuts red tape for small hydro development, helping to accelerate job creation in rural Colorado," said Rep. Don Coram.

The new Colorado hydro reform bill follows in the footsteps of federal hydro streamlining legislation which was approved in Washington, DC last summer: the Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act introduced by Rep. Diana DeGette (D -Denver) and the Bureau of Reclamation Small Conduit Hydropower Development and Rural Jobs Act introduced by Rep. Scott Tipton (R-Cortez) were unanimously approved and signed into law by President Obama in August of 2013.

"HB14-1030 will help create new clean energy and new jobs," said Rep. Mitsch Bush, "it's a win-win for rural Colorado's economy and the environment."

The residents of Delta and Montrose Counties are already realizing the benefits of hydroelectric power through the South Canal Project. The project offsets the cost of power especially during hot summer months when power is in high demand and the price goes up. "Considering the extremely low financing rate made available to us through Clean Renewable Energy Bonds CREBS," said DMEA Board President, Nancy Hovde. "The system should service the debt in under 20 years. After that debt is paid, it's going to be the cheapest power that we would likely have access to.3 The new bill also streamlines the electrical inspection process for small hydro by specifying the National Electrical Code (NEC) standards that electricians and inspectors should be guided by when installing small hydro, following in the footsteps of streamlined procedures that apply for small wind generators.

Colorado currently has hundreds of hydro -related jobs, a number that has the potential to grow. The National Hydropower Association has estimated 5.3 jobs created per megawatt of new hydro construction. COSHA estimates approximately 100 MW of potential new hydro development in Colorado, which would mean approximately 500 new jobs created in Colorado, including jobs for developers, engineers and financiers as well as concrete workers, plumbers, carpenters, welders and electricians.



Courtesy Image.

The new Colorado hydro streamlining legislation builds upon Colorado's history of leadership in hydropower policy Innovation:

Colorado was the first state to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to expedite small hydro approval. Colorado was the first state to prepare a small hydropower handbook. Colorado modified an existing water infrastructure loan program at the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) to make low-interest loan financing available for small hydro construction. The new 8megawatt Tri-County Water hydro project at Ridgway Dam, made possible by lowinterest loan financing from CWCB, is being formally commissioned on June 6th at 1 PM. Colorado is the first state to complete an agricultural hydropower resource assessment. "Colorado's innovation in hydro policy is serving as a model for other states nationwide," concluded COSHA President Kurt Johnson "One of the greatest benefits of HB14-1030 is that it has the potential to enable more local, distributed generation to become a reality," said DMEA Board President, Nancy Hovde. "I believe this is the future for electric utilities, and I am excited to be here today as the Governor signs this bill into law and starts the distributed generation "revolution" that I am confident is coming!"

NEAL AWARDED PURCIEL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE- Montrose High School graduating senior Alisha Neal is the 2014 recipient of the Charles William and Luella M. Purciel Memorial Scholarship.

Alisha has been accepted into the Communication department of Seattle University. According to Neal, communications may seem to some people like a vague degree, but she believes it is a field that combines science with communication and wants to utilize the knowledge and skills that she will gain to help improve the world. The Purciel Scholarship was established by Luella Purciel, a long-time teacher at Northside Elementary School in Montrose. She was especially proud of Northside and the high standards and achievements the school accomplished while she was there.

The Purciel scholarship may be renewed for an additional three years and is meant to assist a graduating MHS senior who also attended Northside and hopes to obtain a baccalaureate college degree.

It was Purciel's hope and ambition that anyone who is a recipient of this scholarship would strive to work hard and be able to give back to someone else that gift of learning.

The selection committee believes that the accomplishments, ideals and goals expressed in Ms. Neal's application make her an ideal candidate for this scholarship.



Alisha Neal. Courtesy photo.

WELCOME HOME MONTROSE-EVENTS UPDATE



PLEASE JOIN US FOR ANY OF THESE!

GARAND, SPRINGFIELD, VINTAGE MILITARY AND MODERN MILITARY SERVICE RIFLE MATCH

On Saturday, 07JUNE14 **Colorado West Gun Club**, 29051 Highway 92 in Hotchkiss, hosts this fun fundraising event from 0700 until done. Contact Jerry Lingo, <u>silvrjack@yahoo.com</u> or Lloyd Stahl, <u>lestahl@bresnan.net</u> for registration, or pre-register/register between 0700 and 0900 hours at the match site. Registration forms are also available at the Warrior Resource Center and at the Stengel Range (Colorado West Gun Club) in Hotchkiss.

REMAX ALPINE VIEW YARD SALE

On Saturday, 07JUNE14, **ReMax Alpine View** of Montrose will hold a benefit yard sale in their parking lot (2730 Commercial Way) from 0800 to 1400 (8 a.m. to 2 p.m.). There is a semi parked there accepting donations, and they are also willing to pick up! Please call Terri Holman for information: 970-249-6658.

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2014 MISSION NO BARRIERS 5K RUN/WALK IS NOW OPEN!

A special thanks to those whose hard work is making this event happen - 5k committee members include Correna Montoya, Valerie Meyers, Kerri Noonan-Inda, Casey Corrigan, Laura Sitton and Kate Taylor. This dedicated team has been working very hard to make this fun, first time event a success-they deserve special recognition. The 5K takes place at the Bridges **21JUNE14**. Register now on our website <u>http://welcomehomemontrose.org/no-barriers-5k-run/</u>!



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2014 SUMMER SHOPPING GUIDE



MORE THAN 20 ARTISTS AT AROUND THE CORNER ART GALLERY

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-- Around the Corner Art Gallery celebrated its six-year Anniversary in the month of May, 2014. Around the Corner Gallery will be opening a juried show with the theme "Sunshine and Shadows." More than 20 artists will exhibit their work. The opening reception is from 5:30 to 8 p.m. with appetizers by Guru's Restaurant and wine and hard cider tasting by Williams Cellars of Cedaredge.

From fine oil paintings and watercolors to inspired photography, to works in bronze and beautiful ceramics and even one-of-akind 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 Cor-



ner 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 <u>web site</u> 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 <u>here</u>. 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.

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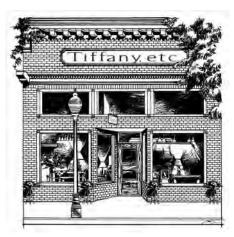
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MONTROSE--Tiffany Store Manager Lorna Santonastaso and Owner Glee Westcott shop throughout the year for the beautiful, useful, and high-quality items that make this Montrose boutique a regional shopping destination. Over the past 30 years, Westcott 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.

"We have many different styles to choose from, Contemporary to Lodge and Western to Traditional. We also have accent pieces to complement any style."

The store is a treasure chest packed with colorful, high-quality merchandise that captures the essence of Western Colorado. Our email catalogue keeps our customer up to date on new merchandise and up-coming store events. Mix & Match Sunday gives our customers a chance to shop in a leisurely atmosphere from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; buy 3 items get #4 FREE! Tiffany etc. is truly A Downtown Montrose Shopping Experience!

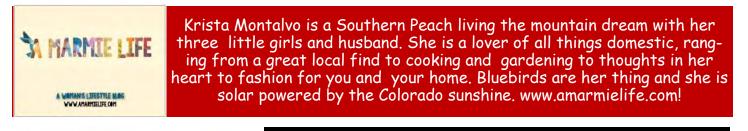
Tiffany Etc. is located at 439 East Main Street in Montrose, and is open seven days a week. They can be reached at 970-249-7877.



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SCHOLARSHIP NEWS DICAMILLO, YOKUM AWARDED LINGHAM SCHOLARSHIPS

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MONTROSE-The selection committee for the *William Arthur Lingham-Harriette Marie Collins Lingham Memorial Scholarship* have selected two new recipients for 2014. Bernadette DiCamillo Dow is a non-traditional student, having graduated from high school in 1977.

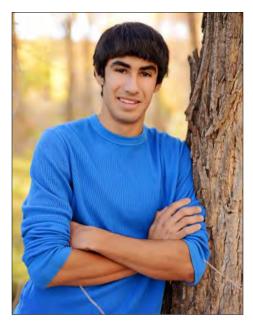
After raising a family, she decided to return to school. She currently is enrolled in the nursing program at Delta-Montrose Technical College. After completing her LPN program, she hopes to continue her education at Colorado Mesa University to become an RN.

The second recipient of the Lingham Memorial scholarship is Russell Yokum, a 2014 Montrose High School graduating senior. Yokum plans to attend the Universal Technical Institute in Arizona to pursue training in the automotive/diesel field. He hopes to become an ASE certified diesel mechanic for the Freightliner Corporation in the future.

The Lingham Memorial scholarship was established in memory of two Montrose County pioneers, William Lingham and Harriette Collins Lingham, MD. William moved to Colorado in 1897 to convalesce from tuberculosis and began sheep ranching in the Montrose area.

Harriette graduated from Boston University School of Medicine and established a medical practice in the Cripple Creek District. In 1902 she moved to Montrose and opened a practice here.

They married in 1906, making Montrose their home until William's death in 1948. This scholarship was established to provide for any ambitious person who has attended schools in Montrose County and is now eager to further his or her education by attending a vocational school or college. The selection committee believes that Dow and Yokum are both excellent representatives of the Lingham legacy.



Russell Yokum. Courtesy photo.



SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

SHINN SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO HANNAH SCHIELDT



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MONTROSE - Hannah Schieldt, a 2014 Montrose High School graduate, has been selected as the recipient of the *Shinn Scholarship, in memory of Cecile M. Shinn at the bequest of Myrtle R. Owens.*

Hannah plans to study Interior Design as well as Public Relations or Marketing at Colorado State University in the fall. She hopes to someday own her own interior design business.

The Shinn family members were sheep and cattle homesteaders in the area in the late 1800's. Myrtle R. Page was born in 1918 in Montrose, the daughter of James and Cecile (Shinn) Page.

Miss Page married Alfred L. Owens, who made his career in the U.S. Marine Corps, and the couple traveled extensively.

They created a trust fund for high school students in Wilson, N.C., her husband's hometown, and for Montrose High School

students. The Shinn Scholarship provides a four-year renewable scholarship for high school graduates who are good Christians, patriotic Americans and excellent students.

Hannah has been a member of the MHS girls' volleyball & Black Canyon volleyball club teams, FCCLA, MHS dance team, outdoor club, and the MHS Super Crew. She has demonstrated her leadership abilities as a student leader for FCA, captain of the MHS girls' dive team, design editor for the MHS press, and president of the MHS National Honor Society. Hannah's outstanding academic record, her volunteer work for tornado relief in Missouri, the Deaf and Blind Center in Los Angeles, various local sports camp, Tovs for Tots, community building projects and soup kitchens and her active involvement in school activities indicate that she represents the ideals put forth by the Shinn family.

Hannah Schieldt. Courtesy image.

KELLY FRANK-SHANNON MCKEE SCHOLARSHIP

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MONTROSE- Vijay Singh, a 2014 MHS graduating senior has been selected as the recipient of the 2014 *Kelly Frank– Shannon McKee Memorial Scholarship*. Singh plans to attend the University of Washington in the fall to study mechanical or electrical engineering. After graduation, he hopes to enter the field of renewable energy.

This scholarship was created as a living memorial to Kelly Frank and Shannon McKee, both Montrose High School students who were killed in an auto accident in 1983. Recipients must demonstrate the characteristics that Shannon and Kelly demonstrated: good moral character and habits, above average scholarship, a sense of sportsmanship and fair play, positive citizenship, community awareness, and significant contributions in both athletic and non-athletic extra- curricular activities.

Singh's involvement in community service, his experience as a varsity soccer player and his outstanding academic record made him an exceptional candidate for this scholarship.

Right, Vijay Singh. Courtesy image.







Benefit concert for Ouray County Ranch History Museum Post-concert VIP Meet & Greet with Mr. Murphey At Timber Creek Gallery • Catered by True Grit • Cash Bar Info: ocrhm.org. VIP Tickets: 970-318-1190

Hold the Date! Upcoming Business and Cultural Events

ONGOING-

-First Friday Strolls Montrose Downtown — Monthly from 5:30 p.m.-8p.m. Artist Demonstrations, Free Wine Tastings, and in store promotional events!

Every Friday-Conscious Salsa at Ah Chihuahua, 234 North First Street, 9:30 p.m. to close.

The last Saturday of each month will be "Montrose Day" at the Montrose County Historical Museum, 21 N. Rio Grande Street. If you live in the Montrose area, then you will receive a free pass to the Museum. So bring down the family to learn about our unique town and area history. For more information please call 249-2085.

-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.

Ridgway concert series-7th Annual Free Summer Concert Series Ridgway Town Park, Ridgway, CO, Thursdays in July, 6pm 'til Dark-July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31.

Pickin' in the Park-Paonia's Seventh Annual Free Summer Concert Series, Paonia Town Park, Paonia, Thursday Evenings in August, 6pm 'til dark.

Mountain Air Music Series in Ouray (Thursdays in June). Visit www.pickinproductions.com for more information on any of the free concerts. 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.

AARP Driver Safety Course-Save on insurance, keep up on newer traffic laws, and learn defensive driving techniques. For details and schedule for Montrose and Delta, contact John 970-856-6924 or 970-424-1778.

June 1-7-2014 Health Care Career Institute, presented by Delta County Economic Development and CU Health Sciences. Call 874-4992 to donate and for information.

June 3-Historic Walk "Local Legends and True Tales" of the alley's in Downtown Montrose, will be at 7 pm. The walk will start at the Montrose County Historical Museum, with a \$5 donation. For information and RSVP please call 970-249-2085.

June 4-3:30 to 6 p.m. Montrose Library Teen Summer Reading-Pay it Forward! Join us for a screening of the popular film "Pay it Forward" and stay to discuss how one good deed can SPARK a chain reaction. Pick up your "Good Deed Coupons" and begin a summer of Paying it Forward! June 6—Tri-County Water Dedication at Ridgway Hydropower plant. For more information visit visit: www.tricountywater.org

June 6-Black Canyon Barbershop Quartet and McPhly, Delta Performing Arts Center, 7 p.m. Advance tickets \$10, at the door \$15. Children under 12 no charge to enjoy the show so bring them along. At the Montrose Pavilion a bonus Afterglow, with food and more entertainment, for \$10. Information call 249-7015 or Chorus Web at www.blackcanyonchorus.org

June 7-Black Canyon Barbershop Quartet and McPhly, Montrose Pavilion, 7 p.m. Advance tickets \$10, at the door \$15. Children under 12 no charge to enjoy the show so bring them along. At the Montrose Pavilion a bonus Afterglow, with food and more entertainment, for \$10. Information call 249-7015 or Chorus Web at www.blackcanyonchorus.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 10-A makerspace event is planned for June 10 from 3-7 pm in the Montrose Regional Library's Meeting Room. This program, offered by the Marguerite H. Gill Children's Room, is for kids and families through 5th grade. Drop in between the hours of 3-7 pm and learn about coding, use an Arduino board, experiment with computer circuits, use a green screen, create something artistic, and more during this hands-on exploratory event. Call 249-9656, X 2, or visit www.montroselibrary.org/srp-events for more information.

June 11-" Successfully Surviving a Disaster,"Delta Chamber of Commerce. 9:30 a.m. to 12:30, and 2 to 5 p.m. Cost is \$150 for Chamber members

and \$200 for non-members. RSVPs are required. For information or to RSVP, call the Chamber at 874-8616. June 11--7 pm - 8:30 pm. <u>"Lavender Under the Tent"</u> Montrose Botanical Society will be holding a meeting with Tracy Harrison, local Master Gardener and President of the Western Slope Lavender Association, presenting on the endless possibilities of lavender and the joy of its renaissance. Location will be at the Montrose Botanic Gardens south of the Pavilion on Niagara. Information: 249-1115 or www.montrosegardens.org. June 12--8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. - School Gardens That Thrive and Basics of Gardening at Montrose County Fairgrounds; registration 8am. Integration of lesson plans with garden activities will engage teachers, parents, and volunteers. After lunch Master Gardeners teach basic gardening techniques. Hosted by Valley Food Partnership, LiveWell Montrose Olathe and Tri-River Extension. More information at valleyfoodpartners@gmail.com or 209-7712.

June 12-Delta-Montrose Electric Association Annual Meeting, 8 a.m. st the Montrose Pavilion.

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

June 13--Creamery Arts Center presents opening reception for Artist Rich Powell, from 6-8pm., 165 W. Bridge St. Hotchkiss, CO. More information about this show or other events can be found at www.creameryartscenter.org or by calling 970-872-4848. Please join us for an evening of refreshments, local wines and micro-brews, great art and good company.

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

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June 14--Montrose Garden Tour, 9am-2pm. Stroll through 5 beautiful local gardens & enjoy live music and artists painting in the gardens. Tickets are \$12, or \$10 if you are or become a member of the Montrose Botanical Society. Tickets can be purchased at the Pavilion, Around The Corner Art Gallery, & morning of tour, at the Montrose Botanic Gardens. Learn more at montrosegardens.org or call 249-3577.

June 14-Celebration of the USS Montrose, Warrior Resource Center (11 South Park) 6 to 8 p.m.

June 14-Ouray County Museum Vignettes of history, 5 to 8 p.m., Western Hotel in Ouray. "Meet Miep Gies, A Beacon of Hope for Anne Frank." Tickets and Information 970-325-4576. Seating is limited.

June 16-Montrose County Public Hearing on Proposed on-site wastewater treatment system regulations, 9 a.m. in commissioners boardroom. June 17-Region 10 Lunch-n-Learn, Noon to 1 p.m. 300 North Cascade. Southwest Hearing, "Say What." Protect your hearing, and what to do about hearing loss you already have. We will discuss what feelings are normal with aging and depression signs to look for are. What questions to ask your doctor and treatments? This program is designed to help support our elders and those with disabilities, you will learn more about how you can help others.

June 18-Noon to 1 p.m, Region 10 Enterprise center, 300 North Cascade. Sweet Search for Success-search engine optimization with Erika Jones. June 18-Are you caring for someone who is non-verbal? Senior CommUnity Care PACE will hold an Adult Education program open to the public on Non-Verbal Communication tips, techniques, and strategies. Learn how to give expression and better understand non-verbal communication with your loved one. The program is no charge and led by Danielle McCarthy, MA, 1 pm Wednesday, PACE Day Center 11485 Hwy 65, Eckert. Please RSVP to Tai Blair at 970-901-7768.

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Above, Brenda Ivy and Phyllis Ward at the True Grit Café during the San Juan Shuffle tasting tour May 31. Below right, Shufflers enjoyed perfect weather for Ridgway's annual culinary showcase.

Above, crabcakes and gourmet potato chips at Cimarron Café. Right, Cimarron Café server Tonya signs a shuffle ticket. Those who collected signatures at every stop were eligible for a gift basket worth \$200.





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