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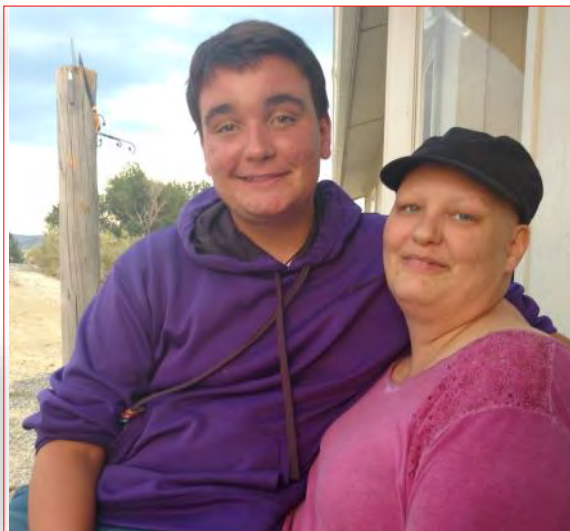


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MONTROSE MOM FACES THE FIGHT OF HER LIFE



*Nanci Gibbons with Jacob, her youngest son.
Courtesy photo.*

By Caitlin and Jack Switzer

MONTROSE- She doesn't want to miss a minute of life, or a moment of love.

I met Nanci Gibbons for the first time earlier this summer, when she stopped by the house to pick up my oldest son and drive him, along with her son Jacob and another friend, to see Ouray's Box Canyon. (I already knew Nanci's son, because when my kids and I moved last summer, Jacob spent most of a hot August afternoon helping to pack boxes and load them in my car—without even being asked.)

After a full day of fun in Ouray and at the Box Canyon—including lunch at the True Grit afterward—the three teenage boys were worn out. Nanci, on the other hand, rested only briefly before heading out to a cancer benefit and dancing the night away with a dear friend, for a good cause.

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SHERBENOU PUSHES FOR WORLD CLASS REGIONAL PARK COMPLEX; COMMENDS CITY FOR \$12M IN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN 2018-2019

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-Prior to their July 17 meeting the Montrose City Council presented the "Key to the City" to retiring US Navy Chief John Boughton. For 16 years Chief Boughton has served as the Montrose High School Naval Science Instructor. The nomination letter, read by Youth Council Mayor Kendrick Richardson said, "Chief John Boughton has done an outstanding job of teaching his community the importance of honor, courage and commitment."

Call for Public Comment for Non-Agenda Items.

Citizens may speak to council on any item of interest to the community for three minutes (timed); however, council is not expected to respond to comments during this segment of the meeting.

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(L to R) Montrose Rec District (MRD) Executive Director Ken Sherbenou and City of Montrose Grant Coordinator Kendall Cramer work together on grant applications that are beneficial to both the city and MRD. Sherbenou is one of the finalists being interviewed for the position of Montrose Assistant City Manager. Photo by Gail Marvel.

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ANSWERING THE CALL: MSCO DEPUTY PAUL SOUTHERN



MCSO Deputy Paul Southern.
Photo by Gail Marvel.

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-Deputy Paul Southern, who is the first member of his family to choose a law enforcement career, has been with the Montrose County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) for almost six years. Southern said, "I've wanted to be a cop since I was eight years old."

Originally from Grand Junction, Southern had one semester of college before one of

his teachers suggested he forgo college and attend the police academy, "It was the best advice I've ever taken and I have no regrets."

At age 21 Southern put himself through the police academy, "For me the hardest part of the academy was the driving course. I don't know why, I just struggled with it." He laughed and said, "Since then I've gotten better...I promise!"

Southern's first job was with Saguache County where he worked for two and a half years before relocating to Montrose to be closer to family. Southern said, "Saguache, is 3,200 square miles and 6,000 residents. Nothing but open road. It's busier here [Montrose], but I had more critical incidents there. There are a lot of gangs and drug cartels in the San Luis Valley. It is one of the most impoverished counties in the state and crime follows poverty."

Describing his duties Deputy Southern said, "We do everything...investigations, arrest warrants, responding to crimes, civil process serving. We do private property accidents in the county, but not a lot of highway accidents. It's actually the State Patrol who responds to accidents on the roads and highways." Southern's specialized training includes being a member of the Special Response Team (similar to SWAT), Arrest and Control Defensive Tactics and a Patrol Rifle Instructor.

For Southern the two most stressful elements of his job are crimes against chil-

dren and encountering people he can't help. "It's either that we can't help them, or that they don't want help." As for career aspirations, "There is opportunity to advance at the SO and it's encouraged. Sometime in the future I'd like to work in the investigation division."

The most enjoyable aspects, "In general I really like this job and those I work with. It's a chance to help improve the community a little bit at a time. I have a front row seat to the best show in town and every call is interesting. I love this job, it's my calling. This is what I was meant to do."

Southern has an outgoing personality, "All through school my teachers called me a social butterfly. I'm good at talking to people and that's important for this line of work."

On two separate occasions Southern saved a life, "In both cases I just happened to be the first one to arrive on scene. One was an older man who wasn't breathing and I used CPR. The last I heard he is still alive today. The other was a suicidal teenager with a gunshot wound to the chest. I applied an occlusive dressing [chest seal] to a sucking chest wound and the doctors said that saved his life."

Outside of his career Southern enjoys outdoor activities — camping, hiking, backpacking and competitive shooting.

In a message to citizens Southern said, "Don't be afraid to be a good witness. We appreciate all the support the community gives us."



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5100 ROAD CLOSURE (MONTROSE) 1200 ROAD CLOSURE (DELTA)

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Montrose County Road & Bridge Department will be closing 5100 Road in Montrose County/1200 Road in Delta between Amber Road and B75 Road in Delta County on July 26, 2018 for bridge replacement. Motorists are advised to use alternate route. For more information please call Montrose County Road and Bridge Department at 970-249-5424.

MONTROSE REGIONAL CRIME STOPPERS ALERT: HELP LOCATE STOLEN FIREARMS

Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers

MONTROSE-Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers, Inc. and the Montrose Police Department are seeking the help of citizens to identify and locate the following stolen firearms and the suspect(s) who stole them: 4/24/18-Machine gun replica -1918 A1 BAR – Brown St. & Townsend
5/3/18 – Glock pistol – Highland St
6/10/18 - .40 cal. S & W M & P Shield – Manchester Dr.

.22 cal. S & W semi-auto pistol

6/11/18 – Beretta Model 950BS .25 cal. # BER35960V – Haystack Rd.

6/29/18 – 1911 Rock Island .45 with tactical rail – Biron Rd.

7/2/18 - .22 cal. Henry Survival Rifle – #US029176B - S. 2nd St.

7/9/18 – Ruger .357 Mag. SP101- #57609043 – S. 12th St.

7/10/18 – 1911 Kimber ultra Raptor .45 ACP, #K562489 –Bradford Dr.

Anyone with information about these crimes or the identity of the perpetrator

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SHERBENOU A FINALIST FOR ASST. CITY MANAGER POSITION

Interviews to be held July 26 in Montrose

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE – The City of Montrose will interview seven finalists for the assistant city manager position after reviewing 110 resumes from interested applicants. Finalists include:

Rebecca Frank, Victor Colo.

Currently serving as Assistant City Administrator for the City of Victor.

Daniel Hamsmith, Parker Colo.

Currently self-employed, but has municipal experience for Town of Hudson, CO.

Cheryl Hughes, Palmdale Cali.

Currently serving as the Senior Management Analyst for the City of Palmdale.

Emily Katsimpalis, Buena Vista Colo.

Currently serving as Assistant Town Manager of Buena Vista.

Ann Morgenthaler, Ouray Colo.

Currently serving as the Planning and Building Director for the Town of Telluride.

Preston Neill, Avon Colo.

Currently serving as the Deputy Town Manager of Avon.

Ken Sherbenou, Montrose Colo.

Currently serving as Executive Director of the Montrose Recreation District.

Interviews will be held Thursday, July 26 in Montrose beginning at 8 a.m.

MONTROSE MOM FACES THE FIGHT OF HER LIFE From pg 1

This single mom is still in her 40's, and Jacob, her youngest son, is just 15. Yet Nanci has cervical cancer, and her dreams for the future are increasingly uncertain. The bills are piling up, and hope does not feed a growing young man, or keep the roof overhead. Though she has a job she loves and a kind employer, Nanci is no

longer able to work as many hours as she would like to. In the words of my own son Jack, "Jacob and his mom are like best friends, and mother and son at the same time. It's incredible to see them together, sad or happy. Like two blazing stars burning in the sky. She fed me when I was hungry and took me to fun places to experi-

ence joy even in hard times."

We hope that those who have the resources will consider helping Nanci and Jacob. If the tables were turned, they would be the first to step up and help you.

Here is a link to Nanci's GoFundme site, <https://www.gofundme.com/dahwdc-cervical-cancer-fund>.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

INVESTIGATION COMPLETED INTO JULY 3 ACCIDENT IN OLATHE

Mirror staff report

OLATHE-The investigation is now complete into a July 3 automobile accident involving a van and an Olathe Police Officer at Colorado Hwy 50 and South 12th Street in Olathe. Both the driver of the van and the passenger lost their lives in the accident, which took place at 11:58

a.m. According to Colorado State Patrol (CSP) Trooper Gary Cutler, the investigation has been completed and the driver of the van was determined to be at fault.

The Colorado State Patrol has jurisdiction in the matter. Calls to Olathe Police Chief George Jackson for comment were not returned as of press time.

The *Delta County Independent* reported July 12 that passenger Samuel Giron, 54, passed away several hours after the accident; that Walter Giron, 61, the driver of the van later died of injuries sustained in the crash; and that Olathe Police Officer Justin Hice had been treated at Montrose Memorial Hospital and was recuperating.



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‘WE HAVE OUR RIGHTS FOR A REASON,’ MONTROSE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CHAIR CONNIE PITTENGER

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—It’s no secret that there are more than twice as many registered Republicans in Montrose County as there are registered Democrats. Carol Kruse of the Montrose County Elections office noted that as of July 19, there were 11,417 Republicans, 4,289 Democrats, and 8,107 unaffiliated voters on the rolls here. In the recent primary election, the most hotly contested seat was the Sheriff’s race, in which two Republican candidates ran against each other.

Still, those who think that the Democratic Party is not an active presence here would be advised to think again, according to Montrose Democratic Party Chair Connie Pittenger, who has served in the role since February of 2017.

“I am enjoying it,” said Pittenger, a retired educator who has devoted years of service to numerous community boards, including a stint as an elected member of the RE-1J board of education. “It is a new level of challenge for me.”

Specific challenges include encouraging people to become involved, and to stay involved. “Right after the 2016 election, there was so much enthusiasm—we had 15 to 20 people coming to our central committee meetings.”

As far as local leadership, “We are very involved,” Pittenger said. “We have progressives on the board of Delta-Montrose Electric Association, the Rec District, on City Council, and on a lot of other boards around town that are critical—and they are being successful.”

“We have to take our successes where we can find them,” Pittenger said. “We are working in places where we can succeed.”

And though no Democratic candidates stepped forward to pursue the Sheriff’s office or the District 2 seat formerly held by Glen Davis in the primary, it was not for lack of recruiting efforts, she noted.

“We had a candidate committee, and we



Though vastly outnumbered in Montrose, the role of the Democratic Party is essential to America’s two-party political system. “We need to understand how government works; it involves people, and it doesn’t happen by itself,” local Dem Chair Connie Pittenger said.

went out and looked for someone to run for the board of county commissioners,” Pittenger said. “We asked several people to run, but nobody would step forward.”

The Democratic party also held public forums prior to the caucus and primaries, she said. “We have been trying to put out information each time a statewide candidate comes through town.”

Some elected positions, such as county treasurer and clerk & recorder, are not always contested because they do require solid professional experience, she noted. “There’s a lot of background and skills that you need even to run for those seats.”

It can take courage to publicly represent the minority party, she added, and for those who want to work behind the scenes, volunteering can be a way to gain experience. “We are making opportunities for people and encouraging everyone to get out and vote.” Pittenger suggest that those interested in volunteering for the party sign up via the website, [http://](http://montrosedemocrats.org)

montrosedemocrats.org.

“We have a post office box (P.O. Box 2126) and we’re on Facebook,” she said. “You can get onto our mailing list—we are doing activities, and statewide candidates are coming through. We will have a headquarters starting in September—you can help us staff it or walk for candidates if you want to come and help.”

“We’re trying to put information out, so if people want it, it’s there.” Pittenger considers community involvement—especially in the electoral process—to be an obligation of citizenship. She also respects the role of traditional civic education in American life. “I think that teaching civics is very important—we need an understanding of how our country functions at all levels—local, state and national,” she said. “We need to understand how government works; it involves people, and it doesn’t happen by itself.”

“We have our rights for a reason,” she said. “I consider it my civic duty to work on elections and be a part of that.”

SHERBENOU PUSHES WORLD CLASS REGIONAL PARK COMPLEX; COMMENDS CITY FOR \$12M IN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN 2018-1029 From pg 1

Allen Frigetto, who plans to open a new taco shop at the Towne Center, wants to apply for a liquor license. However, his business will be located 487 feet from Montrose High School and current code calls for liquor license holders to be 500 feet from schools. Frigetto said, "It would be a beer license and we wouldn't start serving until after 5 p.m."

City Attorney Stephen Alcorn recommended putting the item on a work session agenda where council could discuss whether they want to bring the issue forward.

Regular Agenda Items.

Citizens are allowed to address council on agenda items (no imposed time limit) and council will/can respond if they so desire.

Hogback Addition Annexation

The Hogback Addition, owned by Montrose County, is 19.167 acres in size and a former gravel pit. The property is located just north of the baseball fields on top of Sunset Mesa. Two separate actions items are required for the annexation, the first is to adopt the resolution, which is followed by passing an ordinance on first reading. Senior Planner Garry Baker said, "This is the latter stages of a lengthy process. The property is surrounded by city limits and as a right-of-way issue it's going to a full annexation process."

Resolution 2018-19 - Senior Planner Garry Baker.

This resolution presents the Findings of Fact for the Hogback Addition annexation. Approved unanimously.

Ordinance 2452 (first reading) - Senior Planner Garry Baker.

This ordinance is for the annexation of the Hogback addition. Approved unanimously.

Ordinance 2453 (first reading) - Senior Planner Garry Baker.

This ordinance provides zoning for the Hogback Addition to be R-3, medium density district. Zoning issues go before the Planning Commission and they recommended approval. Approved unanimously.

Resolution 2018-20 - [Grant Coordinator](#)

[Kendall Cramer](#).

Cramer gave the background on this grant application and noted that the city was asked to include an "engagement efforts with the Hispanic/Latino Community" component to the application. Cramer said, "Many grants now require past, current and future engagement with minority groups."

The resolution approves a grant agreement with Colorado Health Foundation. The language in the resolution states, "WHEREAS, the City of Montrose has been selected by The Colorado Health Foundation, a Colorado nonprofit, to receive \$89,520 which will provide \$25,000 in matching funds for the Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) Connect Trail, and \$64,520 for engagement efforts with the Hispanic/Latino Community."

The \$64,520 that is earmarked for engagement efforts with the Hispanic/Latino community include:

- Regular attendance by City and Montrose Recreation District (MRD) leadership at Health Equity Advocacy Team meetings.

- Identify and engage community leaders working with the Hispanic residents.

- Conduct block parties to hear resident perceptions of opportunities and barriers related to trails and other recreational options.

- Conduct workshops for residents with City and MRD staff to discuss local government processes and opportunities for engagement.

- Identify challenges with engaging the city's Hispanic community and alter practices to promote improved community engagement.

Councilwoman Judy Ann Files said, "This is a daunting list of things that have to be done. Who is going to see that it gets done?" Cramer said, "These are milestones not requirements. They would like to see us work toward these goals."

Executive Director for the non-profit Hispanic Affairs Project Ricardo Perez said, "This is an opportunity to move forward

and work together to improve infrastructure. We can improve our involvement in the community." Approved unanimously.

Resolution 2018-21 - Grant Coordinator Kendall Cramer.

The City of Montrose and the Montrose Recreation District (MRD) are making a joint grant application to the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) to fund renovations and improvements to Holly Park and Riverbottom Drive. The City of Montrose will contribute \$750,000 toward the \$1,000,000 grant.

This resolution authorizes the submission of a DOLA Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance Program Tier II application in order to fund renovations and improvements at Holly Park and on Riverbottom Drive. The grant application deadline is Aug. 1.

The total cost of the combined project is \$2,200,000. The breakdown of the funding is: \$1,000,000 DOLA Grant; \$400,000 to - \$500,000 MRD; and up to \$750,000 from the City of Montrose. The design work for the project is completed at a cost of \$180,000.

In his PowerPoint presentation, MRD Executive Director Ken Sherbenou described making the park complex, "... a world class regional park." Sherbenou complimented the city on spending \$12,000,000 on capital improvements throughout the city for 2018-2019. Approved unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

Sales, Use and Excise Tax Report - Finance Director Shani Wittenberg.

Data is YTD (January - May). Total Sales and Use Collected - \$6,746,866; Montrose Recreation District (0.3 percent) \$663,559; and Retail Enhancement Program - \$133,942.

Public Information Report - City Manager Bill Bell

Bell deferred to City Engineer Scott Murphy to give an update on street maintenance and road construction. Murphy said, "We're starting to put things back together. We're working on some smaller residential streets and the last big project

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will be the closure of South Park. On Monday the 23rd it will be closed for two weeks to traffic, except for local [residents]. All of South Park, from Main to South 12th. "The Hillcrest extension should be completed by late fall."

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Files complimented the 13-year-old baseball players on their recent championship.

Councilwoman Barbara Bynum complimented the big team effort from all the

city departments to help make FUNC Fest a success.

Councilman Dave Bowman also referenced the FUNC Fest, "OBT [Office of Business and Tourism] really stepped it up this year. This was the best year so far." Bowman noted that the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) continues to discuss how to use their funding, "They had a very positive meeting. TIF Funds [Tax Increment Financing] have to be approved by us, they must be approved by council."

Previously the city had asked the DDA to contribute \$50,000 to help offset the \$241,186 incentive package the city awarded to Main Street Montrose, LLC (the Vine Market Building) for asbestos abatement, new windows and a sprinkler system.

Any DDA contribution toward the incentive package is yet to be determined.

Youth Council representative Sage Wilber reported on the youth council's efforts to produce a Taviwach Park Video.

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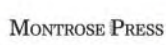
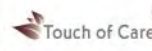
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Dr. Steven Emmons. Courtesy photo.

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MONTROSE-Montrose Memorial Hospital

welcomes Steven Emmons, M.D. Board Certified in Hematology and Medical Oncology, Dr. Emmons will be a welcome addition to the San Juan Cancer Center.

"We're excited for Dr. Emmons to join our Friends and Family," said James Kiser, CEO of Montrose Memorial Hospital. "Our mission includes serving our community's needs with excellent service and compassion. Dr. Emmons embodies both of these traits and will be a valued asset for our region's cancer patients."

Dr. Emmons recently practiced with St. Mary's Oncology Group in Grand Junction, Colorado and prior to coming to Colorado, practiced in Vermont and Arizona.

Dr. Emmons looks forward to meeting Montrose area patients and helping them through experiences that are often among the most difficult they face. "That's the

part of my job I love—spending time with patients," said Dr. Emmons. He will begin seeing patients July 23rd. Appointments with Dr. Emmons will be made through each patients' primary care provider.

Established in 2006, the San Juan Cancer Center is a 14,549 square foot facility that brought personal cancer care to patients in Montrose and the surrounding region. The two-story building features a radiation treatment area on the first floor and the medical oncology area on the second floor.

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COLORADO BUSINESS ENTITIES IN GOOD STANDING IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2018 HIT ANOTHER RECORD HIGH

Special to the Mirror

DENVER – Business entities in good standing in Colorado reached a record 688,986 in the second quarter of the year, according to data from the Colorado Secretary of State's office.

Over the last year ending in June, 122,713 new business filings were recorded, with 31,572 coming in the second quarter. Over the same year, existing enti-

ty renewals increased to 132,874 – a 7.7 percent increase.

"This combination of new entity formation growth and existing entity growth, along with positive trending in employment, wages, and building permits, leaves Colorado in a very favorable position as we move into the second half of 2018," Secretary of State Wayne Williams said.

The business research division at the

University of Colorado Boulder publishes the Quarterly Business & Economic Indicators Report using data from the Secretary of State's central business registry. The report looks at a variety of factors, such as energy costs, the labor market and inflation.

"Business filings continue to surprise, mirroring a general acceleration in economic activity in the state," said Richard Wobbekind, executive director of the business research division at the University of Colorado Boulder.

Additionally, Colorado's labor force participation rate increased 2.1 percentage points, and is now 6 percentage points above the United States' national average.

According to the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, approximately 213,000 jobs were added nationally in June 2018, a slight decrease from earlier in the year when the national employment growth averaged 215,000 jobs each month. Colorado was recorded as having added approximately 72,800 jobs year-over-year.

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CITIZENS' CLIMATE LOBBY TO MEET AUG. 6

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Join us Monday, Aug. 6-6:30 p.m. at the Montrose Library meeting room, 320 S.1st, for the Citizens' Climate Lobby monthly meeting. Network with those concerned with the environment, to influence legislators to pay attention to methods to help the environment this hot summer. Report on gathering to meet CCL's co-coordinator for Colorado, David Kline. Take positive steps for progress in a nonpartisan, national citizens' group. All Welcome. Citizensclimate-lobby.org Local contact 970-240-9146.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

MONTROSE COUNTY DOWNGRADES TO STAGE 1 FIRE RESTRICTIONS

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-An increase in moisture levels and decrease in overall threat of wildfire prompted Sheriff Rick Dunlap to downgrade the county from Stage 2 to Stage 1 restrictions effective July 16. Earlier this summer, the Board of County Commis-

sioners passed Resolution 2018-30 that authorizes the Sheriff, the fire warden for the county, to implement and lift fire restrictions as necessary through the summer months.

"The public has been very supportive throughout our active fire season thus far

and I would like to thank them for their commitment to safety," said Sheriff Dunlap. "Given the current conditions, I think it is wise to move back to Stage 1 Restrictions--which still limits certain activities."

The restrictions apply to the unincorporated county area and do not include the City of Montrose, Town of Olathe, Town of Naturita, and Town of Nucla. The stage 1 fire restrictions do not allow open burning of any kind to include agricultural burning, open campfires, and fire-works. Smoking cigarettes outdoors is not allowed, unless in an enclosed vehicle or building or in a developed recreation site. Campfires in a pre-approved campground, State Park/KOA, or enclosed fire pits are permitted.

Please be advised that penalties for violating the fire ban include: Class-2 petty offense with fines ranging from \$100 to \$500 depending on the number of offenses. If a fire causes damage to another individual's property, additional criminal charges may apply. These fire restrictions will remain in effect until further notice.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

CITY OF MONTROSE, MASLOW ACADEMY PARTNER ON \$600,000 GRANT TO PURCHASE PROPERTY

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE —The City of Montrose was selected to receive a \$600,000 grant through a partnership with Maslow Academy, which also operates Bright Beginnings Preschool. Maslow Academy is a Colorado non-profit 501(c) 3 organization that provides childcare and preschool education for infants six weeks of age through fifth grade. Bright Beginnings Preschool serves children six weeks to age four.

In February, the city partnered with Maslow Academy to submit a grant application to the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA).

At the beginning of July, the City was notified it would receive \$600,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

funds from DOLA to assist Maslow with purchasing property the academy currently leases at 120 North Hillcrest Drive in Montrose.

This purchase will significantly reduce the school's facility costs. The savings will go toward increasing employee compensation as required by Amendment 70 and the increased minimum wage rules. The CDBG funding requires the city to be a fiscal pass-through entity for non-profit groups like Maslow who qualify for CDBG funds. The City will serve as the fiscal administrative entity.

Recent examples of City of Montrose support for CDBG projects include The PIC

Place, Center for Mental Health, and Sharing Ministries Food Bank.



The City of Montrose has partnered on a Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) grant to help the Maslow Academy and Bright Beginnings Preschool purchase the property currently leased by the non-profit school.

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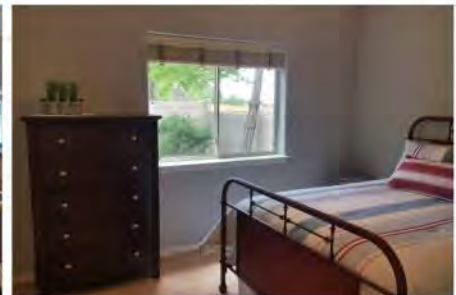
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REGIONAL DISPATCH CENTER FACES UNCERTAIN FUTURE; CRIME STOPPERS SEEKS NEW CALL CENTER

Fairgrounds sale barn renamed as Jim Flowers Memorial Show Ring



New District 2 Commissioner Sue Hansen was sworn in to the Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) by County Clerk & Recorder Tressa Guynes prior to the meeting of July 18.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-With a packed house in attendance, Sue Hansen was sworn in as the new District 2 County Commissioner prior to the [regular meeting](#) of the Montrose Board of County Commissioners on July 18. Hansen then took her seat on the board.

During the time for public comment, Citizen Jim Haugsness addressed the BOCC; "Welcome Sue, I am really happy that you are on the commission," Haugsness said. "I'd like to give a shout out to the board of county commissioners, the county, and particularly the Road & Bridge Department. I worked really hard on trying to get that county sales tax for road & Bridge and I think it is really paying off dividends."

He praised the paving of West Spring Creek, the finishing of 5850 Road on Franklin Mesa, and work being done at Pea Green. "I have one suggestion...I really would like to see Pahgre Road, there's two and a half miles of Pahgre Road between Trout Road and Buckhorn Road that would finish that all-weather surface...it would be good for safety, there's a lot of subdivisions out there...particularly it would be good for getting some of the bicycles off of 550."

John W. Nelson, president of Montrose

worked and understaffed police department. But the bottom line is it's working; we have awarded over \$8,000 in rewards.

"...we were really planning on a nice transition at the end of this year, probably to a different dispatch center and even using some of the public safety sales tax program to run our program, until July 9 when I got my letter."

Nelson then mentioned a letter from Montrose Regional Dispatch Center (MRDC) Director Susan Byrne dated July 9, informing Crime Stoppers that the MRDC no longer has the resources to answer the Crime Stoppers Tip Line or maintain records and reports for Crime Stoppers. "The longevity of Montrose Regional Dispatch is uncertain," the letter states. "MRDC is minimally staffed with increased call volumes and I can no longer commit to the level of service or ability to answer the Crime Stopper Telephone Tip Line 24/7 or answer every call that comes in when the dispatcher has priority radio and telephone activity."

Said Nelson to the BOCC, "I am out shopping right now, we've got one place in Ottawa, Canada that might help us out and I've got some calls in to the folks up in Grand Junction. If I can't find a reliable, responsible organization to take our calls, we are out of business, it just stops.

Regional Crime Stoppers, addressed the BOCC as well.

"The Crime Stopper program has really picked up in terms of being successful," Nelson said. "We have documented arrests something in the area of 35 to 40; we've cleared something in the area of 70 to 80 cases. I say something because it is hard to get information back, particularly from a very stressed, and over-

"If you think we don't need it," he continued, "Six pistols have been stolen out of vehicles in the last couple of weeks. That's just the pistols, not to mention everything else...I think you and the public ought to at least be aware...I went over to Westco (Dispatch)...Westco tried to hire more people, they had 103 applications; they hired one...they're not an option.

"We're shopping."

BOCC Chair Keith Caddy noted Crime Stoppers is scheduled for consideration at next week's work session.

Citizen Jim Anderson also addressed the BOCC. "I was here a few months ago, close to a year ago, you might recall that I spoke about people, integrity, communications, professionalism and efficiencies--it's right up there on the sign," Anderson said. "You might recall I said I don't think the people of Montrose County can certify those words when it came to County government...through this last campaign and the election of Ms. Hansen and you gentlemen, everything I hear today is optimism, positive attitudes, belief that the county is going to move forward and will do well, our commissioners will be speaking truth to power and answer the tough questions that are on the table.

"Everywhere I've gone, working with people on past campaigns a little bit, talking to all my friends in low places, you guys have really an opportunity to move the county forward and I believe, I honestly believe today, that those words out there on that sign can now be certified." With no changes to the agenda, Commissioners unanimously approved [Consent Agenda](#) items.

GENERAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

The BOCC considered [Resolution 42-2018](#), designating the sale barn at the Montrose County Fairgrounds as the Jim Flowers Memorial Show Ring. County Media Relations Manager Katie Yergensen presented information on the designation.

"For those of you who had the pleasure of knowing Jim, you know that he was passionate not

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REGIONAL DISPATCH CENTER FACES UNCERTAIN FUTURE; CRIME STOPPERS SEEKS NEW CALL CENTER *From previous pg*

only about Fair, but in particular provided services, heart, and entertainment, if you will, to the junior livestock sale," Yergensen said.

Said BOCC Vice Chair Roger Rash, "It couldn't be more fitting that we're honoring Mr. Flowers right at Fair; he was an integral part of our fairgrounds and the entire operation.

"I think this is just outstanding."

Caddy noted that the official presentation will be made during the Montrose County Fair, at [the Junior Livestock Sale at 1 p.m. on July 28.](#)

Resolution 42-2018 passed unanimously.

Commissioners approved [Resolution 43-2018](#) unanimously as well, declaring as surplus a 5.1 acre lot at the intersection of Montrose Drive and South Townsend Avenue.

County Government Affairs Director Jon Waschbusch said that a building on the property had been occupied by a dental clinic and an LDS church in the past; "The prairie dogs are making good use of it at the moment; we don't have a county or public purpose for the property at this time."

Said Caddy, "Government shouldn't keep property that they're not going to utilize, it should go on the tax rolls....it's a very valuable piece of property. Of course we will be doing an appraisal and we will be asking fair market value."

Rash said that the County will be working to consolidate staff into existing County facilities such as the Court House and Justice Center.

"We're looking at long term...just (to) try to tighten up our expenditures on maintaining these older buildings that are costing the county a lot of money, so this is part of that process, long-term planning, and our goals of liquidating some of these properties that we really don't need."

"I want to see 'em on the tax rolls," Caddy said. "It's more mill levy revenue for

the County."

Also approved unanimously was a [professional services agreement with Grand River Institute](#), to perform an archaeological and cultural resource survey at the Shavano Gateway Recreation Area. The Shavano Gateway Recreation area is located at the base of the hill on Hwy 90,

noted Waschbusch, who presented the item for consideration.

Grand River Institute was the lowest responsive bidder responding to a public invitation to bid.

Said Rash, "I think this is pretty straightforward...it's a new recreation area that should be a huge benefit to the citizens of the City of Montrose and Montrose County, so it will be a wonderful place where folks can go and do hiking and biking and a little ATV training in that one, localized area."

"We did generously receive a grant from Colorado Parks & Wildlife and the State of Colorado in the amount of \$20,300 and some odd dollars (\$20, 326) towards this particular clearance, and we're appreciative of that," Waschbusch said.

In other business, commissioners awarded the [purchase of a precast concrete box culvert](#) to lowest responsive bidder Forterra Pipe and Precast of Grand Junction, in the amount of \$138,606. County crews will install the box culvert this fall to replace Bridge B-153 on the Cimarron Road.

"It needs to be done," Caddy said.

"I've been across that bridge a few times; it's definitely in need of a change."



John W. Nelson of Crime Stoppers and Doug Glaspell of Montrose City Council were in attendance at the BOCC meeting July 18.

Work will be performed by County crews after irrigation water is turned off for the season, and should be complete "before snow flies," County Engineer Keith Laube said.

Three items involved resolutions to change or post speed limits.

[Resolution 44-2018](#) changed the posted speed limit from 30 mph to 35 miles per hour (mph) on the section of Kiowa Road from 5850 Road west to Shavano Valley Road; [Resolution 45-2018](#) changed the posted speed limit from 35 mph to 25 mph on the section of Kiowa Lane from 6020 Road west and north to the cul de sac; and [Resolution 46-2018](#) posted a speed limit of 35 mph on the section of Jig Road from 5850 Road west to the end of the road, Jefferson Road from 5800 Road west to Shavano Valley Road, and 6390 Road from 6400 Road south to the end of the road (no speed limits had previously been posted on these sections).

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ITEMS

The BOCC unanimously approved [a proposal to divide 35.012-acres into two lots](#) for the Waugh Minor Subdivision.

With no further business, Commissioner Hansen moved to adjourn.



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CHIEF JOHN BOUGHTON HONORED WITH KEY CITIZEN AWARD

Photo by Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-To show gratitude for his years of faithful service to country and community, the Montrose City Council presented Chief John Boughton with the Key to the City at the City Council meeting on July 17. Boughton, who has served as the naval science instructor for the Montrose High School NJROTC program for 16 years, was nominated for the honor by Kendrick Richardson, Youth Council Mayor; "Chief John Boughton has done an outstanding job of teaching his community the importance of honor, courage, and commitment," Richardson said in his nomination letter.



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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

DELTA HOSPITAL CEO RECEIVES GRASSROOTS CHAMPION AWARD



Courtesy photo Delta County Memorial Hospital.

Special to the Mirror

DELTA- CEO of Delta County Memorial Hospital Jason Cleckler received the American Hospital Association (AHA) 2018 Grassroots Champion award at the recent Colorado Hospital Association (CHA) annual meeting in Vail on July 12. Each year AHA partners with state hospital associa-

tions to recognize the achievements of grassroots leaders who effectively deliver the hospital message to elected officials; help broaden the base of community support for hospitals; and advocate tirelessly on behalf of patients, hospitals and communities. In 2017 and 2018 Cleckler was named in the top 60/50 Rural CEOs in the Nation to Know from Becker's Review.

He has actively worked on health care issues on behalf of rural hospitals with legislative representatives both on a state and national level. He is often quoted by local, statewide and national press as a spokesperson for rural hospital health care issues, including yahoo news, national public radio, and various health care publications.

He serves on the Colorado Hospital Association Board of Trustees, Western Health Care Alliance and Collaborative Care Organization boards, Western Workforce Development board, San Juan Accountable Care Organization board, Delta County Economic Development board, and is a member of the Delta Rotary Club.

Cleckler has been with this 49 bed district community hospital for a total of ten years and CEO for the past six years managing 650 employees in the hospital and nine outpatient care clinics. Prior to that time he was Chief Clinical Officer, Emergency Department Director and Trauma Nurse Coordinator at DCMH.

His health care career began in the 1990's when he first became a Registered Nurse(RN). During his career as an RN he worked in a variety of capacities including Inpatient Psychiatry, ER/Trauma, ICU, various management roles and as a clinical instructor with the University of Colorado.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

RABIES CONFIRMED IN BAT IN MONTROSE COUNTY

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The Montrose County Public Health Department has confirmed a case of rabies in a bat in the county. A member of the public observed a bat flying in an erratic pattern fall to the ground. The individual safely stored the bat and brought it to a local veterinarian for testing. The bat was then sent to the state lab where rabies was confirmed.

"At this time, there is no immediate danger to the public or cause for concern," said Montrose County Health and Human Services Director Stephen Tullos. The public health department would like to take the opportunity to remind community members to make sure their pets are up to date on rabies shots, avoid stray and wild animals, and take other precautions against rabies.

Rabies is a preventable viral disease of mammals most often transmitted through the bite of a rabid animal. The vast majority of rabies cases reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) each year occur in wild animals like raccoons, skunks, bats, and foxes.

Rabies in humans can be eliminated through ensuring adequate animal vac-

cination and control, educating those at risk, and enhancing access of those bitten to appropriate medical care. Rabies in humans is 100 percent preventable through prompt appropriate medical care but can be fatal in humans once symptoms appear.

-People who have been bitten or scratched by an unfamiliar animal should contact their health care provider and their local public health department immediately.

-If your pet has had contact with a skunk, bat, fox, raccoon or coyote, notify your veterinarian and your local health department.

-To report animals acting strangely, contact your local health department at 970-252-5000.

To avoid rabies

-Never touch or feed wild or stray animals. Don't leave pet food outdoors. If you need help with a sick or orphaned animal, don't handle the animal; instead, contact a wildlife rehabilitator right away. Contact a nearby animal shelter if you encounter a lost or stray dog or cat.

-Vaccinate your pets. Rabies shots should be given by a licensed veterinarian every

one to three years. Don't assume your pet is vaccinated; check records with your veterinary clinic.

-Leash your dog while walking or hiking.

-Keep pets inside at night. Keep dogs within your sight (fenced or on leash) when they are outside during the day.

-Vaccinate pastured animals annually.

Have a licensed veterinarian administer an approved large-animal rabies vaccine.

-Bat-proof your home (learn more at <https://www.cdc.gov/rabies/bats/management/>)

Recognizing sick wildlife

-Healthy wild animals normally are afraid of humans, but sick animals often do not run away from people.

-Wildlife with rabies often will act aggressively or will violently approach people or pets.

-Some rabid animals are overly quiet and passive and want to hide. Don't bother them.

-Rabid wildlife might have trouble walking, flying, eating or drinking.

For more information, visit the Colorado Department of Health & Environments site rabies web page at <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/rabies>.



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FOREST SERVICE TO REMOVE JUD WIEBE BRIDGE

Special to the Mirror

NORWOOD-The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests' Norwood Ranger District has announced plans to remove the Jud Wiebe Trail Bridge.

The 45-foot long bridge, which crosses Coronet Creek, is of a log stringer design constructed from timber native to the area. Over the past several years the west side of the bridge has been subject to significant structural damage, including the breaking of one section of the log stringers and the development of dry rot on the remaining sections. In the interest of public safety, a Forest Service Trail Crew will remove the bridge with July 24th, 2018 being set as the tentative start date. A rock ford crossing will be constructed in place of the bridge and the trail will be rerouted to this new crossing. The trail will remain open during this process, but the public is asked to exercise caution when using the bridge and to be aware of Forest Service workers in the area.

The Jud Wiebe Trail (NFST #432) is a high use, non-motorized loop trail that begins on Telluride's Aspen Drive and ends on Tomboy Road and gains 1,300 feet in elevation over 3 miles of Aspen groves and open meadows. The bridge is located 2 miles east of the Aspen Drive trailhead and is approximately 30 years old.

"One of our main priorities is ensuring the safety of the public on National Forest lands" Said Matt Zumstein, Norwood District Ranger "The removal the Jud Wiebe Bridge and the construction of rock ford will provide for safe and continued access to the area, while we explore long-term options."

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MIRROR IMAGES: OUT & ABOUT!



Clockwise from middle left, the 23rd Annual Black Canyon Quilt Show drew appreciative crowds all weekend long; there's a party at Riverbottom Park every day this summer, whether you prefer to climb around or get wet; enjoying a delicious snowball in Centennial Plaza on a hot, summer day. Mirror staff photos.



OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

A RESPONSE TO WATCH NEWSPAPER ADVICE COLUMNIST ALLISON PERRY

Allison:

I am responding to your commentary "Treasonous Trump" located in The Watch, and I am so grateful that you included your email address because the longer I read your article the angrier I became. I am going to assume that you are a person of money, probably more brains than most, which is why I am dumbfounded how you could live here in America and believe what is going on in this world is all Trump's fault. That is really dichotomous.

Having worked for human services, I know that each and every illegal who enters our country we pay for dearly. We pay for their housing, daycare, medical, food, cell phones, education and so much more. I know this is the type of person a Democrat would embrace because they want Americans to be dependent on the Government.

Obama was the worst instigator of this behavior. If a person is arrested for a crime and has a child with them, the child

will be taken away until someone comes to get them. Nothing new. Any person, not just illegals.

Those immigrants chose to come to America the wrong way. What did they expect would happen to the children, especially when most of those children were not even theirs? I am not opposed to any immigrant coming to this country if they come here legally.

All you know how to do these days is incite violence against law abiding citizens, take religion out of schools, flaunt gays, teach children in school about sodomy and how that's okay. I just can't wrap my mind around that behavior.

I believe Democrats are angered because all of Trump's successes are their failures. It's time that someone takes a stand for our rights in this country.

One of the worst states is California. These statistics came right out of the LA Times: 40% of all workers in LA County (10.2 million people) are working for cash

and not paying taxes. This is because they are predominately illegal immigrants working without a green card. 95% of warrants for murder in LA are for illegal aliens. 75% of people on the most wanted list in LA are illegal aliens. Over 2/3 of all births in LA County are to illegal alien Mexicans on Medi-Cal, whose births were paid for by taxpayers.

Nearly 35% of all inmates in CA detention centers are Mexican nationals that are here illegally. Nearly 60% of all occupants of HUD properties are illegal.

I suppose all of this is Trump's fault as well. NOT. The above statistics came out while Obama was in office.

This is an example of just one state. In Chicago 50% of murders are blacks killing other blacks. Oh yea, I suppose that is Trump's fault as well. Only a moron would believe these statistics are okay.

Thank you for inviting me to respond to your commentary.

Kathi Lewis, Montrose

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

BOAT RAMP AT CRAWFORD STATE PARK NOW CLOSED

Special to the Mirror

CRAWFORD-Water levels have dropped at Crawford State Park and the boat ramp at the reservoir closed at the end of the day on Sunday, July 22.

The reservoir is down 46 feet from full capacity. People can still put in hand-launched craft such as canoes, paddleboards and kayaks. However, boats with motors are no longer allowed this season.

Those using hand-launched craft are reminded that they must abide by regulations regarding life vests, lights and emergency sound devices.

Even with low water, fishing at Crawford State Park has been surprisingly good, according to park staff. Anglers are landing good catches of trout, catfish and large-mouth bass. Anglers are reminded that they can keep only one large-mouth bass that is 18 inches or longer. All other services and facilities at the campground are open. The park has 66 campsites.

For those with motorboats, the reservoir at Sweitzer Lake State Park just south of the town of Delta, is full and open for boating and water skiing. Sweitzer is a day-use park, so there is no camping.



CPW courtesy photo.

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For more information about Colorado's 41 state parks, go to: <http://cpw.state.co.us>.

HOW ARE YOU CELEBRATING COLORADO DAY?

Special to the Mirror

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Please learn more in our blog at www.alpinebank.com or check with your local museum for details.



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ART & SOL

BANDAGES ARE OFF FOR CUB HURT IN 416 FIRE; SHE IS NOW IN A PEN WITH OTHER ORPHANED BEARS

Special to Art & Sol

DEL NORTE-The bandages are off! A bear cub whose paws were burned during the 416 Fire near Durango has healed very well and no longer needs therapeutic wraps on her feet, Colorado Parks and Wildlife said Friday.

"The burns have healed nicely and at this point I'd say her paws are about 95 percent healed," said Michael Sirochman, manager of the Frisco Creek facility who has been treating the cub. "She still has a few nicks on her feet that we're keeping an eye on so we'll probably examine her a few more times during the next month."

On July 18, the cub was taken from a small pen where she's been isolated for about three weeks and placed in a large pen with four other bear cubs at CPW's wildlife rehabilitation center in the San Luis Valley.

In late June the cub was spotted by firefighters wandering alone in an area that had been burned in the fire. They called CPW wildlife officers who then captured the bear on June 22; it was taken to the Frisco Creek facility where treatment started the next day. Other than the burns, the bear was in good physical condition.

Sirochman explained that the bear now weighs 26 pounds; it was just 10 pounds

when it was brought in.

Sirochman applied an ointment and wrapped the bear's feet in fresh bandages every other day. About two weeks after it arrived, the bear started tearing off its bandages.

"When her feet hurt she left them alone. But as she began to feel better she became more active and pulled them off," Sirochman said.

He applied the bandages for the last time on July 11 but still kept her isolated, continuing to use a "spray on" bandage.

"She's only been with the other bears for a couple of days, but she appears to be settling in with them," Sirochman said.

The cubs are kept in a large, fully-enclosed pen that is equipped with logs, platforms and metal den boxes. Human contact is minimized so that the bears retain their wild instincts. The bears are fed a specially designed feed, but they're also provided cut branches full of native berries and some carrion. Sirochman hopes to get the bears' weight to about 90



The bear cub whose paws were burned in the 461 Fire near Durango has healed nicely and is now in a large pen with other orphaned cubs at a Colorado Parks and Wildlife facility. Courtesy photo Colorado Parks & Wildlife.

pounds so that they'll have plenty of fat to make it through hibernation.

The bears will continue to be fed a full ration into early December; then the amount will be reduced and stopped completely by the middle of the month. Without food the bears will follow their natural instincts and go into hibernation within a few days. The bears are provided hay which they stuff into the den boxes which measure about five-feet square. Surprisingly, four or five of the bears will all go into the enclosure together.

"They really like to bunch up like that,"

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Sirochman said. It's anticipated that in January the bears will be taken to a remote area – when there is plenty of snow on the ground – where wildlife officers will build dens using hay bales and tree branches.

And when spring comes they'll emerge from the dens and be on their own to start their lives again as wild bears.

After news of the cub's rescue, several people made donations to Frisco Creek.

"The contributions were a total surprise and we're very grateful for and appreciate the support," Sirochman said. "The money will be put to good use here."

For more information about bears and Colorado Parks and Wildlife, go to: <http://cpw.state.co.us/>, and <http://cpw.state.co.us/aboutus/Pages/Donate.aspx>.

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & CULTURE

ARTISTS' ALPINE HOLIDAY 58TH ANNUAL JURIED ART EXHIBIT RETURNS TO OURAY JULY 24-AUG. 4

Special to Art & Sol

OURAY-Artists' Alpine Holiday 58th Annual Juried Art Exhibit takes place July 26 – Aug. 4 @ Ouray Community Center, 320 6th Ave., Ouray:

Thursday & Friday July 26 & 27 - 10am - 7pm

Saturday & Sunday July 28 & 29 - 10am - 6pm

Monday July 30 - Saturday August 4 - 10am - 5pm

Go to ourayarts.org for information on how to enter and other details.



MONTROSE ELKS LODGE: ELK TRACKS



Montrose Elks Lodge

MONTROSE-Welcome to Elk Tracks, a periodic update of what is taking place at our local Montrose Elks Lodge, located at 801 So. Hillcrest, Montrose CO 81401. BINGO Tuesday July 24, 2018

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Come on by the Elks Lodge on July 24th for a chance to win great prizes playing Bingo:

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For the best Bingo game in the area *be sure to visit Montrose Elks Lodge every Tuesday evening at 6: PM to play Bingo.* We are located at 801 South Hillcrest Drive in Montrose, CO 81401. It's a won-



derful way to spend the evening having fun! *Public is welcome, funds raised playing Bingo support local charities.*

READER PHOTO SPOTLIGHT: DEB REIMANN & LEWIS BELL



A rainbow near Cow Creek. Photo by Deb Reimann.



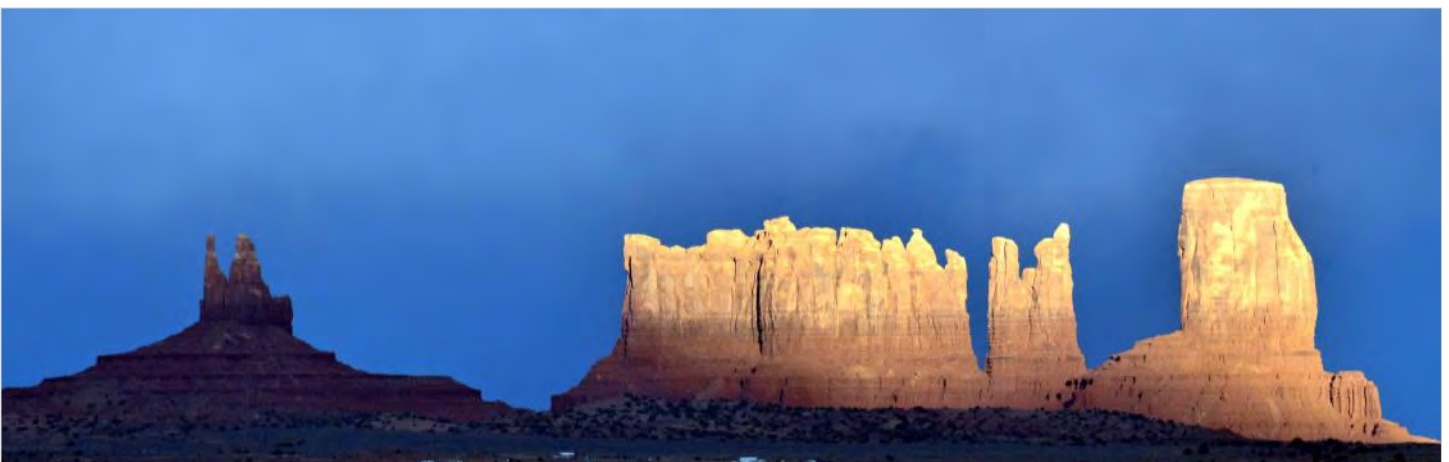
A hummingbird stopped by the feeder. Photo by Lewis Bell.



Ewes and lambs on a ledge at Colorado National Monument. Photo by Deb Reimann.



Moon and clouds over Montrose. Photo by Deb Reimann.



Monument Valley, Utah. Photo by Deb Reimann.



DELTA DAYS

JULY 26-29, 2018
DELTA, COLORADO

THURSDAY, JULY 26

- **Farmer Rancher Luncheon** Sales Yard, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
- **Altrusa Barbecue** Confluence Park, 5:00-7:30 p.m.
- **Color Run** Confluence Park, 7:00 p.m.
- **Movie in the Park** Confluence Park, Dusk

FRIDAY, JULY 27

- **Rodeo** Roundup Club Arena
 - **Mutton Bustin'**, 7:00 p.m.
 - **Rodeo**, 8:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 28

- **Parade** Main Street, 10:00 a.m.
- **Car Show** Confluence Park, 10:00 a.m.
- **Vendor Village** Confluence Park, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- **Street Dance** 4th & Main, 6:00-11:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 29

- **Community Church Service**
Confluence Park 10:00 a.m.
- **Abraham Connection Fundraiser Luncheon** after church



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Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes

Doing the Chilean Fungi Fest



Vero López and Art Goodtimes on the Chilean Mushroom Tour (photo by Vero López).

VALDIVIA ... I think I liked Valdivia best of all Chile's cities I visited. It's known by tourism boosters as *La Perla del Sur* (*The Pearl of the South*) ... Its Pedro de Valdivia bridge made the link walkable between *Universidad Austral de Chile* and downtown, where the hostel for El Grupo was located. We must have crossed the span on foot a dozen times -- as university students did daily, a hardware bin of sealed antique locks with initials latched to every inch of metal grillwork ... A small-ish city of maybe 200,000, Valdivia is only 125 miles north of Monte Verde -- a famous archaeological site of remains a thousand-years older than the Clovis culture (carbon-dated to 18,500 BP, Before the Present). It was where a 13,000 year old wild potato species was found, *Solanum maglia* ... The Great Chilean Earthquake of 12,960 [1960 CE] was the most powerful earthquake ever recorded, at magnitude 9.5. Damage from the *terremoto* was still visible -- twisted wrecks in the river, foundations of destroyed homes on isolated hillsides ... The first day we arrived at probably the nicest lodging of the trip, Hostal Río de

Luna, polished wood bannisters, jovial innkeeper and very pleasant rooms. We no sooner unpacked then we were whisked off to the university, where the second year of an annual Fungi Fest was underway. Our host, Giuliana Furci, had helped found the event. Entering the university hall with its myriad booths and vendors, Giuliana introduced me to the organizers, Antonia Diseñau Flandes and Robert Muñoz Alocilla. Voila! Instant recognition. They knew me as the crazy Parade-master from all the many photos they'd seen of the Telluride Mushroom Festival. Soon we were hugging and jumping up and down with excitement. They immediately gifted me with a lovely felt mushroom hat, and I gave them my Shroompa ballcap. We were all ecstatic, even if no one could really speak the other's language. I bought a marvelous color chapbook children's story that Antonia had written and illustrated, *Guillermina y los Fungi* (Spiralia, Valdivia, 2017) ... My friend Gerry McDonald wrote a journal of the tour, and remembered some of the offerings at the Fungi Fest: "There were

many booths setup with artwork, jewelry, leather products, mushrooms and tinctures for sale and a grand display with a young senorita named Camellia. She showed me a piece of *Grifola gargal*, which she said typically grows on dead *Nothofagus dombeyi*. I also met a guy named Rodrigo who had a large display of *Lactarius deliciosus* and boxes of a tan colored coral fungus" ... Turns out that El Grupo had made it to the last day of the three-day event, and they asked Britt to give a talk, which Giuliana translated, proceeded by a poem by Shroompa. I did an improvised Talk/Yell poem, as Claire Blotter had taught us when she came to visit Telluride this spring. Making things up on the spot, I talked about the wonders of the Telluride Mushroom Festival in English between choruses where we all yelled the parade mantra in Spanish, *Amamos Nosotros Los Hongos* ("We Love Mushrooms") ... Here's how McDonald describes the scene: "I thought it very interesting how [Art's] persona morphed into a bigger-than-life character when he performed with his red muscaria hat ... Britt's talk was about happenings in the US, mushroom clubs, associations and festivals, with an emphasis on entheogens and ended with emphasis on the crown jewel, Mushroomfest in Telluride, Colorado. There were several questions after the talk and one could definitely tell that Giuliana is a celebrity in the Chilean mushroom community" ... Even more special, after a marvelous dinner, I followed Giuliana and her assistants, Vero López and Caue Caue, to a private post-Fungi Fest party in the back room of a downtown bar. Since everyone was talking wildly in Spanish, I was lost, although they cheered me and we all joked with gestures. But luckily I sat next to a young woman from Santiago who had come down for the fair, Constanza Fabiola Gonzalez. She translated some of the repartee around the large table, where various folks were acting out songs from a cult TV series that had long vanished from the

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local airwaves. It was a lovely evening with lovely people. And we chatted about Chile and lots of stuff, from politics to social differences ... At the end of the night, I found myself hugging people goodbye whom I only knew from their smiles.

RICHARD GARCIA ... This Roman Catholic bishop of Monterey (where my mother's father's great-great-great-great grandfather Jose de Santa Cruz was *jefe de policia* in 18th Century [CE] California) has just passed away. He was two years behind me at St. Joseph's Seminary in the Los Altos Hills (retired Colorado Supreme Court Judge Gregory Hobbs was a year ahead), but I don't remember Richard ... By all accounts Garcia was a good man, well-liked by all, hard-working, compassionate. But what touched me most was what one of my religious colleagues said about him on SemNet, "He was the first bishop to offer an apology to local Native Americans for their past treatment by the Catholic Church as part of reconciliation"

WEEKLY QUOTA ... "It didn't make a lot of money, but most of my clothes are paid for." –Kevin Haley, publisher of the *San Juan Horseshoe*, a satirical Western Slope newspaper since 1977, although only in cyberspace these days and no longer running a print edition.

THE TALKING GOURD

Astrology

"[W.H.R.] Rivers states that secret societies occur in the more backwards portions of Melanesia"

-Edwin M. Loeb, *Tribal Initiations & Secret Societies* (Univ. of Cal. Publ. in American Archaeology & Ethnobotany, vol. 25, No. 3, pp 249-288, 1929)

Pre-contact, among the *Patasiwa* (People of Nine)
of West Ceram (Seram) in the Moluccas (Spice Islands)

the chief of the *soa* (family clan) is often also
a *mauwen* – a shaman who talks to the *nitu*

(ancestor ghosts) in the family *baleo* (clan house)
Mauwen means "reveal the future"

On the cusp of the Anthropocene among European
descendants scattered across the globe

the Graeco-Roman movement of the stars & planets
precisely calculated, at the time of one's birth

is said to "reveal the future" -- in changed positions
measured from one's time/space first breath

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What one works at
works for one
Humans invent things
as magical sideboards
for cultural certainties
But mystery doesn't work

It plays us

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

RADIO ROOM WELCOMES ARTIST CARY MORIN AUG. 16

Special to Art & Sol

GRAND JUNCTION-The KAFM Radio Room proudly presents an evening with Cary Morin on Aug. 16. Roots-based singer and fingerstyle guitarist Morin brings together the great musical traditions of America and beyond like no other artist. His lyrics range from blues to folk, and shine a light on his Native American Heritage and small town life in America.

The son of an Air Force officer, Morin was born in Billings, Montana, and spent the bulk of his youth in Great Falls before moving to Northern Colorado. He is a Crow tribal member and has written in support of the efforts of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe.

Morin has produced or performed on more than 20 recordings. He has toured across the US, as well as Japan, France, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Spain, Belgium, Denmark, Estonia, Norway, Ireland, Sweden, and the UK.

Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door and can be purchased by calling (970) 241-8801, or online at www.kafmradio.org. The Radio Room is located at 1310 Ute Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501. Performance is at 7:30pm, and doors open to the public at 7p.m.



Cary Morin. Courtesy photo.

SPEND AN EVENING WITH GERRY SPEHAR AUG. 2



Gerry Spehar. Courtesy photo.

Special to Art & Sol

GRAND JUNCTION-Gerry Spehar, born and raised in Grand Junction, received his first guitar at age 13 from his uncle, who he

and back, and studying abroad in France where he played all over Europe in train stations and cafes, and living off tips. After returning to Colorado to be with his col-

lege sweetheart whom he later married, he formed a duo with his brother George. The Spehar Brothers were a very well-known and popular act of the mountain and Midwest club circuit, where they opened for Boz Scaggs, Ian & Sylvia, John Fahey and others. While Gerry decided to give up performing in exchange for a life-style centered on his family, he never put down his guitar. Thirty years later, he produced two albums in two consecutive years – *I Hold Gravity* in 2017, and *Anger Management* this year. *I Hold Gravity* was a tribute to Sue, his wife and college sweetheart, who passed from cancer after hearing the songs brought to completion in her last days. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door and can be purchased by calling 970.241.8801 or online at kafmradio.org. The Radio Room is located at 1310 Ute Avenue, Grand Junction. Performance is at 7:30p.m., and doors open to the public at 7p.m.



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COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & RECREATION

SPOTLIGHTING SCENIC & HISTORIC BYWAYS

Special to Art & Sol

DENVER – Colorado's Scenic & Historic Byways are being highlighted through various channels this summer, as the tourist season shifts into high gear.

First, a new exhibit at Denver International Airport is highlighting all 26 of the state's Scenic & Historic Byways. Two photos of each designated route are being displayed to entice travelers after they land. The photos are displayed at the A Gates, Y-Juncture Gallery, located past the A-security checkpoint through October 2018.

Second, combining Byways with bicycling is the focus of the newly designed Bicycle and Byways map, published by the

Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT). The map serves as a guide for selecting routes best suited to the interests and abilities of sightseers. State and federal roadways also are color coded by shoulder width and traffic volume, with the Scenic and Historic Byways easily identified by yellow highlights and reference numbers. The map also is available online, providing an information "zoom in" about resources and amenities in local communities. Third, Colorado Scenic and Historic Byways and other organizations are joining together to host the international Preserving the Historic Road 2018 Conference this September in Fort Collins. The conference is bringing together

many groups, with a primary focus on the future of historic roads in the United States and around the world. CDOT's Economist Oana Deselnicu, PhD, will be discussing how the state's economy is enhanced as part of the *Benefits of Colorado's Scenic and Historic Byways* presentation. For more conference information, please visit www.historicroads.org. Eleven of Colorado's 26 byways are designated by the U.S. Secretary of Transportation as America's Byways®, which gives Colorado more national designations than any other state. To order maps, other publications or for more information about the Scenic and Historic Byways, please visit www.ColoradoByways.org.

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & CULTURE

LIVER DOWN THE RIVER RETURNS TO THE SHERBINO THEATER

Special to Art & Sol

DURANGO-From Durango, Colorado comes a six piece band of musicians called Liver Down The River. The group has their roots in countless river floats, campfires, late night picking, and Colorado living.

Since its creation in 2012, the band has strived to have nothing but a good time. Their unique sound and high energy performances have lead them to share the stage with the likes of The Infamous Stringdusters, Railroad Earth, The New Mastersounds, and Poor Man's Whiskey, to name a few.

The band got their start in 2012 when Patrick Storen and Emily Winter met and started playing music together. A few common fiddle tunes and Grateful Dead numbers later, the two were ready to perform. Searching for the missing link, they enlisted the help of funk master and bass player Derek Abt. In time, young "river ridin,' flat-pickin'" Dylan Ruckel joined on guitar.

With the addition of New Orleans native Cy Fontenot on drums and funky keys man

Tyler Smith, the music comes to life.

The band released their five track Liver Down The River EP on June 30, 2015. One year later on April 8, 2016, the band released their first full length album, Life You Love.

On these tracks, Liver Down the River strives to cap-

ture the immense energy felt during the live shows, and to showcase each musician's skills. Attempting to reflect the beautiful, yet powerful and expansive essence of the Colorado country, the inspiration comes truly... from living the life you



Liver Down the River. Courtesy photo.

love.

Liver Down The River hits the stage Saturday July 28 at 8 pm, doors and bar open at 7:30 pm. \$10 entry at the bar.

For more info go to sherbino.org or call 970-318-0150.

HISTORY COLORADO ANNOUNCES NEW STATE HISTORIANS COUNCIL

Special to the Mirror

DENVER- History Colorado has announced the formation of its first State Historians Council in its 139-year history in Colorado. The State Historians Council will be led by noted historian and author Dr. Tom Noel, who will be joined on the council by respected historians from across the state. The new council will include Dr. Noel (University of Colorado Denver) as the chair; Dr. Nicki Gonzales (Regis University); Dr. Jared Orsi (Colorado State University); Dr. Duane Vandebusch (Western State Colorado University); and Dr. William Wei (University of Colorado Boulder).

The State Historians Council will reach across the state to aid in interpretation of the history of Colorado and the West.

Through collaboration among historians led by the Council, History Colorado will seek to support citizens of Colorado and visitors to our State by bringing the narratives of the state to the forefront.

Since 1924, History Colorado has appointed a historian to work with the organization to preserve, interpret, and share Colorado's past.

The role of the State Historians Council will be to provide even greater opportunity to expand the understanding of the historical perspectives, cultures, and places of Colorado. Councilmembers of the State Historians Council will work with History Colorado to produce and share scholarship about Colorado and connect with more residents throughout the state.

On Colorado Day, Aug. 1, 2018, these changes will take effect and the new State Historians Council will be introduced to the public. The History Colorado Center celebrates Colorado's statehood every year with free museum admission, performances, and activities.

Since 2016, Dr. Patty Limerick of the University of Colorado Boulder and the Center of the American West has served as the State Historian.

"Dr. Limerick brought great expertise to the role and helped lead the evolution of our exhibition direction," said Robert Musgraves, chair of the History Colorado board of trustees. "We deeply appreciate Dr. Limerick and her service to the citizens of Colorado."



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8:30-10am Free Pancake
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10-12:00pm Face
Painting

12-1:30pm Free BBQ

12-2pm Chocolate
Powerhouse Pudding
Recipe Demo and Samples

4-6pm Free Ice Cream
Social —Sundaes and Floats

5:30-8pm Black Canyon
Classics Car Show

*No purchase necessary. A purchase
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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & CULTURE

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RENOWNED PHOTOGRAPHER JAY BLAKESBERG NEWEST GALLERY ARTIST AT HEALTHY RHYTHM ART GALLERY

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MONTROSE-Healthy Rhythm Creative Group™ is extremely pleased to announce that acclaimed rock 'n roll photographer *Jay Blakesberg (Jay Blakesberg Photography)* is the newest Gallery Artist at Healthy Rhythm Art Gallery, located at historic Sampler Square in downtown Montrose, Colorado.

"I am really looking forward to working with Healthy Rhythm Art Gallery's newest Gallery Artist, Jay Blakesberg", stated gallery owner/curator Ken Vail.

Vail said, "Jay has photographed many of the biggest names in rock 'n roll since the late '70s. Having his iconic rock music photography in my art gallery is a significant step in fulfilling my dream of creating a special place in Montrose, Colorado for Art and Music.

"Today is a very exciting day for Healthy Rhythm Art Gallery", said Vail.

Jay Blakesberg Photography will soon be on display at Healthy Rhythm Art Gallery for viewing and purchase, as well as available for purchase through our online gallery store at www.healthyrhythm.net. Some of the artists Jay has photographed over his 40+ year career, that will be available in signed, Limited Edition fine art prints, include the Grateful Dead, Tom Petty and The Heartbreakers, Tom Waits, Neil Young, Bob Dylan, Stevie Ray Vaughn, Stone Temple Pilots, Nirvana, Pearl Jam, Soundgarden, U2, Radiohead, Red Hot Chili Peppers, John Lee Hooker, Muddy Waters, James Cotton, R.E.M, Led Zeppelin, Greenday, Ice-T, Dr. Dre., Snoop Dog, The Flaming Lips, David Byrne, Primus, Sonic Youth, Jane's Addiction, Fiona Apple, Beastie Boys, Issac Hayes, Metallica, Iggy Pop, Joni Mitchell, and Willie Nelson. Contact Ken Vail at (323) 270-6284 or stop by Healthy Rhythm Art Gallery (68 S Grand Ave, Montrose, CO) for more information.



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June 28
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July 3

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July 7

Tuesday
July 10

Wednesday
July 11

Friday
July 13

Saturday & Sunday
July 14-15

Wednesday
July 18

Wednesday
July 25

Saturday
July 28



THE LITTLE PRINCE
(Appropriate for all ages)
June 28th - June 30th @ 7:00 pm (showtime) (Doors Open 30 minutes prior)
July 1st @ 4 pm (showtime) (Doors Open 30 minutes prior)
Tickets, available in advance online at www.sherbino.org:
Reserved Seats: \$20. Adults: \$15. Youth: \$8. Student \$12. Senior \$12.

LIVE MUSIC: LEFT ON TENTH
Doors @ 7:30. Music around @ 8. \$5 Entry at the Door.



OPEN MIC NIGHT
5-9 pm, 2 monitors & 2 mics provided, Entry By Donation

LATIN FEVER STREET SALSA NIGHT
Doors and Salsa Lesson @ 6:30. DANCING begins @ 7. \$8 entry.



SHERB TALK: DEMOCRACY & SOCIAL MEDIA WITH DR. RYAN MURPHY
Doors @ 7 pm. Talk @ 7:30 pm. \$10 Donation Suggested at Door.

Alpine Bank's **FREE FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT**
Free-Tured Film: A WRINKLE IN TIME
Doors 6:30 pm. Movie @ 7:00pm. FREE! Concessions & Bar Available!



CHILDREN'S THEATER PERFORMANCES WILLY WONKA
Saturday @ 2 pm and 6 pm. Sunday @ 2 pm. By Donation.



SHERB NERDS Trivia Night
Doors and cash bar at 6:30pm. Trivia at 7:00pm. Entry by donation.



SHERB TRAVEL TALKS GLOBETROTTERS
Doors at 6:30pm. Talks at 7:00pm. Entry by Donation

LIVER DOWN THE RIVER
Doors @ 7:30 pm. Music @ 8 pmm. \$10 at the Door.








Save the Date! Upcoming Regional Events

CURRENT/ONGOING-

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS meeting every 3rd Thursday at 6 p.m. at Friendship Hall in Montrose. All veterans with at least a 10 percent service connected disability are welcome. For more information call [\(970\)964-4375](tel:9709644375).

MONTROSE TOASTMASTERS

Meetings every 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm at Proximity; 210 E Main St, Montrose, CO 81401.

MONTROSE HISTORICAL MUSEUM-"Montrose County Historical Society Presents" is held at 7 pm on the first Wednesday of each month in the Pioneer Room of Friendship Hall, 1001 N. 2nd St. The public is invited to free programs based on topics of regional history. For more information please call 249-2085.

MONTROSE COUNTY GOP MEETING

6:30 p.m. second Thursday of each month.

MC-GOP Headquarters at 242 E. Main.

Information: 970-765-7406

MONTROSE COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN MEETING

Noon - third Fridays.

Hampton Inn, [1980 North Townsend Ave.](#)

Information: Dianna 970-249-0724

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July 26-Aug. 4-Artists' Alpine Holiday 58th Annual Juried Art Exhibit, July 26 – Aug. 4 @ Ouray Community Center, 320 6th Ave., Ouray: Thursday & Friday July 26 & 27 - 10am - 7pm; Saturday & Sunday July 28 & 29 - 10am - 6pm; Monday July 30 - Saturday Aug. 4 - 10am - 5pm

Go to ourayarts.org for information on how to enter and other details.

July 28-Liver Down the River. Saturday, July 28th. Doors @ 7:30pm, Music @ 8 pm. \$10 entry at the door.

July 29-Montrose Altrusa Voice of the San Juan's competition (Blind auditions are July 29, Magic Circle Theatre) final performances at the Pavilion Sept. 15).

Aug. 4-Olathe Sweet Corn Festival! The Festival is proud to announce that Grammy Nominated Artist Eric Paslay will headline the 27th Annual event! The Olathe Sweet Corn Festival is proudly presented by City Market and Alpine Bank and is a component fund of the Montrose Community Foundation. For more information and online ticket sales please visit www.olathesweetcornfest.com.

Aug. 6--Montrose Giving Club meets at the Bridges Golf & Country Club of Montrose, 5:30 p.m. Open to ALL women who can afford the \$100 donation and a \$10 hospitality fee.

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Aug. 7-National Night Out, an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships, will take place at Target on Tuesday, Aug. 7, 2018. Don't miss the opportunity to personally meet and greet local law enforcement members and first responders.

Aug. 8-Montrose Indian Bingo, 5-8:30 p.m. @ the Montrose High School Cafeteria, hosted by Montrose Elks Lodge. A fundraiser for Montrose Indians Football Team. \$20 per bingo pack, eight games, no limit on bingo packs purchased. Prize package raffles throughout the evening.

Aug. 11 & 12--34th Annual Ridgway Rendezvous Arts & Crafts Festival. The 34th Annual two-day festival comes to Ridgway's beautiful Hartwell Park every summer on the second weekend of August, showcasing fine arts and original crafts from up to 150 talented vendors from across the country. Art demos, free craft activities, great food and libations and family-friendly live entertainment round out the offerings, making this one of the Western Slope's most highly anticipated art shows of the season. Runs Saturday 9-5 and Sunday 10-4. Aug. 12-Celebrated folksinger, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist (and Montrose native) Ashleigh Caudill will perform at the Libraries of Montrose County Foundation Annual Concert, Sunday, Aug. 12, 3-5 p.m. Montrose Pavilion. Free tickets available at the Montrose Regional Library. Generously underwritten by: Home Loan State Bank, DMEA/Elevate, and the Friends of the Montrose Library.

Aug. 13-River of Lost Souls Reading, Monday, Aug. 13, Sherbino Theater, 604 Clinton St., Ridgway. Come meet and ask questions of author Jonathan P. Thompson about the gripping story behind the 2015 Gold King Mine disaster that turned the Animas River orange with sludge and toxic metals. Organized in cooperation with the Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership. For info: <http://www.uncompahgrewatershed.org/events/>

Aug. 26-3rd Annual Log Hill Hustle 5K 10K Fun Run On the Mesa Sunday, August 26, 7 am registration, 8 am start. Register at www.FortunaTierra.com.

Sept. 8-Denim and Diamonds fundraiser for Dreamcatcher Therapy Center (DCTC). This year the Ghost River Band will be playing, and Rib City Grill will be providing food. Denim and Diamonds will be held at the Montrose Pavilion Sept. 8; an entry fee of \$40 is charged. DCTC is looking for table sponsors at \$250 each, as well as auction items for a live and silent auction. All proceeds will go to supporting DCTC and End of the Trail Rescue. For more information or donating you may call 970-323-5400.

Sept. 15 - Museum of the Mountain West presents "Romancing the West," a journey through the trials and triumphs of the people of the west, celebrating their diverse cultures, lives and legacy from the Old West through the Great Depression, The Golden Age of Hollywood, and into the Modern West. Performances by Romancing the West's Cowboy Poet/Balladeer Butch Martin and Singer and Songwriter Christina Lynn Martin.

Sept. 15-Ouray Ice Park – Uncompahgre River Canyon Cleanup & BBQ, Saturday, Sept. 15, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Join the Ouray Ice Park and Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership volunteers to pick up litter and debris in the ice climbing areas of the Uncompahgre River Canyon in Ouray. Then, enjoy a BBQ party to celebrate our efforts. For info: <http://www.uncompahgrewatershed.org/events/>

Oct. 6-7-41st Annual Cedaredge AppleFest in Cedaredge.

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There's been a party in the riverbottom every day this summer, and Sunday, July 22 was no exception, as locals took to the Uncompahgre River to escape the heat, hang with friends, and in some cases, do a quick back flip off the bridge.



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