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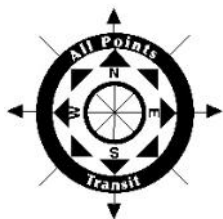
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WELCOME HOME ALLIANCE EYES DURANGO EXPANSION



Above, equine assisted therapy at Durango's Therapeutic Experience is one benefit that wounded veterans could experience when the Welcome Home Alliance for vets expands to Durango. Courtesy photo.

By Caitlin Switzer

REGIONAL—She is a single mother, dividing her time between family and her work as a wildfire consultant and certified equine therapist in Durango.

And Tammy Tyner has a dream.

"My dad and I work with horses, and we have established an equine-assisted learning program geared toward veterans," she said. "Our vision is to eventually have a ranch, here in Durango, dedicated to veterans. They could come out for two weeks of rest, relaxation, fun, and equine-assisted learning, for stress-relief and exercise."

The ranch may still be a dream, but efforts to build a supportive organization for local veterans are fast becoming a reality, thanks to a community group that includes Tyner and her father, Ron.

Several weeks ago, Welcome Home Montrose Founder Melanie Kline spoke to two groups in Durango. One of those groups, headed by Ron Tyner, was composed of residents with a collective interest

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MEDC UNVEILS POTENTIAL NEW BUSINESS AT MRCOG, HAYNES PROVIDES UPDATE ON TRANSIT, BROADBAND EFFORTS

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE--The name is VERN, but it's not your ornery brother-in-law. The Vocational Electronics Recycling Network (VERN) includes the non-profit Blue Star Recyclers of Colorado Springs and a number of other partners, employs people with disabilities—and it just may be expanding to Montrose.

"VERN will come to Montrose and do a feasibility analysis for \$1,300," Montrose Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Sandy Head told the group of public officials at the MR COG meeting at Friendship Hall Sept. 26. "ReclaMetals does not see them as competition—this kind of recycling takes a lot of work, but there is a lot of money in what is being shipped out."

Head asked for cooperation between City and County in paying the study fee.

"Why would we pay for a study to have a private business venture come in?" asked Montrose Mayor Judy Ann Files.

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Above, Blue Star Recyclers of Colorado Springs are part of the Vocational Electronics Recycling Network, (VERN) which employs people with disabilities. VERN may be coming to Montrose. Courtesy photo.

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DELTA COUNTY'S KELLI HEPLER TAPPED FOR STATEWIDE ROLE



Delta County Tourism Cabinet Consultant Kelli Hepler was honored with a Governors award for her work in 2011. Courtesy image.

By Caitlin Switzer

DELTA—With a budget of just \$79,000 this year, Kelli Hepler is accustomed to making great things happen on a shoestring for Colorado's Western Slope. Honored with a Colorado Governors' award for her work in tourism promotion just two years ago, Hepler is best known for promoting and organizing Delta County's Tourism Cabinet—she is the genius behind the "Our Side of the Divide" campaign. Few know, however, that Hepler is now working with the State's Office of

Montrose Visitor and Convention Bureau," she said. "I had a little office behind the Hallmark store. Over the years, Delta County Tourism became my client. They cannot hire an employee, only a consultant, but I have been with them for more than ten years."

The strength of Delta County's agritourism campaign can be seen on the web site, www.deltacountycolorado.com, and on the [Facebook](#) site as well. Farm tours and the local events highlighting food and wine continue to draw visitors from across the

Tourism as well, to promote agritourism, or that she actually got her start here in Montrose.

"I now have a voice with the Colorado Tourism Office," Hepler said. "I represent the Western Slope—they hear from us now--and I love that!"

A commercial artist by profession, Hepler started her own business 27 years ago.

"One of my first clients was the

state and across the nation. Hepler said she is also excited about some of the things happening here in Montrose, especially the Western Colorado Hospitality Summit set for Oct. 24-25.

"I love the hospitality summit," Hepler said, "and I love that Colorado Mesa University is offering hospitality management -- one of my longtime goals is to see 30 percent of our front line businesses get this kind of training. And I have been going to Region 10 economic development meetings, where tourism is a big item on the list."

Hepler said she does not understand the City of Montrose's decision to pull \$600,000 in funds away from the former Montrose Association of Commerce & Tourism earlier this year, however, after a city-driven process had created the organization in 2010.

"I don't know why they did it," she said. "Jenni (Sopsic, of the former Montrose ACT) was very professional, and they were making real strides. I thought that what had been happening in Montrose was really moving in the right direction. I know there were some folks who thought there was too much emphasis on the Black Canyon of the Gunnison, but when you have a national park right next door...

"There is a lot of enthusiasm there now," she said. "Do they have the expertise? At this point, only time will tell."

TO OUR READERS...

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

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

Caitlin Switzer

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

SAN JUAN MOUNTAIN RUNNERS TO HOST THIRD EVENT IN BLACK CANYON RACE SERIES

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--The San Juan Mountain Runners will be hosting the 3rd Annual North Rim 20K Race and 8K Run/Walk on Sunday, Oct. 13th.

This is the 3rd event in the our Black Canyon Race Series highlighting our magnificent Black Canyon of the Gunnison

National Park. Come join the fun as runners and walkers experience the amazing scenery on the lesser-known side of the Black Canyon.

The event doesn't start until 10 a.m., giving everyone plenty of time to get to the North Rim near Crawford, CO. Post-race festivities including refreshments and

awards will take place near the finish by the Ranger Station.

All proceeds will benefit the Montrose Community Foundation.

For entry fees, registration, directions to the start and additional race information go to www.sjmr.org or contact Jan at jbridge-way@msn.com.

STEP UP FOR THE SPOOKY SPRINT 5K RUN/WALK!

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--A Spooky Sprint, 5K Run/Walk will be held Oct. 19 at Riverbottom Park, starting at 8 a.m. The bene-

fits of the Run/Walk will go to Montrose Special Olympics. Registration forms can be picked up at the Montrose & Olathe Schools District Office at 930 Colorado

Avenue. Registration forms must be received by Oct. 4th to receive a T-Shirt. For information, please call Amy Shelley at 970-249-6636.



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LONGTIME MONTROSE BUSINESS OWNER WESTCOTT SPEAKS OUT ABOUT DOWNTOWN PROMOTION STRATEGIES

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—Glee Westcott first opened her shop in Downtown Montrose 33 years ago, a 100-square-foot location across from City Market, in the location that until recently was occupied by State Beauty Supply.

"I did my stained glass there, and shared space with a floral company," Westcott said. "My next location was near Main Street, a little space behind the Simpson Gallery—but I kept on going."

Today, Westcott's store, Tiffany Etc, is a longtime Montrose favorite, located at 439 East Main Street and drawing appreciative shoppers from across the region for its enticingly rich mix of beautiful gifts, carefully-chosen items for the home, jewelry and accessories. Known for outstanding customer service, Westcott is also a smart business owner who consistently uses social media to promote targeted sales events like Mix-n-Match Sundays, and opportunities for special sales on popular items.

Ask her about the 2013-2014 Holiday season, however, and Westcott is apprehensive. Ask her about the City of Montrose's efforts to administer the community's retail enhancement and tourism promotion funds, and she does not mince words—as a longtime Downtown stakeholder, she herself is a less than satisfied customer.

"I have not got all the answers," Westcott said. "But I have been saying the same thing for 25 years and it has not happened yet."

What Westcott envisions is a Downtown supported by a true retail and marketing professional.

"There needs to be some accountability," she said. "I just feel that to run any small business takes years of practice, and to promote tourism takes experience and expertise. We need someone who is an expert in retail, and who knows better than to shut Main Street down for two days--because the people who shut down Main Street for two days obviously have no retail expertise."

"I would rather see six events each year that are done right, than 20 that are done wrong," she said.

Westcott was one of a number of small business owners Downtown who were upset by the response of Montrose City Man-



Glee Westcott started her store, Tiffany Etc., 33 years ago. For 25 of those years, Westcott said, she has envisioned a Downtown supported by a true retail and marketing professional.

ager Bill Bell to an email communication from Pollux (433 East Main) Owner Brian Badini, who was caught unaware by the extensive street closure enacted for the filming of a low-budget Zombie movie throughout Downtown Aug. 23-24.

"I own Pollux Clothing Company, and am writing in regards to the email I received yesterday from the DDA Promotions Committee, regarding Main Street being closed for a movie production," Badini wrote Aug. 23. "I find it troubling that NO regard has been given to the business owners. Friday and Saturday Sales provide over 60 percent of our gross sales each and every week of the year. However, when Main Street is closed, our numbers are cut in HALF. I anticipate that this weekend's fiasco could be even more damaging with sidewalk access being limited due to shooting schedules. For us, it is back-to-school season, and we recently purchased significant inventory and had purchased advertising for a sale this weekend. All for nothing now."

"Perhaps the City could examine its policy with regards to street closure, and take into consideration the effects on those of us

who are trying to make a living and provide jobs for the community," Badini wrote. "What is even harder to imagine, is that this kind of access is being given to a production that will most likely NEVER be seen by anyone."

Bell's email response, excerpted below, has been circulated widely among business owners since.

"As long as we have a fully functional DDA organization, I don't believe it is the City's responsibility to communicate to the businesses on these issues directly, but it is instead the role of the DDA to do so," wrote Bell.

"I don't appreciate or agree with your comments about City Administration's lack of communication with you and/or fellow downtown business owners because our staff has worked diligently to support downtown since I started two years ago," Bell continued. "We have created a Downtown Revolving Loan Fund for small business retention and expansion, which has been very successful thus far. We have waived thousands of dollars in fees and other burdensome requirements that hindered the

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Sequestration Impacts Hitting Home

Guest Editorial-Volunteers of America

REGIONAL--Volunteers of America, Senior CommUnity Meals is just the latest among many government-funded programs that are being impacted by Federal Sequestration cuts. The toughest thing to face is that these aren't just "budget cuts" – they are "people cuts" – and they are hitting the most vulnerable of our population, our senior citizens.

Volunteers of America is a charitable organization with a long history of serving the most vulnerable among our communities – serving people is "why we do what we do." Many seniors in Delta, Montrose and San Miguel counties have worked hard all their lives, just to find that their golden years, the money just doesn't go as far as it needs to go. VOA has chosen for the past four years to fund the program from reserves, but lost more than \$400,000 last year alone. Increased need and reduced donations have put a crush on the program that VOA cannot afford to continue supporting on its own. Additionally, VOA relies heavily on volunteers who deliver meals to the homebound – and many of the

volunteers who have helped us so much in the past are now participants in need of our services. The lack of funding and lack of volunteers have forced VOA to make some very difficult decisions.

The Senior Meals program is funded by the Older Americans Act (OAA). Historically, the OAA has been underfunded when it comes to taking care of the actual needs of seniors. Medicare and Medicaid are not subject to cuts by Sequestration – the Older American's Act is subject to reductions in funding, and this year VOA's funding was cut by eight percent. Combined with losses from previous years, this has forced changes to the meals program.

In order to keep the program operational, Senior CommUnity Meals is forced to make changes to the number of meals that we can serve – reducing them back to equal the actual funding VOA receives from the Older Americans Act. Senior CommUnity Meals must reduce our meals from 115,000 meals served down to 75,000 meals served. VOA's primary focus is to serve the most vulnerable – those who cannot leave their homes. A program

of frozen meal deliveries will be put in place to ensure those who cannot get out have something to eat. The frequency of delivery will depend on where the participant lives.

Congregate meals services with a suggested donation of \$3 for seniors over age 60 will continue at the sites in Cedaredge, Delta, Hotchkiss, Norwood, Nucla, Olathe and Paonia three days per week. Guests under age 60 will now be charged \$8.40 per meal.

The meal site in Montrose will now operate on a reservation-only basis, and all seniors over age 60 will be required to pay \$5 per meal. A delicious meal will be provided by the Homestead at Montrose, and served at the Pavilion. Further information will be forthcoming via mail to all registered participants.

VOA and Senior CommUnity Meals sincerely hope that this is a short-term solution to the situation, and all efforts are being made to ensure future funding and that services will be available for our senior citizens – our greatest generation – long into the future.



LONGTIME MONTROSE BUSINESS OWNER SPEAKS OUT ABOUT DOWNTOWN PROMOTION STRATEGIES continued

promotion of downtown shopping events, etc. We have pushed for the implementation of the National Main Street Program, which when fully implemented will put the businesses in charge of their own destiny via four specialized committees run by downtown business owners. We have developed a Business Retention and Expansion Survey process based upon the nationally-recognized Hometown Competitiveness Model, which will hopefully be administered soon with the assistance of downtown volunteers."

Westcott said that her longtime dream is to have a Downtown director with extensive experience in effective advertising and retail promotions targeted toward the kind of shoppers who want what Montrose

has to offer.

"I think (former DDA Director) Scott Shine had a great vision for what he wanted Downtown to be, but retail promotions were kind of turned over to volunteers," Westcott said. "The volunteers work hard, but it can be overwhelming for them.

"Until Downtown has a director with some knowledge of marketing, we have no hope," she said. "We need someone who knows how to put Montrose on the map appropriately, someone who can bring in the quality shoppers we want to see Downtown. I see other communities with good representation, good ideas, and great events happening. I see so much out of Palisade, which has so much less than Montrose!

"I have worked so hard to make my store a success," she said. "To say, 'Let's ignore what works and put on a circus every Thursday evening' is just not my idea of good marketing."

And of course, marketing and customer service are what Westcott does best.

"My customers know that they are special, especially over Christmas," she said. "We have worked at providing consistent customer service for many, many years. Today I am having a fabulous day—I have been running specials like my Mix-n-Match Sunday. Of course it means being open on Sunday, but shopping happens on Sunday-- it's the best day of the week!

"It just takes recognizing what is important to our customers."

MIRROR IMAGES...FROM THE STREET DANCE



Top and right—Some scenes from the Sharing Ministries Street Dance Sept. 21, featuring The Stupid Band (top right) and Rusty Mountain Society.

Below, dancers took to the floor, below right, Scott Kenton serves up Hog Rock BBQ. Photo by Jack Switzer.





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Helping veterans get “back in the saddle” at Durango’s Therapeutic Experiences.
Courtesy photo.

in learning more about the model established by WHM for serving as a clearing house for veterans’ resources and a gathering place for veterans’ activities, with the goal of creating a similar community resource in the Durango area.

“Look what our veterans have given us,” Tammy Tyner said. “I am grateful every day for the freedoms they fought for. We are talking about forming a 501 c 3, or perhaps turning to Welcome Home Montrose as a fiscal agent.”

Tyner said that she and the others were inspired by Kline’s presentation.

“Oh my gosh, I am so thrilled,” she said. “Melanie was willing to share how she got started, and the programs, offerings and activities available through Welcome Home Montrose. Now, we are creating focus groups here and getting things rolling. There is a lot of interest by our city and our county, from local veterans’ organizations, and from people.”

The next step is to define and state the mission, she noted.

“We are involved and interested in being able to back our veterans up. There is a military saying, ‘Got Your Six,’ and it

means essentially, ‘we have your back,’” she said. “We are eternally grateful for what you have done, and you can come here to get what you need.”

A longtime wildfire-mitigation specialist by profession, Tammy Tyner also heads the Wildfire Mitigation Association and engages in professional wildfire mitigation planning efforts with governmental organizations and local officials in addition to her work with equine therapy. She brings that careful planning ability to the new effort to serve veterans.

“Now that they are coming home, we want our veterans to know we got your six,” she said.

Kline, who said that both Durango groups (she also spoke to the Southwest Republicans) were interested in what Welcome Home Montrose has accomplished, and how those accomplishments were achieved, was pleased by the chance to share the mission.

“The message has also been very well received in Ridgway and Ouray,” Kline said. “I think eventually, the Welcome Home Alliance for Veterans will encompass the whole Western Slope of Colorado.

“What could be more exciting than that? Every day, we measure success with each person whose life changes for the better.

“We are happy to share our model.”

To learn more, visit

www.welcomehomemontrose.org.

Valerie Meyers' Weekly Monday



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Who Is Volunteers of America?

The name Volunteers of America was selected when the organization was founded 117 years ago. It signified that the organization was comprised of people voluntarily choosing to help others. Founders and social reformers Ballington and Maud Booth envisioned a movement dedicated to "reaching and uplifting" the American people.



Ballington and Maud Booth



On behalf of the organization, the Booths pledged to "go wherever we are needed, and do whatever comes to hand." That declaration continues to guide Volunteers of America's outreach efforts today.

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GET YOUR RIDE ON!



Roger Bourget creates works of art that can be ridden at the Chopper Shoppe. Photo by Clay Greathouse.

By Liesl Greathouse

MONTROSE--One unique trade that has been thriving in Montrose is the custom vehicle industry, and Montrose has quite the selection to pick from.

Easy Riders!

One such business is Roger Bourget's Chopper Shoppe, where Roger Bourget builds custom motorcycles, either from the ground up or by modifying others. Roger has been in the industry for nearly 20 years, after growing up around bikes. "At 16, I had a street bike before I had a car," He said.

He eventually owned a large shop in Phoenix, Arizona and became one of the top 3 custom motorcycle builders in world. After establishing such a reputation, Roger decided to retire and moved to Ouray to settle down. But his customers soon began calling, and Roger decided to open up his Shoppe in Montrose in 2009, creating around 24 bikes a year.

Customers are the loyal backbone of the company. Over 20 years, Roger has created thousands of bikes for people, and half of those customers refuse to ride any other bike. "That was one reason why I started my shop in Montrose," he explained. "The motorcycle industry is mainly made up of baby boomers, so I have customers who bought one of my Choppers 15-20 years ago coming back in their retirement years looking at my new touring bikes."

Roger's favorite part is the design work. He designs and builds the first bike, then has others build more bikes based on it. "We are very detail oriented," Roger said.



A true family owned business, A&A Auto Customs specializes in building custom cars from the ground up. Pictured are owners and brothers Arturo and Alfredo Enrique. Photo by Clay Greathouse.

"We create a piece of art work that you can ride."

Roger tries to spend as much money in the community as he can, getting as much work done by locals and buying as many supplies as possible here. He also employs five people and is trying to create more jobs for the area. "I want to keep the place small," He said. "I made the most money when I made less bikes because they were of higher quality."

Looking to the future, Roger is confident. "I have never failed at anything I have done and I have a lot of good support with this," He said. "I'm not going to fail at this, it is not an option."

Roger Bourget's Chopper Shoppe is located at 420 North Townsend Blvd and can be reached at 970-250-7238.

Rock Crawler

For people looking to improve the look and performance of their diesel pick ups or a state-of-the-art Rock Crawler [quality 4 x 4 parts and services for trucks and SUV], Alpine Offroad & Performance can make it a reality.

The shop was opened in 2002 by owner Terry Hawkins, who was born and raised in the Colorado Jeeping world.

"My family was always Jeeping," he said. "I have also always had the desire to modify stuff, to make things better and faster."

After working for others, Terry decided

to open up his own shop because he saw a need for quality customer service. "For me, I have always treated my customers like the way I want to be treated," he said. "Because of that perspective, our business has grown every year. We started as a 1,000 square foot shop and we are now at 10,000 square feet 11 years later."

The shop specializes in custom work, especially in the diesel market. "We don't do the normal car repair," Terry said. "We make vehicles better, bigger, faster and stronger. For most mechanics, 'custom' is the last thing they want to do because a majority are trained in technicians repair. We're trained in modifying."

The most common requests are, for diesel pick ups, to make the vehicle tow better, brake better, and get better fuel mileage. For Jeeps, customers want them to perform better off road, ride smoother and be able to do harder trails.

Alpine Offroad benefits Montrose by employing four locals, selling parts and providing services that customers cannot get at any other automotive shop.

The customer service that Terry has always aimed to give is what keeps customers coming back, which is Terry's favorite part of the business. "This is not just a job, we're here to offer customer service," he explained.

"Our customers are our friends, not just numbers on a piece of paper."

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GET YOUR RIDE ON! *continued*



Terry Hawkins' Alpine Offroad & Performance specializes in custom work, especially in the diesel market. "We make vehicles better, bigger, faster and stronger," Hawkins says. Photo by Clay Greathouse.

As to any future goals, Terry has his eyes set where they need to be. "I grew up here, so I know that we provide a service that locals want and need with all the Jeeping and towing that goes on around here," he said. "We will continue to grow as the community grows, providing more services at affordable prices."

Alpine Offroad & Performance is located at 427 N. Cascade and can be reached at 970-240-9000.

Street Rides!

A true family owned business, A&A Auto Customs specializes in building custom cars from the ground up, with everything

and anything, focusing on the vintage vehicles of the 1920s and above. "Anything old, we build them," said co-owner Alfredo Enrique. "We don't only do oil changes, we do everything from the ground up: brakes, oil, custom paint jobs and engines."

The business was established in 2002, after brothers Arturo and Alfredo Enrique kept getting asked by people to help build cars. The two had been working on cars for a long time and had always loved it, so they decided to open up a shop.

The shop offers custom auto body and painting, full custom restoration, tires and

wheels, car and truck accessories, and exhaust and suspension. "We are unique because we build cars that people don't want to build anymore," Alfredo explained. "I love to see the end product from the ground up and see the owners happy."

With customers from as far away as Wyoming, Arizona and Denver, the shop aims to provide fair, honest work and to make the customer come first, which keeps people coming back and the shop busy. "One customer that came in wanted us to build a truck for his grandpa who was turning 90," Alfredo said. "To us it makes us feel good that we made someone who is 90 years old happy."

While customer's request different things, most come in wanting a complete restoration or wild paint jobs.

In addition to employing four people, the shop benefits Montrose from a local perspective.

"We live here, so the money comes back to Montrose, plus people like driving by and looking at the old cars out front," Alfredo said.

The brothers want to expand and make the business a little bit bigger with more space, as well as continuing to provide the most reliable, fair service they can in Montrose.

Alfredo said, "We just like to build old cars and make customers happy."

A&A Auto Customs is located at 1236 N Townsend Ave and can be reached at 970-249-6566.

So, whether you are into motorcycles, Jeeps and diesel pickups, or vintage style cars, local Montrose businesses provide services to make each vehicle as unique as the person who drives it.

PLAY GLOW IN THE DARK DISC GOLF FOR A GREAT CAUSE!

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--Are you a Disc Golf player, or would you like to support a great museum? Then please join us in The 1st Annual Glow in the Dark Disc Golf Tournament. It will be held at Cerise Park, on Oct. 12, 2013, with registration at 7 pm. A shot gun start will be 8 pm. Pre-registration is \$10 /each, and day of the tournament will be \$12/each. This new event is a fundraiser for the Montrose County Historical Museum. For more information please call 970-249-2085. So grab your glow sticks and discs for a fun night!



MONTROSE COUNTY NEWS AND INFORMATION

BOCC MEETING TIME CHANGE FOR OCT. 7

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--The Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) announce a time change to the Oct. 7th meeting.

Due to the number of items on the agenda, the meeting will be held at 9 a.m., in the board room at 161 South Townsend Avenue. BOCC meetings are typically held at 9 a.m., however twice a year the board hosts 6 p.m., meetings to accommodate those that may not be able to attend the

morning sessions.

Following completion of agenda items, the BOCC will recess and reconvene sharply at 1 p.m., at the Montrose County Fairgrounds (1002 North Second Street) to hold the Uncompahgre Gravel Pit Special Use Permit public hearing. The hearing was continued from the June 17th meeting. The public is encouraged to attend and present new information. Speakers will be limited to three minutes and the BOCC

asks the meeting etiquette be observed.

For more information regarding the Uncompahgre Gravel Pit Special Use Permit public hearing, please visit <http://www.montrosecounty.net/DocumentCenter/Index/64> to view the map and staff report. To access the meeting agenda or stream the meeting live (not the public hearing), please navigate to <http://www.montrosecounty.net/index.aspx?nid=390>.

MMH ANNOUNCES FALL CLINICS PHOTO CONTEST

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--Gather up your best fall photographs and enter them in the Fall Clinics Photo Contest! The Fall Clinics Committee of the Medical Staff of Montrose Memorial Hospital is sponsoring a photo contest. The committee is looking for a fall scene of Western Colorado to be

used in their 2014 and 2015 Fall Clinics brochures. The photograph should be at least 5 x 7 inches and should be taken at the height of the fall color season. The contest deadline is Nov. 1. Photographs will be judged by the Fall Clinics Committee. The winning photographer will receive a \$100 cash award. Please submit

entries to Julie Disher at Montrose Memorial Hospital, 800 South Third Street, Montrose, Colorado 81401. Your entry must include your name, address and a telephone number. Participants will be called to pick up entries after the contest. For further information, contact Julie at 970-240-7394.

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Straw Hat Farm Market Store to Celebrate Ribbon Cutting, Grand Opening

MONTROSE--A ribbon cutting is scheduled for the new Straw Hat Market store at 514 S. 1st, for Tuesday Oct. 1 at noon. The grand opening is this Saturday, Oct. 5th. Store hours are Tuesday - Friday, 10 - 6, and Saturdays, 8:30 - 1, and closed Sundays and Mondays.

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MEDC UNVEILS POTENTIAL BUSINESS AT MRCOG CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

"This is a business expansion venture," Head responded. "It could bring in five to seven jobs, and there are ongoing grants available—this could be something that helps ReclaMetals expand."

"Economic development is our number one priority," commented Montrose County Commissioner Gary Ellis. "...We need to support people who have challenges but who want to support themselves." Fellow Montrose BOCC member David White concurred.

"There is a state law that kicks in July 1 that allows no e-waste in landfills," White said. "We are charged with making sure that we are in compliance with the Board of Health."

The informal governmental council known locally as MR COG (Montrose Regional Council of Governments) is intended to give Montrose municipalities the chance to engage in productive problem solving in a less formal setting. The quarterly gathering was open to the media as well as to representatives of the cities of Montrose and Olathe, Montrose County, the Region 10 League for Economic Assistance & Planning and Montrose Economic Development Corporation (MEDC).

Region 10 Executive Director Michelle Haynes offered an update on the non-profit organization's coordination of regional transit and transportation, discussed efforts to coordinate regional broadband, and recalled the success of Region 10's six-county business loan fund.

"Our revolving loan fund brings job creation," Haynes said, noting that Region 10 awarded \$150,000 worth of loans last year and hopes to expand. "We are also about to launch our Small Business Development Center(SBDC) Connect 2 program, which helps local contractors access Colorado Department of Highway (CDOT) contracts."

"We think this will benefit the region."

Region 10 has also completed the six-county Community Economic Development Strategies (CEDS) plan, to be released in mid-October and implemented in 2014, Haynes said.

Haynes discussed the ongoing senior meals-on-wheels crisis as well.

"The Region 10 Area Agency on Aging (AAA) has had to make some difficult decisions," she said. "They are having to reduce the number of meals from 120,000

to 75,000 per year—cutting the program by one third."

Contractor and meal provider Volunteers of America has sustained the program at a higher-than-Federally-funded level since taking on the contract several years ago, she noted, and Region 10 has kicked in \$400,000.

"Home-delivered meals are a very needed service,"

Haynes said. "There is a direct correlation to institutionalization."

"There is just no easy way to have these conversations."

Bob Brown offered an update on the Downtown Development Authority (DDA)'s progress toward hiring a new Executive Director to replace Scott Shine, who left in June.

"We had 38 applicants, which we narrowed down to five last week, and then down to two on Monday," Brown said, noting that hiring is probably still four to five weeks out, as both finalists are from out of town. He spoke of the need for better communication in the wake of the Aug. 23-24 street closures for a zombie movie that caught many Downtown business owners and shoppers off guard. Brown also reminded those gathered to come to the Fresh Fest in early October, which combines a number of local events including the Montrose Oktoberfest in Centennial Plaza on Oct. 5.

When questioned by County Commissioner Gary Ellis as to whether DDA has brought any proven benefit and value to Downtown, Brown, who is serving as interim DDA Director during the hiring process, responded that the organization is still undercapitalized, but using its tax funding as judiciously as possible, and focusing on business retention.

Broadband was also a topic, initiated by Montrose County Coroner Thomas Canfield,

"The City and the County need to cooperate on broadband," Canfield said. "This could bring high-caliber money to this



Montrose County officials take part in the MR COG discussion. Pictured left to right are Commissioner David White, County Manager Rick Eckert, and Commissioner Gary Ellis.

community."

Michelle Haynes spoke about Region 10's ongoing work to coordinate regional broadband, which has involved getting member communities to agree to work together rather than separately.

"Delta County has really been struggling because of the broadband issue," Haynes said.

MEDC Director Sandy Head talked about progress made to date.

"We have gained a lot in the conversation," she said.

"It will take the strength of all of us together to get this done."

Montrose City Manager Bill Bell suggested the possible formation of a new officially-designated West Central Council of Governments, headed by him and possibly Delta City Manager Justin Clifton, though Region 10 currently serves that role through its regional board.

"We don't need another regional organization, with meetings etc.," Sandy Head argued.

"We already have a mechanism in place," Ellis said. "Region 10."

The free-ranging discussion touched on a variety of other topics, from the Oct. 10 Montrose County presentation featuring world-famous motivational safety speaker [Charlie Morecraft](#) at Friendship Hall, input and concerns from Mayor Pro Tem Wayne Blair of Olathe, and a lengthy back and forth concerning a potential shared City and County National Emergency Services staffer.

MR COG will convene again at Friendship Hall at 9:30 a.m. on Dec. 12.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

DELTA OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL TO HOLD FASHION FUNDRAISER

Special to the Mirror

DELTA—Delta Opportunity School is having a fashion show fundraiser to raise money for the Food for Thought program. The fashion show will be on October 4, 2013 at Delta Opportunity, 360 East 8th Street, from 11:30 – 1 p.m. Fashions, provided by 2nd Edition and other local clothing stores, will be modeled by DOS students and will be available for the public to bid on through an auction of the outfits.

Lunch and entertainment will be provided. Please come and support our local businesses and our local cause.

The Food for Thought program, run by Delta Opportunity School students, provides some essential foods to help those who may in need. Some of these foods include granola bars, pop-tarts, oatmeal, cereal, ravioli, spaghetti, tuna, soup, stew, peanut butter, rice and pasta mixes, snack crackers, pudding/jello/fruit cups, popcorn,

cookies, and other canned foods.

DOS has provided an average of 200 backpacks/week in the Delta schools (pre-school through high school) and Cedaredge Elementary. 100% of the money donated goes to food for kids and it is tax deductible. If you are interested in feeding a child for a year, we estimate the cost to be \$160 and can be donated directly to Delta Opportunity School. For further information contact DOS at 970-874-2753.

GREAT COMMUNITY GIVEAWAY PLANNED FOR OCT. 12

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clothes, toys and other items are welcome to be dropped off at Lions Park starting at 7 am that morning. The doors will open to the public at 10 am. No large furniture, electronics or televisions accepted. Information on those items may be placed on

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

San Miguel Power Member Appreciation Days Oct. 8-10

Special to the Mirror

RIDGWAY--San Miguel Power Association, Inc. (SMPA) is holding its annual Member Appreciation Days on Oct. 8 – 10, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. SMPA members are invited to stop into the co-op's Ridgway or Nucla offices for complimentary coffee, apple cider and baked treats and a collectible ceramic mug. Every October San Miguel Power hosts Member Appreciation Days to celebrate National Cooperative Month.

"SMPA along with cooperative businesses from across the nation celebrate the cooperative business model and its benefits each October. We're locally governed.

We put our members' needs first. We bring services and goods to places that may otherwise be left in the dark. Cooperatives have played an important role in history in all types of industries, and we will continue that role well into the future," said SMPA General Manager Kevin Ritter.

SMPA will have freshly baked goods along with coffee and apple cider October 8 – 10, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for members to enjoy either at the office or to go. Members are encouraged to stop in and meet co-op employees, as well as pick up a collectible 75th anniversary ceramic mug. All items are free to SMPA mem-

bers. For more information contact SMPA at [\(970\) 626-5549](tel:9706265549) or [\(970\) 864-7311](tel:9708647311).

San Miguel Power Association, Inc. is a member-owned, locally-controlled rural electric cooperative with offices in Nucla and Ridgway, Colo. It is the mission of San Miguel Power Association to demonstrate corporate responsibility and community service while providing our members safe, reliable, cost effective and environmentally responsible electrical service. SMPA serves approximately 9,600 members and 14,000 meters and supports local communities with \$300,000 annually in property taxes and \$400,000 in energy efficiency and renewable energy rebates.

Montrose County Historical Society Receives Grant to Digitize Photos

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--The Montrose County Historical Society is proud to announce that it has received one of five 2013 grants from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) and Colorado Historical Records Advisory Board (CHRA) for photo digitalization and preservation of the panoramic historical photograph collection. This grant will enable the Society to digitize some of the oversized historical photos for reproduction while preserving the historic photos for future generations.

MHS PRESENTS SEPTEMBER DIVISION AWARDS



Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE – Montrose High School held the September Division Awards ceremony on September 18, 2013 honoring ten students for the month of September. Once a month, one teacher from each department gets to choose a student for the award. Students are chosen because they have made great improvement in class, that they are good role models, and have a good work ethic. The teachers get great pleasure out of giving this award because it can make a huge difference to that student who may also need a boost or a little encouragement to continue working hard. Pictured: Students in front from L-R: Shalynn LaPena, Jessica Burnell, Daisy Galvan, Carolina Jaramillo and Jayde Truscott. Student in back from L-R: Jonathan Andrade, Vanessa Lopez, Ben Case, Marcus Rice and Khalia Summers.



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LWV ballot issues brochures will be available.

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For more information, contact Peggy Baxter at peggybax@gmail.com or 970-856-6225

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

For more information about the topic go to www.montrose.co.lwvnet.org and click on *Calendar of Events*.

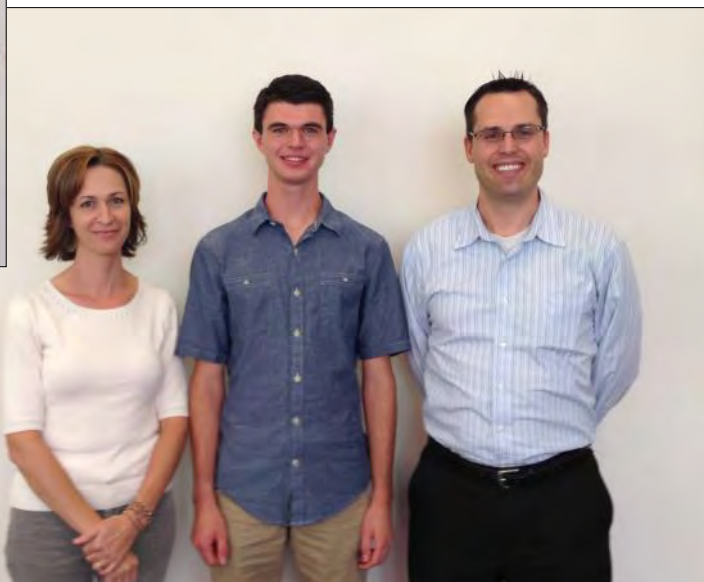
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ROTARY HONORS STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--Above—VJ Singh was honored with the Rotary Student of the Week award presented by the Montrose Rotary Club. Joining VJ were his parents, Dr. Gayle Frazzetta and Dr. Vin Singh. Rotarian David Crane presented VJ with the award. At right—Hayden Cook was honored with the Rotary Student of the Week award presented by the Montrose Rotary Club. Joining Hayden was his mother, Dawnell Cook. Rotarian David Crane presented VJ with the award. Courtesy photos.



HONORABLE MENTION

To Kevin Haley and the San Juan Horseshoe, for reminding us that there is humor in just about everything. Absolutely brilliant, every time.

To Sandy Head of the Montrose Economic Development Corporation, for fierce, intelligent, female leadership, for getting the job done despite the challenges, and for doing it with style!

To the Telluride Horror Show Film Festival, Oct. 11-13...three days of frightening fun!

To hunters everywhere, resident or visiting...thanks for choosing Colorado!

To everyone who turned out for the Sharing Ministries Benefit Street Dance Sept. 21—See you at the Stupid Band Halloween Dance Nov. 2!

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

ALL ARE WELCOME AT BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--The Annual Blessing of the Animals is set for Saturday, Oct. 5, at 11 am in Lions Park. Pet parents should be in control of their furry, feathered or scaled friends at all times during the blessings. Children are welcome to bring stuffed animals to be blessed. Photos of over-active,

extra-large, or deceased pets may also be brought for a blessing. People all over the world participate in this annual blessing ceremony. The Blessing of the Animals is done in honor of St. Francis of Assisi who loved all creatures and is the patron Saint of all animals. There is no other bond like the special bond between a person and his

or her animal friend. A donation will be taken which goes directly to the Montrose Animal Protection Agency.

This event is sponsored by the Spiritual Awareness Center, an interfaith spiritual community.

Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 970-252-0908.

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MIRROR IMAGES... MONTROSE BEACONFEST 2013!



Sarah Curtis of All Points Transit shares information about services with a local senior. All Points operates a Dial-A-Ride Service for seniors and people with disabilities.



Darcy Johnson was happy to share information about Comfort Keepers, and solutions for in-home care.



John Ast came out to promote the Diamond W Wranglers performances in Montrose and Ouray.



Beacon staffers Lisa Moeller, left, and Chloe Sandlin join Delta-Montrose Assistant Editor and Writer Liesl Greathouse.

October is Residents' Rights Month

Residents' Rights Month is an annual event to honor residents living in all long term care facilities, including nursing homes, sub acute units, assisted living and retirement communities. It is a time for celebration and recognition and provides an opportunity for every facility to focus on and acknowledge awareness of dignity, respect and the value of each individual resident.

The 2013 theme is "Speak Out Against Elder Abuse!" with the goal of encouraging residents and others to be educated about and speak out against elder abuse.



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OCTOBER IS LTC RESIDENTS RIGHTS MONTH

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WASHINGTON, DC.--Across the country, residents of nursing homes and other long-term care facilities along with family members, ombudsmen, citizen advocates, facility staff and others will honor the individual rights of long-term care residents by celebrating Residents' Rights Month. Residents' Rights Month is an annual event held in October by the National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care (The Consumer Voice) to celebrate and focus on awareness of dignity, respect and the value of long-term care residents.

The theme for Residents' Rights Month 2013 is, "**Speak Out Against Elder Abuse**" with the goal of encouraging residents and others to be educated about and speak out against elder abuse.

"Residents' Rights Month is an excellent opportunity to re-affirm our collective commitment to residents' rights and to honor long-term care residents," said Sarah F. Wells, Consumer Voice Executive Director. "We want to help create a safe and secure environment for older adults and individuals with disabilities, no matter where they may happen to live. Whether

it's the residents themselves or witnesses of elder abuse, there is no reason someone should keep quiet and avoid taking action. We hope to facilitate and encourage ways for residents, their loved ones, or witnesses of elder abuse to use their voice and speak out against this serious issue."

Valley Manor Care Center in Montrose will hold a public ice cream social on Tuesday, October 15, 2013 beginning at 2 p.m. Area Ombudsman, Eva Veitch, will be present to discuss any concerns or questions about residents' rights or elder abuse. Valley Manor is located at 1401 South Cascade Avenue behind Holiday Inn Express.

The Nursing Home Reform Law, passed in 1987, guarantees nursing home residents their individual rights, including but not limited to: individualized care, respect, dignity, the right to visitation, the right to privacy, the right to complain, and the right to make independent choices. Residents who have made their home in other types of facilities, like assisted living or retirement communities, maintain their rights as U.S. Citizens. Residents' Rights Month raises awareness about these rights

and pays tribute to the unique contributions of long-term residents. The National Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program has worked for more than 30 years to promote residents' rights daily. More than 8,000 volunteers and 1,000 paid staff are advocates for residents in all 50 states plus the District of Columbia, Guam and Puerto Rico. Authorized under the Older Americans Act and administered by the Administration on Aging, the program also provides information on how to find a facility, conducts community education sessions, and supports residents, their families and the public with one-on-one consultation regarding long-term care.

About Volunteers of America

For more than a century, [Volunteers of America](http://VolunteersofAmerica.org) has been recognized as a respected name in health care for older adults, and a dedicated ministry of service which supports and empowers America's most vulnerable groups. We address the most challenging issues of our day and develop innovative solutions through highly effective human-service programs that reach almost 2.5 million people in 44 states. Visit VolunteersofAmerica.org.

DMEA TO HOLD RATE HEARING OCT. 22

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) will hold a public hearing the evening of Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., at its Montrose headquarters, 11925 6300 Rd., regarding proposed changes in DMEA's rates and tariffs. DMEA's power provider, Tri-State Generation & Transmission, will increase wholesale rates to its 44 member distribution co-ops beginning Jan. 2014.

DMEA staff will present the rate structure proposed to equitably and fairly pass on Tri-State's wholesale power cost in-

crease. For the average residential consumer, this increase may amount to about \$7.00 per month. The members will be able to provide their opinions and comments to the Board of Directors at this hearing.

Following member comments, DMEA's Board will determine the new rates and tariffs for the upcoming year. DMEA's new rates will become effective for energy metered subsequent to DMEA's January, 2014, billing cycle.

Groups and organizations that would like DMEA representatives to talk about

wholesale power increases, DMEA's proposed rates, energy efficiency or other energy issues, should call DMEA at 1-877-687-3632 (OUR-DMEA) to schedule a presentation.

Details on the proposed changes in rates will be available at www.dmea.com beginning Oct. 7th, 2013. DMEA members who can't make the rate hearing, but who would like to provide comments to DMEA's Board can drop off written comments at either DMEA office or send them via email to rates@dmea.com.

WEEHAWKEN KICKS OFF SWING CLASSES AT SHERBINO TONIGHT

Special to the Mirror

RIDGWAY--SWING/LINDY HOP LESSONS begin tonight at the Sherbino Theater through Weehawken Creative Arts! Join Chris and Wendy Shima -- who have been teaching swing for over 15 years --- and learn the basics and essentials for the original form of swing, the Lindy Hop. This class is taught in just 4 weeks (Tuesday Nights)! Easy and fun to learn! Chris and Wendy will have you dancing right away! \$10 discount for couples and college or high school students, please call 970-318-0150 for discount. Continue with Lindy Hop Beginning B the following month. No partner necessary.

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MIRROR IMAGES...MHS HOMECOMING PARADE!



***MONTROSE**—The amazing Montrose High School Marching Band set the tone for this year's MHS Homecoming Parade down Main Street on Sept. 18, a celebration of Home Town pride with plenty of firetrucks and other cool motorized vehicles...*



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tributions benefit the Partners of Delta, Montrose and Ouray youth mentoring program. Situated on a picturesque 80-acre farm of sustainably grown orchards, vineyards and produce, Orchard Valley Farms & Market and Black Bridge Winery are open 10 to 6 daily from Memorial Day to November 3rd. Located at 15836 Black Bridge Road, Paonia, CO; phone 970-527-6838.

Check the website for fees and details: <http://www.orchardvalleyfarms.com/> Mountain Harvest Festival - Celebrate local talent, foods, and a cornucopia of creativity: <http://mountainharvestfestival.org/> West Elks Wine events: <http://www.westelksava.com/index.html>.

NORTH FORK VALLEY BARN TOUR TO BE OCT. 12



Above, the Shaffer barn and right, the Hotchkiss Barn, will be stops on the tour. Courtesy photos.



Special to the Mirror

NORTH FORK VALLEY--On Saturday Oct. 12, 2013 the Interpretive Association of Western Colorado (IAWC) and Black Canyon Regional Land Trust (BCRLT) are hosting a special tour for barn enthusiasts. The tour will include nine Historic Barns in the North Fork area. Barns have been part of the historic fabric of rural communities for centuries. Our purpose is to stimulate an appreciation for these images and to enhance awareness that these venerable structures are rapidly disappearing from the landscape. The Enos T. Hotchkiss barn was built 128- years ago by the

founder of the town of Hotchkiss and is designated to the National Register of Historic Places and will be the final barn on the tour. The Hotchkiss Barn was also designated to the 2013 Colorado's Most Endangered List giving it added recognition and helping to create awareness of, and assistance for, historically significant places within the state that are in danger of being lost.

The tour will begin and end at the Delta County Fairgrounds in Hotchkiss. Bus transportation will be provided.

On the tour participants will see a variety of barns in their condition today. All proceed after expenses will go to "Save the

Hotchkiss Barn". The tour starts at 9 am on Saturday, October 12, 2013 at the Delta County Fairgrounds and is expected to last until 4 pm. Please plan to be at the Fairgrounds in Hotchkiss no later than 8:45am Saturday, Oct. 12th. If you love Barns this tour is a must! Cost for tickets are \$35.00 and includes lunch and transportation. After October 7th the tickets are \$40.00. Limited seating is available so sign up early! Tickets may be purchased at Paonia Farm & Home Supply, Hardin's Natural Foods on Rogers Mesa, PJ's Pub in Hotchkiss, and the Hitching Post in Crawford. You may also purchase tickets on-line at <http://northforkbarnstour@eventbrite.com>

For more information please contact the Interpretive Association of Western Colorado @ 970-874-6695 or Alecia with the Black Canyon Regional Land Trust @ 303-968-9902 or email alecia@bcrlt.org.

Donations are being accepted for Phase 2 please stop by the First State Bank of Colorado in Hotchkiss and make a donation to "Save The Hotchkiss Barn" or mail your donations to: P.O. Box 38, Hotchkiss, Co. 81419, noting "Save The Hotchkiss Barn".

For more information - Chris Miller, IAWC @ 970-640-7076.

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DEMS PLAN ANNUAL JEFFERSON JACKSON DINNER

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--The Montrose County Democratic Party will hold its annual Jefferson Jackson Dinner on Saturday, Oct. 19th at the Holiday Inn Express in Montrose starting at 5 PM. Mike King, Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will be the guest speaker. Mr. King has been in this position since 2010 and will speak on DNR topics relevant to the residents on the western slope. The DNR includes the Colorado Avalanche Information Center, Col-

orado Parks and Wildlife, Colorado State Land Board, Colorado Water Conservation Board, Division of Mining and Safety and the Division of Water resources.

Mr. King guided the creation of Colorado Parks and Wildlife, a merger of two previously stand-alone divisions that serves as an important example of Governor Hickenlooper's efforts to shape a more efficient state government. He also shepherded the move of the Colorado Geological Survey from DNR to its new home at the Colorado School of Mines, where it can more cost-

effectively serve Coloradans as a critical source of research and information. These are just two of his accomplishments as Executive Director of the DNR.

Cost for this event is \$40 per person which includes dinner catered by Pine Cone Catering. There will also be a cash bar and a silent auction. Tickets can be purchased at the Coffee Trader or from any Democratic Party Central Committee member or by calling Bob Connor, Chair of the Montrose County Democratic Party, at 970-249-2135.

BOTANICAL SOCIETY TO HOST SPEAKER OCT. 9

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--Montrose Botanical Society will be hosting speaker Linda Corwine McIntosh, "Problem solving in gardens relative to pests." The meeting is open to the public and will meet at the Centennial meeting room, on Oct. 9th at 7 pm. For more information please call Sally 970-417-1524.



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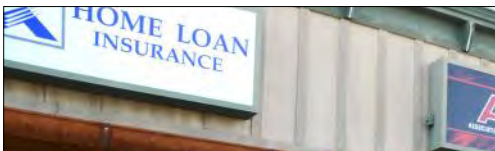




MONTROSE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS AFTER HOURS



Clockwise from above left, Howard Davidson and Eric Feely at the Home Loan Insurance Business After hours event Sept. 24; Robin Mesaric King and Dana; Amy Chism and Wendy Jackson of the Grotto; the event drew a healthy turnout.



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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Montrose Memorial Hospital Hosts 42nd Annual Fall Clinics Medical Conference

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--It is time again for the Annual Fall Clinics sponsored by Montrose Memorial Hospital and its Medical Staff. The meeting is Friday September 27 at the Montrose Pavilion. Now in its 42nd year, the Clinics are focused on three primary topics – Obesity, Diabetes and Pain Management. The program is open to physicians, nurses and other healthcare providers for a small registration fee.

Featured speakers include:

Endocrinologist, Dr. Martin Abrahamson, M.D., FACP, Senior Vice President for Medical Affairs, Associate Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA. Dr. Abrahamson will speak on the topics of *Managing Type 2 Diabetes* and *Metabolic Syndrome*

Internal Medicine, Michael Dansinger, M.D., Assistant Professor, Tufts University School of Medicine, Boston, MA, Director, Tufts Medical Center Diabetes Reversal Program, Weight Loss and Nutrition Consultant for NBC's "The Biggest Loser" and WebMD. Dr. Dansinger will speak on *What NOT to Eat: Insights from a Hollywood Nutrition Doctor and Intensive Lifestyle Coaching for Type 2 Diabetes Reversal*

Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Keith Raziano, M.D., Associate Clinical Professor, Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Emory University Hospital, Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Raziano will speak on *Pain Management: Emerging Trends and Safe Narcotic*

Bariatric Surgeon, Jonathan Schoen, M.D., Associate Professor, Surgery-GI Tumor & Endocrine Surgery, University of Colorado Hospital, Denver, CO. Dr. Schoen will speak on the topics of *Bariatric Surgery for the Treatment of Obesity* and there will be a panel discussion on : *Surgical vs. Medical Management of Obesity*

To pre-register go to http://www.montroshospital.com/pages/fclincs_registration.html or call Julie Disher at 240-7394 for more information.

The meeting this year is followed by a concert at the Pavilion by the John Adams Band – *A Tribute to John Denver*. This is a fundraiser for the Montrose Community

Foundation. Tickets can be purchased at the Pavilion and other locations around Montrose. Price for advance purchase is \$20 or at the door for \$25.

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ARTS AND CULTURE

PAGOSA SPRINGS HOSTS PAGOSA MAKERS TOUR & EXPO

By Leanne Goebel, Art Writer

PAGOSA SPRINGS--Pagosa Springs has become a desirable home for MAKERS of all sorts, and a place for creative people in the business world to relocate. It is a wonderful environment, welcoming the painter or sculptor who wants to establish a studio, an increasingly vital place for professional theater folk to ply their trade and ever-more attractive place for businesses that create and produce unique products. In celebration of the vibrant community of makers (those who make stuff, create objects, design goods, invent gadgets and concoct things) comes the Pagosa Makers Expo & Tour, Oct. 12-13. A hybrid of a studio tour and maker fair, it is a fun and interactive maze of exhibits, displays and demonstrations during the beautiful leaf-changing season in the San Juans.

Representing more than 90 makers, the Pagosa Makers Expo & Tour will have 31 booths at expo venues and 22 tour locations. The Expo portion of the event will happen at Shy Rabbit Contemporary Arts,

333 Bastille Drive, and The Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, 2313 Eagle Drive. The tour portion of the event includes Makers at their own studios or workshops and commercial businesses that feature local makers.

From local breweries and bakeries to handcrafted furniture, vintage video gaming, clothing, jewelry and fiber arts to music and theater to fine arts and crafts, the Pagosa Makers Expo & Tour offers something for everyone. It's the perfect event to get a jump on holiday shopping and buy local, handcrafted made-in-the-USA products.

Full-color programs featuring a pull-out map are available for free at the Pagosa Springs Chamber of Commerce Visitors Center, Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts, the Pagosa Sun Offices, and Shy Rabbit Contemporary Arts, or one can be mailed free of charge by calling 970-731-2766 or emailing

Leanne.Goebel@gmail.com. For more information visit Pagosamakers.org.



Michael Coffee checks out the Pagosa MAKERS Expo & Tour banner that will hang over Hot Springs Boulevard. Courtesy photo.

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Some fall fun...clockwise from bottom left: Checking out the breathtakingly beautiful new bronzes by Ridgway Sculptor Pokey Park, on display in front of the Straw Hat Store Downtown; some scenes from the Covered Bridge Ranch Pumpkin Patch on the Dave Wood Road.



ARTS AND CULTURE

TALKING GOURDS WELCOMES JOHN NIZALOWSKI OCT. 1

TELLURIDE--The Telluride Institute's Talking Gourds Poetry Club welcomes John Nizalowski of Grand Junction as October's featured reader on Tuesday the First at 6 p.m. in Arroyo Telluride.

A professor and a freelance writer, as well as a poet, John has a new book of

essays from Irie Books, *Land of the Cinnamon Sun*, described by author Gerald Hausman as "a novel in verse disguised as prose." His previous poetry book from Turkey Buzzard Press was *The Last Matinée* (2011). Talking Gourds Poetry Club is a joint venture of the Telluride Institute,

Wilkinson Library, Between the Covers Bookstore, Telluride Arts and San Miguel County poets. Members meet monthly, on first Tuesday evenings, at Arroyo Fine Art Gallery & Wine Bar at 220 E. Colorado Ave., 970-239-2006, beginning at 6 p.m. in Telluride.

ALTRUSA ANNOUNCES 2013-2014 LITERACY PROJECT



Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--The Altrusa International of Montrose literacy committee announces its first project of the 2013-2014 fiscal year. A check for \$1,350 was delivered to the offices of Montrose Adult Basic Education Sept. 17th. The money will be used to purchase supplies and provide GED testing scholarships for students. In addition, a library of quality literature for children was donated to the center for English Language Learning students to check out for reading to their own children as a way of practicing English speaking skills and supporting language development in their children. At left, Altrusa's Jana Ackerman is pictured, with check, at the office of Montrose Adult Basic Education.

KINION DONATES \$70,000 FROM BEADED BRACELETS TO SAN JUAN CANCER CENTER

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--Volunteers from the Black Canyon Car Club, led by Frank Kinion and his late wife Jan, began making multi-colored beaded bracelets in Nov. of 2005. The bracelets sold for \$20 to help raise money initially for the construction of the San Juan Cancer Center. Each bracelet has multi-colored beads and each color of bead designates a different type of cancer. They never envisioned that the

bracelets would be such a huge hit!

They have sold 3,500 bracelets and donated more than \$70,000 to the San Juan Cancer Center so far! A celebration luncheon was held at the San Juan Cancer Center in Frank's honor on Sept. 18.

If you would like to purchase a bracelet for \$20, stop at the San Juan Cancer Center or call Frank at 596-2034.

All proceeds continue to support patient care at the Cancer Center.



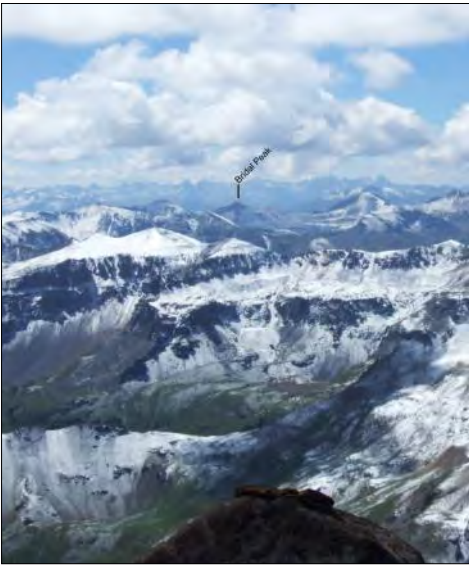
Frank Kinion. Courtesy photo.

METHODIST CHURCH OFFERS TAIZE SERVICE, EMMAUS POTLUCK OCT. 3

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--A Taize worship service will be held at the Montrose United Methodist Church at 7 pm on Thursday, Oct. 3. The service originated in Taize, France, in 1940 and is a nondenominational meditative candlelit service combining music, scripture and prayer. All are welcome. Child care is available. You are also invited to attend an Emmaus potluck dinner Oct. 3 in Baldrige Hall of the Church, at 19 S. Park Ave. The dinner will begin at 5:45 pm. Emmaus is a three-day weekend retreat to develop disciples in the church and community. Those attending the dinner also are invited to attend a 7 pm Taize service. Emmaus dinners are held at the church the first Thursday of each month, except July. For further information, call the church office at 970-249-3716.

AUTHOR WORKS TO RESTORE HISTORIC NAME TO LOCAL PEAK



The view of the former Bridal Peak from Mount Sneffels. Courtesy photo.



Author Jeff Burch places a summit register atop Unnamed 13,510, which he hopes to restore to its former name of Bridal Peak. Courtesy photo.

By Caitlin Switzer

REGIONAL—It's a lesson in the nature of mountains, and of man. A name chosen for a peak centuries ago was lost to time, though the peak itself remains at the head of Bridal Veil Basin above Telluride. Author Jeff Burch discovered the situation while researching his latest work, *The Peaks of Telluride*. Burch, who lives in Delta, has built a business over the years called ColoradoThirteeners.com, which produces and markets labeled images of Colorado's mountains. When he learned of the existence of the unnamed thirteener known today as unnamed 13,510, or T11, Burch also learned that it had once been Colorado's only "Bridal Peak." Located on the Eastern rim of Bridal Veil Basin, the peak is important to the history of the region, notes Burch, who has taken his cause before local government representatives in search of support.

On his web site, www.bridalpeak.com, Burch talks about how he first learned of the peak's lost heritage.

"...(Longtime Telluride resident) Billy Mahoney, Sr. was a great source of all

kinds of information," writes Burch. "And in our discussions he pointed out the Unnamed (13,510) peak at the head of Bridal Veil Basin... and showed it to us in a 1962 U.S. Geological Survey Bulletin clearly labeled as Bridal Peak. On modern day U.S. Geological Survey maps, and in the official record system for names of geographic places, Bridal Peak has been lost. It does not appear anywhere."

While Burch said he can see reasons why the names of some other peaks have since been abandoned, in this instance, he believes it was a mistake.

"I just don't want it to be lost to history," Burch said. "It is an important name associated with the history of Telluride and times gone by. I would like to see it perpetuated."

Besides, there is an element of romance to the name, he noted.

"This peak is unique because it is not easy to see," Burch said. "It is only visible from one short segment of the Tomboy Road. You've gotta hike to get there, but once you're on top it is a gorgeous sum-

mit—I have been on it three times this year.

"I have placed a summit register in a PVC can up there," said Burch, who has also taken his quest for support to the towns of Telluride and Mountain Village as well as the San Miguel County and San Juan county boards of commissioners, all of whom have expressed their support for the project. "And I have circulated a note to people to support renaming Bridal Peak."

"Every local representative is in favor," Burch said. "This feels like a winner."

Burch said that he expects the renaming process to take about six months. Letters of support from local officials will be sent to the State Board of Geographic names, he said.

"I am waiting to get the letters, and then we will make a request to the board," he said. "The board may take it up at their next quarterly meeting."

"I am not making this into a lifetime campaign," he added. "But the community support we are seeing may be just enough."

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COLORADO COURT OF APPEALS RULES AGAINST HOMEOWNER IN LOG HILL VILLAGE VERIZON CASE

Mirror Staff Report

LOG HILL MESA—To the naked eye, the difference is clear. In the eyes of the court system, there is no distinction at all. Log Hill Mesa Homeowner Andrew Fisher's four-year quest to force Verizon to remove an 82-foot cell phone tower from the Southern escarpment of Log Hill Mesa—the area known locally as "Inspiration Point"—has come to an end with a second Colorado Court of Appeals verdict deliv-

ered last week.

Though the fact that the tower was placed in violation of covenants was never in dispute, the viewpoint of Fisher's opponent, Dallas Creek Water Company, was that homeowner rights had been waived by the placement of three prior cell towers, two of which were 30 feet and roughly four feet wide (treeline is 30 feet), and one of which was 50 feet in height and roughly 18 inches in width, with one-inch whip antennas

located atop each. The Colorado Court of Appeals, which had remanded the case to the trial court two years ago, found last week in favor of Dallas Creek. The newest tower is four feet wide at the top, according to Fisher's attorney, Brad Switzer of Montrose. "Mr. Fisher believes it unfortunate that the Colorado Court of Appeals agreed with the trial court judge that this taller and wider tower does not have a different or greater impact," Switzer said.

Gerree Nash: In Memoriam - 1924 to 2013

By Deb Barr

MONTROSE--Despite our age difference, Gerree Nash and I were friends. Good friends. She was intelligent, funny and sharp as a tack. "Right up until the end," says her daughter Judy Mordecai. And I am glad for that. Glad she got to spend her last days in the disheveled house on East Miami where she remained after her husband Vern died.

Gerree lived pretty much alone, with the exception of a cat and toward the end, her grandson. I'm glad she died in her home, comforted in the arms of the ancient carved bed that she loved, in the company of her beloved dolls.

Gerree was elderly, but not a recluse. No, Gerree she was active right up until the day she didn't feel so good. She was losing her eyesight so she didn't sew as much or drive, but she was often out and about, relying on the Senior Bus to take her where she wanted, or needed, to go.

They tell me that when death came knocking, it happened quickly. The time was short enough not to suffer and long enough to "get her ducks in a row." Could anyone have orchestrated it better? No, I don't think so. Judy says she was "being bossy and making jokes" right up to her final exit. That was Gerree, feisty and proud.

The last time I spoke with Gerree, which was too long ago...we think we all will live forever...she was working on writing

her memoirs. She had finished the first 9 or 10 years at that point. Her memory was incredible and filled with nuance and an eye for detail that only an artist could see. We laughed about how long it would take her and immediately got off track talking about something totally unrelated. She was like that. We diverged a lot in our conversations.

Often my friend Chris and I would pick Gerree up for coffee and pie at the Red Barn. We would stay for hours. I loved hearing her tales of traveling to California in the heart of the Depression with her mother and grandmother, hoping for a future in radio. How she was born on the Fourth of July and thought all the hoopla was for her. The tales of living with her grandparents at their lodge on Red Feather Lake in the 1940s. The cute service guys. Her fabric shop. Her meticulous costumes. Her beautiful dolls. Her take on local history.

I listened to many stories about her mother, Jeda (Gerree's namesake), a musician and a divorcee in a time when good women were neither. I loved it all. Opinionated and forthright, but usually right on, she was a joy and a blessing to be around. I asked her everything I neglected to ask my own grandmother and took endless notes in hopes of writing not just one, but several articles, on such a fascinating, talented person.

I guess I always thought Gerree and I



Gerree Nash, 1924-2013. Courtesy photo.

would have one more opportunity to visit. I somehow thought she would be there "the next time," even when I knew that each time we spoke, she seemed more fragile than ever. She didn't complain, not much anyway. More like aggravated to be daunted by her body. She would have liked to have danced more, sung more...acted on stage one more time.

I hear that the Magic Circle Theatre has honored her recently, and I am grateful, because she deserves that recognition. Every bit of it.

So, goodbye, friend. I didn't get that story written but I have all the notes – scribbled pages of them – and will pass them to your children. I will cherish what they represent -- the time spent with a good friend. I am a better woman, artist, person, wife and daughter...for having known you. Thank you. Brava, Brava!

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CELEBRATE FIRST FRIDAY DOWNTOWN

Special to the Mirror

DOWNTOWN MONTROSE--In conjunction with Montrose's monthly First Friday Stroll, Montrose Public Art Experience (PAX) will present their Annual Celebration of Art and Culture.

This is a special evening on historic Main Street, Montrose, CO celebrating art, music, culinary delights and fine spirits with in-store promotions and the unveiling of new public art (sculptures on Main St. corners).

There will be recognition of the artists (sculptors) and the 2012-2013 People's Choice Award Ceremony at 6:30pm.

Around the Corner Art Gallery will feature artist, Lynn Vogel, demonstrating her unique copper weaving, music by A.J.

Fullerton, a CMU student, beers from Colorado Boy Brewing Co, and refreshments will be served. The Gallery is also featuring a special juried show, titled "**Textures**". Local artists have been challenged to create pieces depicting their idea of texture.

The reception for the show is Friday, Oct. 4th, and will hang for the month of October.

A&Y Design Gallery is hosting an exhibit for Montrose Quilter's Guild, titled "A Pumpkin Patch". The exhibit will be on display until the end of Oct.

The gallery will also be doing a food and wine pairing courtesy of Kendra's Kitchen of Telluride and Mountain View Winery.

Fabula- Food tasting of pretzel sticks

and mustards First anniversary specials with discounts and drawings.

Amazing Glaze- Get your "swirl" on! Join us for first Friday, Oct. 4, 6:30-8:30pm. This workshop will introduce a new technique that is fun for all. 219 E. Main

Nina Suzanne's will feature gourd artist, Michele Gad and music by Dr. Mary. Nina will be serving cookies and cider and everything in the store will be 10% off.

Tiffany, Etc. has a beautiful array of fall table top decor and new merchandise arriving daily. The First Friday Stroll is a perfect time to stop by and see what's new!

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FORMER FIREFIGHTER LAUNCHES RPM SERVICES IN RESPONSE TO DEMAND



RPM Services (Repairs/Restoration, Performance, Maintenance) in Montrose does everything from routine repair, to classic work, giving each customer the service they deserve. Photos by Clay Greathouse.

By Liesl Greathouse

MONTROSE--RPM Services (Repairs/Restoration, Performance, Maintenance) in Montrose does everything from routine repair, to classic work, giving each customer the service they deserve.

Owner Jarrott Dowdy opened up his shop in April of 2012, due to the high demand from friends and family. "I was new in town, looking for a job, and due to my history in mechanics, the demand produced the opportunity," he said. He worked as a firefighter in Oklahoma, and did a mobile repair business, working on farm and construction equipment. The electronic repair was learned from his father.

RPM can repair most any problem, from a new car in need of diagnostic troubleshooting to a classic or antique that needs some work. RPM is also not limited to just vehicles. Anything mechanical, from steel wheel tractors and 20's era cars to customs and brand new vehicles have been repaired there.

"Machining and fabrication is what sets us apart," Jarrott explained. The shop also

offers free first time inspection.

RPM is unique because they do the odd-ball stuff from classic to fabrication, as well as electronic repair and things that dealers do not do. Jarrott also tries to be a very honest and fair shop, and to convey that when people walk in. "We value our reputation and relationship with customers," he said. "We are selling customer service just as much as repair and products."

RPM benefits the community by being a growing business that employs two full time employees, and by helping give a better image of services provided and the auto repair industry as a whole.

It also works with other businesses to share advertising costs. "We help other business nearby by recommending them to people who come in for something like an oil change," Jarrott explained. "We don't try to steal business from them."

The comments from customers have been positive.

"We get customers who have been somewhere else and received a much higher estimate," Jarrott explained. "We try to

give someone what they need, what is practical and what is the best value is for their car."

RPM has plans to expand in the future. "Business is good," Jarrott said. "It used to be just me and now there are a couple of us working here."

Jarrott describes his least favorite and most favorite part of his job as the same thing: customer interaction. "I love helping people out and giving them a good job," he said. "If I can provide a repair without the customer feeling that they are being ripped off, that is the best thing that I can do. I always think how I can professionally give them good service."

Customer service is the main priority because repeat customers are the backbone of RPM Services.

"We appreciate the community allowing us to do business," Jarrott explained. "That is the only way we can be here."

RPM Services is located at 2303 S. Townsend Ave, Ste E, and is open Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday by appointment.

For more information, call 970-249-5602.

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In 1980, shortcuts nearly cost him his life when a routine job turned tragic. Burned over 50 percent of his body, Charlie spent five years in the hospital. His family fell apart. He lost everything. "All for what?" is the question he continues to ask himself, and you, today. Charlie, a dynamic speaker who touches an audience through his autobiographical story, emphasizes taking responsibility for one's actions and one's safety.

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Jellystone Park Plans a Witching Weekend!



Oct. 4-6 means fun for the whole family at Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park™ of the Black Canyon! Courtesy photo John Barber.

By Liesl Greathouse

MONTROSE--Need something fun to do for the whole family for Halloween? Want to do it before it gets too cold? Then the Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park™ of the Black Canyon is the place to be on Witching Weekend, Oct. 4-6!

John Barber has owned the Park since 2009 and made it part of the Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park franchise. The franchise has more than 80 parks across the United States and Canada, with John's Park being the only one on the Western Slope of Colorado.

The event is for people who stay at the Park, whether in an RV, tent, or cabin, with 140 spacious campsites available. The Park has many amenities including a

swimming pool and recreation building. The Park is family-oriented, providing games, crafts, movies, hay rides and hot dog roasts to help the whole family to have fun.

The Witching Weekend starts Friday afternoon, Oct. 4. There are a few things planned for that day, but most of it will be on Saturday because people are showing up on Friday. "We try to make everybody a kid for the weekend," John explained.

Saturday, Oct. 5, is full of great games and activities. There will be many different games based on Halloween, from scavenger hunts to pumpkin carving. There will be some old favorites as well as games that John has made up himself. "People have a blast with it," he said. For every

activity that someone participates in, they get a bead. At the end of the weekend, the person with the most beads wins a prize.

Saturday will also include a costume contest parade and trick-or-treating, with prizes for kid and adult costumes. Everyone staying at the Park is encouraged to decorate their trailer, tent or cabin, as the best decorated site wins a prize. "Last year someone put up two pop-up tents and made a spooky tunnel," John said.

Sunday, Oct. 6, ends the weekend with a pancake breakfast, with people heading home by 11 a.m.

The Park chose to have their Halloween celebration on Oct. 4-6 in order to aim for good weather during their festivities and so kids can still go trick-or-treating with their friends on Halloween. "People are looking to have fun," John said. "We are here for families to have fun. I can't say that enough."

For the past three years since the event began, the response has been greatly positive. "We have one group, a large family, who have been coming since the first year," John explained. "The weekend is all about having fun, a big get together for families, where the adults get involved and everyone gets a kick out of it."

There are still places available to stay at in the Park and enjoy the weekend festivities.

As the owner of the Park and organizer of Witching Weekend, John believes he has one of the best jobs. "I get to see people come here, have fun, laugh, play games and go home happy," he said. "I want people to have a good time. I get to go to work, laugh all day, and go home happy—that's a good job."

For more information and to make reservations, call 970-249-6382. Jellystone Park™ of the Black Canyon is located at 22045 South highway 550.

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TOP OF THE PINES WINS GRANT FUNDS

Special to the Mirror

RIDGWAY--Top of the Pines, Inc., announced receipt a \$1000 donation this week from the Western Colorado Community Foundation.

TOP President, Dudley Case, expressed the Board's gratitude. "Mick Graff notified us of the grant, and we're very pleased. As we approach larger foundations, they like to hear that we have the support of other groups and can raise money from these local sources."

TOP, Inc, is the manager of the 175-acre county-owned wilderness area off of Ouray CR 5 southwest of Ridgway. The TOP Board is seeking grant money to turn the old Girl Scout camp into a state-of-the-art outdoor learning facility.

Don Rogers, the TOP Board member who worked with Graff to secure the grant, outlined the improvements TOP aims to complete with multiple funding sources:

increase trails around the property, finish the pavilion on site to create a meeting and educational center, improve camping facilities, and add yurts, a commercial kitchen, and indoor bathrooms and showers.

With these improvements, Rogers added, the region will gain a one-of-a-kind outdoor learning center with high-tech audio-visual equipment, meeting space, eating facilities, and breakout rooms.

According to its website, the Western Colorado Community Foundation "works closely with individuals, families and organizations to create charitable legacies to benefit our residents and improve the quality of life here in western Colorado. Our organization primarily serves Mesa, Garfield, Eagle, Rio Blanco, Delta, Montrose and Ouray counties."

Founded by Dave Woods, a resident of Ouray for many decades and former chairman of Citizens State Bank, the WCCF has been supporting local groups for 15 years.



Top of the Pines accepts funds. Courtesy photo.

"We're delighted that this local foundation chose to support our efforts," Rogers remarked, "and we're determined to use these funds to create a place where we can all enjoy the natural beauty of this very special place, learn more about the flora and fauna around us, and bring our families up here year-round to ski, hike, camp, and enjoy the outdoors."

Sandstone Concerts Brings Jake Shimabukuro to Grand Junction

Special to the Mirror

GRAND JUNCTION--Jake Shimabukuro's concert is just a week away. All seating is reserved (Assigned Seating). This is a small Recital Hall, everyone is very close to the artist. There will be wine (Two Rivers Winery) and light foods (Crossroads Wine and Spirits) available at the show. This is our social hour and it begins at 6:30pm in the lobby. The concert starts at 7:30. Free Parking is in the CMU Parking Garage next door to the Moss PAC. Tickets are still available at Back Porch Music, Triple Play, all City Market stores and online at sandstoneconcerts.com or charge by phone at 970-243-8497. Don't know who this world famous performer is?? Visit jakeshimabukuro.com and find out!

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The Black Canyon Homebrewers Association and All Points Transit Gear Up for the 8th Annual Oktoberfest Celebration

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE – Get out your dirndl dresses and lederhosen, and step up to the stein! The Eighth Annual Montrose Oktoberfest is this Saturday, Oct. 5th from 1pm to 6pm at Centennial Plaza in Downtown Montrose! Event organizers expect about 20 breweries to participate this year, from the Western Slope and throughout Colorado.

Live music will begin at 1pm with smooth country sounds from Laura Austin. Local favorites, Boxcar, will get the crowd moving beginning at about 2:30pm. The event closes out with a blend of reggae and rock from Grand Junction's Zoloph and the Destroyers, playing until 6pm. A group of local musicians have put together a five member German band especially for the event and will entertain crowds with "oompah" music between sets.

Great Harvest Bread Company will be serving up schnitzel and pretzels and Big Head BBQ will be grilling bratwursts and kielbasa sausage.

Look for the A+Y Gelato booth to try blends created just for Oktoberfest, including a chocolate stout featuring 2 Rascals Stout and a coconut porter gelato, made with Horsefly's coconut porter. Anyone who needs a pick me up can stop by the Riddled Raven booth for coffee and other treats.



Montrose Oktoberfest 2012. Courtesy photo by Cara Fandel.

Admission is \$25 at the door for those wanting to sample beer. Attendees who are under 21 or who will not be drinking alcohol will be asked for a \$5 donation. Discounted tickets are available online for \$20 through Friday, Oct. 4th at www.montrosefreshfest.com.

Full weekend packages, including tickets to Friday's PAX Celebration of Art and

Culture, the Black Canyon Sprint Triathlon and the Farmer's Market Farm to Table Harvest Brunch, are also available online.

Proceeds from Oktoberfest benefit All Points Transit, a non-profit transit agency providing transportation services to seniors, people with disabilities and the general public in communities throughout four counties on the Western Slope.



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STATE SENATORS TO VISIT GRAND JUNCTION OCT. 7-8

Special to the Mirror

DENVER--Colorado State Sen. Irene Aguilar, D-Denver, and Rep. Joann Ginal, D-Fort Collins, will visit Grand Junction Oct. 7-8. The two state legislators want to talk with Coloradans about the current health care system in Colorado and ways to improve it.

"I want to visit people around the state to hear how they experience our health care system," Aguilar said. "I am concerned that Coloradans may be having trouble accessing care and want to see firsthand what the issues are."

Rep. Ginal added: "Preventive care and healthcare coverage for everyone will keep Colorado the "healthiest" state in the nation."

Sen. Aguilar this year introduced a plan for a Colorado Health Care Cooperative. The Cooperative would provide a way to pay for comprehensive health care for every Coloradan for less than the state is spending now. She is the chair of the Senate's Health and Human Services Committee.

The only practicing physician in the state Senate, Sen. Aguilar is working part-time this summer and fall at Clinica Tepeyac in Denver. She has served on the Colorado Board of Medical Examiners and the Health Benefits Advisory Board of the Colorado Division of Insurance.

Rep. Ginal is a retired medical researcher and lecturer at CSU, with a B.S. in biology, a Master's in zoology, and a doctorate in reproductive endocrinology. She is a member of the House Committee on Health, Insurance and Environment and is particularly interested in health care and healthy communities for all.

In addition to listening to local concerns and ideas for improvement, Sen. Aguilar and Rep. Ginal will also share information and seek comments on the Colorado Health Care Cooperative.

Tour Schedule

Grand Junction, Oct. 7-8

October 7th:

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.: Lunch and tour - Mesa County Health Department Board Room, 510 29 ½ Road

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.: Dinner, St. Mary's Board Room, 2635 N. 7th St.

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.: Community Meeting, St. Mary's Hospital, 5th floor, Saccomanno Rooms 1 and 2. Open to the public; light refreshments will be served.

October 8th:

7:00 - 8:30 a.m.: Physician Education Meeting, St. Mary's Hospital, 5th floor Saccomanno Rooms 1 and 2

8:30 - 9:30 a.m.: Tour, Marillac Clinic, 2333 N. 6th St.

9:30 - 10:30 a.m.: Tour, Quality Health

Network, 744 Horizon Court, Suite 210

10:30 - 11:30 a.m.: Tour, Primary Care Partners, 3150 N. 12th St.

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.: Luncheon and meeting, Rocky Mountain Health Plans, 2775 Crossroads Blvd.

1:15 - 2:15 p.m.: Tour, Hope West Hospice. The tour will be followed by afternoon tea/coffee at Spoons. 3090 N. 12th St.

3:00 - 4:00 p.m. - St. Mary's Family Medicine Residency, 2698 Patterson Road.



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ReneWest Interactive Art Crawls—West Main District, third Thursdays of every month.

Montrose Farmers Market—Open EVERY SATURDAY through October, from 8:30 am to 1 pm- on the corner of Uncompahgre and S. 1st Downtown Montrose.

Oct. 1—The Telluride Institute's Talking Gourds Poetry Club welcomes John Nizalowski of Grand Junction as October's featured reader at Arroyo Fine Art Gallery & Wine Bar at 220 E. Colorado Ave., 970-239-2006, beginning at 6 p.m.

Oct. 1--Ribbon cutting for the new Straw Hat Market store at 514 S. 1st, for Tuesday Oct. 1 at noon. Weekday hours are Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Oct. 2-4—Colorado Governors 2013 Conference on Tourism, presented by Colorado Office on Tourism, in Telluride.

Oct. 3--Please join Montrose & Olathe School District Re-1J Deputy Superintendent, Kirk Henwood, for coffee at the Busy Corner White Kitchen (318 Main Street- Olathe) the first Thursday of the Month-October 3rd from 7:30 – 8:30 am. We encourage anyone who has questions or concerns about the School District to attend.

Oct. 3—Montrose United Methodist Church to host Emmaus potluck dinner at 5:45 p.m., followed by a Taize service at 7 p.m.

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

Oct. 5—Grand Opening celebration Straw Hat Farm Market Store 514 South First. Saturday hours are 8:30 to 1 p.m.

Oct. 8-10—San Miguel Power Member Appreciation Days! 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nucla and Ridgway offices.

Oct. 9---Montrose Botanical Society will be hosting speaker Linda Corwine McIntosh, "Problem solving in gardens relative to pests." The meeting is open to the public and will meet at the Centennial meeting room, at 7 pm. For more information please call Sally 970-417-1524.

Oct. 10--The League of Women Voters® of Montrose County, serving Montrose and Delta counties, presents and invites you to attend its "Ballot Issues in the November Election" a non-partisan presentation of the pro's and con's at 7PM at Memorial Hall, 175 N. 1st St., Hotchkiss. LWV ballot issues brochures will be available. Bonus: Ann Eddins, Delta County Clerk & Recorder, will provide an update on the recent changes to Colorado's election laws. For information, contact Peggy Baxter at (970) 856-6225 or peggybax@gmail.com.

Oct. 11-13—Telluride Horror Show Film Fest! [For film listing click here.](#)

Oct. 12—Ridgway Area Chamber of Commerce to host fall parking lot sale, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. behind Ridgway Library on Railroad St.

Oct. 12--Are you a Disc Golf player, or would you like to support a great museum? Then please join us in The 1st Annual Glow in the Dark Disc Golf Tournament. It will be held at Cerise Park, with registration at 7 pm. A shot gun start will be 8 pm. Pre- registration is \$10 /each, and day of the tournament will be \$12/each. This new event is a fundraiser for the Montrose County Historical Museum. For more information please call 970-249-2085. So grab your glow sticks and discs for a fun night.

Oct. 12—North Fork Valley Barn Tour, begins 8:45 at Fairgrounds in Hotchkiss.

Oct. 12--The Fall Great Community Giveaway is scheduled from 10 am to Noon at Lions Park. Everything is free. Donations of good clean household items, fall and winter clothes, toys and other items are welcome to be dropped off at Lions Park starting at 7 am that morning. The doors will open to the public at 10 am. No large furniture, electronics or televisions accepted. Information on those items may be placed on the bulletin board available at the Giveaway. This is a great opportunity to recycle and re-gift items to those in need. No dealers please. For more information call 970-252-0908.

Oct. 13--The San Juan Mountain Runners will be hosting the 3rd Annual North Rim 20K Race and 8K Run/Walk. This is the 3rd event in the our Black Canyon Race Series highlighting our magnificent Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park. Come join the fun as runners and walkers experience the amazing scenery on the lesser-known side of the Black Canyon. The event doesn't start until 10 a.m., giving everyone plenty of time to get to the North Rim near Crawford, CO. Post-race festivities including refreshments and awards will take place near the finish by the Ranger Station. All proceeds will benefit the Montrose Community Foundation. For entry fees, registration, directions to the start and additional race information go to www.sjmr.org or contact Jan at jbridgway@msn.com.

Oct. 15—Volunteers of America Ice Cream Social and celebration of residents' rights month at Valley Manor Care Center, 1401 South Cascade, at 2 p.m.

Oct. 19—Ridgway Moonwalk—Starry Night and Lantern Parade.

Oct. 19---A Spooky Sprint, 5K Run/Walk will be held at Riverbottom Park, starting at 8 a.m. The benefits of the Run/Walk will go to Montrose Special Olympics. Registration forms can be picked up at the Montrose & Olathe Schools District Office at 930 Colorado Avenue. Registration forms must be received by Oct. 4th to receive a T-Shirt. For information, please call Amy Shelley at 970-249-6636.

Oct. 24-25—WBA Hospitality Summit, Montrose Pavilion. To register and for more information please visit www.WesternColoradoHospitality.com.

Oct. 24--Living the Good Life Senior Expo," presented by Delta County Senior Resource Council, and sponsored by Bank of the West, is happening from 8 a.m. until 1:30 p.m., at the Bill Heddles Recreation Center, 530 Gunnison River Dr., Delta. The theme of this year's Expo is "Be Aware," with programs and information on scams, financial concerns and health care. For more information and vendor deadlines, please contact Leah Lewis at [970-712-2295](tel:970-712-2295).

Oct. 29—Region 10 Constant Contact Seminar, \$20, 300 North Cascade, Noon to 1:30 p.m. RSVP 970-249-2436.

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

Nov. 15--Health Equity Live Stream Series Part IV--Anthony Iton, MD, Senior Vice President, The California Endowment and Winston Wong, MD, Medical Director, Kaiser Permanente, will speak about solutions for tackling social determinants of health. Montrose Library Community Room (320 S. 2nd St.) 11 am- 1:30 pm ~ FREE LUNCH INCLUDED.

Nov. 23-24—Pottery studio of Bill Wilson presents Art on Trout Road (68408 Trout Road)! 10 to 5 p.m. both days.

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Clockwise from top left, Crystal Moore and Nancy Turley take in the show at the Sharing Ministries Benefit Street Dance Sept. 21; below left, Rusty Mountain Society opened the show. Bottom right, Stacey Ryan of CASA promotes the Nov. 2 Dodgeball event at the Montrose Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours at Home Loan Insurance Sept. 24. Image courtesy Cara Fandel for Howling Wolf Photography.

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