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"THE NEW WAY IS TO RESPECT THE WOMEN" PNG TRIBAL FOUNDATION PROMOTES, MODELS HUMAN RIGHTS

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-The office is colorful but quiet, seemingly no different from any other well-appointed corporate nerve center. Look again, and listen closely--because you just might hear the heartbeat of a worldwide revolution. This is a place where money is thought of mainly in terms of what it can do to empower human beings.

The office in Montrose's Milestone Building belongs to Gary Bustin, who is 41, and a longtime local resident. Bustin is already known worldwide as founder of Samaritan Aviation, an organization he "bootstrapped" into a powerhouse. Samaritan Aviation operates the only floatplane in Papua, New Guinea and has provided humanitarian aid to that nation for more than a decade. Though created to be of service in New Guinea, Samaritan Aviation eventually expanded its role far beyond that nation's borders.

"We set out to do float planes in Papua, but we started flying people--300 a year--to help Mexican migrant farm workers see

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Gary Bustin of Montrose, above with street children in Papua New Guinea, created PNG Tribal Foundation to accelerate support for humanitarian causes in the island nation where he was born and spent his childhood.

FAMILY FUN, PLENTY OF BACON ON THE MENU AT 2014 COUNTY FAIR!



Above, kids show off their chickens at the 2012 Montrose County Fair. The theme for the 2014 Montrose County Fair is Vintage. New You. Mirror File Photo.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Now that her daughter is off to college, Cloris Hopkins is no longer an active 4H leader. However, that doesn't mean Hopkins won't be heading over to the Montrose County Fair later this week.

"I enjoy the whole fair!" Hopkins said. "I love everything from the turkeys to fine arts--I am pretty well-rounded."

For Hopkins, seeing the hard work of local young people--especially those whose exhibits fall within the Living Arts and General categories--is very rewarding.

"I really appreciate seeing the projects that involve creativity," she said, "because I know it takes work just to come up with an idea."

New ideas and creativity are on tap for the Fair itself this year; the 128-year-old event has a brand new logo, designed by artist Rene Bobo, reflecting this year's theme, "Vintage. New. You." After all, the fair is a celebration of Montrose County's agricultural heritage and its people that goes back to the 19th century. And in the words of Interim Montrose

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

LIONS CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST AT THE MONTROSE COUNTY FAIR

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE – The Montrose Lions Club will serve up a pancake breakfast fundraiser at the Montrose County Fair and Rodeo on Saturday, July 19, from 8-10 a.m. at the Montrose County Fairgrounds at the Cattlewomen's Pavilion just east of Friendship Hall (1001 N 2nd St). The cost is \$4/person and includes two pancakes, a sausage patty, and orange juice or coffee.

"Our excellent pancakes get rave reviews, and we're excited to bring the pancake breakfast to the fair again this year," said Club President Lee Elliott.

"The Lions Club serves the communi-

ty—and not just pancakes," explained Elliott. "We help in any way we can and encourage new members to join us in this service." The club's fundraising efforts also include the annual Lions Club Carnival in May. "The events are fun, but the main thing is that the fundraising all circles back into the community to fill different needs."

One way the organization serves a need in the community is through their "Kid Sight Program." The club partners with eye care professionals to provide vision screenings to identify children with possible vision problems, which may indicate a poten-

tial need for further assessment. "We usually refer over 10% of children examined to eye care professionals—most times, the parents weren't aware of the problem," Elliott explained. Year to date, the club has seen over 500 children in many Western Slope communities. "And if the family of a referred child can't pay, the club pays for the exam and a pair of glasses."

The club is actively seeking to grow its membership; men and women are eligible. Club meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Lions Community Building at N. Sixth St. and Nevada Ave.



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MEMORIAL PLANNED FOR LONG LOST WARRIOR



The community is invited to celebrate the life and service of Eugene Howard "Gene" Putney at the Olathe Assembly of God Church at 3 p.m. on Friday, July 18.

By Caitlin Switzer

OLATHE—Like so many boys growing up in Western Colorado, Eugene Howard "Gene" Putney spent his childhood outdoors, hunting and fishing, the third of Pearl and Floyd Putney's ten children. Though born in Oklahoma, Gene was raised in Olathe, spending a short time in Lake City before enlisting in the U.S. Army with his friend Lester Stroup in 1949.

After a brief visit home following boot camp, Gene was deployed to Korea, where

he was captured while fighting in South Korea and taken prisoner in 1951. His family heard nothing from him until the official confirmation of his death in 1955. Putney was awarded the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cross, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Prisoner of War Medal, the South Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Korean Presidential Unit Citation and the Republic of Korea War Service Medal.

To this day, however, Gene's remains have never been found—though his family has traveled to Korea and investigated his death through the Army's

DNA project. Among those for whom his loss is still fresh are his sister Norma—his childhood "buddy"—and his friend, Lester Stroup.

Next Friday, July 18, Gene's friends and family will come together at long last to honor him at 3 p.m. at the Olathe Assembly of God Church, to bring closure to those who have been watching, waiting and hoping all these years. Following the ceremony, the gathering will move to the Olathe Cemetery. The entire community is

invited and welcomed to attend.

"I could not have asked for a better friend," said Stroup, who now suffers from esophageal cancer. "He was honest and true; I really can't say enough about him."

For Putney's niece, Cyndi Duran, honoring her uncle is a way to help her family heal.

"I didn't realize what a raw wound (his loss) has been to this day," Duran said. "My aunt is 83, and she will say, 'There's still time—maybe today is when he will walk through the door.'"

"Because for 67 years, she has been watching and waiting for her buddy to come back, always with a twinge of hope that maybe he just hasn't found his way home.

"There has never been any closure," Duran said. "I want to make things right, to honor him as he should have been honored in 1951. Anyone who has memories of Gene should please come and share them. He has been gone so long, that many of those who knew and served with him are gone or in poor health. My Aunt Norma was his "buddy" as a child, and to this day she cries and cries.

"I want to honor my uncle, and help my family reach closure," she said.

Even a headstone has been difficult to obtain for Gene Putney—after repeated mistakes by the Military, the family was grateful for the help of Welcome Home Montrose Executive Director Emily Smith, who stepped in and arranged for a proper headstone.

"The Military kept losing our request," Duran said. "Now thanks to Emily, his heart has a place to come home."

THIRD ANNUAL TROUBADOR CONTEST AT MAIN IN MOTION AUG. 7

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE—The Third Annual Montrose Troubadour Contest will be held this year on Thursday, Aug. 7, in conjunction with Main in Motion. The competition will begin at 6 p and will be held in the alcove between the Bank of the West and Brown's Shoes. Entries are due no later than July 31. For more info please go to <http://www.maininmotion.org/troubadour> or send inquiries to pearl-road09@gmail.com.

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CROWD SHOWS UP FOR SPECIAL MEETING BETWEEN CITY, MEDC



Montrose Mayor Bob Nicholson, left, and MEDC Executive Director Sandy Head, right. Courtesy images.

By Liesl Greathouse and Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE- Despite short notice and little publicity, interested citizens turned out in force on July 8 for a special meeting between Montrose City Council and Montrose Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) to discuss transfer of a land parcel, purchased years ago by MEDC investors and held by the City for tax and insurance purposes, to MEDC for sale to Federal Express for the relocation and expansion of its local facility.

On June 16, representatives of MEDC had appeared before Council at a regular meeting, seeking transfer of the parcel. However, that discussion was complicated by obvious tension between City and MEDC officials. Though the meeting's agenda referred to the transfer of one parcel, MEDC Executive Director Sandy Head instead asked Council to return all of MEDC's land parcels to the organization, and City Manager Bill Bell followed the contentious meeting with an ultimatum stating that he refused to work with MEDC "as long as Sandy is part of this organization," which was delivered by email to a number of attendees and shared with the media. Following comments by an array of local citizens and a lengthy discussion at the special meeting July 8, Council entered into an executive session with City Attorney Stephen Alcorn and Sandy Head to discuss confidential details of the transaction, and then approved an amended ordinance allowing the property to be "sold" to MEDC for \$20, with funds from the sale of the land to Federal Express placed in escrow until the city's questions are resolved.

City Council Member Rex Swanson said

afterward, "I have supported MEDC, as I have said before. The land should be transferred and the funds given to MEDC."

However, Swanson added, "The relationship between MEDC and the city is strained at best; this needs to be repaired. There needs to be a meeting between the city and MEDC board members, and we need signed documents with expectations, transparency and measurable results."

"I believe that the city, the council, the MEDC council, the staffs on both sides, need to spend a lot of time discussing items of concern. [This is the start of that]," commented Mayor Nicholson.

Council member Kathy Ellis, who pointed out that while similar land transfers have been made in years past, this council is not bound by the actions of prior councils.

"This (relationship) should have been formalized in a written contract," she said. "The City can't just turn over property; we have to do our due diligence."

There will be a second reading of the amended ordinance at the City Council meeting July 15.

For her part, Sandy Head expressed frustration with the length of time devoted to debate and with a perceived lack of cooperation on the part of government officials.

"We have been in the process of obtaining this Quit Claim Deed since May 20, when Bill Bell told us we had to go before Council to request it," she said. "We are now close to two months in that process. Under previous leadership it would have been handled in less than two weeks."

"During this time Fed Ex has been thrown into the open arena," she said. "Fed Ex has watched every Council meeting and followed the conversations. This is the second time in the last two years we have allowed this to happen. In the past these transactions were done in a manner that showed respect to the companies we have worked with. Current City leadership refuses to give that respect to companies by not allowing them confidentiality. It is not only embarrassing, but wrong. The City acknowledges publically that MEDC owns the property. Why, after all of these years, do they think they have a right to the money that belongs to the

investors who are MEDC?"

Prior to the decision, concerned members of the crowd weighed in during public comment time.

Among those who spoke out was Dee Stryker, who noted that as an MEDC investor, he could see value in the 57-year-old economic development organization.

"The agreement was for the city to hold the land for MEDC," he said, adding that over the years, "Not one (MEDC) investor has come back to ask for their money back...why should this change?"

Dan Byers, who owns the land which Federal Express has been leasing until now, both spoke and offered Council a prepared statement about losing two commercial tenants to recent MEDC land deals. The local Pepsi distributorship was a tenant of Byers' prior to its relocation after purchasing a lot from MEDC in 2005.

"I grew up in the valley and although I live and work outside of the area now, I return frequently and have personally driven investment into the Montrose economy in the millions of dollars," said Byers in his statement. "My own investments in Montrose have provided jobs and housing for bankers, realtors, insurance Brokers, and a broad group of tradespeople who live and work in Montrose. I'm just a simple citizen that has opted to invest in the Montrose community because I believe in the future and economic growth of this community."

"Among my questions tonight, I would like to discover if MEDC is going to be working to relocate the rest of my tenants and further damage the economic value of my investments into Montrose?"

Citizen Dennis Olmstead, a retired professional with a background in complex land deals, said that the city may be biting off more than it can chew if it attempts to take over the role and responsibilities of MEDC with regard to the land parcels.

"The work and decisions that the City will have to deal with will make what I did look like child's play," Olmstead said.

"It is a fine kettle of fish you find yourself in." Bell, who was present throughout the meeting on July 8, declined comment as he did not participate in the final decision.

AARP Driver Safety Course (Montrose) - August

Montrose County Health and Human Services at 1845 S. Townsend Ave., Montrose, will host the AARP SMART DRIVER Program from 8:30AM to 1PM, August 14. Save money on insurance, keep up on newer traffic laws (one half day course). Membership in AARP is not required. Fee: \$15 for AARP members, \$20 for non-members. Pre-registration required. Contact: Amy at (970) 249-2436 ext. 203; 8AM-3PM M-F.

DELTA LANDOWNER SEEKS RETURN OF HISTORIC HWY ACCESS

By Caitlin Switzer

DELTA—It is a project expected to improve traffic flow and safety for local drivers. For one longtime Delta resident, however, Delta's ongoing alternative truck route has resulted in a loss of access to a portion of his own land.

Paul Senteney, 84, purchased his property 24 years ago from a descendant of original owner Thomas Vickers, who had acquired the land in 1881. Senteney even holds a land patent that was issued to Vickers by President Harrison in 1892. However, a small portion of Senteney's land is now essential to the completion of the truck route, though no condemnation proceedings have yet been initiated, and Senteney finds himself without the Highway 50 access he once enjoyed.

The piece of land in question is very small, Senteney acknowledges.

"What happened was that they threatened to condemn my land to move the railroad track and canal onto my property," he said. "So we negotiated, and I allowed the City to purchase a small parcel. They went in, surveyed what they wanted, and left a 50-foot strip between my property and the track that they still have to cross. They claim to have Right-of-way and the ability to use it. However, there is a discrepancy—though the property acquired by the City starts 100 feet from the track, and the Railroad claims a 100-foot right-of-way, my deed says they only have 50 feet.

"Mr. Vickers pre-empted the railroad by two years when he acquired the property," Senteney said. "The land patent describes the property as unencumbered. I have brought this to the attention of City Hall, but they claim that they have right-of-way."

Longtime Delta resident Al Metcalfe, a friend of Senteney's, has been trying to help resolve the matter, but finds himself as powerless as the landowner.

"It was common for townships to grant title to the Railroad to come through, but Paul's property was outside the of the boundaries," Metcalfe said, and cited the 2014 case *Brandt vs. US*, in which the Supreme Court found in favor of a property owner who disputed the right of the government to construct a bike trail on an abandoned Railroad easement bisecting his land. In that case, the court stated that a right-of-way abandoned by the Railroad reverts to the property's owner rather than to the Federal government.

According to [Attorney Brian Hodges of](#)

[the Pacific Legal Foundation](#), the impact of *Brandt vs. US* is that, "where the railway right-of-way was acquired as an easement, the government will have to condemn the land and pay the owner just compensation."

"The City and Union Pacific Railroad are claiming they have a 100-foot right-of-way, based on the General railroad Act," Senteney said. "But when the Railroad crosses private land, they were obligated to acquire an easement from the landowner."

Senteney said that he has found no evidence that such a right-of-way was ever acquired. However, several years ago the City eliminated Senteney's access to Highway 50 from the northern end of his property, which he believes to be an unjustified financial hardship.

"When I bought the land, I had access to my property from the North and the South," said Senteney, who had allowed the City to survey and then purchase a small piece of land for purposes of the project, which began in 2011.

"But when they started the bypass project, they eliminated my access from Highway 50 by moving the canal and bridge onto the small portion of land they had acquired from me; so in future, if I want to sell, I have lost the right of access and egress."

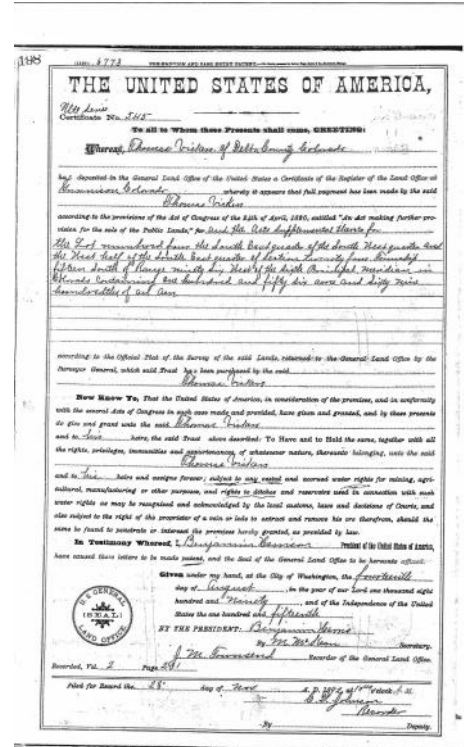
Though Senteney and Metcalfe have taken the matter before Delta's City Council, they have not been able to obtain a definitive answer on what course of action the City intends to take.

"There is a 50-foot strip between their property and the Railroad track that they will have to cross," Senteney said. "They claim they have right-of-way and the ability to use it, but I think they are wrong."

Senteney, who has spoken with an attorney but who hopes not to have to go to the expense of hiring one to defend his rights to his own land, says he is not interested in a payoff.

Metcalfe, who spent his career as a postmaster with the United States postal service, is well-acustomed to the slow pace of governmental negotiations and dealings with Union Pacific Railroad. However, this case has left him frustrated on behalf of his friend.

"There is a Supreme Court decision," Metcalfe said. "It doesn't matter what they call it, these are 'easements;' therefore, once the Railroad abandons an easement, it reverts to the patent holder. So our question to the City is why haven't they initiated condemnation proceedings?"



A copy of the 1and patent issued to Thomas Vickers by President Harrison in 1892. Courtesy image.

"Paul has a sense that if he owns the property, the City should not bring in equipment and remove topsoil," Metcalfe continued. "That amounts to trespass and to theft. But when I came before council to ask questions, I was told that it was not the appropriate venue or time. Well, what is? City Manager Justin Clifton invited me to his office to discuss the matter, but I wanted my comments to be on the public record."

"I cannot say whether or not the City will take any specific actions in the future (condemnation or any other for that matter)," said Clifton when contacted for comment on the matter. "What I can say is that the City has not filed any condemnation proceedings involving Mr. Senteney." Meanwhile, this longtime local landowner continues to pursue what he believes to be fair under the laws of the United States, which prohibit "takings" of private land by the government without fair compensation.

"I don't want special treatment," Senteney said. "And I don't want a cash offer. I just want my highway access back, and I want to be treated like everybody else."

Delta's Alternative Truck has been under way since 2011, and is scheduled for completion by year's end.

OPINION/EDITORIAL

LETTERS—CENSORSHIP AT SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING?

Dear Editor,

Mayor Bob Nicholson opened a call-to-the-public on the land transfer between the City of Montrose and Montrose Economic Development Corporation (MEDC). During the first speaker's comments the Mayor took exception to the facial expressions of audience member Dennis Devor, local MEDC attorney.

When the first speaker finished the Mayor said, "At this point I would like to remind Mr. Devor that we prohibit disruptive behavior, shaking your head and making faces is disruptive behavior. Please avoid that."

Mr. Devor tried to respond, but was censored when the Mayor said, "No, I have not recognized you [to speak]."

Mr. Devor then left the room.

This public spanking of a respected community member by the Mayor is an embarrassment to the entire community, as well as to the City and the other members of the City Council.

It is not lost on me that had this scenario been played out during the County FBO hearings and Commissioner David White had said, "shaking your head and making faces is disruptive behavior," he would have been laughed off the stage and *The Daily Press* would have served us his head on platter!

It must be noted that no one in Council chambers, besides the Council and staff, had a line of sight to Dennis Devor's face. The meeting was not disrupted until the Mayor crafted an opportunity to publicly chastise Mr. Devor.

Article I, Section 10 of the Montrose City Charter states that the Mayor, "...shall serve at the pleasure of the Council." I wonder how many more acts of censorship have to occur before the rest of Council feels displeasure.

Gail Marvel
MONTROSE

THOUGHTS ON SUMMER SUNSHINE, THE NEW CITY VISITOR GUIDE, AND THAT LONG-LOST DATA ANALYTICS REPORT

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Western Colorado is currently enjoying the height of tourist season, with out-of-state and out-of-country visitors flocking to historic locations and recreational amenities across the Western Slope. On July 9, however, Montrose's posh new Visitor Center stood empty at 1:30 in the afternoon save for two staffers from the City's Office of Business & Tourism.

OBT Director Rob Joseph was nowhere to be seen, and neither were copies of the long-promised new Montrose Visitor Guide. Multiple phone messages left for Joseph were not returned.

The first of two new planned seasonal visitor guides is in fact not out yet--in mid-July, though early May is customary for

such publications--and no definite date has been set for the guide's release, OBT staffer Stacey Ryan said. No new guide was released in 2013 either, despite the creation of the OBT in January of that year.

"It's not simple," was Ryan's comment on the matter.

To this writer, however, who began her career writing visitor guides for Manitou Springs and Pikes Peak in the late 1980's, nothing could be simpler--a deadline is a deadline. This is not rocket science.

It is, however, one more example of Assistant City Manager and OBT Director Rob Joseph's inability to do the job for which he is being paid \$80,000 per year.

Though the new guide was contracted with the *Montrose Daily Press*--which has an extensive history of putting out quality

visitor guides on time--a Press staffer told this reporter that they have not yet been given City approval to publish the guide, despite having sold advertising to trusting local businesses hoping to reach summer visitors.

No matter when the Guide is released, it will be too late. Only one major summer holiday remains. Will the City refund the ad revenues, or will they expect the Daily Press to do so? At this point, it is anybody's guess. And if anyone spots Rob Joseph around town, perhaps they will ask him.

Colorado's summer season is drawing to a close...where is the sunshine? Oh, and also, where is that **Data Analytics report** on which we have spent more than \$30,000, and which was promised in May?

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MONTROSE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL RECOGNIZED AS A COMMUNITY VALUE FIVE-STAR HOSPITAL BY CLEVERLEY + ASSOCIATES

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Montrose Memorial Hospital has again been recognized as a top-ranked Community Value Provider by Cleverley + Associates. Cleverley + Associates, a leading healthcare financial consulting firm specializing in operational benchmarking and performance enhancement strategies, released the findings as part of its new publication: The State of the Hospital Industry – 2014 Edition.

MMH is part of a select and distinguished group of hospitals in the United States. Only two hospitals in the state of Colorado were honored with this award. Inclusion in the Community Value Leadership Award group speaks to the

great value that MMH provides to our community. As healthcare value is increasingly discussed nationally, the Community Value Index (CVI) provides an objective assessment of the relative value a hospital provides. This accomplishment provides evidence that MMH has low costs, low charges, uses financial resources efficiently for reinvestment back into the provision of healthcare and also provides a high quality of patient care.

According to Cleverley + Associates; issues of pricing and community benefit have been well-publicized but little has been offered to measure the broad scope of value. In response, The CVI was first created to provide an assessment of a hospi-

tal's performance in four areas; financial strength and reinvestment, cost of care, pricing and quality of care. It's important to recognize that a

large number of hospitals may perform well in one or two of the cores areas of the CVI; however MMH achieved strong performance in each of the four areas which ranks them in the top twenty percent of hospitals nationwide.



HOPEWEST OFFERS NEW GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Special to the Mirror

GRAND JUNCTION-Healing Hearts, a new grief group offered by HopeWest, will help people explore their feelings while connecting them with a group of caring people who are facing similar experiences.

"Support groups can help put the loss of a loved one in perspective and reduce the

sense of isolation that often accompanies loss," said Pam Anderson, Bereavement Services Director. "Our bereavement groups provide an opportunity to learn about the grief process, share experiences and thoughts with understanding peers."

This group is perfect for working professionals or caregivers who cannot get away during the day. At this evening group people will learn new ways to cope with their

grief and discover a path to healing.

Healing Hearts is a free community service of HopeWest and does require registration. This group begins July 15th and will meet every Tuesday evening from 6 pm to 7:30 pm for eight weeks at the HopeWest Office on 645 S. 5th Street. Space is limited, please pre-register. For more information and to register please call 248-8844 or e-mail adultsup-

Silke Printz Steps Out After Her Successful Hip Replacement from MMH

Astute and particular, and after looking into surgeons and hospitals, Silke chose to have her hip replacement surgery at Montrose Memorial Hospital.

"The procedure went beautifully. I knew from the beginning that I wanted the surgery done close to home at Montrose Memorial. The Joint Replacement Center has an excellent pre-surgery class that thoroughly explained everything I needed to know and it was very important to me that MMH has a significantly lower infection rate than other western slope hospitals. Also, Mountain View Therapy provides focused, specialized care to get patients back to the highest level of performance in the shortest time possible."

Call Montrose Memorial Hospital today to learn more about the area's most innovative Joint Replacement Program at 970-252-2995.



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County Manager Ken Norris, the fair is "the crown jewel of Montrose County."

"It's really about the community," Montrose County Media Relations Manager Katie Yergensen said. "This is a nice event for everybody, and a real highlight of the summer. It is your fair, and your event."

And thanks to this year's generous sponsors, most things are free to the public, she added.

The [2014 Fair](#) kicks off with a dog obedience show (10 a.m.) and the CPRA rodeo (7 p.m.) July 18, followed by a packed week of events that finishes with the Royalty Gymkhana (1 p.m.) on Sunday, July 27.

Friday, July 19 is "Dog-Friendly Day," and will feature the annual parade down Main Street (10 a.m.), a pet costume contest (11 a.m.), a dog demo (Noon) and even a Safety-for-Dogs demo with Dr. Stephanie from the San Juan Vet Clinic at 1 p.m. At 5 p.m. Olathe Credit Union hosts a Green Chile Cookoff, followed by evening lawn games that include life-sized Jenga and the first ever beard and mustache contest (6 p.m.).

"Our four judges have worked very hard on the criteria," Yergensen said. On Sunday, July 20, events include Cowboy Church (9 a.m.) and the annual (and amazing) Fiddle Contest at Friendship Hall (Noon). Monday, July 21 is "Kids' Day," and includes not only the Cute Baby Contest (5 p.m.), but a cupcake decorating extravaganza (1 p.m.) and Kiddie Tractor Pull (6 p.m.) and a performance by local artist Emma Cooper (7 p.m.).

"On Tuesday, July 22, we have 'Bacon Day,'" Yergensen said. "We'll have our 'Pork and Pepsi' garden at the Cattlewomen's Pavilion (4-7 p.m.), so dinner will be \$5."

Also set for Tuesday (11 a.m.) is a food art and marshmallow building contest, the main rule of which appears to be to not eat the construction materials.

At 6 p.m., during the junior swine show, there will be a bacon eating contest as well, in which 10 lucky contestants will race through three pounds of bacon apiece in an effort to walk away with 30 pounds of bacon as a prize.

"There will be 10 lucky bacon eaters, and whoever eats the fastest wins," Yergensen said.

"Radio Station 94KIX has helped round the participants up; contestants were asked to write bacon-inspired poetry."

Wednesday night is Community Night, but it begins with a ventriloquist performance at 9 a.m., followed by a full day of family-friendly events and contests that extend into the evening. Highlights include BBQ by the Montrose Chamber Redcoats, as well as pie eating and other contests from 4-6 p.m. in the festival area, followed by exciting events like the Catch-a-Calf Scramble, Ribbon Racing, Ag Olympics, petting zoo, Mutton Bustin' Finals and others in the arena (6 p.m.).

Thursday July 24 is "Throwback Thursday and Ladies Day," with a 1980's theme and plenty of Zumba. Along with livestock showings (check schedule) and team roping (6 p.m.), there are an open cat show

(10 a.m.), pocket pet show (11 a.m.) and an 80's Ladies Contest (6:30 p.m.) with prizes for best costume. All proceeds from the contest will go toward medical expenses for local mom Kayla Sanders, who was injured in an ATV accident June 14.

On "Contest Day," otherwise known as Friday, July 25, county leadership will be on hand to visit with the public, and there will be a Senior Coffee at 9:30 a.m.

There will be full day of entertaining livestock events (check schedule) as well as the Black Canyon Pig Scramble (3 p.m.) and Enduro X at 6:30 p.m.

"We are very thankful this year for our sponsors, and our vendors," Yergensen said. "We think people will be pleasantly surprised at how we have stepped things up and come up with new ideas."

After all, though there is no fair at the Montrose County Fairgrounds for 355 days each year, "The ten days of Fair are what we are really known for," noted Fairgrounds Manager Emily Sanchez, who recently added a concrete floor to the sale barn in an effort to upgrade the facility and increase vendor space for events.

Expect the Montrose County Fair to have a presence at Main in Motion during Fair week, and watch for opportunities on Social Media as well.

"Make sure to connect with us online for Instagram contests, giveaways and swag!" Yergensen said.

"And I want to thank the fair board for all their hard work. They are all volunteers and deserve recognition for the great work they have done!"

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WRITER GAIL MARVEL VISITS MONTROSE SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH



Montrose Seventh Day Adventist Church was the first local congregation that writer Gail Marvel visited for this series. Please keep reading—your own church may be next! Photo by Gail Marvel.

*By Gail Marvel
Ecumenical Correspondent*

MONTROSE--On Saturday, June 28, 2014, I attended the Montrose Seventh-day Adventist Church and was greeted with, "Happy Sabbath." There were about 100 people in attendance, including friends and family in town for a wedding.

The song service, led by a worship team of four, interspersed hymns with Scripture reading. During one selection a dramatic flair was added by a young man accompanying the singers on his trumpet.

Church announcements followed the song service and one agenda item updated the congregation on the proposed kitchen remodel. Logical reasoning for refurbishing was laid out, but I had to laugh when I heard it had been 57 years since the kitchen has been remodeled. The ladies of this fellowship should be nominated for the Fruit of the Spirit Patience Award!

Interacting with other people of faith, this congregation will soon join the community effort, "One Church One Family," and participate in a training program led by Richard Godsil. In other areas of outreach this church shares their facility with a group of Spanish speaking believers.

Following the announcements the younger children gathered around their teacher at the front of the sanctuary for the Children's Story. They listened to an age-appropriate story with a biblical application and at the close one little boy volunteered a heartfelt prayer, "Please help the people who don't believe in Jesus." The children were then dismissed to go throughout the audience carrying brightly-colored tin pails and taking up an offering for Christian Education. The faces of both adults and children held smiles as loose change clattered at the bottom of the metal pails.

Special music was provided by soloist Jim Reed, who sang all three verses of, "His Eye is on the Sparrow."

Before the message began, one leader made his way to where I was seated and said, "Welcome to Montrose." I later learned my new friend's name, Irv Enoch.

The message was presented by the church's former pastor, Michael Campbell, who is now serving in the Philippines. The pastor was excited to be back at his home church and his enthusiasm for the mission field intertwined with the message, "Go Forward," based on Exodus 14:13-14.

The pastor took us from Egypt to the Philippines; from pyramids to volcanos; and from Pharaoh to fellow missionaries on the field. Pastor Campbell's message included stories, anecdotes, and illustrations of his cross-cultural experience. From a visitor's perspective the biblical text was sometimes hard to find in the loosely structured sermon. However, the congregation was encouraged and edified through the adventures in faith shared by their former pastor.

At the end of the service Irv Enoch once again sought me out and invited me to come back to hear the regular pastor, Fritz Krieger. Irv gave me brief overview of some denominational views, which include subscribing to vegetarianism, and avoiding alcohol and tobacco. Irv also extended an invitation to join the church in the park for their pot-luck lunch, "You don't even have to bring anything. Just come and join us."

Contact information:
Montrose Seventh-day Adventist Church
1551 Valley Rd.
Montrose, CO 81401
Church phone: 970-249-4942

Speaking to the disciples of John the Baptist, Jesus said, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see ..." (Matt 11:4 NIV).

*To our readers: Though Montrose writer Gail Marvel does belong to a local church, she is interested in the other houses of worship here in town as well. With this column, Gail will share her experiences as she visits local churches and congregations to learn more about them. Gail wrote a church newsletter for years, and has published her work in a number of Christian publications including **The Lookout**, **Christian Standard**, **Discipleship Journal** and **The Christian Communicator**.*



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COLORADO WEST RSVP SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

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REGIONAL-If you're are looking for a great opportunity to bloom where you're planted, then contact the Colorado West Retired and Senior Volunteer Program today! There is a great need for volunteers at the Chambers of Commerce in both Montrose and Delta, as well as a constant need at the historical museums in Montrose and Delta! In Montrose, the Meals on Wheels delivery drivers need part-time substitutes for their regulars.

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RESULTS PROVE VOLUNTARY BAG REDUCTION EFFORTS WORKING IN MT. VILLAGE

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MONTROSE-Since the voluntary Disposable Plastic Bag Reduction Program went into effect in September 2012, The Market at Mountain Village has reduced the number of bags it distributes by 72 percent – or 129,900 less bags. According to the Plastic Bag Reduction Report, customers were credited 25 cents for 37,398 bags brought to the store in 2013. This translates to over \$9,000 of credited bag incentives.

As part of the voluntary program, the

market stopped distributing petroleum-based plastic bags at checkout and switched to compostable bags – either paper or plant-based. The program was intended to reduce the amount of plastic waste in the environment and encourage shoppers to use reusable bags when they shop in Mountain Village.

"Our voluntary program in Mountain Village illustrates the power of public-private partnerships," observed Mountain Village Mayor Dan Jansen. "By avoiding

mandates and instead working cooperatively with our merchants, we were able to move beyond eliminating plastic and instead employing compostable bags for those who need to buy a bag, making this one of the more environmentally sensitive programs in the country."

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MONTROSE YOUTH COUNCIL RECOGNIZES CAROL MCDERMOTT



Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE – Former City of Montrose Council Member Carol McDermott recently received recognition by the City of Montrose Youth Council for her time and dedication as their City Council representative. McDermott, a retired school teacher and former school board member, brought years of teaching experience to the group and provided guidance, project planning, and a mentoring spirit to the group of future leaders. McDermott served on the Montrose City Council from 2010-2014. The Montrose Youth Council was established by the Montrose City Council to encourage greater youth participation in the city's government, and is charged with actively advising City Council with thoughtful recommendations on issues concerning youth and assisting city staff in considering youth perspectives in its planning efforts. Pictured left to right: Youth Council Staff Liaison Carolyn Bellavance, Youth Council Members Mikayla Unruh, Austin Richardson, Sarah Jacket, Council Member Carol McDermott, Youth Council Members Ty Cary, Sierra Winfrey, and Zhaman Trumbo.

For more information, visit www.cityofmontrose.org/497/Youth-Council or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/montrosecoyouthcouncil or contact City of Montrose Youth Council Staff Liaison Tina Woodrum at (970) 240-1415.

BLOSSOMING ARTISTS SOUGHT FOR FIRST FRIDAY STROLL

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--The theme for the August First Friday Stroll in Montrose is "Blossoming Artists". Downtown galleries and businesses are looking for artwork to display in the Stroll. Young artists between kindergarten and 12th grade are eligible to enter. There is also an amateur category for adults. All types of media may be entered, but paintings must be framed and hung with a wire, no sawtooth hangers, please. Artwork may be priced for sale, if desired.

There will be People's Choice awards for grades K-2nd, grades 3-5, grades 6-8, grades 9-12, and the amateur adult category. Deadline: Drop off artwork at A+Y Design Gallery by July 28.

For more information contact Around the Corner Art Gallery, 249-4243 or A+Y Design Gallery, 970-240-7914.



“I haven't had insurance for years and my daughter told me about the local non-profit Connect for Health Colorado office so I went in and the ladies there were very helpful. I would recommend that people look into their new options under the Affordable Care Act. I am grateful to have the opportunity to finally take care of myself.”

– Carol C.

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PNG TRIBAL FOUNDATION PROMOTES, MODELS HUMAN RIGHTS from page 1

doctors and dentists,” Bustin said. “This was an opportunity to serve people, and to give Americans who had not experienced life in a developing country a chance to see what the rest of the world looks like. Over a weekend, we would typically see 80 to 100 people, and help them with any medical issues they had that were being overlooked.”

Samaritan Aviation also began a Mercy Flights program to help patients get to and from hospitals, he said. Though he is pleased with the success of the non-profit he started while in college, Bustin stepped away from his leadership role with Samaritan Aviation in 2012 to focus on a project even dearer to his heart—creating a model, through his work in New Guinea, for improving the lives of people in developing countries around the globe. Bustin had originally started the [PNG Tribal Foundation](#) in 2009, at a time when Exxon was completing a \$19 million natural gas project in Papua New Guinea. He met with Exxon officials in Washington DC, and today the corporation is one of many high-profile partners in the work of the PNG Tribal Foundation, which also has offices in Papua New Guinea.

“I was born in New Guinea,” Bustin said. “The country got its name two centuries ago, but it really doesn’t fit—Papua is just a name that the Portugese explorers gave to the people because they had fuzzy hair. Spanish explorers named the island New Guinea, though it is nothing at all like Africa. My own grandfather went there in the 1940’s, after World War II, and did mission work. My father and his siblings all lived there for many years; they started clinics and schools. My mother was a nurse practitioner.

“And I grew up in the jungle.”

While many of the children of New Guinea “expats” spent their time in mission stations or international schools, Bustin found friends among the native children.

“I was the only one who wore clothes,” he said. “My friends wore loin cloths.”

It was not until his high school years that Bustin moved with his family to the states, and his early years in Papua New Guinea have shaped the person he is today.

“My formative years had such an impact, it set me on a track to make a difference for the whole country,” he said. “To invest in someone’s life is one of the most meaningful things we can do. Having grown up there, I developed a love and passion for

the people that keeps me up late at night and gets me up early.

“We can do a few things, and impact thousands of lives,” he said.

Among Bustin’s projects this past week has been writing a proposal to provide care and shelter for 50 street children found living in a drain.

“We have a number of partners on the ground,” Bustin said, noting that a program called [Life PNG Care](#), headed by Papua New Guinea resident Collin Pake, has been operating a small, established orphanage.

“Collin is passionate, he has a track record, and he can help us get these 50 kids off the street,” Bustin said. “He needs capital and operating funds, so I am working with Super Value, the largest supermarket chain in New Guinea. I am asking for \$200,000 and help in setting up a Kina (coin) for Kindness program at the stores, where people can drop their spare change to help grow and sustain the orphanage.”

PNG Tribal Foundation encompasses a variety of innovative programs and strategies—and is proving very effective. The Foundation itself is based on the tribal concept that by banding together, a group of like-minded individuals can have a more profound impact.

Violence against women is one of the challenges that Bustin and the PNG Tribal Foundation are now working to eliminate through efforts on the individual, community, provincial and national levels.

“As a developing country, New Guinea does not quite have everything figured out,” Bustin said. “Last year a group of women got together to do something about violence against women, and we helped them with funding. We helped to change a federal law—now a woman can take her abuser to court, which is huge. But it’s one thing to change a law and another to change people’s hearts and minds. So we are shining a light on this issue of gender based violence.

“Seven out of ten women in New Guinea have suffered abuse,” he said. “We are doing a documentary, about Senesim Pasin—‘change your ways,’ and we are making a short film too. The message is, don’t beat women.”



Gary Bustin with PNG Tribal Foundation staff at the offices in Papua New Guinea. Courtesy image.

The film is widely anticipated in New Guinea, and a short version will be released on YouTube as well.

“It took our film crews five weeks,” Bustin said. “We found amazing women who are making an impact on their homes, their provinces, and their nation—and we found men who get it.

“The new way is to respect the women.”

Bustin, who finds himself working 50 or more hours a week to keep pace with the Foundation’s rapid growth, has a wife and three children as well. And it was family that first brought him to Montrose many years ago.

“My uncle had a ranch here,” he said. “We lived in Florida while I was in high school, which was a surfer scene, so it was fun to come here and play cowboy in the Rocky Mountains, with hay and tractors. I met my wife’s family, and we got to be friends. I didn’t even know they had an oldest daughter. Then, I met their oldest daughter. And after college, we moved back here.”

The people of Montrose can join Bustin and PNG Tribal Foundation in bringing change to Papua New Guinea and creating a model of humanitarian work that elevates and respects native people.

“You can join the tribe,” Bustin said. “We are building a blue chip foundation, something everybody can be a part of. I would hope that people can see the significance of what we are doing, and sign up to take part.”

Visit the PNG Tribal Foundation online at <http://pngtribalfoundation.org/>, and find them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/>

BUSINESS OWNERS INVEST IN DOWNTOWN



Above, Gail Kubik and Sonja Horn in the toy section of Horn's newly expanded and very enticing boutique, Fabula at 317 East Main Street.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE--Summer is in full bloom, and Downtown Montrose is feeling the love this season with increased business and private investment.

"We're having a good summer," Phuong Nguyen of Coffee Trader (845 East Main Street) said. "Business is up, better than last year. We're seeing more out-of-state people, and that's important."

"I think people are generally upbeat about

the economy, and we are seeing that trend," he said.

That trend is also reflected at Around the Corner Art Gallery (447 Main Street), where staffer Anne Britton expressed cautious optimism.

"Things are picking up around here," she said. "It might even be a little better than last year."

Among those investing in the future of Downtown are Zach and Jennifer Prock,

new owners of the historic building at 337 Main Street. According to authors Cathleen M. Norman and Marilyn S. Cox in *Take Closer Look Montrose Colorado--A Walking Tour Guide*, the building--which last housed the popular Wild Rose Boutique--is "the original site of the little adobe hovel that housed the T.B. Townsend Hardware Store in 1883." The current structure was built in 1896, the book notes, and has housed many businesses over the centuries--perhaps most notably the Reeves Department Store.

The Procks, who own a number of other local businesses including the Downtown Penthouse a few doors down, have no plan "set in stone" for the building, but hope to create something positive for Downtown.

"It could be a special events venue, for wedding receptions and wine dinners," Jennifer Prock said, "But we really don't know yet. The opportunity was just there to do this; we got a good deal and we jumped. Hopefully we can get it fixed up and keep our Downtown going strong."

Debbie Blanchard, whose popular D'Medici Footwear opened three years ago at 316 East Main Street, is looking at building her already strong investment in Main Street. Though Blanchard recently opened the Warehouse Clearance store at 306 East Main, she is considering a third location in the neighborhood.

"There are lots of independent people who want to see Downtown succeed," Blanchard said. "Retail does require a commitment. But Downtown has a lot to offer, and people with the retail spirit are what will keep this town fresh and different."



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CELEBRATE COMMUNITY THIS WEEKEND AT DELTARADO DAYS!

Delta Chamber of Commerce

DELTA-Freedom Financial Services presents the 79th annual Deltarado Days July 17-20 in beautiful downtown Delta. There is fun, live music, food and events planned for the whole family, all weekend long. Don't miss this wonderful community event!

Thursday

The event kicks off with the signature event, the Farmer-Rancher luncheon held at Delta Sales Yard from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Anyone working in the agricultural industry is invited to a free lunch, courtesy of Shaun Veatch – American Family Insurance and Gunnison Energy Corporation.

That evening, swing by shady Cleland Park for the annual Altrusa barbecue, live music by Open Range, and the Ute Trails Car Club classic car show.

Friday

Stroll along Main Street and enjoy some shopping and a Main Street Fair from 4-7 p.m. The Lee Marts VFW Post 3571 is hosting a silent auction in several downtown businesses throughout the day. Many businesses will offer sales and specials during the event.

The office of the Delta Area Chamber of Commerce will be open until 7 p.m. Stop in for any questions, and to pick up a complete event schedule.

End the night at the street dance on East 4th Street (by City Hall). Enjoy the Key Club barbecue and the beer garden, featuring locally-made brews, wines, hard cider and root beer. Nondrinkers and children are allowed in the beer garden, but everyone wishing to drink will be I.D.'d and braced. The Colorado Parks and Wildlife will also have their shooting trailer at the street dance.

Live music by Alan Vigil and North Fork Country will start at 6 p.m. Come join us for a night of dancing under the stars!

Saturday

Start off the morning with a run or walk around beautiful Swetizer Lake State Park by participating in the Deltarado Dash 5K, bright and early, and then head to Hellman Motors for a pancake breakfast.

The parade will start at 9 a.m. this year – an hour earlier than previous years. Find a good spot on Main Street to watch the more than 40 entries. But remember – the designated “wet zone” is between 6th and



Smokey Bear rides down Main Street during Deltarado Days 2013 in this photo from the Delta Area Chamber of Commerce. Courtesy image.

7th Streets, though in the grand tradition of Deltarado Days parade, you may be splashed anywhere! If you need a shady spot, head to 620 Main Street, where the new office of Grace Community Church and Edward Jones is being renovated; the congregation is providing shade tents for parade watchers, as well as bottled water and Popsicles.

The 2014 Deltarado Days Grand Marshal Thelma Starner will lead the parade, so give her a wave. She'll be driven by Jayda Matekovic with Freedom Financial Services. The parade this year has been sponsored by Farmers Insurance – Applegate Agency, and thanks to Josh Applegate, all parade entries are free. There is still time to enter the parade by calling the Delta Area Chamber of Commerce at 874-8616.

After the parade, head to Cleland Park, where the Vendor Village will be set up. Stop by the Freedom Financial Services booth first for a free bag that you can fill with treasures galore as you shop the 50-plus vendors. The 2014 Deltarado Days T-shirts will also be for sale at the Freedom

booth; proceeds will benefit the 2015 Deltarado Days event.

Vendors will be open until 6 p.m.; food vendors will stay open until 10 p.m. The beer, wine and hard cider garden will be open from 11 a.m. – 11 p.m., courtesy of TK Mining, All Glass Station, Fat Abbey Brewing and CB's Tavern. The Kiwanis Club will serve their tasty barbecue at 11 a.m. in the pavilion.

There is lots of fun for kiddos! Three bump n' jumps, two bump n' jump water slides, the North Fork Ambulance kiddie train and kids games will all happen on the east end of the park near the playground equipment. Kids can play in the bump n' jumps for \$5 per child for all day play; train rides are \$1 each. Live music and other entertainment starts at 10 a.m. and concludes at 11 p.m. with Black Timber. New this year is a live auction, with many fantastic items. The auction starts at 7 p.m.; proceeds will go towards next year's King and Queen scholarship awards. Don't forget the Hellman Motors/Delta Street Rodders car show and the tractor

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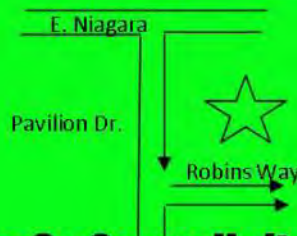
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ABRAHAM CONNECTION HOMELESS SHELTER NEEDS ROOM TO GROW

Special to the Mirror

DELTA-Like any family bursting at the seams of a home, the guests and volunteers from the Abraham Connection Homeless Shelter are in need of a new home, a home big enough to accommodate the number of people utilizing the shelter.

In 2012, the board of directors for the shelter decided it was time to start fundraising to purchase or build a home of their own.

The Abraham Connection has offered emergency overnight shelter to Delta County men, women and families for the past four years. The congregation of the Delta United Methodist Church generously allowed the shelter to operate in the church basement.

As the numbers of guests served jumped every year, it became very apparent in this last season that the shelter cannot continue to operate in the basement. "We are simply out of room," said Cheryl Oeltjenbruns, board president.

Earlier this year, staff with the Department of Local Affairs approached the Abraham Connection and asked the board to apply for a grant to help fund the pur-

chase or construction of a new shelter. The board has applied for a \$300,000 grant to build a 30-bed facility. The proposed shelter will be built on the corner of 5th and Silver Streets in Delta.

Oeltjenbruns explained that the new facility will allow for growth over the next several years, while also accommodating private intake space, a counseling area, guest showers, and an area in which guests can have privacy to get online to search for jobs, take online skill training or apply for benefits.

"Looking to the future, we can increase our scope of services, be open longer during the day, open more days in the year, and work towards moving our guests out of homelessness and into self-sustainability," Oeltjenbruns said.

With the anticipated DOLA grant, other foundation grants and private donations, the board of directors is within 25 percent of the total fundraising goal. Volunteers from the shelter will be at several area events this summer, including the BMW Rally in Paonia July 18-19 and Deltarado Days on July 19, raising funds for the building. The second annual "Girl Talk: A

Day of Beauty & Bliss" ladies' spa day fundraiser will be held Sept. 14, and funds raised there will also go towards the building.

The community can also help the shelter reach its fundraising goal through the Buy A Brick campaign. Bricks purchased through this campaign will be laid in the entry way to the shelter, and can be custom engraved with a family name; anniversary or birthdate; memorial; church, business or civic group.

Bricks are \$125, and the donation is tax deductible. The bricks will show a lasting memory of this community's generosity and service.

The Abraham Connection is Delta County's only emergency overnight shelter resource for homeless and hungry families, men and women who have nowhere else to go during the coldest nights of the year. In the past four seasons, volunteers have provided nearly 2,500 bednights and served over 4,300 meals to more than 200 people.

The shelter can be reached at 773-8290 for information on our services, our building plans, or if you would like to Buy a Brick.

ALTRUSA PRESENTS ESP AWARD TO JEANNE KUCHYNKA



Special to the Mirror

ALTRUSA-It has been a few years since an ESP (Extra Special Person) award has been presented by Altrusa to a person in the community who has shown outstanding service to the community. On June 2, 2014, Linda Riba, immediate past president in the center, and Margaret Goodhue, also a past president and current President-Elect on the right, honored an Altrusa member of 14 years for her service to Altrusa on various committees and fund-raising events and community events, Jeanne Kuchynka, on the left, was surprised and very honored to be selected. Jeanne was presented with an engraved paper weight and a lovely pitcher.

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RE-IJ ONLINE SCHOOL REGISTRATION OPEN THROUGH AUG. 7

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE – Montrose & Olathe School District's Online registration for the 14-15 School Year is open and will be available through August 7th for all returning students. New students to the District will need to register at their designated school site during the week of School Registration- August 5th – August 7th.

The link to access online registration will be in the inbox of Parent Portal accounts. The District would like to encourage parents to register students early as this will provide confirmation that students will be attending our District in the new school year. Parents should print their online application and take to their student's school during the week of School Registration – starting August 5th.

According to Mindy Baumgardner, District Spokesperson, "This is the third year that the District has offered online registration. We are optimistic that this year will be our best year yet. While there were some technical issues the last couple of years, we have worked hard to remedy the issues to make the registration process as easy as possible. We appreciate everyone's patience and look forward to serving our students in the upcoming school year."

If parents do not have a Parent Portal account or access to a computer, please call the District Office at 249-7726.

For additional registration information please visit our website at www.mcsd.org.

EXPECT DAYTIME CLOSURES OF EAST OAK GROVE ROAD

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The City of Montrose is currently finalizing plans to widen East Oak Grove Road between Townsend Avenue and Bear Lake Drive. Roadway construction for this project is not scheduled to begin until the spring of 2015; however, it will be necessary to relocate utilities and irrigation piping ahead of this spring 2015 start date. In anticipation of this relocation work, contractors working for the City of Montrose will be removing select trees on the south side of East Oak Grove Road within the project area beginning the week of July 14, 2014 and continuing for one to two weeks.

To perform this work safely, it will be necessary to close East Oak Grove Road to through traffic while this work is being performed, typically between 8:30 am and 5:00 pm. Access to private residences and nearby businesses will be maintained throughout this and any future closures of the roadway. The city asks that motorists and pedestrians please exercise caution near the work area and please respect all coned-off areas.

Questions regarding the project may be directed to City Engineer Scott Murphy at (970) 240-1498.

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FREE CONCERT WITH FEAST ON AUG. 24 AT MONTROSE PAVILION

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MONTROSE--FEAST, Western Colorado's Premier Celtic Band, will perform a free concert at the Montrose Pavilion on Sunday, Aug. 24 at 3 pm to benefit the Libraries of Montrose County Foundation. Though this is a free concert, tickets are required and available at the Montrose Regional Library or by calling 964-2547.

Featuring dancers, fiddles, viola, cello, electric guitar, upright bass, harp, and grand piano, FEAST has delighted audiences in the US and Europe. The band's powerful, emotionally-driven performances have been greeted with enthusiasm and standing ovations from audiences of all ages. FEAST was formed in 2005 by Kathryn Mientka and the late Tyme Mientka, well-known to area chamber music lovers. The director of the Silver Plume Irish-Scottish Music Festival reports that "FEAST was certainly the most enthusiastically received group in the history of our event!" In a review of the Palisade Celtic Festival, the Delta County Independent wrote, "[FEAST] sounds tradi-

tional and modern at the same time . . . each member of the group brings different predominating strengths. The violinist brought fire, the cellist a fine phrase-making, the pianist a zesty sense of ensemble guts, and the drummer gave everything just the right spice. It's a musical feast all right - music with a real attitude, real punk and fire . . . The wowed audience gave them the one standing ovation of the evening."

The concert is general admission. Doors will open at 2 pm. The Libraries of Montrose County Foundation is sponsoring the concert to bring awareness to Permanent Book Funds, which provide needed reve-



FEAST was formed in 2005 by Kathryn Mientka and the late Tyme Mientka, well-known to area chamber music lovers. Courtesy image.

nue to purchase books and other materials for Montrose County's public libraries. With a gift of \$2,500 or more, a donor can create a Permanent Book Fund to be invested in perpetuity, with its income used to purchase items annually.

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FIRST ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION INSTALLED DOWNTOWN

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MONTROSE – With funding primarily received through the Colorado Energy Office's Charge Ahead Colorado competitive grant program, the City of Montrose has installed Montrose's first publicly accessible electric vehicle (EV) charging station adjacent to Centennial Plaza. The downtown location was chosen to encourage those using the charging station to spend time visiting merchants and public facilities. The Level 2 equipment installed charges most electric vehicles in one to four hours.

"We are seeing an increasing number of governments in the state addressing the need for public EV charging stations," noted Virgil Turner, director of innovation and citizen engagement for the City of Montrose. "Just as lodging properties and retail outlets are installing public EV charging stations as a strategy to draw visitors to their locations, governments are seeing a benefit by making these facilities available in their communities for the same reason."

The City's EV charging station went live in June and is listed on a number of

web sites that help EV owners find a station. "We have seen a number of EV owners stopping in Montrose to top off the batteries in their vehicles," noted Turner. "While their vehicles are charging, they can spend time downtown and visit our merchants," Turner stated.

"Electric vehicles are becoming a more common sight in Montrose, and until the completion of this project, Montrose did not have a public location for recharging electric vehicles," explained Turner. The closest public charging stations to Montrose before this summer were in Grand Junction and Durango.

The city considers the station a pilot program. "We'll evaluate the benefits and compare the costs of operating a public EV charging station," remarked Turner. "Currently the costs associated with each charge are paid by the city. Typically, each hour of charge represents one dollar in electrical cost. The city is exploring the installation of solar photo voltaic panels on the roof of an adjacent building in the future. Using locally generated electricity to power the charging station will eliminate on-going costs for operation in the

future.

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, hybrid and electric vehicles help to improve energy security because the fuels used are domestically produced, increase fuel economy, lower fuel costs, and reduce emissions. The Colorado Energy Office encourages the increase in infrastructure availability for electric vehicles. Each owner of an EV registered in Colorado pays a fee which replaces the revenue not collected from gasoline taxes and goes toward road and highway maintenance. In addition a portion of these registration fees are used for electric vehicle infrastructure such as charging stations.

The city was notified in February of their successful application; the project was completed in early June. Project costs for installation and signage totaled under \$4,000, with 80% covered by the Colorado Energy Office. The Colorado Energy Office was seeking to increase the density of public charging station infrastructure in the state through their Charge Ahead program.

For more information, contact Turner at [\(970\) 240-1471](tel:9702401471).

PUPPETREE THEATER PRESENTS "THE SENSATIONAL MACHINE"



Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--Have you ever wanted to look different? What if there was a machine that could change your appearance, just by pushing a button? On July 22 at 10:30 and 1:30 in the Montrose Library meeting room, Puppetree Theatre Presents the all-ages show, "The Sensational Machine." Stop by to see what happens when monsters decide to look less scary. How will the Sensational Machine change their looks? Will they like the changes? Admission is free, but space is limited, so arrive early to get a seat!

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TEN NEW WHEELCHAIRS DONATED TO DELTA COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL



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DELTA--10 New Wheel Chairs Donated to Delta Hospital - DCMH Volunteers and DCMH Foundation teamed up to donate 10 wheel chairs worth \$3,700 to Delta County Memorial Hospital.

From l to r: Lucinda Stanley- Foundation Treasurer; Dorothy Dunfelder, Foundation Vice President; Shirley Clayton, Volunteer Gift Shop Treasurer; Thelma Starner- Foundation President; Bobby Miller-Volunteer President; Janamarie Dugle – Volunteer Scholarship Committee; ? - Volunteer; Marion Hoffman-Volunteer Treasurer; Bill Raley- Volunteer Past President; Joyce Picard-Volunteer Coordinator; and Joyce Raley- Volunteer in ER and Visitor Desk. Courtesy Photo.

HONORABLE MENTION

To Caroline and Kevin Lescroart for opening their magnificent new retail emporium The Stock Exchange at 521 Clinton Street in Ridgway...

To Zach and Jennifer Prock, for buying and planning to restore the old Reeves Department Store Building at 337 Main Street in Montrose;

To Debbie Blanchard (D'Medici, Warehouse Clearance) and Sonja Horn (Fabula) for expanding their strong retail operations Downtown, and bringing more and better shopping to the whole region;

To Montrose corn scientist Dave MacKenzie, for letting us now that the first Mirai corn is in, beginning this afternoon, at Honey Acre Farm at Townsend and Woodgate!



MONTROSE COUNTY NEWS AND INFORMATION

KEN NORRIS SPEAKS AT HEIDI'S DELI FORUM



Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--Montrose County's Interim Manager Ken Norris addressed the crowd at the Heidi's Brooklyn Deli forum last Wednesday. "I am trying to bring more sense to county government," said Norris, whose education includes a Masters of Business Administration. "I want to make things more efficient and effective, and to empower my employees to make decisions. I want them to feel good about trying things that make our county more efficient and effective." The worth of a new idea can be tested with two simple questions, Norris said. "As a taxpayer do you want to do this?" and "Does it make sense?" Norris also expressed optimism about the future of Montrose County, and talked about the county's recent decision to move equipment from the present road and bridge yard to the newly-acquired United Company property on LaSalle Road. "The move will help our taxpayers over the long haul," Norris said. "It's an efficient site." By allowing for the relocation of large equipment, the new site will also help to alleviate crowding at the Fairgrounds during fair week, he said. Montrose County is exploring the construction of a new indoor arena as well, so that events can be scheduled at the facility all winter long.

A photograph of a field of flowers, primarily yellow Black-eyed Susans, with a few white daisies in the foreground. The text "CLICK HERE FOR MONTROSE COUNTY GARDENING CALENDAR!" is overlaid in white capital letters.

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SUPPORT COLORADO'S AVIATION INDUSTRY WITH LICENSE PLATE

Special to the Mirror

COLORADO-Colorado has a passionate aviation community and the aviation industry provides a lot of jobs in Colorado.

According to 2013 Colorado Department of Transportation aviation economic impact studies, Colorado's aviation industry supports 340,786 jobs with an annual payroll of 12.6 billion and an economic impact of \$36.7 billion? Colorado is home to 40 charter flight companies, 69 repair stations, 16 flight schools and 70 fixed base operators.

Raising awareness about aviation and its impact on the economic viability of our communities is on the minds of aviation associations such as, the Colorado Aviation Business Association (CABA) and the Colorado Pilots Association (CPA).

"One way to actively share the message

about the importance of aviation to our communities is with a license plate. CABA and the CPA have teamed up to generate a Colorado license plate which depicts support for aviation" Kenn Kline, CABA Region Co-chair and Customer Service Manager at Black Canyon Jet Center in Montrose CO said."

CABA held a design competition, which produced diverse designs from multiple artists, and Chris Glaser of Jeppesen's Creative Services of Centennial Colorado won the competition.

Then the license plate campaign began during June 2014, which was "Colorado Aviation Appreciation Month" as proclaimed by Colorado Governor Hickenlooper.

Gaining a license plate requires a process which garners a minimum of 3,000 signa-

tures on a petition, an elected sponsor of a bill, and state approval.

"The project is in the petition stage right now, and we want to let communities throughout the state know about the project, Kline said." The fee for the plate will be \$50.00 which is standard for a special group plate. (\$25.00 covers the DMV fees and \$25.00 covers the Highway User Tax Fund) The license plate is expected to be available by 2016.

The license plate design can be found on the petition website www.supportcoloradoaviation.com.

The license plate is inclusive of diversity in aviation with various types of aircraft. A runway is also shown to represent those in non-pilot roles in aviation.

Anyone who signs the petition is under no obligation to purchase the license plate.



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SIGN UP FOR THE THIRD ANNUAL PARTNERS BENEFIT PISTOL SHOOT AUG. 9

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MONTROSE--Set your sites and mark your calendar to join us for the 3rd Annual Partners Benefit Pistol Shoot. This year's event will again be hosted by the San Juan Shooting Range and the Montrose Police Department on August 9th, 2014, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the San Juan Shooting Range (19878 Dave Wood Road).

The cost is \$20 per person, and all money goes to PARTNERS youth mentoring program. Bring your handgun and ammunition (no magnums) and shoot four courses of fire as an individual, and/or sign up a three- person team and compete with local law enforcement and friends.

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No experience is necessary, as coaching will be provided.

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Law enforcement officers will be there to compete and to assist the public.

Be an event sponsor - for \$500 or \$100, get your logo on the kiosk for one year & team discount.

Help PARTNERS to help our kids! To register, call the Partners office at 970-249-1116 or visit our web-site: www.partners-west.org. For shooting questions, please call Paul Miller at San Juan Shooting Range (970-249-4227), and a map to the Range is available on their Web site: www.sanjuanrange.com.

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ALPINE BANK NAMED ONE OF COLORADO'S GREENEST COMPANIES

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DENVER—ColoradoBiz magazine recognized Alpine Bank as one of Colorado's Top 50 Greenest Companies at the inaugural Green Colorado Awards on June 26, 2014 at RedLine Gallery in downtown Denver.

Alpine Bank was the only bank recognized in a group of six organizations whose sustainable initiatives are setting new industry standards in the Financial/Consulting/Professional Services category. The other five organizations acknowledged in this group were the Brendle Group, First Affirmative Financial, GreenMont Capital Partners, Moya White, and YR&G.

The Green Colorado Advisory Panel included: Jeff Hohensee, Alliance for Sustainable Colorado; Kim Coupounas, B Lab Colorado and GoLite; Lynette Myers, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment; Nick Sterling, Natural Capitalism Solutions; and David Payne, University of Colorado.

Hunter Lovins, president and founder of Natural Capitalism Solutions, provided the inspiring keynote address at the event. Lovins is a distinguished 'green leader' and has been named a millennium "Hero for the Planet" by Time magazine and a "Green Business Icon" by Newsweek.

"The event, participants, and 50 designated organizations selected are the 'green cream of the crop' in Colorado. It is very gratifying to know that we are in such good company and that the bank is being recognized as helping make Colorado a better sustainable place for all of us and the next generation," said David Miller,



Hunter Lovins of Natural Capitalism Solutions delivers the keynote address at the inaugural ColoradoBiz Magazine Green Colorado Awards at Denver's RedLine Gallery on June 26. ColoradoBiz has recognized Alpine Bank as one of Colorado's Top 50 greenest companies. Courtesy photo.

chairman of the Alpine Bank green team. "The fact that we were the only financial services provider selected is an exceptional affirmation of the collective efforts achieved by all of us at Alpine Bank."

Alpine Bank's environmental practices have been vast and longstanding: what started as a grassroots effort by bank employees in 2003 evolved into an extensive, bank-wide Environmental Management System (EMS), which has greatly reduced the bank's environmental footprint and has

been recognized with ISO 14001 certification – the international EMS standard of excellence. To date, Alpine Bank is the only known financial institution to hold this certification. Additionally, in 2013 alone Alpine Bank contributed more than \$145,000 to local environmental nonprofits through its Environment Loyalty Debit Card initiative.

For more information about Alpine Bank's environmental efforts, please visit www.alpinebank.com.

BLACK CANYON GYMNASTICS PROVIDES CHEER SQUAD FOR YOUTH FOOTBALL

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--Black Canyon Gymnastics will be working with the Montrose Youth Football League providing cheerleaders for their season. Cheerleaders will be issued a uniform which they get to keep at the end of the season. They will have practices on Tuesdays and Thursday from 5:30-6:30 starting Aug. 18. Cheer camp will run in conjunction with football camp the week of Aug. 4th. For more information or to register call 970-249-7264.



REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS-DELTA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Special to the Mirror

DELTA-At the July Business After Hours sponsored by the Delta Area Chamber of Commerce and co-hosted by Senior CommUnity Care PACE and Horizons Health Care, Elizabeth Thompson, owner of the Fairlamb House Bed & Breakfast, was the winner of the door prize donated by the co-hosts. The prize was \$50 donated to a charity of her choice. Elizabeth is also a dental hygienist who donates her time to the residents in the PACE program, and she elected to spend the \$50 on new toothbrushes for the residents. Pictured is (from left) Elizabeth; Sara Sterling, executive director of Horizons; Sadie Williams, center director for the Eckert day center for PACE; and CJ Simmers, executive director for PACE.

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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.

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.

July 15—Region 10 Community Living Services Lunch-n-Learn: Tai Blair with Senior Community Care PACE, “Get Out of the Fog” - Medicaid Eligibility is designed to help support our elders and those with disabilities understand the Medicaid system. Learn requirements for applying for Long Term Care Medicaid and for Adult Medical Medicaid, what documents are required and eligibility. 12-1 pm. Location: Region 10, 300 N. Cascade in the Sneffles room. **Registration required:** Register online at www.region10.net or call 249-2436.

July 15-Community Tap Night at Horsefly Brewing Company-proceeds to benefit Montrose County League of Women Voters.

July 16-- 9 a.m. - 12 noon at the Montrose Botanic Gardens. Kids ages 5 - 11 meet at the Gardens for fun activities: planting a vegetable garden, a scavenger hunt, weed pulling contest, bug jokes and more. Bring your water bottle, hat, sunscreen and gloves if you have them. No restrooms, so come for an hour or two. An adult should accompany child. Information call Liane 209-4242 or www.montrosegardens.org.

July 16-Montrose Library Teen Summer Reading Program-1:30 pm-4 pm -CSI: Montrose, Part I: Ask a Detective-Join a real forensics expert to learn all about crime scenes and ask questions about how detectives use science to solve crimes.

July 17-20-Deltarado Days!

July 18-Montrose Regional Library presents Big Bubble Circus, all ages shows at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

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

July 18-Montrose Library Teen Summer Reading Program-1:30 to 4 p.m.-CSI: Montrose, Part II: Who Killed Geoffrey? --Apply your new forensics expertise to a crime! Our Mad Scientist, Geoffrey, has been murdered. Collect the clues and solve the crime! Meet outside the library at the BOOKMOBILE!

July 19--9 a.m. - 12 noon CREATING KIDS GARDEN MURAL, at the Montrose Botanic Gardens. Kids come join in the fun of learning about plants, flowers and painting a mural. Great fun for all. www.montrosegardens.org

July 29-Montrose Community Band Free Patriotic Concert, 7 p.m. at the Montrose Pavilion.

Aug. 6--Montrose Botanic Gardens 11 am - 1 pm Susan Carter, Horticultural Agent at the Colorado University Extension Service, is presenting “Using Natives and other drought tolerant plants in your garden”. Free. Bring sack lunch and chair. Questions: Linda at 970-765-2237 or www.montrosegardens.org.

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

Aug. 14-AARP Driver Safety Class, Montrose. **Montrose County Health and Human Services at 1845 S. Townsend Ave.**, Montrose, will host the AARP SMART DRIVER Program from 8:30AM to 1PM. August 14. Save money on insurance, keep up on newer traffic laws (one half day course). Membership in AARP is not required. Fee: \$15 for AARP members, \$20 for non-members. Pre-registration required. Contact: Amy at (970) 249-2436 ext. 203; 8AM-3PM M-F.

Aug. 6-19-33rd Annual Telluride Mushroom Festival!

Aug. 19--Noon to 1 pm - sponsored by Region 10, presentation by – Beau Ballinger with AARP, “If it looks too good to be true, it probably is.” Play it safe with Fraud Prevention. Learn the newest scams, fraud prevention and what to do if you have been scammed, bring your questions. We will promptly start at noon, sign-in at 11:45. Location: Region 10, 300 N. Cascade in the Sneffels room. Registration required: Register online at www.region10.net or call 970-249-2436.

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

Sept. 26-27-Fifth Annual Tribute to Western Movies Days, Museum of the Mountain West.

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

MIRROR IMAGES...OUT AND ABOUT IN MONTROSE



At left, Jan Stoutt and Wind Blocker stopped in town July 14 for supplies during the [Rocky Mountain National Rendezvous](#), a mountain man and living history gathering that focuses on the fur trade, and which is being held July 12-20 on a ranch near Gunnison.

Above, shoppers enjoyed the new awning outside of the Straw Hat Farm Store during the Montrose Farmers Market July 12.



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At left, Janet Chapman, artist Gina Grundemann and Lisette Riviere talk about art during the Fourth of July Main in Motion event in Montrose; Above, the Ouray Fourth of July Parade makes a splash with bystanders,

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