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## The Summer Fun Issue!

### HIGH WATER WASHES AWAY JUNE BUSINESS FOR RIVER OUTFITTERS

By Caitlin Switzer

DELTA COUNTY--In Delta County, where job losses have been heavy this year due to mine closures and that of the Meadow Gold Dairy processing plant, river operators are now crying foul over 100 jobs lost to a governmental agency's decision to release water from the Aspinall Unit on June 5.

The culprit, outfitters say, is a newly-implemented Bureau of Reclamation Record of Decision document, based on a 2012 Environmental Impact Statement that prioritizes the habitat of four endangered fish--the Colorado Pike Minnow, humpback chub, bonytail and razorback sucker.

A May 22 Bureau of Reclamation news release states, "Reclamation will begin increasing releases from the Aspinall Unit, consisting of Blue Mesa, Morrow Point, and Crystal reservoirs on the Gunnison River, on May 23, 2014, as required by the Record of Decision for the Aspinall Unit Operations Final Environmental Impact Statement. The increased release will attempt to meet flow targets on the Gunnison River, designed to benefit endangered



A tour bus rolls over high water in the Gunnison River near Gunnison earlier this month. Photo by Scotty Kenton Photography.

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### HEALTH CARE ENROLLMENT OPEN FOR NEW ARRIVALS, LIFE CHANGES



Mary Leu of Montrose was able to cut costs by buying health insurance through Connect for Health. Courtesy photo.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE--Are you new to the area? Have you recently lost adequate health insurance? If you face either of these circumstances, you can take advantage of a special health insurance open enrollment period of 30 days through Connect for Health Colorado, the state's health care coverage marketplace.

The next general open enrollment period will be Nov. 15, 2014 through February 15, 2015, noted Lynn Caretta of the Montrose Connect for Health office, located in the Chamber of Commerce building at 1519 East Main Street. However, special enrollment is open now to those who qualify.

Those who meet and work with new arrivals are essential in letting new residents know about the special opportunity to sign up, Connect for Health Montrose staffer Alicia Plantz said.

"We want to make sure that people moving to Colorado know about this," Plantz said. "If you are new to the area, you actually have 60 days to get great health care through the exchange."

Life-changing events such as a change of jobs can

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## REGION 10 LEAP FOCUSED ON COLLABORATION



A regional team coordinated by Region 10 was honored with a "Culture of Commitment" award at Colorado Sector Summit II in Denver May 19-21. Courtesy image.

### Mirror Staff Report

REGIONAL--The organization is more than 40 years old, but continues to grow in new directions and form innovative, cooperative partnerships. Founded in 1972, the Region 10 League for Economic Assistance & Planning is highly focused today on enhancing collaboration among regional and statewide entities, with the shared goal of improving quality of life and economic opportunities throughout the six-county region they serve.

This month, Region 10 has issued two requests for proposals, both of which have resulted from collaboration among local stakeholders, and both of which will ultimately help meet longstanding West Central economic development needs.

The first Request for Proposal seeks assistance in the development of a **Regional Broadband Implementation Blueprint** for the six-county area served by Region 10, which consists of Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Montrose, Ouray, and San Miguel counties. The blueprint is intended to bring together and address key stakeholders, organizations and activities that will propel the region toward a final design and construction phase of Broadband expansion.

Broadband access and the implantation of abundant, redundant and affordable internet connectivity are the goals of the Broadband RFP, which is supported by an Ener-

gy and Mineral Impact Assistance Fund (EIAF) grant provided by the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA).

Community partners on the Broadband effort have come from both the public and private sectors, Region 10 Executive Director Michelle Haynes said. Sub-standard internet access has long been identified as one of the major impediments to economic development on the Western

Slope.

"You can see how important this is to the well-being of our communities," Haynes said, "because we have had almost 100 percent participation from our member municipalities."

The deadline for broadband implementation blueprint submittals is June 27, 2014.

The second RFP invites consultants to submit proposals for the **creation of a detailed transit implementation plan** based on the recommendations of the "Four County Study Update" (April 2013), which provides recommendations for improvements and expansions to transit service in Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Montrose, Ouray, and San Miguel counties. The deadline for transit submittals is July 1, 2014.

Both issues are of key importance to the future of the regional economy, Region 10 Regional Development Coordinator Jay Stooksberry said. For more information on either Request for Proposals, visit the Region 10 web site at <http://www.region10.net/rfp/>.

On July 9, Region 10 will share resources and tools for growing the regional economy, at an Economic Gardening Summit from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Express on South Townsend. The event will be free to the public, and will include lunch.

"We will have representatives from the

Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT), and Elizabeth Garner of the Colorado State Demographers Office will speak to us about demographic trends," Region 10 Executive Director Michelle Haynes said.

Others who will present at the Economic Gardening Summit include Pattie Snidow of USDA Rural Development, Haynes said.

"Information, tools and resources are available at the state and federal levels that our communities can take advantage of," Region 10 Regional Development Coordinator Jay Stooksberry said. "It will be a wealth of information, packed into one day.

"These tools and resources can help us build the businesses that are already here." "If we invest in our communities, we will see a return," Haynes said.

Alpine Bank is helping to sponsor the event. For more information or to RSVP for the Summit, visit [region10.net/economicgardening](http://region10.net/economicgardening).

Finally, a team headed by Region 10 was honored last month with a Sector Partnership Award for creating a "culture of commitment," at Colorado Sector Summit II, hosted by the Colorado Workforce Development Center and held at Denver's Marriott Hotel May 19-21.

At the Sector Summit, regional teams from across Colorado gathered to explore partnerships designed to help key economic sectors grow while encouraging the development of workforce skills that meet local industry needs.

Those two sectors were represented at the Summit by Montrose Memorial Hospital Program Director and Clinician Dean McCall, who serves on the Colorado Workforce Development Council, and Sandi Head, executive director of the Montrose Economic Development Corporation (MEDC).

Sectors Summit II was designed to help grow and expand sector partnerships across Colorado, and eventually, promote career tracks driven by the expressed needs of the industries.

Region 10's role is to help facilitate the progress being made in this region by collaborating with other entities, Haynes said.

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## WELCOME HOME MONTROSE WEEKLY NEWS BRIEF UPCOMING EVENTS

**18JUNE14**—From 1700 to 1850 (5 to 6:30 p.m.), the 101<sup>st</sup> Army Dixie-land Band will perform at the Warrior Resource Center. On Thursday, June 19 the Band will perform in the Main in Motion Beer Garden. Welcome Home Montrose will be the non-profit sponsor that evening--please come out and show your support!

**21JUNE14**—Mission No Barriers 5K Run/Walk at the Bridges of Montrose! Registration and festivities begin at 9 a.m., 5K begins at 10 a.m.  
For more information visit <http://welcomehomemontrose.org/no-barriers-5k-run/>!

**18JUNE14 - 21JUNE14**—Colorado State VFW Convention in Montrose! Welcome Home Montrose is honored to be hosting a portion of the convention at the Warrior Resource Center. WHM volunteer and regional veterans' service co-

ordinator Gary Gratton will receive a special VFW award for going above and beyond on behalf of veterans. WRC staffer Mysti Miller will be attending the convention's joint opening reception at Friendship Hall on 19JUNE14.

**18JUNE14 - 21JUNE14**—Welcome Home Founder Melanie Kline and Executive Director Emily Smith will attend the Colorado Municipal League gathering in Breckenridge, where they will share the Welcome Home Alliance for Veterans model with representatives from other communities throughout the state.

THE "WE'VE GOT YOUR SIX" PLEDGE DRIVE continues! The Warrior Resource Center is funded completely with private donations, and does not belong to any branch of the government. Your support is essential as we move forward in our mission to support

America's wounded warriors. It is so easy to make a difference, and it can be done simply with a credit card or through automatic payments set up through your financial institution!

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*With the suicide, divorce and unemployment rates so high in our military population, Montrose means to set the standard for other cities to follow in how to serve those who stepped up to serve all of us. By strengthening our services, identifying and filling our gaps, creating programs and removing the barriers in our infrastructure, we are preparing a place for our wounded warriors to visit and hopefully, to stay. Please contact us to learn how you can contribute! Our corporate office is located in Timberline Bank (1561 Oxbow Dr.), and can be reached at 970-765-2210. Welcome Home Montrose is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and runs entirely on donations of all kinds at the Resource Center and on the website, [www.WelcomeHomeMontrose.org](http://www.WelcomeHomeMontrose.org).*

## FREE Community Training on Youth Substance Use

June 19th - Preventing Our Youth from Using Drugs  
June 26th - The Effects of Drugs on Teens  
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511 E. 10th Street Delta, CO 81416



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## OPINION/EDITORIAL

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ABRAMS PR AND THE POWER OF THE SUN

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—Any time a crowd of local citizens turns out, at extremely short notice, to attend a four-hour meeting, you know that there are serious concerns. No matter your stance on the Montrose Airport Fixed Base Operator issue, the decision of Montrose County Commissioners to schedule a vote on the matter, rather than the hearing that was originally supposed to take place on Monday, was a misstep. The obvious attempt to bypass a public process does not set a shining example of transparency in government.

What strikes us most profoundly, however, is that this ONE issue has drawn such attention, while other governmental entities are given what appears to be a free ride. Montrose County is more than its elected officials; it is also a dedicated staff of hardworking employees who show up every day to serve the community, and who ensure endless criticism for the behavior of some elected officials at the top. For local citizens to become so enraged about the behavior of three public officials—two county commissioners and Airport manager Lloyd Arnold—speaks to the need of our community to reconsider voting a straight “Party” ticket rather than choosing commissioners on the basis of issues, cre-

dentials and past behavior.

In the midst of the FBO fiasco, at least one hero has emerged, however. The Mirror has been impressed by the efforts of Abrams PR pro Josh Freed, who has tirelessly shared information about meetings and issues with the media and the public for the past month.

This is a situation in which the old adage of “Sunlight being the best disinfectant” rings true. However, there are more issues in Montrose than one—for more than a year the Mirror has reported on what we believe to be a funding scandal at City Hall, where a completely inexperienced public affairs intern was hired as assistant city manager in January of 2013 at a handsome salary of \$80,000 a year and given a building and more than \$700,000 annually in public monies to spend without any apparent oversight.

When we recently requested information about the Office of Business & Tourism expenditures from City Manager Bill Bell, the initial response was a terse email expressing his great “disappointment” in me.

We hope that concerned citizens will begin to demand accountability from City officials as well; an assistant city manager is an important position that usually goes only to the very experienced—and voters

do NOT elect this individual.

In May of 2013, the OBT spent \$30K with Visit Telluride for software we have not yet used, and the OBT has not yet produced the promised analytics report though more than a year has passed and self-imposed deadlines have come and gone. The OBT recently spent money to advertise in the Telluride Visitor Guide as well, an expenditure that appears to us to make little sense—are travelers really going to leave their Telluride vacations to come “Stay and Play” down here?

What appears to have mitigated the public outrage in this instance are well-timed friendships and partnerships. After obtaining the requested OBT expenditures and Mr. Joseph’s resume from the City earlier this year, we shared them with the *Montrose Daily Press* and *Watch* newspapers, both of which opted not to cover the story for reasons of their own. So while we applaud all of those who stand up for what they believe to be right, and we continue to believe in the old words of wisdom: “Sunlight is the best disinfectant,” we also urge voters to set party politics aside in the next election, and vote only for those who believe in accountability to the public they serve. And please hold City officials to the same standard of open government.

## Free Program on Strategies, Tools and Resources for Caregivers of Non-Verbal Loved Ones

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE—Volunteers of America Senior Community Care Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) is offering a free presentation in its day center on caregiving for non-verbal loved ones.

The program is offered Wednesday, June 25th beginning at 10:00 am at 2377 Robins Way in Montrose. The public is welcome to attend.

Danielle McCarthy, MA, will lead the discussion which will focus on use of pictures and visual/ tactile aids to create methods of communication.

Her lecture will also include such topics as crisis communication, visual schedules, sensory techniques, and “Loved One Binders.”

Tai Blair, Senior Community Care Marketing Manager said, “Danielle is a wealth

of information and an experienced caregiver who shares advice in a very personable way, immediately making you feel at ease and connected.”

Non-verbal communication by definition is a medium for communication that entails using cues via body language to convey message content. Facial expressions, body gestures, and voice intonation are forms of nonverbal communication.

McCarthy has always been a care giver and has several fond memories of caring for her grandfather. Later in life, she had the loving intimacy of caring for her mother-in-law along her final path, and eventual passing. Now, she cares for her husband, a journey of care giving, which has slowly become more and more engaging, and became her fulltime endeavor four years ago.

McCarthy has created a blog for caregiv-

ers, which chronicles her daily experiences with caregiving -

[www.vibrantcaregiving.com](http://www.vibrantcaregiving.com)<<http://www.vibrantcaregiving.com>>.

A recent post on her blog stated, “When Vibrant CareGivers are first charged with caregiving, many of us are thrust abruptly into a swirling mass of confusion, imbalance, and uncertainty.”

The trauma and confusion of seeing or experiencing a Loved One ill, or incapacitated, can be overwhelming and intensely frightening.

Most definitely intimidating!” McCarthy noted, “My website is a simple Blog of my journey as a Care Giver, my struggles, my lessons, and my thoughts.”

If wishing to attend the free program, please RSVP to Tai Blair at 970-901-7768 (cell) or Email:

[tblair@voa.org](mailto:tblair@voa.org)<<mailto:tblair@voa.org>>.



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# FLAG DAY CELEBRATION UNITES COMMUNITY



*Clockwise from top left: Montrose High School Color Guard; locals turned out to celebrate our nation's flag; Alpine Bank provided the grill and cooked up hamburgers and hotdogs provided by Volunteers of America; Craig Ammermann, Regional Director of Operations VOA; Allison Nadel, Alpine Bank Regional Marketing Director; Collin Huffer (front) vocalist who sang the National Anthem; Joe Walker, Meals Program Director; Tim Heran, Regional Nutritionist; CJ Simmers, Executive Director Senior Community Care PACE; Black Canyon Ranger Paul Zaenger gave a talk about the history of the US flag and offered personal insights. Courtesy photos Erin Smith Berge.*



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## SUCCESSFUL EQUINE-THEMED ART OPENING SHOWS THROUGH END OF JUNE



*A little girl sits on Monarch's back at Main-in-Motion. Courtesy photo.*

By Marissa Isgreen,  
Northern Bureau Correspondent

MONTROSE-- "High-Point," a 12-month traveling art show featuring equine art, is showing at the A+Y Design Gallery in Montrose for the entire month of June. The show aims to celebrate the Year of the Horse, engage the community in a discussion about art and benefit Colorado's wild horses. Local artist Cheri Isgreen and Fort Collins-based artist Barb Haynie created the show because of their shared passion for horses and fine art.

"I want these shows to celebrate the horse and raise awareness for equine art by engaging the community in a dialog about it," Isgreen said. "The way these shows are designed there is a lot of community participation from the causes they benefit, to the workshops and the art itself."

### **An Event-filled opening**

"High-Point" debuted the first weekend in June with a variety of events that immersed the community in the art. During Main-in-Motion, Isgreen's Lipiz-zaner horse Monarch, a frequent subject of her paintings, stood for people to paint handprints and designs on his white coat. Adults, kids and babies were all drawn to novelty of a painted white horse in the middle of main street. Even those with a

fear of horses overcame those fears to at least pet him.

"I wanted to create a horse event that would be really people friendly because not everyone rides horses, but most people are attracted to them," Isgreen explained. "I personally think Monarch was a highlight for Main-in-Motion because he was not only surrounded by people for two hours straight, but he seemed to really engage them."

The show officially opened June 6 and will run through June 30. It features 36 works of equine art in watercolor, acrylic and mixed media by both Isgreen and Haynie.

The opening allowed patrons to tap their creativity with interactive community art activities including Chinese brush painting, zen painting and Year of the Horse origami which will stay up with the art through the end of the month. As patrons viewed and discussed the art, they munched on barn-themed hors d'oeuvres and listened to live music from Karen Mercer, Margaret Freeman and Kurt Isgreen.

The following day, Isgreen held an origami workshop where participants learned how to fold a paper horse and animate it with special bends and pinches.

"Origami can be challenging with the correct paper folds, but it's a really unique artwork," said workshop participant Nancy Kelso. "I think we should engage in more art opportunities in our town. It's important to have something new and different here."

### **Final Workshop, Learn to sculpt**

Isgreen will be hosting a second workshop, June 26 during Main-in-Motion, that arises from both Isgreen and Haynie's love for creating horse sculptures from found objects. The \$40 workshop will teach participants to create their own horse from found objects and includes materials, instruction, a tutorial on how to jump-start your own creativity and a free drink or gelato.

"I find that the found object workshop is very liberating for people who like art but are intimidated by drawing," Isgreen said. "With found objects you're only suggesting an idea or a form and don't have to recreate an exact replica, so I recommend this workshop to artists and non-artists alike."

### **A Benefit Art Show**

As with previous openings, June's show will also benefit a cause. This month, the show will benefit James Kleinert's efforts to protect Colorado's wild horses with a silent auction. Items include Haynie's acrylic painting "Head, Heart, Hands, and Health," Isgreen's mixed media composition, "Don't Fence Me In" and one of Montrose photographer Barb Young's pictures.

Isgreen and A+Y Design Gallery screened Kleinert's film, "Wild Horses and Renegades," the weekend of the opening to raise awareness for the plight of America's wild horses.

"Before seeing this film, I was unaware of the BLM's inhumane practices and deceit to the public, so I wasn't really that concerned about the mustangs. But they're facing extinction, and we as Americans are faced with losing an American treasure," Isgreen said.

Isgreen encourages anyone who was unable to attend to watch the movie and educate themselves about the treatment of America's and Colorado's wild horses.

"The horses in the Little Bookcliffs Range, Colorado are protected, safe and thriving, but unfortunately, the horses in

## SUCCESSFUL EQUINE-THEMED ART OPENING *From page 4*

Disappointment Valley, Colorado are endangered by the BLM's policies of gathering and removing them from their range," Isgreen explained. "Many horses have been euthanized, but that euthanization is really just sending them to slaughter in Mexico."

The silent auction officially opened June 5 and runs through June 30. To bid remotely, call Yesenia at the A+Y Design Gallery (970) 240-7914.

### About the Artists

Isgreen was an elementary and art education teacher for 30 years. She curated, "Art at the Apex" an exhibition showcasing Colorado artists in grades kindergarten through 12th grade that premiered in May 2010 in Washington DC. She also coauthored Colorado art education standards, now part of the Common Core. Concurrent with her teaching career, Isgreen pursued her interests in weaving and textile design for 40 years.

Her work has been showcased in muse-



*"Head, Heart, Hands, and Health" Acrylic by Barb Haynie. Courtesy image.*



ums, galleries, and publications both in the United States and Europe. Retiring from public education in 2010, Isgreen changed focus to develop her personal vision in watercolor. Stir Gallery in Colorado Springs gave Isgreen her first one woman show in 2012, pointing her on the path she follows today.

Haynie earned her fine art degree at Colorado State University with a concentration in drawing at age 50.

Previous to earning her BA, she travelled extensively throughout Europe, South America, Central America, Africa, Australia, New Zealand, the Pacific Islands, and Egypt.

She has also authored two published novels. She owns a nursery in Fort Collins where she has lived since 1954.

*Children surround Monarch at Main-in-Motion and paint handprints on his coat. Courtesy photo.*

## PALISADE LAVENDER FESTIVAL FEATURES CULINARY ARTS, GALA DINNER

### *Special to the Mirror*

PALISADE-Diners seeking unique and delicious cuisine have the opportunity to participate in the Festival Gala Dinner "Spike It With Lavender" as part of the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Lavender Festival in Palisade, Colorado the evening of July 12. Celebrity Chef Gary Hild of the Culinary Center of Kansas City will create the gala's food and will be assisted by The Wine Country Inn's Executive Chef Alberto Rodriguez. Chef Hild specializes in cooking with herbs including lavender as he seeks to create mouth-watering, healthy fare for his guests.

Dinner attendees will feast on a variety of

Colorado foods and wines at the beautiful and renowned Wine Country Inn. The wines will come from Palisade's vibrant and growing number of wineries. A different specially selected Colorado wine will be served with each course of the meal.

Tickets for the meal are limited in number and are available through the Lavender Association of Western Colorado (LAWC) website <http://www.coloradolavender.org/events/festival> or at <http://www.coloradolavender.org/8-festival-and-events/30-purchase-festival-tickets#gala-tickets>

Those attending the gala dinner may

choose to make a culinary weekend of it by participating in the various activities at the festival.

Festival activities conclude on Sunday, July 13, with a self-guided tour of various lavender farms and businesses that will be open to the public. Each stop will have its own unique activities. Some of the stops are serving a catered lunch for a fee. A map to the open farms and businesses will be in the festival program available in the park on Saturday. The tour is free though some activities at some stops may charge a fee. For more information check out the LAWC website at <http://www.coloradolavender.org/events/festival>.



## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

# CDOT RE-OPENS MILLION DOLLAR HIGHWAY

Special to the Mirror  
**OURAY/SAN JUAN COUNTIES** – The Million Dollar Highway re-opened at 6:30 p.m., right on schedule June 12 (the target opening was June 13). The Colorado Department of Transportation conducted the second phase of rockfall mitigation above US 550 just south of Ouray beginning April 24. The two phases of rockfall work (the first being the emergency work that was conducted last January and February) have totaled about \$1.4 million in construction costs. During this second phase, CDOT and contractor Midwest Rockfall conducted the following activities:  
 Placed an additional 2,000 SF of wire mesh on the slope (via helicopter) north of

the existing 31,000 square feet of mesh to help contain remaining loose rock;  
 Installed a rockfall fence at mid-slope, below the wire mesh; the fence materials were painted a dark brown to blend into the hillside;  
 Removed the fence on the roadway after the installation of the mid-slope fence is installed, enabling two-way travel;  
 Patched the roadway damage, paved and restriped the highway.  
 “This project team has done a fantastic job,” CDOT Region 5 Transportation Director Kerrie Need said. “They met the target date for a full opening, and without compromising safety. We’re very happy to be getting this critical highway back open and we thank the Ouray and Silverton

communities for their patience and support throughout.”

**VISIT OURAY & SILVERTON!** US 550 over Red Mountain pass is part of Colorado’s Scenic and Historic San Juan Skyway, also an “All American Road.”

There’s plenty to do and see in the historic mining towns of Ouray and Silverton, including a stop along the pass to view the stunning Bear Creek Falls, a few miles south of Ouray.

Learn more on these sites:

Silverton Activities and Information:

[www.silvertoncolorado.com](http://www.silvertoncolorado.com)

Ouray Activities and Information:

[www.ouraycolorado.com](http://www.ouraycolorado.com)

San Juan Skyway: [www.coloradodot.info/travel/scenic-byways/southwest/san-juan-](http://www.coloradodot.info/travel/scenic-byways/southwest/san-juan-)

## 33RD ANNUAL TELLURIDE MUSHROOM FESTIVAL KICKS OFF AUG. 16-19



Special to the Mirror

**TELLURIDE**—Some of the world's most innovative minds will gather for the 33rd year of the Telluride Mushroom Festival from August 16-19. The Telluride Mushroom Festival unites the scientist, the outdoor enthusiast, the chef, the environmentally conscious, the doctor, and the theatrical in the beautiful box canyon of Telluride, Colorado for the cause of mycophilia. Join this unique community of academics in exploring the fields/interests of mushroom foraging, culinary taxonomy, cultivation, mycoremediation, medical mycology, cuisine and entheogenics. The fungi that grow freely throughout the woods and hills of the canyon are some of the most talented members of the San Miguel ecosystem. Presented by the [Telluride Institute](http://www.tellurideinstitute.org), a non-profit dedicated to educating communities to be more sustainable, the [2014 Telluride Mushroom Festival](http://www.telluridemushroomfestival.com) promises to be the most cutting-edge to date.



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## HIGH WATER WASHES AWAY JUNE BUSINESS FOR RIVER OUTFITTERS *From page 1*



*Morrow Point Dam, part of the Aspinall Unit, days after the Bureau of Reclamation releases in early June. Photo by Scotty Kenton.*

fish species downstream while continuing to meet the congressionally authorized purposes of the Aspinall Unit."

However, this year's releases were delayed by late snowmelt in the North Fork, effectively shutting down much of the season for those who make a living on the Gunnison.

The late, cool spring contributed to the delayed releases, Bureau of Reclamation Public Affairs Specialist Justyn Hock said.

"Our Record of Decision provides a normal time frame, but this was a strange spring," she said. "It was cooler than normal, and peak flows came later. The North Fork peaked June 2, so our releases from the Aspinall Unit were made on June 5."

Officials were taking care not to cause

flooding at the confluence of rivers in Grand Junction, she said.

"We wanted to avoid flooding I-70," Hock said.

"We understand that this was an above-average year for snowpack," said Derek Kehmeier of Austin-based Black Canyon Anglers. "We were expecting high water. But typically and historically, high water comes in mid-May through the first weeks of June."

Outfitters feel that the Bureau of Reclamation has mismanaged the flows, he said.

"We feel that they missed peak flows in May," he said. "If they had not, they would be wrapping up the whole mess this week."

"Now, we will be seeing 6,000 to 7,000 cfs (cubic feet per second) through the first of July, taking high flows through until July 9," Kehmeier said. "That is un-fishable, and we cannot take clients down the river."

The economic impact to local river companies will be great, he said, but added that many other industries are being impacted as well.

"This also affects those in the lodging, restaurant, fuel and retail industries--everyone who depends on summer tourism," he said. "It impacts power generation and the outdoor recreation industries--

-crazy negative impacts."

Losing the revenues from June means losing 60 percent of the seasonal business for an outfitter, noted Al DeGrange of Gunnison River Outfitters, which was established in 1985.

Though the impact to area river companies will about \$1.2 million, in the end, the impact will be closer to \$4 million, he said.

"This could have been managed so much better," DeGrange said. "We were blindsided by the decision. They should have included us in the process, and not done this during our recreation season. This is going to have a huge economic impact on Delta County--now there are 100 more people unemployed."

The releases will also leave Blue Mesa Reservoir at 70 to 73 percent capacity as of July 9, Kehmeier said.

"If we see another drought year next year, which is highly likely, we are already behind the eight ball," he said.

In the end, however, the decision will benefit the health of the river, Bureau of Reclamation Public Affairs Specialist Justyn Hock said.

"It may not be so great right now, but this will improve fish habitat for all aquatic life," Hock said.

Kehmeier said that he does not believe the well-being of endangered fish tells the whole story. "They are saying it is for the endangered fish, but I believe they are using this as a tool to get more water down river to Lake Meade," he said.

## HEALTH CARE ENROLLMENT OPEN FOR NEW ARRIVALS, LIFE CHANGES *from page 1*

also qualify someone for special enrollment, she said.

"If you have a baby, you can sign up," she said. "Or if your current insurance policy is not adequate."

"Medicaid income eligibility guidelines have also been increased, allowing access to more Coloradoans," she said. "Don't pass up this opportunity to come by our comfy office to see what you qualify for."

Also eligible for special enrollment are those whose employers recently stopped offering coverage to an individual or family.

"If you had coverage during open enrollment through an employer who has since stopped offering that benefit, your family can shop on Connect for Health," Caretta

said.

Caretta said that more than 1,200 local people have already looked into obtaining coverage through the marketplace, whether by coming to the Connect for Health office or going through a private broker. Among those who have already done so is Mary Leu of Montrose.

"Before the Affordable Care Act was passed in January of 2014, I was paying around \$450 a month for a health insurance plan with a \$5,000 deductible," Leu said. "Although my premium was pretty high I was managing. But a few months ago my insurance company informed me they would be raising my monthly premium to almost \$600 a month!"

A neighbor suggested that Leu speak

with health care coverage guides, who helped her research and select a plan, and assisted her through the "pretty intimidating" online signup process.

"I now pay less than \$200 a month for a better plan than I had before," Leu said. Tammy, age 26, is a Montrose resident whose employer changed her health insurance options.

"Alicia and Connect for Health Colorado were a tremendous help when my employer dropped our company's health insurance policy and I was forced to find my own plan," Tammy said. "They helped me find the best plan for my budget and walked me through every step of the process!" To reach the local Connect for Health office, call 970-252-0660.



## MIRROR IMAGES...FROM THE BLACK CANYON CAR SHOW



## HOMESTEAD GOLF TOURNAMENT A SUCCESS, ORGANIZERS SAY

### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE--Volunteers of America The Homestead at Montrose Assisted Living hosted their third annual fundraiser golf tournament on Flag Day, June 14<sup>th</sup>, at The Bridges Golf Course. Military honors were observed with the Jr ROTC presenting the flag and Collin Huffer singing the Star Spangled Banner. Soldiers from the Colorado National Guard tended the flag on Hole #18; it was an honor for everyone to be able to take the time and say thanks for their commitment to serving the USA and allowing us to have the freedom we do. Volunteers of America is a nonprofit organization so without the help of all the great sponsors, players and volunteers they would not be able to have such a successful event and provide special projects to

their residents.

Winners of the tournament were:

### **First Flight**

1<sup>st</sup> Place Gross: Bill Lords & Lewis Casper

1<sup>st</sup> Place Net: Keith & Michael Rusk

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Gross:

Mike Hehman &

Chris Lundberg

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Net: Nick Klahr & Lars Erickson

### **Second flight**

1<sup>st</sup> place Gross: Chris

Martinez & Wendy Milsap

1<sup>st</sup> place Net: Erik Eckman & Adam Parrot

2<sup>nd</sup> place Gross: Greg & Jeff Perrin

2<sup>nd</sup> place Net: Chuck & Terry Bishop



## BLACK CANYON QUILT SHOW WILL BE JULY 11-13

### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-Quilts, quilts and more quilts! That's what will be seen at the 19<sup>th</sup> annual Black Canyon Quilt Show which is slated for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 11—13 at the Montrose Pavilion, 1800 Pavilion Drive. Show hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. General admission is \$4 with children under 12 years of age admitted free.

Saturday, July 12 at 1 p.m. David Taylor, a professional art quilter from Steamboat Springs, will present a lecture and trunk show in the auditorium. Cost for this special event is \$20 and includes general admission to the quilt show.

Quilts of all kinds and sizes will be exhibited—everything from art quilts for the wall to king sized bed quilts. Exquisite appliqué pieces will be featured, as well as intricately pieced items. Several area men are exhibiting their work this year and there will be pieces created by children. The now traveling "All-America City Quilt, featuring a block representative of Montrose, will arrive in town just in time for display at the quilt show.

Tickets for the raffle quilt, "Flight of Life," made by members of Columbine, Friendship and San Juan Guilds, will be on sale for \$1 each. Gale Smith did the exquisite butterfly quilting and painting on this quilt with "two front sides." The raffle drawing will be held on Sunday, July 13 at 3:30 p.m. Ticket purchasers need not be present to win.

Numerous handcrafted, quilt-related items will be available for purchase in a



boutique, proceeds from which will benefit the Montrose Regional Library District. Baby quilts, lap size quilts, wall hangings, Christmas ornaments, place mats and several larger quilts, among other items, have been donated by members of the three Montrose guilds which sponsor the quilt show. The boutique will be open during show hours.

At designated times during the show, the public will have the opportunity to visit with award winners. "Featured Quilters" will answer questions about their quilts, share insight into the creator's thought processes, and share about the art and craft of quilting in general.

In addition to local Montrose quilt shops,

five other vendors will be present. Fabrics, notions, patterns, wool work supplies, quilt kits, Janome Sewing machines and Tin Lizzy quilting machines and will be available for purchase. Vendors will present demonstrations of various products and techniques at their booths. Visitors to the quilt show may also have their sewing machines serviced during show hours by appointment. Interested parties should call Michelle at 970-249-5566 to schedule a service appointment.

For more information about the Black Canyon Quilt Show check out the Web site [blackcanyonquiltshow.com](http://blackcanyonquiltshow.com) or contact Karla, the show chairman, at 417-4842.

## HOPEWEST EXPANDS SERVICES TO RIO BLANCO COUNTY

### *Special to the Mirror*

MEEKER--HopeWest, a comprehensive hospice and palliative care organization serving western Colorado, has recently expanded palliative care services to Meeker, Colorado.

Recognizing the need to provide services to the Meeker area, HopeWest created HopeWest Meeker through a partnership with Pioneers Medical Center. HopeWest Meeker is governed by a local Advisory Board under the guidance of the HopeWest Board of Directors. The organization is made up of more than 30 volunteers, with leadership from the Board and paid clinical staff, under the supervision of Solveig Olson, Program Director, to serve patients and families in their time of need.

"We are very excited to be expanding our organization providing transformational care to communities across western Colorado," said Christy Whitney, HopeWest President and CEO. "We knew that there was a need in Meeker and wanted to do all that we could to help the people of that area."



## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### JULY WELCOMES FOURTH ANNUAL LAVENDER FESTIVAL

*Special to the Mirror*

GRAND JUNCTION - The 4th Annual Lavender Festival will take place July 11-13, 2014 in the western Colorado town of Palisade, a short drive from Grand Junction.

Hosted by the [Lavender Association of Western Colorado](#), the event will include a full-day guided motor coach tour of lavender farms on Friday to visit the North Fork Valley as well as the Palisade area, and new this year is a half-day Grand Valley Lavender Garden Tour. The Saturday Festival in the Park is the highlight and will feature workshops, seminars and question-and-answer sessions on topics ranging from starting a lavender farm to lavender growing tips, history, uses and cooking.

Attendees can take part in a hands-on demonstration in lavender aromatherapy, essential oil usage and crafts. The event also will include live entertainment, music, food and retail vendors with lavender-inspired merchandise.

The climate in western Colorado pro-

vides optimal growing conditions for lavender, according to Susan Metzger with the Lavender Association of Western Colorado. Two types of lavender – English lavender and French lavender – grow particularly well in the state and are widely used in a wide variety of culinary, medicinal and aromatherapy.

Tickets for the event are available

at [www.coloradolavender.org](#).

Friday full-day guided motor coach farm tour tickets

Friday half-day Grand Valley lavender garden tour and xeriscaping with lavender  
Saturday Festival includes demonstrations, seminars, workshops, horse carriage rides and art show at Blue Big; Saturday evening Lavender Fest Gala Dinner  
“Spike it with Lavender”

Sunday free lavender farm tours on the Western Slope from Paonia to Furita to Palisade.

Palisade is located just east of Grand Junction in western Colorado, along the I-70 corridor. Grand Junction is situated 244

miles from Denver and 284 miles from Salt Lake City.

About Grand Junction

([www.visitgrandjunction.com](#))

Near 11,000-foot Grand Mesa and the 7,500-foot Book Cliffs, Grand Junction is the largest city in western Colorado. At an altitude of 4,586 feet, warm summers and moderate spring, fall and winter seasons allow for year-round golf, hiking and biking. Boasting more than 275 days of sunshine annually, Grand Junction recently was named one of the eight sunniest cities in the United States

by [TourismReview.com](#). Among Grand Junction's spectacular red cliffs and winding canyons are the Grand Mesa, the world's largest flat-topped mountain, the Colorado National Monument, Bookcliff Wild Horse Area, two national scenic byways and five golf courses. Grand Junction lies in the heart of the Colorado-Utah Dinosaur Diamond. The area also is home to Colorado's wine country, with nearly 30 vineyards and wineries.

### SMPA MAILS OUT \$904,688 IN CAPITAL CREDITS TO MEMBERS

*Special to the Mirror*

RIDGWAY--For the second consecutive year San Miguel Power Association, Inc., (SMPA) has returned capital credits to members, both past and present. The member-owned co-op has mailed out more than \$900,000 in capital credits to consumers who were members of SMPA during the years 1985, 1986 and 1998. Checks have been mailed to the addresses that are on file at the co-op, and should be received by our members during the week of June 8, 2014. Credits less than \$10 have been placed in a hold account for the member and will be paid in the future when the balance reaches a total greater than \$10.

SMPA is a member-owned rural electric cooperative, which means that those who receive electric service from the co-op own a portion of the business. This entitles them to a portion of the co-op's margins or profits. “We certainly intend for our members to receive their capital credit checks, therefore we urge them to look for this check, which should have been received in the mail. This check represents your capital investment in your electrical cooperative. Returning these margins or Profits to our membership is a key component of the not-for profit, cooperative business structure that SMPA operates under.” said SMPA General Manager Kevin Ritter.

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 \$200,000 annually in property taxes and \$400,000 in energy efficiency and renewable energy rebates. San Miguel Power is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

### Don't Miss out! Fifth of July Stupid Band dance party at Turn of the Century Saloon!

Don't be Stupid...come early and catch up with friends old and new before you dance the night away. As always this will be a food drive for Sharing Ministries, so bring a non-perishable food item to share. Doors open at 8 p.m., admission is \$10. Call 970-209-1260 for more Stupid information.

## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### SAN JUAN HEALTH CARE FOUNDATION AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS



*Pictured Left to Right: Bill Bennett, San Juan Healthcare Foundation Board President, Andrea Deltondo, Emily Ray, Nick Wasser and Matthew McDonald.*

#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE--The San Juan Healthcare Foundation proudly announces that three \$500 scholarships have been awarded for 2014. This year's recipients are Danene Barberousse, Matthew McDonald, and

Nick Wasser. Danene Barberousse is pursuing an Associate of Applied Science/Radiologic Technologist, Matthew McDonald is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Nick Wasser's goal is to become a Registered Nurse. The Foun-

dation also sponsors a \$500 scholarship in honor of Jean Balderston, RN who served on the Foundation for many years and was a strong supporter of nursing. This scholarship was awarded to Andrea Deltondo. Andrea's goal is to earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Concurrent with the San Juan Healthcare Foundation scholarships, the Montrose Medical Alliance awarded two \$500 scholarships. The scholarships were awarded to Holly Abel who is earning a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and to Emily Ray who is working on her Medical Laboratory Technician (MLT) certification.

The San Juan Healthcare Foundation is a non-profit entity created in 1982 to furnish support to healthcare services in the Montrose area. It contributes aid to obtain and upgrade healthcare facilities, education and equipment. The San Juan Healthcare Foundation encourages interested students to apply for a scholarship in 2015. The scholarship is open to any student who has been accepted and is participating in a health related program. Preference will be given to applicants from the Montrose area intending to return to this area to offer their healthcare talents to the residents of Montrose and the surrounding communities.

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### Golder Awarded Marvin F. Gill Memorial Scholarship

#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE--At the May 7<sup>th</sup> Montrose High School Awards Ceremony, Abigail Golder was introduced as the 2014 recipient of the prestigious Marvin F. Gill Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship was created by Marvin D. Gill to remember and honor the life of his father. Golder has been accepted into the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism at Arizona State University, majoring in broadcast journalism.

In addition to being an outstanding student, Golder was an active member of MHS Student Government and the MHS Channel M Broadcast News, of which she served as the producer during her junior and senior years. As a freshman, she was a member of the Freshman volleyball team, varsity track team, Jazz Band and was the boys' basketball manager. During her sophomore year, she volunteered as a Special Olympics Partner. Golder also managed to work part-time during high school, both as an assistant physical therapist at In-Motion Therapy and at Pahgre's Restaurant.

This scholarship is renewable for all four years of undergraduate study, and since the 1990 inception of the Marvin F. Gill Memorial Scholarship Program more than \$600,000 has been awarded to graduates of Montrose High School. In the words of

Marvin D. Gill, "receiving the Marvin F. Gill Memorial Scholarship is a high compliment to the recipient, his or her parents, teachers, and mentors."

The scholarship is intended to recognize balanced achievement in combination with academic excellence. Individuals who receive the scholarships are students who have demonstrated leadership, shown resourceful initiative and by past performance, have demonstrated their likelihood for continued academic achievement in college.

The scholarship places a premium on students who have demonstrated a successful work and/or community service history while in high school. Evidence of integrity and a strong work ethic are hallmarks of students who have been selected over the years to receive the scholarship.

Marvin F. Gill was a builder, not only of homes and commercial projects, but also a builder of character, competence and confidence in the people he touched, especially his son. He was a leading general contractor in Montrose for nearly 40 years until 1973. At that time he became the construction coordinator for the Montrose County Schools and held that position until he retired to Arizona in 1976, where he died in 1985. Marvin D. Gill is a 1953 graduate of MHS and a 1960 graduate of



*Abigail Golder. Courtesy photo.*

the University of Colorado. In addition to being very generous to the students of Montrose High School, he was active on a national scale in the insurance business for more than 30 years.

### WATSON AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS TO SEVEN WESTERN COLORADO GRADS

#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE--Seven 2014 area graduates are the recipients of a scholarship from the Cindy Watson Scholarship Foundation: Megan Tillotson, Central High School; Hailey Santonastaso, Delta High School; Riley Draper, Montrose High School; Shania Snow, Norwood High School; Denise Ceballos, Olathe High School; Bonnie Hansen, Ouray High School; and Leta McNatt, Ridgway High School.

Cindy Watson, owner and founder of The Watson Insurance and Financial Group, which has been serving Montrose and the surrounding communities for 24 years, started the non-profit scholarship foundation as a means of giving back to

the communities in which she is involved. The foundation hosts a golf invitational each year, where all staff is voluntary and all proceeds go to the scholarship fund. The intent of the scholarship is to recognize individuals who demonstrate accountability, contribute to their own goals, and plan to continue their involvement in their community after college graduation. Cindy states in the scholarship information to students: "You must contribute something of your own to truly realize the gifts you have been given." Recipients must plan to attend a four year accredited college or university within Colorado, demonstrate community involvement, have well established future goals, and have a need for financial assistance.

tance.

All seven 2014 recipients of this scholarship fulfill these requirements and were chosen by local selection committees as outstanding candidates. Ceballos will study sociology at Western State Colorado University; Snow and Tillotson will be attending Colorado Mesa University; Snow is pursuing a degree in business administration and Tillotson has been accepted into the nursing program. Draper, still undecided on a major, will begin his studies at CU in Boulder along with McNatt, who will be studying business administration. Ms. Hansen plans to study film and television production at CU in Denver while Santonastaso will be attending CU in Colorado Springs.

## DELTA COUNTY ANNOUNCES SUMMER EVENT LINEUP

*Special to the Mirror*

DELTA-The [Delta County Tourism Cabinet](#) today announced its upcoming summer events schedule. Delta County's signature events offer long-standing celebrations with good people, good food and good fun – a must on every summer vacation calendar. Enjoying the best of Delta County also means enjoying the area's outdoor attractions and activities: wineries, orchards, ranches and exceptional public lands for hiking, biking, fishing and every kind of fun in the sun.

### **June 12-15 – 36th Annual Pioneer Days, Crawford**

This year's theme is "The Way of the West," and Crawford knows how to show folks the way! The four-day event kicks off with an old-fashioned melodrama complete with a villain and a damsel in distress. Community traditions are held, as well, and include a baking contest, dinner and auction, fire department-sponsored pancake breakfast, free games for kids, hilarious outhouse races, live entertainment, the Cowboy Cook-off, horseshoe tournament, and vendors of all types. The weekend is topped off with the annual parade and evening fireworks show.

### **June 14-15 – North Fork Uncorked, Paonia**

Paonia and Hotchkiss introduce the hosts of this event, some of the highest-elevation vineyards in the northern hemisphere. Skirting the West Elk mountains, the area's winemakers invite guests to raise their glass to the burgeoning wine region in Delta County with signature vintages and newly released wines. Activities include wine and food pairings, live music, entertainment, picnics and farm-to-table dinners.

### **July 4-6 – 68th Annual Cherry Days, Paonia**

Now in its 68<sup>th</sup> year, Paonia Cherry Days is one of the oldest, continuously-running, annual outdoor festivals in Colorado. Activities include a parade, a pie-eating contest (cherry of course!), vendors, artists and craftsmen, a cook-off, contests, a 5K run/walk, musical entertainment, and fireworks.

### **July 11-13 – Little Britches Rodeo, Cedaredge**

Cedaredge is proud to host the longest-running Little Britches Rodeo in the world. Hundreds of cowpokes, ages four to 18 years old, compete for prizes, cash and bragging rights at Saturday's parade and street dance.

### **July 11-13 – 3rd Annual Rock The Canyon Rally, Crawford**

In its third year, Skooterz and Shooterz saloon hosts this three-day motorcycle rally that takes place on a 35-acre ranch. Breathtaking Gunnison, Black Mesa and Grand Mesa promise unforgettable cruising if riders can tear themselves away from the locally-sourced barbecue, vendors and entertainment.

**July 17-20 – Deltarado Days, Delta**  
Food, live music, a car show, a parade and other family fun spice up Delta during this authentic Western fiesta dating back to 1936. This year's line-up includes a Main Street Fair with Street Dance & Beer Garden on Friday. Then on Saturday the park comes to life with activities for kids, a street rodders car show and tractor pull.

**Aug. 1-3 – West Elk Wine Trail, Paonia**  
Winemakers of the West Elk AVA and the North Fork Valley invite wine enthusiasts to experience the best of Colorado wine-making. Events include winery, vineyard, gallery and orchard tours as well as tastings, special food and wine pairings and chef-prepared meals.

### **Aug. 2-9 – Delta County Fair, Hotchkiss**

The whole county gets together for some

good old-fashioned family fun! Enjoy live entertainment, great food and a rodeo, as well as the typical county fair competitions including livestock, produce, canned goods, quilts and sewing. This year's music will kick off with the Red Head Express opening for Arron Watson. Some regular favorites the Dutch oven cook-off and ATV barrel race are back!

### **Sept. 25-28 – Mountain Harvest Festival, Paonia**

A newer county tradition, the annual Mountain Harvest Festival celebrates the agriculture, art, music, and lifestyle on Colorado's Western Slope. The festival features locally grown and produced agricultural products, including local beer and wine, with the opportunity to meet local farmers, artists, musicians, craftsmen and performers.

### **About Delta County**

Delta County, Colo., is located on Colorado's western slope at the base of Grand Mesa, one of the largest flat top mountains in the world. An agricultural and heritage hotbed, this region is home to the communities of Cedaredge, Crawford, Delta, Eckert, Hotchkiss, Orchard City and Paonia

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### MONTROSE POLICE ACQUIRE RESCUE VEHICLE



*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE--The Montrose Police Department recently acquired a Navistar Defense MaxxPro rescue vehicle. The armored vehicle was acquired last week through the State of Colorado 10-33 program, which allows civilian police departments to request surplus items ranging from first aid kits to vehicles. The rescue vehicle cost the City of Montrose nothing and has an estimated value of \$689,000.00. The Montrose Police Department will utilize the armored vehicle for citizen and officer rescue during dangerous situations. "There have been several incidents in which we could have used this type of a vehicle during critical incidents within the city, county and the 7th Judicial District," explained Commander Gene Lillard. "We're glad to have this valuable piece of equipment, which will increase citizen and officer safety. The protection of life is paramount."

For more information about the rescue vehicle, please contact MPD Commander Gene Lillard at [\(970\) 252-5257](tel:9702525257).

MPD officers Lieutenant Blaine Hall, Sergeant Jake Suppes, and Officer Eric Girasia stand proudly with the MPD's recently acquired Navistar Defense MaxxPro rescue vehicle. Courtesy photo.

### UPCOMING LUNCH-N-LEARN OPPORTUNITIES WITH REGION 10 COMMUNITY LIVING SERVICES

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE--**July 8** Region 10 Community Living Services Lunch-n-Learn sponsored and presented by Region 10 & Brown and Brown, P.C. "What to Do When Someone Dies?" – Have you lost a loved one recently? Do you have questions on how to administer their estate? This workshop will cover the following topics: Probate vs. Non-Probate, Creditor Claims what taxes may be owed, how and when to distribute assets, what if they didn't have a will and what if they did, what happens when family starts fighting? 12-1 pm. Location: Region 10, 300 N. Cascade in the Sneffles room. **Registration required:** Register online at [www.region10.net](http://www.region10.net) or call 249-2436.

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

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## MIRROR IMAGES...OUT AND ABOUT!



*Clockwise from top left, Mark from Alpine Bank cooks for the crowd at the Alpine Bank-Volunteers of America Flag Day celebration in Demoret Park June 13 (Photo by Brad Switzer) ; Top right, Wayne Wolf of Ouray County gets a cup of coffee in preparation for DMEA's annual board meeting June 12; Below: Rocky Road, a quartet of the Black Canyon Barbershop Chorus, participated in the opening ceremony and passing of the flag at the DMEA Annual Meeting June 12 (courtesy photo). Pictured Left to right; Rod Ragsdale, David Stannard, Tim Davis and Vern Dockter. For information on the quartet contact Vern at 970-210-1793 and for the Chorus visit [www.blackcanyonchorus.org](http://www.blackcanyonchorus.org); Below left, DMEA Communications staffer Alex Shelley and outgoing DMEA Board Chair Nancy Hovde talk before the annual meeting at the Montrose Pavilion June 12.*



### Huge Annual Rummage Sale, Ouray!

**Friday June 20, 10am-4pm. Saturday, June 21, 9am-2pm. All proceeds benefit Ouray County non-profits. Men-women-children Clothing, accessories, jewelry, shoes, gifts, sports items, toys, furniture, household goods, artwork, music, books, more. More info. 970-325-0228. [www.womansclubouraycounty.org](http://www.womansclubouraycounty.org)**



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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### MARIE JOHNSON, LINDSAY COOPER AWARDED HARTMAN SCHOLARSHIPS

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE - The Hartman family is happy to announce two new recipients of the Hartman Brothers Centennial Scholarship. Marie Johnson is a 2010 MHS graduate who will be completing her undergraduate program in nursing next year at Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska. She hopes to someday obtain a Doctorate's Degree in Nursing to become a family nurse practitioner in Montrose. In the short

-term, she plans to work after graduation as a critical care or trauma nurse and also complete some medical mission trips.

Lindsay Cooper, a 2014 MHS graduate, will begin her studies in nursing at Charleston Southern University in Charleston, S. Carolina. While a student at MHS, Cooper completed an internship at the Black Canyon Surgical Center. There she gained real insights into the nursing world and confirmed her interest to enter

this field.

This scholarship was created in 2004 by the Hartman family to recognize the Hartman Brothers 100 years in business in the Montrose community. The Hartman Brothers' family has chosen these two students because of their obvious hard work, ability to succeed academically, their determination to succeed and contribute to their communities in a medical-related field.

### HIEBLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT IS GREENFIELD

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE - Buford Keaton Greenfield, 2014 MHS graduate, is the recipient of the 2014 Thomas and Jennie Hiebler Memorial Scholarship. Greenfield plans to attend the University of Colorado in Denver, studying film and media arts. His long-term career goal is to become a writer or producer for TV and film. While a student at MHS, Greenfield created the B.I.O.N.I.C. (Believe It Or Not I Care) club. According to Greenfield, the purpose of this organization is to support other students who, like himself, have faced challenges such as a serious illness, death

of a loved one, divorce, etc. The club also sponsored events to welcome new students and help them feel at home as a student of MHS.

Thomas and Jennie Hiebler were long-term residents of Colorado who had a fondness for the Montrose and Mancos areas. They provided in their wills for the establishment of a scholarship fund for students from the high schools of these communities. This scholarship is renewable for the next four years, provided that the recipient remains at a Colorado institution of higher learning.



### JD STOLL SCHOLARSHIP GOES TO TANNER ASNICAR



Tanner Asnicar. Courtesy photo.

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE--The family of Jeffrey Doyle (J.D.) Stoll is pleased to congratulate Montrose High School graduate Tanner Asnicar as the 2014 recipient of the J. D. Stoll Memorial Scholarship. Asnicar will be attending Colorado Mesa University in the fall, majoring in business. His career goal is to become a manager or owner of a small business.

The intent of the Stoll Scholarship is to promote the further education of Montrose County graduating seniors who also have attended Oak Grove Elementary School. This scholarship was created as a living

memorial to J.D. Stoll, who died at the age of 8 due to injuries caused by a farming accident in 1991.

The scholarship was established by J.D.'s soccer coach and friend, Al Hrubes, with the help of many of the Oak Grove families, friends, and staff. It is the intent of this scholarship that the recipients would possess the sense of wonder and curiosity about nature and the outdoors, and would treasure the sense of family and community closeness, as J. D. Stoll did.

The Stoll family believes that Tanner demonstrates these characteristics and is an excellent candidate for this award.

# "MANAGING OUR WATER IN A GREATER WAY"



*The view from above the dam at the Ridgway Hydropower Plant.*

By Caitlin Switzer

RIDGWAY--In years past, longtime Ridgway Dam Superintendent Ion Spor would clean out a 54-inch pipe, and wonder if it would ever be used for its intended purpose.

"I understood the original design," said Spor, who has worked at the Dam since 1989, "and wondered if it would ever happen. Now, I am so glad that it has!"

What has happened is implementation of a final phase in the Dallas Creek Project, construction of an eight-megawatt hydroelectric power plant at Ridgway Dam. The plant was dedicated June 6, and represents use of a previously untapped resource to produce 24,000 megawatt hours of electricity in an average water year.

"We have been working on this for most of the past 20 years, one way or another," Tri-County Water Conservancy Director Mike Berry said. "I had not envisioned how many people, pieces, parts, and the sheer size of the coordination effort that goes into getting something like this built." Much of the time was spent in planning; permitting and building took roughly four to five years, Berry said.

Tri-County Water Conservancy board member Jim Hokit, who also spent almost 30 years with the Uncompahgre Valley

Water Users Association, said that he is happy to see energy being produced by the water from Ridgway Reservoir.

"We were able to borrow at a low interest rate, and with power rates up, the project was feasible," Hokit said.

Created in 1957 to serve the Uncompahgre drainage in Ouray, Montrose and Delta counties, Tri-County Water Conservancy District delivers water to more than 6,500 meters through 600 miles of pipeline today.

The dam and reservoir, located between Ridgway and Montrose on Highway 550, are owned by the US Bureau of Reclamation.

TCW Assistant Manager Kathleen Margetts said that the project's completion fulfills a longtime goal, and that the past five years have taught her more than she could have imagined.

"I always had hopes," she said, noting that the project's feasibility had been explored more than once in years past. "Finally, everything fell into place; it worked this time."

The new eight-megawatt hydroelectric plant will produce enough energy to supply about 2,500 average homes, according to a Tri-County Water news release, which compares the emissions reduction benefit



*Above, Mike Berry, Ted Rottinghaus, Kathleen Margetts, Ion Spor and Jim Hokit at the hydropower plant. Below, Dam Manager Ion Spor in the control room*



from the new plant to the removal of approximately 50 million pounds of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere (or about 4400 cars from the road) each year.

Power from the \$18 million plant will be purchased by the City of Aspen and Tri-State Generation and Transmission. Construction on the hydro project began in November of 2012.

Berry called the Ridgway Hydropower plant "one more piece of a community puzzle."

"This project will inevitably be here for a long time, providing sustainable power for generations," he said.

The plant includes two turbines and generators — a 0.8-megawatt system and a 7.2-megawatt system.

The smaller unit will produce power using winter flows of 30-60 cubic feet per second (cfs). The larger unit will handle flows of 500 cfs during summer. The project will not significantly change historic operations or flows in the Uncompahgre River.

"This will not change our releases," Spor said. "It just makes electricity in a cost-effective way; we are managing our water in a greater way."



## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### ALPINE BANK/PARTNERS CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT

#### *Special to the Mirror*

REGIONAL—Please join us for the 17<sup>th</sup> annual Alpine Bank/Partners Golf Classic to benefit the children served by Partners of Delta, Montrose and Ouray. The event will be held on Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, at the Cedaredge Golf Club.

Following last year's format, this is a four-person team scramble.

The cost is \$65 per person or \$260 per team and includes range balls, a cart, and lunch provided by the excellent restaurant at the golf course. The tournament is lim-

ited to 30 teams. The shotgun start will be at 8:00 AM.

This is one of the best tournaments of the season. There is a chance to win \$25,000 with our Hole-in-One Prize, sponsored by Daniel Shaffer, attorney at law.

There are a number of door prizes, a gift for every golfer, and a silent auction.

In a scramble format everyone can play and have a great time. More importantly, it is an opportunity to support the children served by Partners Mentoring in Delta, Montrose and Ouray.

Partners Mentoring makes a difference in the lives of children and in the future of our communities. Please visit the Partners website at [www.partners-west.org](http://www.partners-west.org) to register a team, to become a sponsor and for more information.

If you would like to play but do not have a team, Partners may be able to connect you with others who would like to participate.

Please contact the Partners office for additional information on this event at 970-249-1116, or 970-874-4661.

### DMEA SEATS NEW BOARD

#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE--The results of DMEA's 2014 board election were announced at the end of co-op's annual business meeting in at the Montrose Pavilion. Election credentials committee chairperson Gail Marvel reported that 5,039 valid ballots were cast this year. Chairperson Marvel also announced:

Terry Brown will serve on DMEA's board representing District 6.

Mark Eckhart will serve on DMEA's board representing District 7.

John Gavan will serve on DMEA's board representing the North Region.

The new DMEA board for the upcoming year convened the morning of Friday, June 13 for the election of its officers:

Olen Lund will serve as board president;

Brent Hines will serve as vice-president,

and John Gavan will serve as the association's secretary. Bill Patterson will become DMEA's representative on the

board of directors of Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc., DMEA's wholesale power provider.

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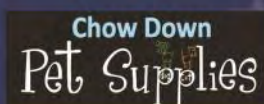
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## SERVICE CLUB NEWS

### ALTRUSA AWARDS 22 GRANTS TO LOCAL GROUPS

#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE--Altrusa International of Montrose, CO., Inc. had another good year of fund-raising which supported the community of Montrose in many ways. Twenty-two grants were given to local organizations totaling \$6140.00. HopeWest received \$5000 more towards the pledge of Altrusa International of Montrose.

Volunteer member hours and \$770 was spent on providing Love Hug Bears to children having surgery or emergency treatment at Montrose Memorial Hospital, volunteer member hours and \$2357

went to environmental projects, scholarships totaling \$6500 were distributed locally along with member volunteer hours donated during the selection process, Bosom Buddies was supported with both member volunteer hours and a donation of \$500, and numerous Literacy projects received \$7501 and many volunteer member hours.

If you want to become a member of Altrusa International of Montrose, CO. and participate in giving back to our local communities, check our website ([ALTRUSA.BLOGSPOT.COM](http://ALTRUSA.BLOGSPOT.COM)) to find out how to become a member or ask one



of our 52 members. We would love to have you join us.



### KUCHYNKA HONORED FOR SERVICE

#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE--Local Altrusa International of Montrose, Inc. member, Jeanne Kuchynka was recently recognized as an ESP (extra special person) for her generous contributions of time to many committees and fund-raising events during her 14 years as a member. She was totally surprised and received a lovely vase and paper weight to recognize her support to the local club.

**THANKS FOR READING  
THE MONTROSE MIRROR!**

### EDIBLE GARDEN AT ALTRUSA PARK ADOPTS STORYBOOK THEME

#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE--The Incredible Edible Garden at Altrusa Park has adopted a storybook theme for the season. Seven children's stories, complete with props and plants to match liven up the magical garden area so children especially, can be enticed to learn more about how their food grows. Beloved stories, such as the Princess and the Pea have their own special bed.

This story has a headboard representing the bed in the story and English peas have been planted to represent the mattress. Jack and the Beanstalk 's pole will be entwined with pole beans. Stone Soup has a pot planted with herbs and colorful stones surround the bed. Other stories include:

Peter Rabbit, Cinderella, Lady and the Tramp and the Secret Garden. The space is planted and maintained by a collaboration of organizations including: the Valley Food Partnership, Time Bank of the Rockies, Altrusa International of Montrose, Inc., the City of Montrose, the Uncompahgre Valley Association, and the Montrose Botanic Society. Volunteers from the collaborative take turn weeding the space throughout the summer. The public is invited to enjoy produce from the garden and to take inspiration for their own garden from this creative use of landscaping space.

The garden is part of the Valley Food Partnership and LiveWell Montrose Olathe network of community gardens.



*The Incredible Edible Garden at Altrusa Park is part of the Valley Food Partnership and LiveWell Montrose Olathe network of community gardens. Courtesy photo.*



## ***Food Safety Classes***

***Offered by Montrose County Environmental Health***

This 3-hour class is for food service workers  
& covers the basic concepts  
For safe food handling.

### **2014 Montrose Classes**

January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
NO July class  
August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014  
November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
NO December class

**Pre-registration is required by calling 252.5000.**

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

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

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



## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### LIBRARY CHAMPIONS EARN YARD SIGNS

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE--Residents will soon notice a new genre of yard sign popping up around the area. The Montrose Regional Library and the Friends of the Library have teamed up to recognize readers who complete the goals of the library's summer reading program by awarding them with

an attractive yard sign. The sign announces that "A Library Champion Lives Here!" and can be used for bragging rights by those youngsters and teens who make the effort to finish the reading requirements. The Montrose and Olathe Schools are partners with the public library for summer reading this year. Any youngster who

attends a public school in the district should register at the Main Library, 320 S. Second St., if they want to qualify for a yard sign. Private school students are also encouraged to drop by and join this summer's science-themed reading program.



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*Abigail Huff proudly displays the yard sign she earned from the Montrose Regional Library for her reading accomplishments this summer. Abigail attends public school in the Montrose RE-1J school district and was the first youngster to qualify for a library yard sign.*

### CELEBRATE NATIONAL HOME-OWNERSHIP MONTH WITH MESA COUNTY OPEN HOUSE EVENT ON JUNE 18

*Special to the Mirror*

GRAND JUNCTION – Looking to buy a home, but don't know where to begin? Several Mesa County housing organizations are coming together to help answer your questions. Housing Resources of Western Colorado (HRWC), Habitat for Humanity of Mesa County, Colorado Housing and Finance Authority (CHFA), Grand Junction Housing Authority (GJHA) and CLT Closing and Title Services, LLC (CLT) will host an Open House on Wednesday, June 18 between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. at CHFA's offices located at 348 Main St. in Grand Junction, Colo. to raise awareness about the many different options available to help families and individuals achieve their dreams of homeownership.

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| The Homestead at Montrose           | (970) 252-9359 |
| Home Health of Western Colorado     | (970) 240-0139 |
| Senior Community Care PACE Montrose | (970) 252-0522 |
| Senior Community Care PACE Eckert   | (970) 835-8500 |
| Senior CommUnity Care Meals         | (970) 835-8028 |



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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### CHRIS MAUGHAN PROMOTED TO PRESIDENT OF ALPINE BANK OF TELLURIDE



*Chris Maughan.  
Courtesy photo.*

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TELLURIDE – Alpine Bank Telluride is pleased to announce the promotion of Chris Maughan to President of the 120 South Pine Street location. Serving the Telluride area over the past 10 years,

Maughan will continue to oversee business development, customer relationships, and commercial lending.

Andrew Karow, Alpine Bank Regional President states, "Chris has been an instrumental part of the success of Alpine Bank in Telluride over the past 10 years. He exhibits a level of experience, determination and customer service that directly benefits the clients of Alpine Bank."

Chris was born in Kansas City, MO, but in 1992 he and his family moved to Winter Park, FL where he attended high school. He graduated from Emory University in Atlanta, GA with an undergraduate degree in Political Science. Chris also has an advanced degree from the Graduate School of Banking in Boulder, CO. In 2003, he moved to Telluride and began working at Alpine Bank.

Maughan says, "I feel blessed to be part of such a fantastic organization and team, and I'm excited about the opportunity to expand my leadership role at the bank. At Alpine Bank, serving our customers and meeting their individual's needs is of utmost importance. I look forward to continuing a tradition of providing personalized service and giving back to our wonderful community."

Chris and his wife, Michelle, along with their Labrador, Hobbes currently lives in

Ski Ranches. Chris is also very involved in the Telluride community and is currently serving on the Ski Ranches HOA board and Design Review Committee and acting as treasurer for the San Miguel Resource Center. Previously he was a mentor for One to One, served on the Squid Show Board of Directors and was an assistant coach for the Telluride High School track team. To contact Chris Maughan for comments, questions, or suggestions please call him directly at 970-369-5398, or email [chrismaughan@alpinebank.com](mailto:chrismaughan@alpinebank.com).

Alpine Bank is a \$2.4 billion dollar, employee-owned organization chartered in 1973 with headquarters in Glenwood Springs, Colorado. With 37 banking offices across Colorado, Alpine Bank employs over 500 local people and serves more than 130,000 customers with retail, business, trust, asset management, mortgage, and electronic banking services.

## HONORABLE MENTION

To Alpine Bank, for showing the LOVE for Western Colorado by supporting so many causes and community events!

To some of our favorite young outreach professionals and rising stars, for taking it to a higher level: Erica Lewis Kennedy (currently working with Tri-County Water) and Josh Freed of Abrams (currently working with Black Canyon Jet Center and Mountain Village, among others)!

To Melanie Kline, Emily Smith and Gary Gratton and all associated with the Welcome Home Alliance for Veterans, for doing so much for our veterans and for Montrose.

To Coffee Trader and Canyon Creek Bed and Breakfast, for so many years of bringing people and excitement to Main Street Montrose's uptown neighborhood.

## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### BLUEGRASS KICKS OFF IN MOUNTAIN VILLAGE WITH FREE CONCERT



*Frank Solivan & Dirty Kitchen. Courtesy image.*

*Special to the Mirror*

MOUNTAIN VILLAGE--Bluegrass band Frank Solivan & Dirty Kitchen and the folk-rock band The Lone Bellow will join forces on the concert stage in Mountain Village for the Sixth Annual [FirstGrass Concert](#) June 18. As part of the 41st Annual [Telluride Bluegrass Festival](#), this free show runs from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Sunset Plaza, and is made possible by the [Town of Mountain Village](#) and Planet Bluegrass.

After the show, stick around for the 13th Annual Bluegrass Kickoff Party as [Yonder Mountain String Band](#) plays to a sold-out crowd at the [Telluride Conference Center](#) in Mountain Village. Doors open at 8 p.m. with the show beginning at 9 p.m.; all ages welcomed. For those without a ticket, follow your nose into any of [Mountain Village's dining establishments](#).

#### ABOUT THE ARTISTS-

Since [Frank Solivan](#) left the cold climes of Alaska for the bluegrass hotbed of Washington, D.C., he's built a reputation as a monster mandolinist — and become a major festival attraction with his band Dirty Kitchen. Solivan and banjoist Mike Munford (2013 IBMA Banjo Player of the Year), guitarist Chris Luquette (IBMA Instrumentalist of the Year Momentum Award winner), and doghouse bassist Dan Booth simmer a bluegrass/newgrass stew from instrumental, vocal and songwriting skills so hot they also earned 2012 and 2013 Best Bluegrass Band honors from the

Washington Area Music Association.

[Lone Bellow's](#) self-titled debut disc is exuberant in its playing, welcoming in its attitude.

Though the lyrics have a melancholic undercurrent, the tracks are more often rave-ups than ruminations, with swelling three-part harmonies and rousing group-sung choruses, especially on the electric guitar-driven "The One

You Should've Let Go" and "Green Eyes and A Heart of Gold," a we-will-survive anthem that could be about a family or a band. Indeed, there is a strong familial feel to The Lone Bellow, a recurring theme of inclusiveness. Along with the core group of Zach Williams, Kanene Pipkin and fellow Georgian Brian Elmquist, The Lone Bellow's recording and touring ensemble includes Ben Mars on bass, Brian Murphy on keyboards, Matt Knapp on lap steel and electric guitar, Jason Pipkin on banjo and mandolin, and Brian Griffin on drums.

**FESTIVAL TRANSPORTATION & PARKING-** The towns of Mountain Village and Telluride are connected by a [three-stage gondola system](#) starting at Town Hall Plaza in Mountain Village and ending in Telluride at Oak Street Plaza. It takes about 13 minutes to get from one town to the other. During the Telluride Bluegrass Festival, gondola operating hours are from 7 a.m. to 2 a.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Expect long lines during peak times. For those needing a ride to their vehicle parked on town roadways, the Planet Bluegrass Bus will pick up festivarrians at Town Hall Plaza and drop off passengers near their vehicle. Bus operations are Wednesday through Sunday from 8 p.m. to 3 a.m. To assist with locating one's vehicle, signs denoting specific parking zones — A through G — will be erected. Vehicles left on Mountain Village roadways after 12 p.m. Monday, June 23 will be towed at the

owner's expense. In addition, [Dial-A-Ride](#) will remain open until 2:30 a.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Since the Town of Mountain Village becomes inundated with [parked vehicles](#) during the Telluride Bluegrass Festival, the town has set aside specific parking spaces for its residents and businesses from Wednesday, June 18 through Sunday, June 22. [Mountain Village residents](#) who have procured a parking permit can park in the Town Hall Plaza Parking lot. Twenty-six spaces located along the rock wall are designated for permit holders and are available on a first-come, first-served basis; overnight parking is not allowed. Additionally, six resident-only parking spaces are located on the top level of the Gondola Parking Garage though residents may park anywhere in the garage. Resident parking permits are also valid in the North Village Center lot; overnight parking is not allowed. Individuals and festivarrians without parking permits must park their vehicles where directed by parking staff once the Gondola Parking Garage is full. The North Village Center pay-to-park surface lot is another parking option though overnight parking is not allowed. Short-term parking will be available for those doing business in Mountain Village; times will be enforced. Alternatively, for those parking, shopping, dining or [recreating in Mountain Village](#), we encourage the utilization of Heritage Parking Garage, located off Mountain Village Boulevard across from Hotel Madeline. The first hour is free and then \$2 for each hour until exit, \$35 maximum in a 24-hour period.

#### COMMON CONSUMPTION AREA-

-For the FirstGrass Concert, the [Common Consumption Area](#) is not in effect. According to state law, consumption of alcoholic beverages in public areas, including Sunset Plaza, is not permitted. Alcoholic beverages may be purchased from licensed establishments and must be consumed on the premises. Please do not bring alcohol into the concert area. The Common Consumption Area will be in effect for the [Sunset Concert Series](#), which begins June 25 and will feature the band Simplified.



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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### HALL GRADUATES WITH HONORS FROM NORTHWESTERN



**Lieutenant Blaine Hall.**  
Courtesy photo.

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MONTROSE--The City of Montrose and the Montrose Police Department have commended Lieutenant Blaine Hall for successfully attending and graduating with top honors from the prestigious Northwestern University Center for Public Safety School of Police Staff and Command (SPSC) in Evanston, Illinois. Lieutenant Hall completed the 11 week college-accredited course, March 17 - May 23, 2014. He's been with the PD since 1997, where he started as a patrol officer.

"SPSC was excellent training on how to effectively lead and manage a law enforcement agency," Hall said. "I'm thankful my organization allowed me this opportunity, and I plan on putting it to good use."

The SPSC is an intense, university-based education program geared for upper management executives in the law enforcement field.

Lieutenant Hall is the 11th Montrose Police Officer to graduate from SPSC.

The city and PD congratulate Lieutenant Hall on his success, perseverance, and achievement and thank him for his service to the city and the citizens of Montrose.

### ADVICE FOR VOTERS-ASK QUESTIONS!

*Special to the Mirror*

REGIONAL--Ballot initiative circulators will be out in force this summer, since 130 initiatives have been submitted to the Secretary of State's office. To help you decide whether or not to sign a petition, the League of Women Voters offers these points to consider:

Does it belong in the Constitution? Future changes may be difficult and costly.

Is it complex? Complex issues are better thoroughly examined and debated in a legislative arena. Some initiatives are vaguely written or contain conflicts that may require court resolution.

Whose idea is it? You can find out proponents and opponents from the Secretary of State's office. Paid signature gatherers are required to wear a badge with the name and phone number of their employer.

How will it be funded?

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## MIRROR IMAGES...OUT AND ABOUT WITH WELCOME HOME MONTROSE



*Left, On Saturday, 07JUNE14, ReMax Alpine View of Montrose held a benefit yard sale for Welcome Home Montrose in their parking lot. Thank you ReMax Alpine View! All photos courtesy Welcome Home Montrose.*

*At right, Welcome Home Montrose Executive Director Emily Smith takes aim at the Garand, Springfield, Vintage Military and Modern Military Service Rifle Match and WHM Fundraiser held June 7 in Hotchkiss.*



*At left, Carter Miller, Emily Smith, Melanie Kline, and match organizers Lloyd Stall, Jerry Lingo and Kathy Lingo after the Rifle Match.*

*At right, Welcome Home Montrose Executive Director Emily Smith, Founder Melanie Kline, Glenn Beck, and WHM Board member Kirk Hartman were guests on the Glenn Beck show June 11.*





# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

## BY SENATOR ELLEN ROBERTS

### SPECIAL SESSION SHOULD NOT MEAN RUBBER STAMP

The legislative session has been out for little over a month and it's terrific to be home. I've already been to lots of meetings and activities in the district to catch up with what's been going on since last winter and I've spoken to a number of groups to provide an overview of what occurred in this year's session.

Recently, there's been talk of a special session on the topic of oil and gas issues, particularly as those issues intertwine at the local government level. So far, all there's been has been talk and I've not been included in any of the discussions being held by the governor. What little I know of the discussions is that they're aimed at getting Congressman Jared Polis, (D-Boulder), to withdraw a number of ballot initiatives on this topic that he's funding, yet Congressman Polis doesn't seem to have the support of the environmental groups seeking the new limitations on oil and gas development.

I've been told that a deal that was worked out between the governor and Polis, but that if we legislators are called back to pass a bill that contained "the deal", we would not be able to amend any part of

that bill, but are to pass it as drafted by those two parties. That approach to legislating, which amounts to being a mere rubberstamp for the governor and a congressman who doesn't even live in my district, is unacceptable to me on the proposed process alone.

My job, as your legislator, is to consider each bill on its merits and to weigh whether or not to seek amendments to the bill, after hearing both the pros and the cons of the bill. Only after that, and after receiving feedback from my district, would I be able to determine if I would vote for or against the bill.

The oil and gas industry has been the subject of much legislative and regulatory change in the past several years. I sat on the committee that oversaw the regulatory rule changes and I remember well the bills changing the composition of the Colorado Oil and Gas Commission as well as providing better protection of the rights of surface owners. Much of the current debate focuses on the new development of oil and gas resources in a different region of our state, and in areas more densely populated, yet little time has passed since

the comprehensive set of new rules and laws were adopted.

I've always been a strong supporter of national energy independence and have voted for development of traditional energy resources such as oil and gas, but also for hydropower, solar, geothermal, biomass and other renewable energy. Like the governor, I'm concerned about these proposed constitutional initiatives headed for the ballot; if not an orchestrated production, a special session may provide a needed airing of concerns as well as getting factual information to the public about oil and gas development in Colorado.

I can't return to Denver for a special session only to rubberstamp a predetermined bill. There needs to be sufficient time for public testimony and meaningful deliberation. If a special session's called, it's my obligation to return to the Capitol. However, I'll weigh any proposal on its merits and only after the opportunity for due consideration of any bill.

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### BLACK CANYON CLASSICS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP



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**MONTROSE**--Shane Brown, Club President, presents the 2014 Black Canyon Classics \$1,500 scholarship to Randy Gene Phillips of Montrose. Randy will attend Universal Technical Institute this fall. The scholarship is awarded annually at the Colorful Colorado Car, Truck & Rod Show In June.

### COALITION FOR A DRUG FREE MONTROSE COUNTY SHARES INFORMATION



*Special to the Mirror*

**MONTROSE**--Members of the Coalition for a Drug Free Montrose County Awareness and Prevention Committee spent time at Hang with Dad Day providing information to parents regarding the adverse effects of drugs, tobacco, or alcohol on young brains and bodies, while volunteers helped the children have fun with frisbees. Parents and children who successfully tossed a frisbee in the bin got to keep one with the Coalition's logo and every child who tried received a pencil with our slogan, "CHOOSE NOT TO USE."

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## 2014 SUMMER SHOPPING GUIDE



### FIND SOMETHING COOL AT AROUND THE CORNER ART GALLERY

#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-- Around the Corner Art Gallery celebrated its six-year Anniversary in the month of May, 2014. This month, the theme is Sun and Shadows.

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

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

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



arts community has to offer.

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

Perhaps you will be inspired to take a class, and discover the artist within. Check

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

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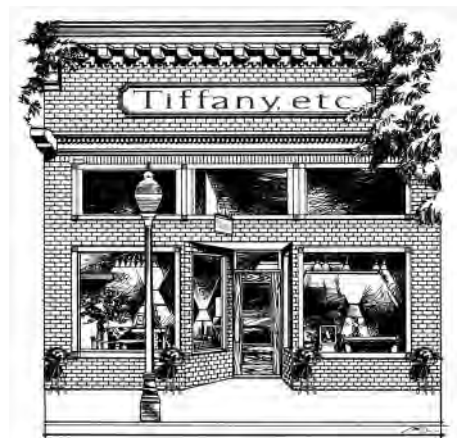
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MONTROSE--Tiffany Store Manager Lorna Santonastaso and Owner Glee Westcott shop throughout the year for the beautiful, useful, and high-quality items that make this Montrose boutique a regional shopping destination. Over the past 30 years, Westcott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

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### LOCAL AUTHOR SUPPORTS YOUTH AT RISK THROUGH BIG CITY MOUNTAINEERS

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE—Diane Winger, author of three novels set in Colorado and featuring outdoor adventures such as rock climbing, hiking, and backcountry skiing, is donating part of the proceeds of book sales during the month of June, 2014 to Big City Mountaineers. Big City Mountaineers (<http://www.bigcitymountaineers.org/>) takes under-served urban youth into the wilderness to learn skills that improve their lives through increased likelihood of staying in school and reduced violence and drug use. Their curriculum improves integrity, self-esteem, responsibility, decision-making abilities and communication skills in close to 1,000 youth annually.

Winger's novels, *Faces*, *Duplicity*, and *Rockfall*, are all inspired by her own love of outdoor recreational activities and her 25 years of experience in hiking, climbing, and cross-country skiing. She is also the co-author, with her husband Charlie Winger, of several guidebooks.

Winger has pledged to donate \$5 for each paperback copy of her novels sold during June and 50¢ for each Kindle copy. Her books are available in both formats through [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com), and in paperback from her company's online bookstore, [WingerBookstore.com](http://WingerBookstore.com). She will autograph books purchased directly from her website. "Outdoor activities have played a central part in my life and my

experiences have helped me grow and succeed in other aspects of both my personal and professional life. I hope my books inspire others to get outside and experience the natural world around us," Winger explained. "I commend Big City Mountaineers for their work in transforming how young people relate to others and how they feel about themselves."



*Diane Levin Winger.  
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# MIRROR IMAGES...MEET ME ON MAIN STREET!



*Images are from Main in Motion on June 4, when street closures were extended to Junction Avenue. Clockwise from top left, teens head down Main Street; a boy enjoys the Bungee ride in front of Canyon Gallery; bicyclists pause in front of the snack Trolley; a dancer wows the crowd at the Waves of Mercy Church booth in front of Nina Suzanne's; small ballerinas await their turn to dance.*





## SMALL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT-COMPUTER TUNE-UP

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE--Dennis Freed is so sure that he can fix whatever is wrong with your computer, that if he can't, it's free. Freed is the owner of Computer Tune-Up, a small business that has gotten off to a quick start since Dennis and his wife Robin returned to Montrose for family reasons earlier this year.

"I have been getting calls every day," Freed said. "I have been working with computers for 20 years--I just love 'em. I will work with people until the problem is resolved and they are happy."

Freed, who has also created web sites for more than 12 years, can often just listen to a computer and learn what is wrong, Robin Freed said.

"He can go to someone's house, watch what they are doing, give tutorials, show them things, answer questions, and clean up the junk," she said. "And he speaks a language older clients can understand--he takes the time to explain."

Dennis is so handy with hardware that his brother, a longtime IBM executive, calls him for assistance as needed, he said. Freed, who works only on PC's, also performs remote repairs for distant clients.

Local clients benefit from Freed's house call service, complete with a vintage

Volkswagen Van.

"The Internet can be a dangerous place," Freed said.

"One click can really mess things up! When I fix a machine, I can also show the client what is going on, why it is happening, and how to fix it."

Satisfied clients can also refer Freed to a friend for a \$10 referral fee, as noted on the back of his business card.

Often, what seems to be an insurmountable problem is something easily fixed, he said.

Even those who dislike using the unpopular Windows 8.1 can find relief, with a "shell" program Freed can install to make a computer work like it has Windows 7.

"People have a tendency to think they need a new computer," Robin said. "But usually, he can fix it-or it's free! He really can save you money."

"If you have a problem, call me and I will



**Dennis Freed of Computer Tune-Up will fix what is wrong with your computer, or it's free.**

come over," he said. "My charges are reasonable; I just want people to be happy."

"So far, only three customers have tried to buy my VW van," he laughed.

Computer Tune-Up can be reached at 970-596-4510.



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# MAIN IN MOTION RETURNS WITH FULL SLATE OF SUMMER FUN



*The human hamster balls are once again a part of the Main in Motion festivities.*

*By Liesl Greathouse*

MONTROSE--Main In Motion has been a Montrose staple for 13 years now. Its beginning was as an understated sidewalk event for adults, then expanding to a casual stroll through six blocks of Downtown Montrose. This year it has pulled back to three blocks with a family-oriented festival atmosphere.

Miriam Dozier is the Main In Motion Coordinator who, after attending the event for a few years, decided to jump into the Coordinator position at the beginning of this season. "I really love the event," she said. "Now that we're in full swing, the days leading up to Main In Motion each week are alternately quiet and chaotic, but Thursday evening is high energy and pure FUN. Great people, vibrant activities, de-

lighted kids and pets, families having a good time together, businesses making new connections... it doesn't get any better than that!"

Main In Motion has gone through several changes over the years and this year will also include some new additions. "This season we have implemented a number of changes, beginning with that shift in event size and adding the paid administrative position," Dozier said. "The Beer Garden and Main Stage music venue is brand new and very popular this year. We are intentionally trading out some of the attractions and activities each week to maintain a sense of novelty for attendees. Because it is a family-friendly event, we are making a concerted effort to supply several options of low-cost activities for kids to participate

in and we also encourage our vendors to engage kids at their booths."

So far this season, attendees at Main In Motion have seen Summer of Reading, Outdoors in Motion and Pets in Motion. Coming up on June 19 will be Bikes in Motion, which will be highly interactive, and then Art in Motion on June 26.

July will see Main Street closed for a full 8 hours on Friday July 4 for Kids in Motion. July 10 will be Adult Prom and July 17 is Fair in Motion.

July 24 celebrates Christmas in July and Bodies in Motion will be July 31. Main In Motion will wrap up in August with Food in Motion on August 7 and Green Week on August 14.

Beyond just providing a great place for people to spend their Thursday evenings in the Summer, Main In Motion also has a more business oriented aim.

"The goal of Main in Motion is to encourage economic growth for the community by facilitating a collaborative event with creative small business owners, talented local musicians and artists, and family-oriented activities," Dozier said.

Volunteers are welcome all Summer long, and anyone who wants to get involved can contact Dozier and see what would be the best fit for them.

Dozier believes that Main In Motion is important to the Montrose economy and community. "Not only is it an interactive economic venue giving people a reason to meet up weekly on Main Street, but at this point it's a significant summertime tradition that resonates positively with most of Montrose," she explained. "Many members of the community have memories from years' of attendance and clearly have emotional ties to Main in Motion. That's a beautiful thing; that's an example of small-town dynamics in play, in part making this a great place to raise a family."

For more information and to get involved, visit [MainInMotion.org](http://MainInMotion.org) or call 462-4324.

## LIBRARY HOSTS "MAGIC WITH ELI" JUNE 24

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE--The Marguerite H. Gill Children's Room of the Montrose Library is hosting "Magic with Eli" on Tuesday, June 24, at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. If you picked up tickets for this exciting performance featuring a professional teen magician, remember, the show is next week! If you are no longer able to come, please drop your tickets off at the library so we can pass them along to someone else. Didn't get tickets? Never fear, there might be room if you come early and wait for unfilled seats!! Remember, the show is for ages four and up! Call 970-249-9656, Opt. 2 for more details. This event was funded by the Friends of the Library.





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# HEAD TO DOWNTOWN MONTROSE FOR THE FOURTH OF JULY!

By Liesl Greathouse

Montrose will be full of patriotic festivity on the July Fourth weekend in celebration of Independence Day.

"Most of the events will be on Friday, July Fourth, but there will be fun activities going on all weekend," said Chris Evans, Downtown Development Authority board member. "Things will be going on all day Friday, with lots of games, plus Main In Motion, until the fireworks at dusk."

The weekend kicks off on Thursday July 3, with the Community Band Concert at Centennial Plaza, 7-8:30 p.m. It is a free concert, the only requirement is to bring your own chair or blanket. Welcome Home Montrose will also be hosting a Pie and Lemonade Social during that time.

Friday July Fourth will be packed from morning to evening with a wide variety of events and activities for the whole family to enjoy.

The morning will begin with Downtown Breakfast, 8-10 a.m., featuring specials from participating Downtown restaurants. At 10 a.m. the Montrose Fourth of July Parade will begin on Main Street.

For the rest of the day, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., people will be able to enjoy Kids in Motion at Main In Motion in Downtown Montrose. There will be food vendors, shopping, artist demos, the Black Canyon Classics 'Cruise In' Car Show, an obstacle course, and tug-of-war for everyone to enjoy. 2 Rascals will also be having a Beer Garden and stores will be having sidewalk sales for locals to check out. For kids to have fun with there will be human hamster water balls, a climbing wall, a bounce house, barrel train, inflatable jousting, an inflatable slide, and water games.

There will be local entertainment all day, including the Community Band and AJ & the Fullertones at the Main Stage.

Many business sponsored games will be happening throughout the day including a Silicone Cookware Throwing Contest, Performance Pong Bracket Competition, Hay Bale Toss, Pie Eating Contest, and a Bicycle Poker Cruise.

4-7 p.m. will be the First Friday Stroll on Main Street, where people can visit Downtown galleries, shops and restaurants for a wonderful blend of art, wine, shopping, savings, and great dining.

To end the day with a bang will be the fireworks by the Rotary Club at dusk.

Saturday July 5 will have the Downtown Farmer's Market, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., and an all-day Shopping Event featuring specials from participating Downtown retailers. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. will be Music on Main, pre-

senting local musicians on Main Street corners. At 11 a.m. at the Ute Indian Museum will be tours and kid's activities. 9 p.m. at the Black Canyon will be Back Canyon Star Gazing to enjoy.

Sunday July 6 will wrap up the weekend with Church in the Park at the Pavilion Events Center, 1800 Pavilion Drive, beginning at 9 a.m.

While July Fourth is always exciting, Evans is also focused on the big benefit to Downtown Montrose. "It is great to be able to keep a lot of people Downtown with lots of things to do," she said. "With all the free activities, it draws crowds and keeps people coming and going and having fun Downtown, which is good for local

businesses."

For people who want to help, volunteers are welcome, even for just a few hours. Contact Evans for more information about volunteering at 765-6561.

Evans encourages locals to come Downtown and have fun this Fourth of July.

"We want to attract people Downtown for the Fourth of July including locals from Montrose, Olathe and Delta, and people who are out of town guests," she said.

"Many times people will go to Ouray for July Fourth, but we want to show locals that they do not have to go anywhere else to have fun." For more information and full details about the weekend, visit [www.facebook.com/](http://www.facebook.com/)



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| Thursday, July 3rd   |   | Saturday, July 5th  |  |
|--|---|---|--|
| 7-8:30pm <b>Community Band Concert</b><br>Centennial Plaza - Bring your own chair or blanket.<br><b>Pie and Lemonade Social</b> by Welcome Home Montrose |   | 8-1pm <b>Downtown Farmer's Market</b><br>South 1st Street   | 11-3pm <b>Music on Main</b><br>Local musicians on Main St. Corners |
| Friday, July 4th   |   | Sunday, July 6th  |  |
| 8-10am <b>Downtown Breakfast</b><br>Featuring specials from participating downtown restaurants   | 2:30pm <b>Hay Bale Toss</b><br>Benjamin Franklin<br>Cascade Avenue  | <b>All Day Shopping Event</b><br>Featuring specials from participating downtown retailers   | 11am <b>Ute Indian Museum</b><br>Tours & kids activities           |
| 10am <b>4th of July Parade</b><br>Main Street  | 3pm <b>Pie Eating Contest</b><br>300 Block of Main Street   |   | 9pm <b>Black Canyon Star Gazing</b><br>Black Canyon                |
| 11-7pm <b>Main In Motion</b><br>Main Street  | 3:30pm <b>Bicycle Poker Cruise</b><br>Start @ 2 Rascals, Play for Pizzel!<br>Register at <a href="http://montroselcyclo.org">montroselcyclo.org</a> | <b>July 4th Main Street Activities (11-7pm)</b>   |  |
| 11-12:30pm <b>Community Band</b><br>Main Stage, Uncompahgre Ave.   | 4-7pm <b>Beer Garden</b><br>Uncompahgre Avenue  | <b>For Everyone:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Food vendors</li> <li>Shopping</li> <li>Artist demos</li> <li>Black Canyon Classics "Cruise In" Car Show</li> <li>Obstacle Course</li> <li>Tug-of-war</li> </ul>        |  |
| 12pm <b>Silicone Cookware Throwing Contest</b><br>300 Block of Main Street   | 4-7pm <b>Northfork Flyers</b><br>Main Stage, Uncompahgre Ave.   | <b>For Kids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Human hamster water balls</li> <li>Climbing wall</li> <li>Bounce house</li> <li>Barrel train</li> <li>Inflatable Jousting</li> <li>Inflatable Slide, Water Games</li> </ul> |  |
| 1-3:30pm <b>AJ &amp; the Fullertones</b><br>Main Stage, Uncompahgre Ave.   | 4-7pm <b>First Friday Stroll</b><br>Main Street   |    |  |
| 1-4pm <b>Performance Pong Bracket Competition</b><br>Uncompahgre Ave., Teams of 2 sign up @ Gold's Gym starting June 5th. Prizes for winning team.       | Dusk <b>Fireworks</b><br>by Rotary Club   |    |  |

4-7pm: Visit downtown galleries, shops and restaurants on Friday, July 4th for a great blend of art, wine, shopping, savings, and great dining.



## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### MOUNTAIN VILLAGE PLANTS FIRST COMMUNITY GARDEN

*Special to the Mirror*

MOUNTAIN VILLAGE--The Town of Mountain Village opened its first community garden – Mountain Village Roots – this month. Now all that is needed is some green thumbs, beginners to experts.

Work began on the 5,000- square-foot garden two weeks ago, and the finished product is 24 raised, wooden garden beds available in one size – four feet by twelve feet. If needed, 12 more beds could be added.

The garden is located at 415 Mountain Village Boulevard next to Village Court Apartments (VCA). The town is now accepting applications, which can be found online at [townofmountainvillage.com/roots](http://townofmountainvillage.com/roots).

“Mountain Village has a strong desire to create a more sustainable community and offer additional amenities for our residents

and those living at VCA, which was the impetus for building Mountain Village Roots,” explained Community Development Director Chris Hawkins. This fenced garden allows gardeners to grow fruits, vegetables, herbs and flowers.

Since it is an organic garden, herbicides, pesticides and commercial fertilizer are not allowed. Garden beds can be reserved by individuals, groups, families, organization and businesses living or working in Mountain Village, and all growers must supply their own tools, plantings and any necessary soil, compost or mulch.

According to Hawkins, Mountain Village Roots is a collaborative project between Mountain Village and Telluride Ski & Golf Company (TSG): the town constructed the garden with grading, irrigation, fencing and soil, and TSG has allowed the town to use of a portion of their land under

Lift 10 to construct the garden.

“If it is good for the community, it is good for us,” TSG President Greg Pack said. “We are pleased to be able to assist with this worthwhile project.”

According to Hawkins, TSG’s willingness to work with the town and approve a long-term lease agreement, which includes the garden and a number of soon-to-be added amenities for VCA residents, is vital to improving the Mountain Village lifestyle.

The garden season runs from early June to October 31, and is open during daylight hours only. The garden bed fee is \$25, which helps pay for water and administrative costs. Though the town does manage the garden, volunteers are needed. If interested, contact VCA Assistant Property Manager Raul Peralta at [rperalta@mntnvillage.org](mailto:rperalta@mntnvillage.org).

### MARKET ON THE PLAZA A SUMMER MAINSTAY IN MOUNTAIN VILLAGE

*Special to the Mirror*

MOUNTAIN VILLAGE—Nothing says summertime in Colorado like an open air market, especially amid the sun-soaked scenery of Mountain Village Center. So beginning June 18, the paver-laden Heritage Plaza will once again be teeming with white tents and Colorado-proud vendors as the Market on the Plaza returns to Mountain Village. “Market on the Plaza is about promoting sustainability and supporting our regional economy,” said Community Relations Manager Nichole Zangara Riley.

In its fourth year, the Market runs every Wednesday through August 13 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and offers patrons some

unconventional variety. Of course the usual, and much desired, products will be available: produce, dairy, meats and prepared snacks. But Heritage Plaza also will be dotted with less traditional vendors selling hand-painted glassware, jewelry, textiles, specialty soaps and lotions and hair pieces, among other items. In addition, the town is partnering with Wilkinson Public Library to bring more entertainment and programming to Mountain Village Center.

“The library’s programming helps round out the market and gives patrons a fun dose of the unconventional,” explained Zangara Riley. “The market’s day-time entertainment will begin July 2 and include youth activities like making

Oobleck, and for the July 9, July 23, August 6 market dates there will be live music performed by local artists. In addition to the entertainment, the library will have a booth setup where they will sell used books and offer library assistance such as applying for or renewing a library card and learning about other library services.”

To become a Market vendor, applications and the \$75 fee must be received two weeks prior to the Market date; the town will accept vendor applications all summer long. For Market highlights, visit [facebook.com/townofmountainvillage](http://facebook.com/townofmountainvillage), [twitter.com/mountainvillage](http://twitter.com/mountainvillage) and [pinterest.com/townofmv](http://pinterest.com/townofmv); market patrons can also share their #marketfavorites with Mountain Vil-



# Hold the Date! Upcoming Business and Cultural Events

## ONGOING-

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

**Third Sunday Dulcimer Club**, Harps and Hammers Music Studio (535 South First Street) 2 to 4 p.m. Guitars and Autoharps welcome too—the more the merrier!

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

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

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

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

**Pickin’ in the Park**—Paonia’s Seventh Annual Free Summer Concert Series, Paonia Town Park, Paonia, Thursday Evenings in August, 6pm ‘til dark.

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

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

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

**June 16**—Montrose County Public Hearing on Proposed on-site wastewater treatment system regulations, 9 a.m. in commissioners boardroom.

**June 17**—Region 10 Lunch-n-Learn, Noon to 1 p.m. 300 North Cascade. Southwest Hearing, “Say What.” Protect your hearing, and what to do about hearing loss you already have. We will discuss what feelings are normal with aging and depression signs to look for are. What questions to ask your doctor and treatments? This program is designed to help support our elders and those with disabilities, you will learn more about how you can help others.

**June 18**—Noon to 1 p.m., Region 10 Enterprise center, 300 North Cascade. Sweet Search for Success—search engine optimization with Erika Jones.

**June 18**—Are you caring for someone who is non-verbal? Senior CommUnity Care PACE will hold an Adult Education program open to the public on Non-Verbal Communication tips, techniques, and strategies. Learn how to give expression and better understand non-verbal communication with your loved one. The program is no charge and led by Danielle McCarthy, MA, 1 pm Wednesday, PACE Day Center 11485 Hwy 65, Eckert. Please RSVP to Tai Blair at 970-901-7768.

**June 19**—SCRATCH-ing the Surface—Montrose Library Teen Summer Reading Program 10 a.m. to Noon—Join special guest George Perfors and learn how to create your own computer animation with SCRATCH. Space limited to first 20 registrants.

**June 22**—7:30 pm - Trio Solisti Chamber Music Concert at the Wright Opera House. Called “The most exciting piano trio in America,” by The New Yorker, Trio Solisti has come to Ouray County for the past 11 years. Their program this year will include Tchaikovsky Trio in A minor, Op. 50 and Mussorgsky Pictures at an Exhibition. This year we invite you to the newly refurbished and accessible Wright Opera House in Ouray. Tickets Adults \$25, Children \$5, available online at [www.ocpag.org](http://www.ocpag.org) or at the door. Info 970-626-2970.

**June 25**—Are you caring for someone who is non-verbal? Senior CommUnity Care PACE will hold an Adult Education program open to the public on Non-Verbal Communication tips, techniques, and strategies. Learn how to give expression and better understand non-verbal communication with your loved one. The program is no charge and led by Danielle McCarthy, MA 10 am Wednesday at PACE Day Center 2377 Robins Way, Montrose, Please RSVP to Tai Blair at 970-901-7768.

**June 25**—Montrose Library Teen Summer Reading Program 2 to 4 p.m., Static and Circuits—Join “Mr. Science Guy” for a SPARK-TASTIC hands on exploration of electricity!

**June 28**—Montrose Historical Society Cemetery tour starts at 4 pm at the Grandview Cemetery. Space is limited to 10 guests. For information and RSVP please call 970-249-2085.

**June 30**—Montrose Library Teen Summer Reading Program 7:30 to 10 p.m.—Telescopes as Time Machines—Meet at Cerise Park for an evening with the Black Canyon Astronomical Society! Travel back in time using their high powered telescopes!

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

**July 8**—Region 10 Community Living Services Lunch-n-Learn sponsored and presented by Region 10 & Brown and Brown, P.C. “What to Do When Someone Dies?” – Have you lost a loved one recently? Do you have questions on how to administer their estate? This workshop will cover the following topics: Probate vs. Non-Probate, Creditor Claims what taxes may be owed, how and when to distribute assets, what if they didn’t have a will and what if they did, what happens when family starts fighting? 12-1 pm. Location: Region 10, 300 N. Cascade in the Sneffles room. **Registration required:** Register online at [www.region10.net](http://www.region10.net) or call 249-2436.

**July 9**—Montrose Library Teen Summer Reading Program—1 to 3 p.m.—The Science of Survival—Join survival expert Kay Gerke, and learn basic skills for wilderness survival, based on science! Space limited to first 20 registrants.

**July 11-13**—Black Canyon Quilt Show, Montrose Pavilion. 9 a.m. to —5 p.m. on July 11 and 12:10 p.m. to 4 p.m. on July 13. Admission: \$4. For info call 417-4842.

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

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

**July 17-20**—Deltarado Days!

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

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

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

**Aug. 13**—Montrose County Town Hall Meeting, Paradox, Noon.

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

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



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From top left, Maid in the Shade visits Black Canyon Jet Center; above, Nancy Turley and her son Isaac Toomer, a US Veteran, with his Let Freedom Ring Wind Chime. At left, a biker rides at Main in Motion.

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