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IT'S A DEAL! ABEL REELS COMMITS TO MONTROSE



"Montrose is a perfect place for this company," said MEDC Director Sandy Head, of the decision by Mayfly Outdoor to bring Abel Reels to Montrose. Head is pictured above (right) at an aerospace event Oct. 2.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-For months, Mayfly Outdoor, the parent company that owns Ross Reels, has worked with local entities including Montrose Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), Region 10 and city and county governments with the intent of bringing another of its properties here.

Now, it's a deal.

On Oct. 10 Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper issued a news release celebrating the announcement that Mayfly Outdoor will expand their headquarters in Montrose with the addition of more than 50 high-paying jobs. The company manufactures outdoor recreation products, and includes the brands Abel Reels, Ross Reels and Charlton Reels. Ross Reels, founded by Aerospace Engineer Ross Hauck in California in 1973, has been located in Montrose since the early 1980's.

"Mayfly Outdoor's continued growth and success is a significant win for Montrose, the state of Colorado and outdoor enthusiasts around the world," Hickenlooper said in the Oct. 10 release. "This innovative outdoor recreation manufacturer contributes to our mission of growing key industries, including tourism and outdoor recreation, to create new jobs."

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WATCH OUT FOR THE BIG YELLOW BUS!

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-When an 85-year-old driver pulled out in front of a school bus at Highway 90 and Niagara Roads on Oct. 10 and received a citation for careless driving, it was far from an isolated incident. However, the citation re-focused attention on an issue many local parents take for granted--the safety of the roughly 1,200 Re-1J students of all ages who depend on busses for transportation to and from school each day.

Montrose County School District Re-1J contracts with First Student, the largest school bus service operator in North America and one of the world's largest transportation providers. And while busses rarely make headlines here, First Student itself is no stranger to public scrutiny. After all, this is a massive company providing student transportation in 38 states in the U.S. and eight provinces in Canada. The fleet includes 49,000 busses and serves 6 million students twice a day, according to the company's

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WESTERN COLORADO HOSPITALITY SUMMIT SET FOR OCT. 23

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The 2014 [Western Colorado Hospitality Summit](http://www.westerncoloradohospitality.com) is offering the kickoff keynote address free and open to the public on Thursday evening, Oct. 23, thanks to the generous sponsorship of [Bank of Colorado \(Montrose-Olathe-Delta\)](http://www.bankofcolorado.com).

Thursday's line-up includes cocktails and networking in the lobby of the Montrose Pavilion, followed by an inspiring and entertaining keynote speech by award-winning presenter Jeff Havens, who will deliver "UnCrapify Your Life". The Western Business Alliance (WBA) and the City of Montrose Office of Business and Tourism (OBT) are co-presenters of the Western Colorado Hospitality Summit, a 2-day educational experience offered in Montrose, Colorado. Generous and forward-thinking sponsors and local chambers across Western Colorado are instrumental in the summit's success. (<http://westerncoloradohospitality.com/sponsors-supporters/>) "Education is an important element to business success, and we are lucky to have this summit right here in our backyard. We understand how important it is to be an active part of the communities

we serve and that's why we are proud to underwrite Thursday's night's networking event and keynote presentation.

We hope many people from our Western Slope communities will take advantage of this summit for the education, network opportunity and fun experience," said Kelsey McCarthy, President Bank of Colorado Montrose-Olathe-Delta.

Thursday Oct. 23 – all programs held at The Montrose Pavilion
1pm – 5pm: Certified Guest Services Professional (CGSP®) course, offered by Mesa University Professor of Hospitality (\$40 registration fee pays for books, space limited, must pre-register.)

5pm – 6pm: Networking & Cocktail reception. Free & Open to the Public.
6pm – 7pm: Keynote Address with Jeff Havens to present "UnCrapify Your Life."

Friday Oct. 24 – all programs held at The Montrose Pavilion
7:30am – 8:15am: Continental Breakfast sponsored by Alpine Bank
8:15am – 4:30pm: Full day agenda includes Presentations, Workshops, Lunch/Refreshments & Networking
Topics addressed at the Western Color-

ado Hospitality Summit include: First Impressions Over the Phone, Dealing with a Difficult Customer, Managing Your Business Facebook Page, From Good To Great, Customer Service in the Healthcare Environment and the Power of Public Relations among others.

Speakers include Rob Santilli, CEO of Gunnison Valley Hospital; Bryce Berry, owner of successful Gold's Gym franchises; Delaney Keating of the Colorado Small Business Development Center; Josh Abrams, Managing Partner of Abrams Marketing; Paul Magnani, Sales Manager of MBC Broadcasting and Leia Morrison, social media consultant, and more.

For more information and to register visit www.WesternColoradoHospitality.com or engage on Facebook, www.facebook.com/WesternColoradoHospitality. Individual ticket price for Friday's agenda is \$129; summit registration and CGSP® course receives a \$20 discount. Stay and Summit hotel discounts are also being offered online. For student tickets and group discounts (three or more), please contact Terri Leben at Terri@WBAColorado.com or (970) 901-6761.

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THE BEAT GOES ON AT MONTROSE MUSIC!

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Like music, life has its high notes and its low notes.

The first time he stepped away from his career as a school band director and music teacher more than a decade ago, Ken Crombie built the most successful "Learning Center" in the U.S. for the Denver location of the nation's largest provider of private music lessons, Mars Music.

"I was the king of private music lessons," laughed Crombie. "I'm not a corporate guy, but I was loving it. We had 500 students a week, consistently. The company was flying me around the country--I was a celebrity! Then 9-11 happened, the bottom dropped out of things, and the company went under. It sure was a fun place to be, but that was the end of Mars Music."

"So I renewed my license, and went back to teaching school."

Crombie, who now owns Montrose Music at 7 South Townsend, has experienced firsthand many of the vagaries of the economy over the past decade. As a drummer and professional music educator, his career has been focused on sharing a love for jazz with young people in communities across Colorado--and attempting, without success, to stay one step ahead of budget cuts to fine arts programs.

Today, if you need just about anything musical--from quality musical instruments that will stand the test of time, to sheet music, vinyl or even a Quilter Amp (Crombie is the only dealer in Colorado to carry the Quilter brand)--you can find it right here on South Townsend. And that's the whole point. Because now that he has a successful business of his own, Crombie wants to make things easier for local players and their parents.

"I want to give parents a local choice," he said. "We are a full-service music store--nobody needs to go to Grand Junction for anything, because we have it here."

As a parent himself, Crombie knows how important quality and service can be when it comes to choosing a band instrument.

"I was a teacher for more than 20 years, and have directed middle school and high school bands across the state," Crombie said, noting that he and his wife--who grew up in Montrose--moved back to the area in 2007 after budget cuts hit the band pro-

gram in Steamboat Springs where Crombie had been working. Later, after losing his job in a departmental consolidation in the Ouray School District, Crombie found himself once again hitting the streets in search of a paycheck. An attempt to break into another industry cost him his pension fund, so the stakes were high.

"My career was over, my wife was working part-time, and our unemployment was running out," he recalled. "But it seems like any time three doors would close for me, one would open."

At that point, Crombie--who had previously spoken with the former occupant of 7 South Townsend, Mesa Music owner John Crouch, about leasing space to open a lesson studio--went to Crouch with the idea of applying for a teaching job.

"We had never been able to come terms about leasing," Crombie said. "And when I re-introduced myself and applied for a job, he offered me \$10 an hour. I told him I needed at least \$15, and he said, 'let me think about it.'"

A week passed, and Crouch called Crombie and asked him to meet.

"And that was when he told me that he wanted out, that the building was for sale, and that he wanted me to buy the business," Crombie said. With support from Crouch, who carried the building loan, and independent, private financing for his inventory, the former "private lesson king" suddenly found himself back in business.

"John told me, 'you can do this.'" Crombie said. "We were destitute! I never thought it would happen. But I bought the building, the store and the music studio in July of 2012. When school started that fall, some local band directors put our business on the web site as a local option for parents. And the first week of August, we had a line around the block."

"Three months after we opened, we broke through the dividing wall and built a studio; today we are doing very well--word is getting out."



Montrose Music specializes in new and used instruments, rentals and repairs and private music lessons. The store can be reached at 249-4599, or online at montrosemusic.com

Sandy Head and Montrose Economic development Corporation (MEDC) have been very supportive as well, Crombie said.

"Sandy helped us navigate the city sign code--she has really been amazing for us," he said.

The store offers a full lesson studio in addition to instrument rental and sales, and Crombie hopes to eventually expand to Delta, open a local recording studio, and do more musical composition for school bands.

"When I was a band director I was constantly re-arranging music," he said. "So my next goal is to compose music for middle school bands."

Crombie has applied for a Mission Main Street grant to further expand the business, and finds himself adding new lines of merchandise regularly.

"It has always been about the quality of the music," he said. "The main thing I have learned is that people wanted this kind of a store here."

The recent announcement that local singer, songwriter and musician Yvonne Meek intends to open a jazz club upstairs in her Masonic Building in coming months is one that Crombie believes will elevate the arts scene in Montrose. "I am really excited about that," he said. "I really want to help in any way I can--I love jazz."

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CITY CHANNEL 10 TO BECOME CHANNEL 191

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE - Charter Communications, the City of Montrose cable television provider, is implementing a series of programming and service enhancements for their Montrose customers. Among the changes is a realignment of channel assignments

that will affect the city's Public, Education, and Government (PEG) channel.

Effective October 21, the PEG channel will move from Channel 10 to Charter's "Public Affairs Neighborhood" as Channel 191.

The city will continue to air live and rec-

orded broadcasts of City Council meetings on Channel 191, and move forward with efforts to provide expanded programming in the near future.

Live and on-demand video of City Council meetings is also available on the city's website at www.cityofmontrose.org/video.

MONTROSE VISITOR CENTER ANNOUNCES WINTER HOURS

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE - The City of Montrose Office of Business and Tourism (OBT) downtown visitor center will be closed in honor of Columbus Day on Monday, Oct. 13. Immediately following the holiday,

on Tuesday, Oct. 14, the center will shift to winter hours of operation and be open to receive visitors from 10 am-4 pm, Monday through Saturday. Winter is a great time to train and get acquainted with our systems and procedures. The downtown

visitor center is located at 107 South Cascade Avenue. Winter hours will be effective until May 15, 2015. People interested in volunteering are encouraged to call Jennifer Loshaw at [970.240.1435](tel:970.240.1435) to schedule an appointment.

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LUCINDA SCHROEDER RELEASES "PLUNDER OF THE ANCIENTS"

Special to the Mirror

IN THE HEART OF INDIAN COUNTRY in the American west, clandestine criminals were profiting greatly from the sale of sacred Native American artifacts stolen from tribal lands.

These artifacts were so ancient they had been used since the migration of the first Americans into North America some 15,000 years ago. In the year 1998, the illegal trafficking of these artifacts peaked in Santa Fe, New Mexico. At the same time, the tribes and pueblos in New Mexico and Arizona fell into crisis because many of their sacred ceremonies couldn't be conducted.

Without their ceremonial objects, sickness and deep depression became prevalent and the spiritual leaders became desperate to get their divine artifacts back to restore the health, happiness and balance of their people.

PLUNDER OF THE ANCIENTS is a rare look inside an undercover investigation in which special agent Lucinda Schroeder

reveals the details of her case in which she was assigned to expose Indian Art thieves and dealers in Santa Fe, New Mexico, who out of unmitigated greed, were exploiting sacred artifacts for huge sums of money. Her final task was to bring the criminals to justice; recover the sacred artifacts and return them to their rightful people.

But all did not go well for Schroeder. While her cover was airtight, she faced betrayal from people she regarded beyond reproach.

Her additional challenge then became to find out who was so determined to undermine and even destroy her mission of restoring the spiritual lives of Native Americans who were suffering.

PLUNDER OF THE ANCIENTS takes readers along on a dangerous and unprecedented assignment as Schroeder battles betrayal, evil spirits, and shape shifters for a cause she strongly believes in.

Learn more at www.lucindaschroeder.com
Buy it at Hastings, Amazon.com or from the author ventana@aol.com.



Popular author Lucinda Schroeder of Montrose has released her latest book—Learn more at www.lucindaschroeder.com. Buy it at Hastings, Amazon.com or from the author ventana@aol.com. Courtesy image.

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NOMINEES SOUGHT FOR 2015 TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The Montrose Education Foundation, Inc. is seeking nominations for the 2015 Montrose County School District RE-1J Teacher of the Year. The award, now in its thirteenth year, recognizes licensed classroom teachers for the significant contributions they make to their schools, district, and community. The program is modeled after the Colorado Teacher of the Year Program. One teacher from each of the three levels (elementary, middle school, and high school) will re-

ceive the award. Nominees are individuals who:

Inspire students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn;
Have the respect and admiration of students, parents, community, and colleagues;
Play an active and useful role in the community as well as in their school; and
Demonstrate high levels of academic achievement by their students.

Nominations may be made by students, parents, community members, and colleagues. A nominee must hold a Colorado

teaching license and be employed by Montrose County School District. The deadline is November 10, 2014. The application packet is available at www.montroseeducation.org.

Each nomination will be reviewed by the Montrose Education Foundation, and those nominees who meet the selection criteria will be introduced at the American Education Week reception hosted by the Foundation on Thursday, November 20, 2014. Winners will be announced on March 24, 2015.

OURAY COUNTRY WINTER SPORTS SWAP OCT. 17-18

Special to the Mirror

RIDGWAY-As the first snows fly in the San Juan Mountains, it's time to dust off your old gear and sell it at the 12th annual Ridgway Winter Sports Swap to support the George Gardner Scholarship Fund. While you're at it, might as well upgrade your snow riding swag in anticipation of deep "POW" ahead. Drop off your equipment and clothing on Friday, October 17th from 11 am to 4:30 pm at the Ouray Coun-

ty 4H Events Center, on Highway 550 just south of the Ridgway intersection light.

The Swap starts at 5 pm on Friday, October 17 until 9 pm.

Then continues on Saturday the 18th from 9 am to 1 pm. Fifteen percent of all goods sold will go to the George Gardner Scholarship Fund. The Telluride Ski Area will be at the Swap selling season passes and other products; as well as the Boot Doctors

and Gravity Works from Telluride who will be making some screaming deals on last year's hottest goods.

Pick up unsold gear and collect your check for goods sold gear on Saturday after the Swap from 2 to 5 pm. All for a great cause.

So we'll see you at the Ridgway 4 H Events Center on October 18... Swap till you drop!

CURECANTI MEDICAL SOCIETY OFFERS 2014 SCHOLARSHIPS

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Curecanti Medical Society is made up of Montrose and Gunnison physicians who are committed to assisting students who pursue training in a health related field. Once again, CMS will be accepting applications for four scholarship awards for training in the health sciences field. Applicants of any age participating

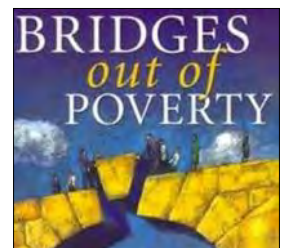
in training in a health related field are eligible to apply. Preference will be given to applicants from Montrose and Gunnison Counties who intend to return to their local communities to utilize their education and training. The scholarships are open to any high school graduate, nurse, medical student, therapist, hospital employee, or anyone seeking additional health sciences

training. Contact Julie Disher by phone at 240-7394 or via email to julie.disher@montrosehospital.com to obtain an application. Applications will be accepted through November 15. The recipient will be announced in December. The selection of the winner will be made by the Scholarship Committee of the Curecanti Medical Society.

BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY PROGRAM OFFERED

Special to the Mirror

REGIONAL-Presented by Gail Koehn and Rocky Mountain Health Plans on Oct. 20 at Region 10 in Montrose from 10 a.m. to Noon, and at Westminster Hall in Delta (145 East Fourth Street) from 2 to 4 p.m., and on Bridges Out of Poverty is a unique and powerful tool that has helped millions of service providers and businesses whose daily work connects them with the lives of people in poverty. Rocky Mountain Health Plans incorporates Bridges Out of Poverty for their Medicaid Regional Care Collaborative Organization (RCCO) Program. This presentation focuses on providing information to those that work in healthcare. To Register: Contact Gail.Koehn@rmhp.org or call 970-254-5736.



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"By working with partners such as the Montrose Economic Development Corporation, we are able to continue to bring about game-changing opportunities for Colorado."

The company had considered competitive opportunities in Arizona, Texas and Utah, the news release stated, adding that Colorado's Economic Development Commission (EDC) deployed a strategic fund performance-based incentive of \$280,000 in partnership with MEDC and with the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT).

MEDC Director Sandy Head noted that the company's objective is to make Montrose their corporate headquarters, adding 56-66 jobs over an eight-year span and promoting the region in marketing materials. The average salary would be \$46,250, which is 130 percent of the Montrose County Average according to MEDC. The relocation makes sense from a business standpoint, she noted.

"Montrose is a perfect place for this company when you take into consideration elements such as our gold metal fishing areas, the Gunnison River running through

the Black Canyon National Park, and the new whitewater park. Mayfly will complement our existing fly fishing companies --Scott Fly Rod here in Montrose and Whiting Farms in Delta."

The process has gone very smoothly as well, Head said.

On Oct. 6, the Montrose BOCC approved \$50,000 in funding for Montrose Economic Development Corporation to help Mayfly Group relocate Abel Reels to Montrose. On Oct. 7, Montrose City Council approved an economic incentives package for the Abel Reels Company for relocation, including a three-year abatement on the City's 3.3 percent sales and use tax on new manufacturing equipment during the company's first three years in Montrose (up to \$500,000); rent subsidies (up to a total of \$270,000) for a leased facility located within the city limits of Montrose for five years; and a \$50,000 cash grant for marketing Montrose as Headquarters for Abel Reels with advertising that must promote the community along with the company. Region 10 will make \$20,000 in funding available through its revolving loan fund, and other incentives include an

abatement of the City's building permit and tap fees if Abel Reels builds a new facility within City limits.

"The Mayfly project has been a perfect example of how the economic development effort used to work in Montrose and how it should work," Head said. "MEDC did the grunt work, working one on one with the prospect, communicating with the government entities, researching properties and utility needs and keeping the project on track."

"We appreciate the City and County coming to the table to work with us to make this happen. It takes a team effort and every element of the project was essential in securing the prospect in Montrose."

MEDC will continue to work with Mayfly as they go through the relocation process. The work does not stop with the approval of the incentive packages, Head said.

"We are excited by the proposal from the State of Colorado, the County of Montrose, and the City of Montrose. Each group has been great to work with," said David Drago, president of Mayfly Outdoors.

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HHS DIRECTOR PEG MEWES ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

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MONTROSE-Montrose County Health and Human Services (HHS) Director Peg Mewes R.N., announced her retirement after 30 years of service in Montrose County. Mewes has been Director of HHS since March of 2002 and has also served as Deputy HHS Director, Registered Nurse, Nurse Health Supervisor, Nursing Administrator and Director of Nursing Services/Public Health Administrator. At this time, Deputy HHS Director Carol Friedrich will serve as the Interim Director of HHS until future plans are announced.

ARM YOURSELF WITH MONTROSE COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES VACCINATION CLINIC

MONTROSE-Montrose County Health and Human Services will be hosting an open vaccination clinic on Thursday, Oct. 23 from 1 - 5 p.m. in Cerise Park in Montrose. The clinic will provide the following free vaccinations: Dtap for children, Tdap for adults and children 11 and older and pneumovax for seniors. Flu shots will also be available for \$25 to \$30 depending on the type (high-dose for seniors, mist and regular).

"This single point of distribution exercise, otherwise known as a POD, is a drill that will help identify areas of improvement for our mass vaccination plans," said Emergency Preparedness Coordinator **Teri Watkins**. "This system would be formally implemented only in the event of

an emergency such as a pandemic."

"Our goal is to be prepared for all types of emergencies and to encourage our citizens to make their own preparations as well," said Emergency Manager **Don Angell**. "This POD is especially timely as there was recently a confirmed case of Ebola in the United States. So the more public participation for the drill, the better able we are to identify areas needing improvement in our plans."

There will also be open clinics for Nucla/Naturita at the Basin Clinic (421 Adams St, Naturita, CO 81422) and in Olathe at the Olathe Community Clinic (500 U.S. 50 Business, Olathe, CO 81425) from 1 - 5 p.m., with the same vaccinations. The Montrose POD is a drive-through clinic,

so individuals have the opportunity to stay in their vehicle while receiving the appropriate immunizations. Alternative plans will be available for those on foot or other modes of transportation to receive the free immunizations as well.

This is a collaborative effort led by Watkins and Angell in conjunction with Montrose County Health & Human Services, Montrose County Sheriff's Office, Montrose County Public Works, Montrose Police Department, City of Montrose Public Works, the Montrose Fire Protection District, WRETAC, Montrose Memorial Hospital and the Montrose County Sheriff's Posse. If you would like to volunteer to help during the exercise, please contact Teri Watkins at [970-252-5058](tel:970-252-5058).

HEALTH OFFICIALS KEEP CLOSE WATCH ON EBOLA DEVELOPMENTS

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--Montrose County Health and Human Services (HHS) is working cooperatively with the Montrose Memorial Hospital and Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) to ensure that our local area is prepared for not only assessing patients with Ebola symptoms, but that diligent monitoring and reporting is in place as well. There have been no identified cases in Colorado. At this time, Montrose County HHS and local authorities are taking appropriate precautions.

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Ebola is spread through direct contact (through broken skin or mucous membranes) with the body fluids (blood, urine, feces, saliva and other secretions) of a person who is sick with Ebola, or with objects such as needles that have been contaminated with the virus, or

with infected animals. **Ebola is not spread through the air. Ebola is not contagious until symptoms appear.**

Symptoms may appear anywhere from 2 to 21 days after exposure to Ebola, but the average is 8 to 10 days. Recovery from Ebola depends on the patient's immune response. People who recover from Ebola infection develop antibodies that last for at least 10 years.

Early recognition of Ebola is important for providing appropriate patient care and preventing the spread of infection. CDC and the CDPHE recommend health care providers evaluate any patients suspected of having Ebola, including patients with fever and other symptoms of Ebola and a history of travel to Sierra Leone, Guinea, Liberia and some parts of Nigeria within 21 days of the onset of symptoms. The most effective way to limit the spread of the Ebola virus is by tightly quarantining

infected individuals in hospitals, in their homes, or in Ebola treatment units (ETUs). Moreover, Montrose County HHS and Montrose Memorial Hospital urges citizens to practice careful hygiene—washing your hands with soap for at least 20 seconds, using alcohol-based hand sanitizer and avoiding contact with blood and body fluids. Montrose County HHS is working with CDPHE and Montrose Memorial Hospital to create a plan for Ebola response. A key component to limiting an Ebola outbreak is general education about Ebola, and an awareness of the disease and how it's spread. For more information, please visit the CDC website at <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/> or call CDPHE at 303-692-2700. If you or someone you know is afflicted with these symptoms and has a history of travel to Sierra Leone, Guinea, Liberia and areas of Nigeria, please seek medical help immediately.

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- Tammy's long career with DMEA will contribute to making her an outstanding County Commissioner.
- Worked at DMEA 35.5 years moving from draftsman to System Designer/Staking Engineer.
- Experience with all aspects of infrastructure planning and implementation.
- Familiarity with city and state statute regulations.
- Experience with interdepartmental communications and served as liaison for inter-governmental agencies.
- Customer relations and customer service.
- Proven Leadership and Governance.

FAMILY

- Colorado native and 1976 graduate of Cedaredge High School, Delta County, Colorado.
- Married to Robert for 37 years.
- Two adult children, Tara and Travis who live in Denver.

I BELIEVE THE TOP ISSUES FOR OUR COUNTY ARE:

- Restore Public Confidence in the Montrose County Government
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Delta County Commissioner Bruce Hovde at the Colorado Space Business Roundtable tour at Western Skyways Oct. 2.



L-R, JD Key and Re-1J Superintendent Mark MacHale listen to Colorado Board of Education candidates at 2Rascals Brewery Oct. 3.



L-R, Rick Eckert, Dee Laird and Bob Connor listen at the League of Women Voters BOCC Candidate Forum Oct. 9. Below, L-R, City Councilor Judy Ann Files, Airport Manager Lloyd Arnold and Republican Candidate for the Montrose BOCC District Two Seat Glen Davis took part in the Colorado Space Business Roundtable tour at Western Skyways Oct. 2.



Above, Democratic Candidate for the Montrose BOCC District Two seat Tammy Theis listens at the League of Women Voters Ballot Issues Forum at the Montrose Library Oct. 2. Below, citizen Roger Brown asks a question at the League BOCC Candidate Forum at City Council Chambers Oct. 9.



SPACE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE CONVERGES AT WESTERN SKYWAYS



L-R, Al Head talks about harmonics with Brett Isaac of Swiss-O-Matic; Tommy of Western Skyways preps an engine for a pressurized Beechcraft Baron.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE--On Thursday Oct. 2, business, education and economic development converged at the Western Skyways Facility, for an informational gathering intended to highlight Colorado's Aerospace Industry. The event, which included a facility tour, lunch, presentation and discussion with Colorado's Space Business Roundtable and other partner organizations, was targeted at those interested in providing products or services to the aerospace industry as well as those seeking more information.

According to its web site, this is the second year in a row the [Colorado Space Business Roundtable](#) has embarked on a statewide networking road trip, in an effort to foster dialog between aerospace leaders, chambers, economic development groups, public officials, academia and individual businesses.

"I just wanted to learn about aeronautics," said Rob Vavak, relationships manager at US Bank. "I also wanted to

tour a business that gets things done!"

For Montrose Airport Manager Lloyd Arnold, helping to sponsor the gathering made sound business sense.

"This brings people together in order to highlight business here in Montrose," Arnold said. "We want to let the broader aviation community know what our businesses here have to offer in terms of the aerospace industry."

Linda Riba of the Region 10 Small Business Resource Center said she would not have missed the chance to get out and visit with community and aviation leaders.

"At Region 10, we are interested in any effort to increase small business activity, and bring new jobs to our six-county region," Riba said.

And for local business, the networking tour was exactly that--a great opportunity to network. "We manufacture here in Montrose," Wayne Heinrich of 3M Abrasive said. "So we are here to introduce the products that we make."

Students involved in STEM programs

(Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) were also invited to come and take part, and learn about opportunities.

"I am excited about the potential our High School STEM students have the opportunity to be part of the CSBR Internship Program," MEDC Executive Director Sandy Head said. "This is a two-week long program that allows students to travel to Denver and be hands on with the aerospace companies on the Front Range such as Lockheed Martin and Boeing."

"MEDC was thrilled to be able to organize this event," she added. "The road tour provided the CSBR team, as well as individuals in our community, the opportunity to learn about the companies that we have right here in Montrose who currently supply products to the aerospace industry. In addition, it opened doors for the other companies in our area to become suppliers for specific aerospace companies or their subcontractors."

"It was a great opportunity to learn from each other and network together."

Head noted that CSBR Chair Stacey DeFore told the group that the Montrose meeting was the best one they had experienced on this trip.

"Our manufacturers did a great job displaying their products and we had a strong turnout," Head said. "We appreciated the help from Lloyd Arnold, director of Montrose Regional Airport, who provided our lunch, Pepsi Bottling for supplying the beverages, and Western Skyways for providing the venue and giving tours to the group. Everyone was impressed. It was a great showing for Montrose."



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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

CITY OF MONTROSE CELEBRATES COLORADO CITIES & TOWNS WEEK

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE – During the week of Oct. 20-26, 2014, the City of Montrose will join other cities and towns across the state to celebrate the first-ever “Colorado Cities & Towns Week.” This week has been created to recognize the many services municipal governments provide and their contribution to a better quality of life in Colorado.

Municipal government is the level of government closest to most citizens, and the one with the most direct daily impact upon its residents. Through Cities & Towns Week, municipalities from across the state will showcase and celebrate cities and towns and the many services they provide.

“We are excited about the upcoming events,” said Mayor Bob Nicholson. “We look forward to connecting with citizens and celebrating the services that the city

provides.”

Events planned for the week include a resolution by the City Council and a proclamation by the Youth Council. City Council members will distribute 5000 free “Stay Here. Play Everywhere.” bumper stickers, which will also be available at city facilities such as City Hall, the downtown Visitor Center, and the Pavilion Event Center.

The community is invited to join the Mayor, City Council members, and staff to enjoy coffee, juice, and donuts at a kickoff celebration on Tuesday, Oct. 21, from 8-9 a.m. in Centennial Plaza.

Citizens are encouraged to visit www.coloradocitiesandtowns.org to view informational videos highlighting variety of municipal topics. Spots include those designed to support the week-long awareness and educational campaign by recog-

nizing the role city government plays in citizens’ lives, from public safety to promoting the area’s culture and recreation.

“We hope citizens will join us in this celebration to learn more about their city and how it operates,” City Manager Bill Bell added. “The City of Montrose is dedicated to providing high-quality services in the most efficient and effective manner possible on behalf of taxpayers to make Montrose a wonderful place in which to live, work, and raise a family!”

Colorado Cities & Towns Week is sponsored by the Colorado Municipal League (CML), a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization established in 1923 that represents the interests of 267 cities and towns.

For more information on CML, visit www.cml.org. To learn more about the City of Montrose, please visit www.cityofmontrose.org.

DELTA CHAMBER RIBBON CUTTING-WELCOME RED SHED PRODUCE!



Special to the Mirror

DELTA-Red Shed Produce was welcomed as a new member of the Delta Area Chamber of Commerce on Friday, Oct. 3 with a ribbon cutting ceremony. They also kicked off the opening of their corn maze that afternoon. Cutting the ribbon is owner Jannifer Conley. Also pictured is (from left) Chamber Ambassadors Lynn Shirk with Heirlooms for Hospice; Josh Applegate with Farmers Insurance & Financial Services Applegate Agency; Nancy Wood, Re/Max Mountain West Real Estate Agent; Kara Byers, manager of Red Shed; City Council member Robert Jurca; and Ambassador Phyllis Hoffman with Western Slope Long Term Care Solutions. In addition to the corn maze, Red Shed offers delicious, fresh local season produce, as well as value-added products like pie fillings, salsas, jams and more. Stop by and see them!

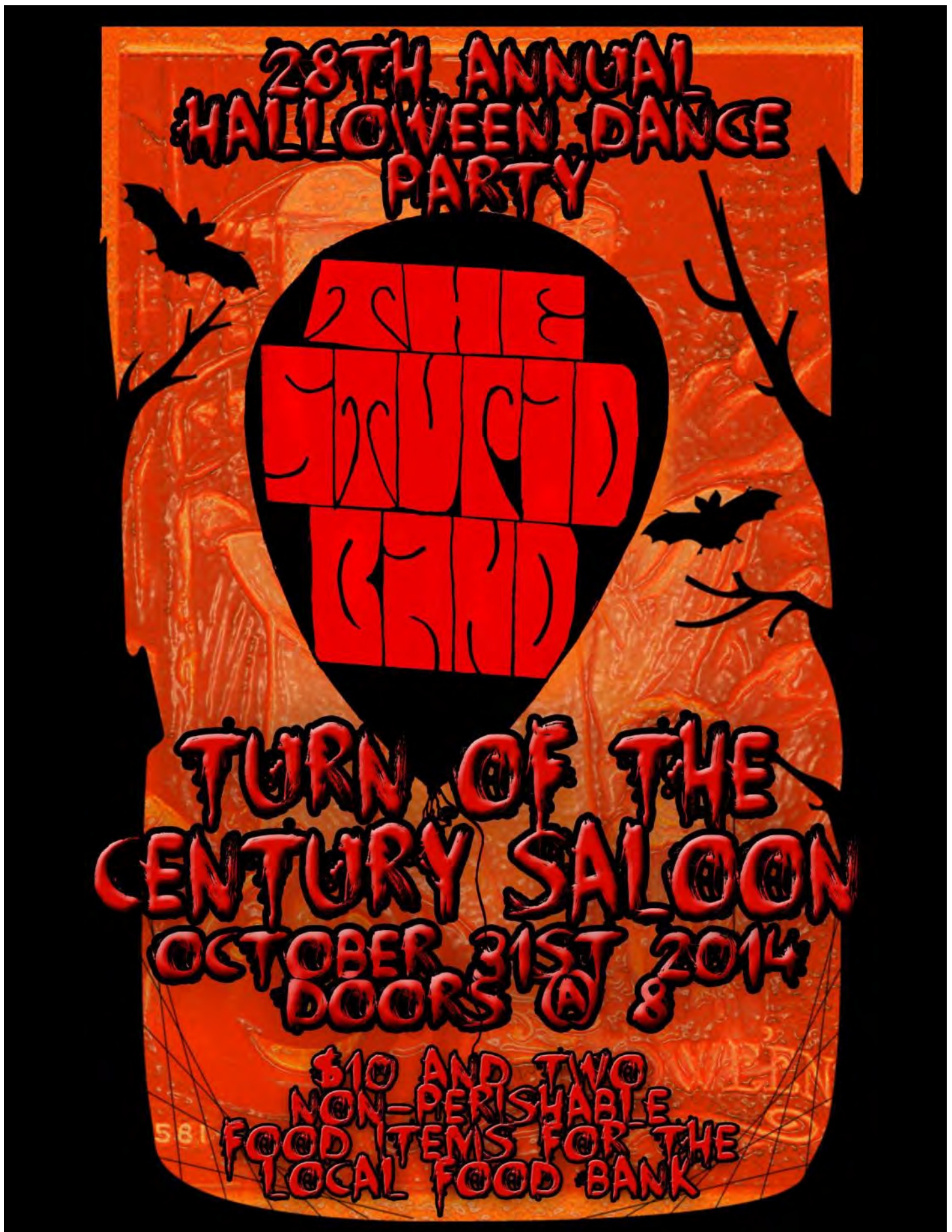
MONTROSE COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN OFFER SCHOLARSHIP

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MONTROSE - The Montrose County Republican Women are pleased to announce that scholarship applications are now available. Applicants must be female and graduating seniors of the Class of 2015 who are residents of Montrose County and citizens of the United States. They also must be students in public, private or home

schools in Montrose, Olathe, or Nucla, Colorado and planning to attend an accredited 2 or 4 year college or university or an accredited vocational – technical school the fall after graduation. The preferred majors for collegiate study are in the fields of political science, government, international studies, criminal justice or law enforcement. Other intended majors will be

considered by the selection committee on a case by case basis. Applications are available through the Guidance Offices at Montrose, Nucla, Olathe, Passage, Vista High Schools and Peak Academy beginning November 1 and must be returned by March 4, 2015. Home schooled students should call 970-249-6088 for application information.



WEST CENTRAL WOMEN OF INFLUENCE...KAY ALEXANDER



Kay Alexander.
Courtesy photo.

Interview by Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-For three terms, 1996-2002, Kay Alexander served as State Representative for House District 58. Kay is currently Vice Chair for the Colorado Mesa State University (CMU) Advisory Council – Montrose campus and she

lectures in the CMU social work department. In May 2014 Kay launched a new business, Pegasus Equine Therapy, which incorporates her love of horses with interactive programs for those in need of mental health and physical therapy.

Kay grew up in a family that held a very strong sense of patriotism, and of making the world a better place.

"We had a real appreciation for the greatness of this country." In high school it was Kay's peers who first recognized her leadership skills and encouraged her to run for student council. Although she didn't win, she was appointed to the Service Council, which was a better fit for her since it dealt with students meeting the needs of other students. Kay was not aware of her leadership skills per se, "But I could look at situ-

ations and know I could do a better job. I'm an idea person with a creative mind and I can come up with ways to make improvements."

Interestingly Kay and her husband Ben, then a State Senator, were the first husband and wife team in the nation to serve concurrently in the legislature. In 2002, while serving as a State Representative, Kay made an unsuccessful bid for State Senator. "One time a friend thought I was on the wrong side of an issue and told me I was blowing my career." Kay laughed, "I didn't know being in office [elected official] was a career — I thought it was a service!"

Kay's leadership skill set includes being a visionary, listening to others and mentoring. "I want to energize people and help them develop their potential." She laughed, "People like me, and I like people — otherwise I wouldn't be doing what I'm doing."

Overall Kay's relationship with the media has been positive, however it depends on the outlet and she noted there are differences between local media and Denver media. In each of those locales she has experienced support, as well as divisiveness.

"In some cases they [the media] just kept me putting out fires." Described as tenacious with a hint of bulldog, Kay said, "I hope I fight fairly — when I feel passion-

ate about something I'm focused and I do whatever I need to do. I've learned the importance of working with facts, not with emotion."

Generally speaking Kay was treated well by her male counterparts, but any change in legislative leadership left the door open for political payback. "During one change of leadership the candidate I supported lost. It was a rude awakening when the man who won the leadership role removed me from an important committee and re-assigned me to a less influential committee." One area of disappointment for Kay is having to deal with dishonesty. "I expect people to be straightforward with me and when they aren't, it's difficult."

Kay feels she is respected in the community, however she has experienced situations where individuals have literally gotten in her face, yelled and spewed obscenities. "I've never had a woman swear at me, but men have tried to intimidate me with their language and their physical stature."

Kay's advice for would-be leaders: "I think everyone needs a mentor. For women, another woman who they can bounce ideas off of — but one who will be brutally honest with them."

"Know and be solid in your values and principles. It's also important to have family support. Be willing to be venerable and comfortable in the venerability; and don't take things personally."



REGIONAL BROADBAND BLUEPRINT UPDATE

Special to the Mirror

REGIONAL-Following a series of community and stakeholder meetings designed to generate ideas and feedback, Region 10 League for Economic Assistance & Planning and NEO Fiber continue to work with municipalities in Montrose, Delta, Gunnison, Ouray, San Miguel and Hinsdale counties to create and implement a regional broadband blueprint over the next six to nine months. The project, driven by funding from the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA), will eliminate barriers to economic growth by improving the accessibility, affordability, and redundancy of broadband infrastructure region-wide through creation and implementation of a plan that identifies "shovel ready" projects as well as sources of funding.

"We are definitely making positive pro-

gress," Region 10 Regional Development Coordinator Jay Stooksberry said. "NEO Fiber has nearly finished its first round of community meetings, and the response has been great. A diverse group of stakeholders from anchor institutions and service providers have come to the table. They have been very engaged in the process, and we are getting solid and helpful feedback from them."

In addition to the community meetings, NEO Fiber has already started initial engineering plans to map out existing broadband infrastructure that can be leveraged for the final implementation blueprint, he said.

"Region 10 and NEO Fiber are committed to keeping this process as transparent as possible," Stooksberry said. "In fact, we have created a dedicated page on our web-

site for all broadband updates. Check out region10.net/broadband for updates about the implementation plan as it develops. We will try to update it as soon as pertinent content is available."

A non-profit organization, the Region 10 League for Economic Assistance and Planning was formed in 1972 and serves six-counties (Montrose, Delta, Gunnison, Ouray, Hinsdale and San Miguel), operates an Enterprise center (300 North Cascade) administers the Enterprise Zone tax credit and marketing grant programs, oversees the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) and Community Living Services, coordinates regional transportation planning, and offers a loan program for small business. To learn more about Region 10, call 970-249-2436 or visit the web site at www.region10.net.



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Experiencing the (local) Church

WRITER GAIL MARVEL VISITS VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH



By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE--I visited Victory Baptist Church on July 6, 2014 and the day of worship began with a patriotic salute to America. All verses of "The Star-Spangled Banner," "America the Beautiful" and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" were sung with robust enthusiasm. It wasn't simply the words of the songs and the tempo of the music that united the fellowship. There was no choir, no worship team, and no assortment of musical instruments in accompaniment — just one talented pianist and one strong, capable song leader. As though conducting a choir, the worship leader used his voice and hand gestures to bring out the best in the congregation.

Pastor Jim Welch, who was hosting a family reunion, enjoyed introducing his biological family, a contingent of about 25 people, to his church family. For special music the family sang the southern gospel, "I'll Fly Away."

During a time of welcome a few people greeted me with a handshake, but it was Pastor Welch who sought me out as a visitor and engaged me in a brief conversa-

tion. At one point visitors were encouraged to raise their hand and they were given a packet of information about the church. This fellowship is multi-generational, with attendance on this day under 200. Their tithes and offerings were collected by passing offering plates.

The responsive reading led by Pastor Welch was Psalms 67, and had I not brought my own Bible, I would have used the one provided in the back of the pew. The pastor read the odd numbered verses and the congregation responded by reading the even numbered verses. I had to laugh as I experienced something akin to talking in tongues — as a visitor I was speaking *New International Version* and the congregation was speaking *King James Version*!

The announcements included upcoming missionary visits, Vacation Bible School, teacher training, youth church camps and prayer needs. Following the service, an all-church Fourth of July picnic was planned at Laraza Park.

Greg Munyan, brother-in-law of Pastor Welch, preached the sermon on "joy," basing the message on Galatians 5:22-24.

Pastor Munyan, a minister for over 40 years, serves a church in Chicago. His sermon interspersed jokes, illustrations and anecdotes with rapid fire Scripture references.

Cautioning the congregation about those in the church who are joyless and joy killers he said, "I've walked into some churches joyful, but by the time I left I was emptied [of joy] and sucked dry! No one can rob us of our joy unless we allow them to do so."

At the conclusion of the service Pastor Welch first dismissed his family to go to the rear of the auditorium and form a receiving line to be greeted by the congregation.

As a visitor I found the situation awkward. So, I opted to leave by the side door. However, a church leader stationed by the door wasn't about to let me slip away without a handshake and exchanging pleasantries.

Contact Information:
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Church Phone: 970-249-6874

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

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



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web site. However, national and international headlines can paint a somewhat grim picture: First Student was slammed with a \$1.6 million lawsuit last year filed by drivers in New Jersey for wage violations; and an internal memo uncovered by News4 KMVO in St. Louis from the company's president reveals incentives being offered to employees who cut costs on things that would negatively affect student safety.

Bullying and safety issues have also surfaced in some First Student communities; First Student itself cites a 2010 study that found 44 percent of students say they have witnessed or experienced bullying on the bus. Recent headlines bear this out: On Sept. 12, Fox News Channel 2 in St. Louis reported that a sixteen-year-old Missouri girl named Ashley Bennis was attacked by a male student on a First Student bus and ended up with a black eye, while a story in the Hamilton Record of Edmonton in Canada, detailed the experience of a six-year-old who was beaten by another child in an unprovoked attack while coming home on a First Student school bus last week.

Here in Montrose, however, local schools take a strong stance against bullying, and Montrose County School District Re-1J is highlighted on the First Student blog as one that is setting an example by taking a proactive response to bullying. The company operates 36 routes here, both morning and evening, notes First Student Manager Scott Harold.

"Probably the biggest challenge our drivers face here comes from other drivers," Harold said. "They are not always paying attention--we are out there with 40-foot busses, but they just don't see us.

"Never drive around a school bus," he said. "We're hauling your kids around--help us get them there safely!"

Student behavior can also be a factor.

"Once a driver is on the bus and has kids on the bus, he needs to keep them quiet and facing forward--and keeping a bus 'ruly' can be tough," Harold said. "We see the bus as an extension of the classroom--if you don't do it in the classroom, don't do it on the bus."

Students tend to be more active on the ride home, after a long day of school, Harold noted.

When it comes to bullying, First Student and Re-1J take a zero-tolerance approach, he said. Complaints are resolved on the following day, and if verified, violators are issued a warning and taken off the bus for three days. Those with repeat infractions

can lose bus privileges.

Although busses are equipped with cameras, complaints are not always easy to verify because it can be difficult to see smaller students on video, Harold said. To make sure no child is ever left on a bus, drivers are required to check every seat on every bus for children at the end of the day.

When it comes to drivers, CDL requirements require they be age 21 or over and pass physical aptitude and drug tests. Harold said it is a company "norm" for drivers to wear a name tag and be on a first-name basis with students, and for those hired to be comfortable around children.

No top end age limit has been established for First Student drivers, he said.

Over the past ten years, bus ridership in RE-1J schools has remained remarkably stable according to RE-1J statistics, from 35.26 percent of total students (according to annual October count statistics) in 2004-2005 to a peak of 42.36 percent of students in 2005-2006 back down to 36.81 percent in 2013-2014. The district's total transportation operating budget over that time period has risen from \$1,219,864,81 to \$1,671,789.99.

It is more cost-effective for a rural school district to hire a private bus contractor than to own and maintain its own bus fleet, Re-1J Superintendent Mark MacHale said.

"It's a market-based business decision," he said. "The profit margin is small for First Student, but when we do it ourselves there is no profit at all. A private company can pass costs on to the consumer, but a school district can't. So we put the service out for bid, and First Student is the only company that put in a bid. A local bus company would be wonderful, but realistically they would need to have at least 24 to 27 busses or even more. And recruiting drivers can be difficult."

Despite its size, First Student does a good job locally of communicating with the school district, and is purchasing five new busses for local routes this year, he noted.

"Like many things in life, it looks simple from the outside," MacHale said. "But when you look behind the scenes, this is a huge enterprise. From GPS tracking, drug testing, to antilock brakes and cameras, there is technology embedded in everything they do.

"Driving a bus is a really rewarding job, but it is also very stressful. People worry about their kids--our drivers must have a commercial driver's license, pass a drug test, and work a split shift."



Montrose County School District Re-1J bus contractor First Student is always recruiting drivers.

The work day of a school bus driver begins at 5 a.m., and ends at 4 p.m., with hours off in the middle of the day, he said.

"It's not full time, and it's not a high paying job," MacHale said. "But getting kids safely to school is a calling for our drivers, and they take that responsibility very seriously. Student safety is the number one priority, and I feel good about that. But it can be hard enough driving your own kids around--imagine having 72 of them."

Drivers are always being recruited, he said, and training is provided to qualified applicants. And while many school bus drivers tend to be retirees, they are all capable of handling a tough job--rigorous testing ensures only the most capable individuals are hired.

"We hire people for their ability to drive, follow safety protocols and exert some discipline," he said. "We have a number of older drives, but they are responsive people with great safety records. If they are not safe, we pull them from their routes."

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Statistics show that School busses are designed to be safer than passenger vehicles in avoiding crashes and preventing injury; school busses keep an annual estimated 17.3 million cars off roads surrounding schools each morning, and that School busses are the safest mode of transportation for getting children back and forth to school. Oct. 20-24 marks the National Association of Pupil Transportation's celebration of [National School Bus Safety week](#). This year's theme is, "At My Stop, You Stop!"

KOREAN WAR VETERAN RECALLS AN ASTONISHING LIFE



Veteran Robert Said shows some of the photos he took (above and above right) with a 30-lb camera during his time as a combat correspondent in the Marines during the Korean War.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE--Robert Said was just five or six years old when he first took to the skies, in a Ford Tri-Motor that roared through his home town, Sacramento, on a barnstorming junket. It was 1936, "give or take a year," the plane itself was billed as having carried Admiral Byrd over the South Pole, and Said's cash-strapped parents scraped together money for a ticket to ride for their airplane-crazed son.

You might say Bob Said's feet have not touched ground since.

"I still fly my plan whenever the weather is nice," said Said, 84, a veteran of the Korean War and lifelong journalist who is currently completing a memoir about his astonishing life and experiences as a battlefield reporter. Said was one of 50 veterans recognized at "A Community Event to Honor Korean Veterans," Oct. 10 at Emeritus at Sunrise Creek. The event was a cooperative effort between Sunrise Creek and Welcome Home Montrose, a non-profit that provides resources and support for veterans of all U.S. wars.

Though it is referred to as the forgotten war, vivid reminders of the work done during the three-year conflict exist for those who view the earth from above, like Said.

"We called it World-War-Two-and-a-Half," he said. "All of the major partici-



pants in WWII had forces in Korea. I have a satellite photo of Korea at night, and there is a sharp line along the 38th parallel, which was invented by Truman, Churchill and Stalin at Potsdam. South Korea is a blaze of light, an advanced civilization. There are two tiny dots of light to be seen in all of North Korea, where the people have been brainwashed for three generations to hate the rest of the world.

"I feel sorry for them," Said said. "But I would happily go back and beat them again."

Said's book, tentatively entitled "*How to Enjoy Four Years in the U.S. Marines*," details a life lived by few others--the life of a 1950's-era combat correspondent in the U.S. Marine Corps.

"My job was to provide news coverage of Marine Corps close air support action, and the orders I got were to provide that coverage," he said. "I loved every instant!"

The orders Said received--"You will go to such places, at such times and by such means as you deem necessary in pursuit of these orders,"--were designed to allow maximum freedom and access and the ability to commandeer aircraft at will, something that he laughs about to this day.

"I was a Private First Class," said Said, who worked as a high school reporter with the *Salt Lake Tribune* before joining the Marines in 1948 and serving in Korea from 1950-1952. "I once bumped a Colonel from a flight. It was shameful! Disgraceful! But our group produced huge amounts of news coverage for the whole United States throughout the Korean war--I wrote three or four stories a day for more than a year. We had a makeshift photo lab, where we developed photos in a tent."

And Said always tried to show his appreciation for a flight.

"Any time we went to Japan we brought back a large supply of beverages, so when I had to demand an aircraft to go to Japan, I made sure to give whoever I got the

plane from some brandy to butter the deal."

Though he has a number of medals, ask Said what his proudest memory of his years in service is and his response is quick.

"That I didn't get shot," he said.

After the war, Said worked briefly building aircraft for a company in Long Beach before attending Yale University. He later spent time in the Washington Bureau of the New York Times under James Reston before returning to the Salt Lake Tribune. Eventually, Said found a way to once again combine his love for flight with his work as a writer and editor.

"I spent half of the 1960's, and all of the 1970's and 1980's editing nationally-circulated aviation magazines," he said. "I also built my own plane; it's a KR2 that I bought partially completed and then finished."

Today, he keeps his plane at Delta Airport and flies whenever he gets the chance.

"I like to go up and look down on all of the unfortunates below," he said.

His soon-to-be-released book has been produced on a computer, no small feat for a writer who started out using the "HPSE," or "Hunt, Punch Swear and Erase" method of typing on a manual Smith Corona.

He treasures the photos taken during his years as a combat correspondent, depicting such moments as a helicopter encircling a ravished hillside to bring a birthday cake to marines huddled on the battlefield,

"I once photographed a rocket strike on the bad guys' hill," he recalled.

"The camera weighed 30 pounds, and I had to run back down the hill carrying that monster."

Said said that he hopes the public will remember those who served in "The Forgotten War."

"There was a Korean War," he said. "And there are people around still who were in it. Because of what they did, South Korea is a flourishing, modern, sane country. It is not always bad to interfere, and sometimes it has to be through the muzzle of a gun."

Once he finishes editing his manuscript, Said will send it to be printed and distributed.

And though it is a riveting tale told by a master and bound to crack national best seller lists, the author may not always be available on beautiful days for earth-bound book signing events.

After all, "I have been cleared for flight since I was five years old," said Said.




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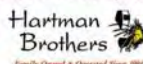


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GET COVERED MONTROSE-AN INFORMATIONAL INSURANCE FAIR

By Liesl Greathouse

MONTROSE--For people interested in a one-stop-shop for looking into insurance options, there will be Get Covered Montrose-An Informational Insurance Fair on Oct. 25, from 9 a.m.-Noon at the Old City Council Chambers off Centennial Plaza, 422 S. 1st Street in Montrose. Get Covered Montrose will help to guide people to find the appropriate health coverage. "Whether it be making an appointment to sign-up for a plan during Open Enrollment through Connect for Health Colorado, enrolling in Medicaid or CHP+, or obtaining assistance with Medicare coverage, the insurance fair will provide it all," said Alicia Plantz, with the Montrose Connect for Health Office. "No matter which of these programs an individual might be eligible for, they will be able to find it during Get Covered Montrose." The event is for all Western Slope residents, whether they are uninsured, under insured, self-employed, or do not have access to affordable employer insurance. The fair is free and open to the public, and will be the place for people to get the information they need to sign-up for health coverage. Representatives from Connect for Health Colorado, Watson Insurance, Tri-County Health and River Valley Family Health Center, Health and Human Services, and RSVP will be present to answer questions and schedule upcoming appointments. "It's important to get the right information so you can cover yourself correctly," Plantz said. Along with 17 other states and the District of Columbia, Colorado has created its own, unique

health care exchange/marketplace. Colorado's marketplace, Connect for Health Colorado, is a non-profit, competitive marketplace where customers can easily compare and sort plans while determining eligibility to receive generous financial assistance to help reduce the cost of health insurance. This online marketplace is the only place where individuals and small businesses can fill out one application to view all available plans and receive premium tax subsidies. This event is important for people to find out what to expect for the upcoming Open Enrollment through Connect for Health Colorado. "We want the Western Slope to know that Connect for Health Colorado is gearing up for Open Enrollment, which will be from Nov. 15-Feb. 15," Plantz explained. "Local, non-profit assistance sites are now open to answer questions and help with enrollments. Health Coverage Guides are available to assist with applications for financial assistance and all services are free of charge. Assistance sites are located in Telluride, Ouray, Montrose, Delta, and Hotchkiss." For Plantz, there are three things that she wants to highlight about Connect for Health Colorado and the new laws: "First, all services provided by Connect for Health Colorado's assistance sites are free," she said. "Secondly, individuals and families can only enroll in a health plan, and take advantage of the generous financial assistance if applicable, during open enrollment-which is Nov. 15, 2014, through Feb. 15, 2015. After that the Marketplace will be closed and customers will



For more information, contact Alicia Plantz at 252-0660 or visit ConnectforHealthCO.com. Courtesy photo.

not be able to enroll, unless they experience a life change event, until next year. Thirdly, the law now requires all individuals to have certified health coverage for 9 months out of the year or they will receive a penalty on their tax return. The fee will be \$95 per adult and \$47 per child, or 1% of household income, whichever is greater. In 2015 the fee will increase, reaching \$325 per adult and \$162 per child, or 2.5% of household income, whichever is greater. Get Covered!" For more information, contact Alicia Plantz at 252-0660 or visit ConnectforHealthCO.com.

GESSLER ANNOUNCES VIDEO CHALLENGE, STARRING YOU

Special to the Mirror

DENVER--As a competitive state, Coloradans are inundated with political ads every other year.

This year, Colorado Secretary of State Scott Gessler wants to give voters their shot at producing a political ad focused on voter registration.

"We're always looking at creative ways to reach Colorado citizens to get them registered or remind them to update their registration," Gessler said.

"Here's an opportunity for Coloradans to share their story or encourage their friends and peer groups to engage politically."

Aspiring directors and videographers have until October 15 to submit their 30-second videos to the Secretary of State for

posting. The videos must share information about Colorado's voter registration requirements and include a mention of the state's online voter registration system at GoVoteColorado.com.

Voters will have a chance to cast their preference for their favorite ads and the winner will be announced after Election Day.

To qualify, your video must:

Be your original work

Be no more than 30 seconds long

Be G-rated (no violence, offensive language, or sexual activity)

Mention that voters must be: over 18 years old, United States citizens and residents of Colorado

Tell voters that they can register, or update

their registration, at GoVoteColorado.com. Must not endorse or mention any candidates or issues on the November 2014 ballot

How to enter:

All entries must be received no later than 11:59 pm on October 15, 2014

Post your completed video on YouTube

Send a link to your video to Richard.coolidge@sos.state.co.us

What happens next?

If your video meets the criteria, it will be posted on the Secretary of State's web site. Make sure to send your friends and family to the site to see your work and vote using YouTube's thumbs up icon. After the election, the votes will be cast and we'll declare a winner.

MONTROSE'S BASEMENT BOUTIQUE CRAFT SHOW-A HISTORY



The 2014 Basement Boutique Craft Show will be held on Nov. 28, from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., and Nov. 29, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Montrose Pavilion. Courtesy photos.



By Liesl Greathouse

MONTROSE--For craft lovers and holiday shoppers, the Basement Boutique Craft Show has been one of the most popular craft shows in Montrose for 40 years. This year it will be held on Nov. 28, from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., and Nov. 29, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Montrose Pavilion, 1800 Pavilion Drive. Admission is free.

The Basement Boutique began 40 years ago, when one day a group of crafters sat talking about how dissatisfied they were with the local craft shows. They talked about how nice it would be to have an up-scale craft show in Montrose. But where would they have it?

Sandy Whitley, one of the crafters, suggested that they could put a show on in her basement. The group found 10 crafters who agreed to join them and put together their first craft show. Fliers were made and invitations were sent out to friends and neighbors. The show was held on a Friday and Saturday. A sign was put out in front of the house and the customers started coming in.

"It got so crowded in the basement they had to have people wait outside until customers left so they could let more people into the basement," Sandy explained.

The weather was good and the basement was decorated with a Christmas tree, wreaths and Christmas decorations, which the customers loved. Due to a steady stream of customers, all of the crafters were sold out within the two days.

Once the show was over the group knew if they were to repeat this show the following year a larger venue was needed.

The following year the show was held in the basement of the Methodist Church. The group started jurying crafters as it grew to make sure the show stayed up-

scale. The following year the show was moved to the basement of the Village Inn and it stayed there for many years. That is how the name "Basement Boutique" came to be.

The Basement Boutique started out and still remains a small show. As a co-op of crafters the fees paid for the show go to pay for all the expenses needed to put on the show. It still remains a juried show and only two of any one craft is allowed. Those two crafters who may do the same type of craft need to have different items so there are no duplicates.

The show has grown from 9-10 crafters to a maximum of 30 crafters. Each crafter in the show has a job to do like sitting at the cash tables, floor assistant, tag counter, counting money, and decorating the hall. Fliers are created and posted to expand advertising. The only promoters are the crafters themselves.

Since the Pavilion was completed in 1992, the Basement Boutique has called it home.

"The lighting is great, the hall is neat and clean, the staff is wonderful to work with and we can maintain our central checkout with the separate rooms," explained Kathi Zerby-Lewis, current Show Chairman.

Customers walk in, pick up a basket and they can walk around the show with the items they want to purchase and only pay once at the convenient check out. As the show grew, it now includes Visa and MasterCard, not just cash or check sales.

Over the years the Basement Boutique has offered a space for local groups to

have fundraisers for their organization.

"We had groups such as the girls' basketball team, MAPA, and Altrusa to name a few," Kathi said. "We ask customers to bring canned goods that are then donated to Sharing Ministries. The past few years we've had no takers who could do a fundraiser, so the Boutique co-op put together a table selling cookies, cupcakes, coffee, and tea. The proceeds are donated to a different organization each year. In the past it was to a women's shelter and Christ's Kitchen."

While the show has been around for decades, it has gone through many changes, and more are still being talked about.

"The last several years we have talked about expanding the show into another room," Kathi explained.

"We receive so many calls from crafters wanting to be in the show, but we are really limited right now due to space. Being a show with a central checkout it is a little challenging configuring the show so people go in one door and go out through the checkout lines."

Kathi's favorite part is when all the pre-work is done and she gets to enjoy the show. "After all the crafters have set up and all the decorations are in place it is really beautiful and we can say 'ahhhh we are ready for the customers to arrive,'" she said. "My absolute most favorite part is watching the faces of the customers as they walk in the door to see the crafts. It makes it all worth the hard work."

For more information, and if you would like to be juried for next year's show, call Kathi at 323-6084.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL-LETTERS

ATTEND PUBLIC MEETING ON DISPATCH FEE INCREASE OCT. 14

Citizens of Montrose County:

The Montrose Regional Dispatch Center (MRDC), and specifically the increase in fees to the user agencies, has been called into question recently as agencies are preparing for their upcoming budgets.

First and foremost, I took an oath as Sheriff to protect and serve the citizens of Montrose County, and I would never terminate service to the citizens if an agency did not pay for their portion of dispatch services. The safety and security of our community of over 41,000 citizens is my utmost priority every day, and is the guiding principle in the mission statement of the Montrose County Sheriff's Office. Fees have increased across the board for all 30 plus agencies of the MRDC due in large part to the need to separate the MRDC as a stand-alone fund in the Montrose County budget.

In early 2014, the MRDC gained a new home in the Justice Center Annex adjacent to the Sheriff's Office. This new location allows the 911 dispatch center to effectively handle increased call volume, prepare for large scale emergency response and provide overall better service to the agencies that dispatch serves. Our dedicated team of 16 dispatchers and three supervisors is always on the other end of the line when you dial one of the 30 plus agencies or 911 in your time of need. Whether it is a call for a stray dog, fender bender, livestock on the road or a life or death emergency, our dispatchers provide a vital link to send the help that's needed.

I would like to invite you to a public meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 14th from 6-8 p.m., in the Pioneer Room at the Montrose County Fairgrounds (1001 North 2nd Street), in order to better answer your questions and further explain the reasons for the fee increase.

Thank you,

Sheriff Rick Dunlap

JUDGES ARE WORTHY OF RETENTION

Dear Editor:

From the public perspective we give very little thought to the retention of judges until we see their name on the ballot. I would like to offer my support for the retention District Court Judge J. Steven Patrick, Ouray County Court Judge David Scott Westfall and Montrose County Court Judge Ben A. Morris.

I often served as bailiff for District Court Judge J. Steven Patrick and on occasion for Ouray County Court Judge David Scott Westfall. I found both of these gentlemen to hold court in an orderly and professional manner. They are efficient, timely and detailed in their rulings.

Although I have not visited the court of Judge Ben A. Morris, in his previous position as Montrose Assistant City Attorney I found him to be organized and meticulous with the rule of law. He is deliberate in weighing legal opinions and rulings.

The 7th Judicial District and our county courts are well served by these three judges and they are worthy of retention.

Gail Marvel, Montrose

HONORABLE MENTION



To Judy Lokey left, top fund raiser for the 2014 Partners Challenge Bike Ride. Judy completed the ride, and generated more than \$2,500 in pledges for the local mentoring organization!

To all of my wonderful Libra friends and family! Happy Birthday month!!

To local resident and JC Penney's CEO Mike Ullman, because of the sheer excitement, admiration and sense of ownership expressed by one of the company's youngest sales clerks in the Montrose store recently. "I am so glad he is back, and fixing the things that were broken while he was gone," she told the Mirror. "I know how window displays are SUPPOSED to be done, and Mike Ullman does too."

No CEO has ever received higher praise.

ARTS AND CULTURE

HALLOWEEN PARTY AT THE SHERBINO IN RIDGWAY!

Special to the Mirror

RIDGWAY—Come out to The Sherbino in your best costume for the 2014 Halloween Party at The SherBOOno. Featuring music from DJ's Skip and Patty, a costume contest with cash and novelty prizes for the top three costumes, spooky cocktails and food available at midnight. Doors and cash bar open at 9 p.m. \$10 entry. This annual event is a fundraiser for The Sherbino Theater. For more information please visit www.sherbinotheater.com.

WEEHAWKEN DANCE TO PRESENT "NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS"

Special to the Mirror

REGIONAL-Weehawken Creative Arts will be presenting a public dance performance based on Tim Burton's "Nightmare Before Christmas" in both Silverton and Ouray on Nov. 2nd and 9th. This is the third year that Weehawken Dance has offered their program in Silverton at the Silverton School. It is also the third production for the public that features an ensemble of dancers who perform in both Silverton and Ouray, which is a unique and fun opportunity for all.

The Silverton performance will take place on **Sunday, November 2nd** at the **Silverton School** and the **Ouray performance** will take place at the **Wright Opera**

House in Ouray on November 9th. Both performances are set for **4 pm** and both performances will feature dancers from Weehawken's Company Dance program as well as dancers in the Weehawken Silverton Dance program.

Please join Artistic Director Miss Natasha Pyeatte's with her vision and adaptation of Tim Burton's popular stop-motion animated film. The storyline is a totally absorbing fable that both grownups and children can enjoy. "We are thrilled to be able to delight audiences of all ages with our version of this animated classic" Executive Director, Ashley King said. "Weehawken's 'Nightmare' isn't just a ballet performance; it's a special event for all ages that

brings several communities together. It is especially exciting to be presenting this in both Ouray and Silverton and we hope you'll join us."

Tickets for Weehawken's "Nightmare Before Christmas" are available in Ouray at Mouse's Chocolates, in Ridgway at Cimarron Coffee and Books and at Tiffany, Etc. in Montrose (for the Ouray Show only). Tickets are also available at the Silverton School and at the door. **Tickets are \$12 for Adults and \$8 for children, with discounts available via phone for groups of 10 or more.**

Please call [\(970.318.0150\)](tel:970.318.0150) for more information. Tickets are also available online at www.weehawkenarts.org.

Wine and Dine for Weehawken - Fundraiser Dinner and Silent Auction at Cavallo's

Special to the Mirror

OURAY-Wine and Dine for Weehawken at Cavallo's in Ouray!

Please join Cavallo's Restaurant on Tuesday, Oct. 21, at 6:00pm, for an impressive and unforgettable dinner and wine pairing from Garrett Estate Cellars, showcasing the culinary talents of Chef Sid Cavallo


and staff.

\$66 per person includes wine pairings, the entire meal, dessert, tax, **though not gratuity.**

Space is limited to 50 people and reservations are strongly encouraged. Please call 970-626-4426 to secure your space at the dinner table today. Twenty-five percent

of all proceeds are donated to Weehawken Creative Arts, and a silent auction put on by Weehawken will take place during dinner, featuring incredible hand-crafted art items donated by Ridgway Rendezvous artists and craftsmen.

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to support the Arts in Ouray County!



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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

DELTA SRC, BANK OF THE WEST HOST SENIOR FAIR OCT. 23

Special to the Mirror

DELTA-The 2014 Senior Expo, sponsored by Bank of the West, and produced by the Delta County Senior Resource Council, is happening on Thursday, Oct. 23, from 8 a.m. until 1:30 p.m., at the Bill Heddles Recreation Center, 530 Gunnison River Dr., Delta. The theme of this year's Expo is "Celebrate Life — Tools For Successful Aging," with programs and information on awesome retirement, life celebrations, and exercise, and a free lunch for seniors! There is no charge for the Expo, but reservations for the free lunch for seniors would be appreciated by Oct. 21 for a meal count. To reserve attendance, or for more information and vendor deadlines, please contact Leah at [970-712-2295](tel:970-712-2295).

BUSINESSES, LEARN HOW TO BEST SPEND YOUR CHARITABLE DOLLARS

Special to the Mirror

DELTA-Area businesses are used to being asked for donations from a lot of different sources – every kids' sports team on their way to a championship game, every community event, every fundraiser dinner for someone who is ill – it seems like everyone wants something, whether that's a silent auction item or a cash donation.

And they are all good causes. How can you, as a business, possibly say no to some but yes to others? On the other hand, how far does that \$20 donation really stretch for an organization?

The Delta Area Chamber of Commerce presents "Business Philanthropy," on Tuesday, Oct. 28 from noon – 1:30 p.m., aimed at answering these questions. What is business philanthropy? Why is it important to identify yours? The session will walk businesses through how to develop a philanthropy plan, how to really make your charitable giving count, and some pointers on what to look for to determine if a non-profit or philanthropic agency will use your funds or donations wisely.

The presenter is Carol Rhan, who has many years' experience in both the non-profit sector and the business sector.

The session is free. Please call the Delta Area Chamber of Commerce at 874-8616 for information or to register.



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DORA REDUCES FEES IN RESPONSE TO GROWING CONSTRUCTION DEMAND

Special to the Mirror

DENVER — The Colorado Division of Professions and Occupations, a division of the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA), announced a substantial reduction in electrical and plumbing permit fees, an indicator of increased construction activity in the State. Fees charged for electrical inspections saw a 50 percent reduction, while plumbing inspections were reduced by 75 percent.

Because DORA only collects enough permit revenue to cover the cost of inspection services for customers, the influx of permit requests enabled DORA to reduce permit fees substantially. Requests for Electrical permits increased nearly 14 percent from 2012 to 2014 — from 13,400 to 15,272. Likewise, Plumbing permits increased by nearly 36 percent over this same period — from 2,689 to 3,658.

DORA evaluates permit fees each year. The fee reduction, which was announced in September, will be re-evaluated next year and may be adjusted to generate sufficient revenue to cover costs. DORA continually strives to deliver timely inspec-

tions at the least cost.

Electrical and plumbing permit fees are required by state law prior to installing electrical wiring, plumbing or gas pipelines, which often trail construction and home-improvement activity across the state. Permits are issued by the State Electrical Board and State Plumbing Board within DORA's Division of Professions and Occupations. Permits are issued to either a state-registered contractor or a homeowner and may be requested online or in-person.

Tips for hiring an electrician or plumber: Avoid a flood of problems or fires by hiring a qualified electrician or plumber by following these guidelines: Check for licensure: electricians and plumbers are required to be licensed in the State of Colorado. Electrical and Plumbing Contractors are also required to obtain a registration before offering services in the state. Verify a license and check for discipline at askdora.colorado.gov.

Ask about insurance: verify the electrician or plumber is insured just in case something goes wrong on the job. State

law requires electricians and plumbers abide by insurance and worker compensation laws.

Compare quotes: get at least three quotes for a project before selecting an electrician, plumber or contractor. The State Electrical and Plumbing Boards cannot take action in billing disputes so do your homework before entering any agreement.

Flood victims: if your home suffered damage in the 2013 Floods, contact the State Electrical and Plumbing Boards for a free damage assessment. A State inspector will visit your property to evaluate the damage and provide a written report outlining the repairs that are needed. Armed with this professional, unbiased information, consumers are prepared to compare bids and avoid unscrupulous contractors.

Do it yourself: homeowners looking to do the work themselves can find guidance for electrical and plumbing installations at www.dora.colorado.gov/professions/electrical or www.dora.colorado.gov/professions/plumbing and clicking on "Permits and Inspections."



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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

MHS OCTOBER DIVISION AWARDS

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MONTROSE-Nine students from Montrose High School were awarded the Division Award for October. The Division Award recognizes students for their outstanding citizenship, efforts and academic achievement. Nominations are made by teachers from each department and a special recognition ceremony is held each month. Pictured Left to Right: Front row L – R: Amber Sanborn, Chase Frenze, Kylie Younger, Michael Gallegos. Back row L- R: Erin Warner, Matthew Cascia, Skylar Moore, Keigen Huffer, Dante Munshaw.



GRAND JUNCTION ANNOUNCES FIVE WAYS TO FALL IN LOVE WITH FALL

The [Grand Junction Visitor and Convention Bureau](#) (GJVCB) invites visitors to get in the autumn spirit with fun seasonal activities. Named one of the eight sunniest cities in the U.S. by [TourismReview.com](#), Grand Junction boasts ideal weather year-round on top of a breathtaking landscape – the perfect setting for these five fall pursuits.

Grape Harvesting Season – Fall truly kicks off in Grand Junction with the region's grape harvest. Visitors can enjoy the best wines Colorado has to offer all season long at now 22 local wineries around Grand Junction. The newest winery with a tasting room that is open year round just opened its doors in late September 2014. Tours, wine tastings and field-to-table experiences amidst the majesty of red rock cliffs and mesas embody the local outdoor way of life and explain why it's known as [Colorado's wine country](#).

Leaf Viewing – For nature-lovers with fall leaf viewing in their veins, or visitors seeking a colorful autumn excursion, the golden leaves of Colorado's iconic Aspen trees gild inviting trails on the top of Grand Mesa.

The National Scenic Byway along I-70 from Grand Junction to the Mesa also displays the happy yellow of turning Cottonwoods that fringe the Colorado River. The [Crag Crest Trail](#) offers the perfect high alpine hike atop the spine of the world's largest flattop mountain from which visitors are sure to take in as much fall color as possible.

Red Hot Dirt Days – A new three month-long event, Red Hot Dirt Days combines deals and dirt to celebrate the 2014 fall biking season in a place offering some of the best mountain biking in the country. Trails around Grand Junction make leisurely loops or stretch for dozens of miles of rocky terrain. A single-track favorite, the Kokopelli Trail offers serious bikers 142 miles of thrilling single-track riding. Cyclists can check out the Red Hot Dirt Days website to take advantage of lodging discounts from a number of hotels as well as local deals for merchandise, food and drink.

Golf – Grand Junction offers five courses for visitors to choose from on their list of "fall fives," including the greens listed #1 public course in Colorado as ranked by golf digest in 2014, The Golf Club at Redlands Mesa. Nearby Tiara Rado invites golfers to swing alongside the animals, including deer and herons, on yards of green set against the grandeur of the Colorado National Monument. Another scenic option: Chipeta Golf Course where flat terrain presents broad vistas of Grand Mesa, Bookcliffs, Uncompahgre Plateau and the Colorado National Monument.

There are also a couple of nine-hole courses in the area: the intimate, tree-lined public course of Lincoln Park Golf Course and the three championship courses of Adobe Creek National Golf Course.

Big Game Hunting – Grand Junction welcomes big game hunters to Glade Park and Grand Mesa for the fall hunting sea-

son. Archers start tracking earlier in the season for deer, elk, pronghorn and moose while muzzleloader runs September and October with rifle season beginning in October and running through November. Grand Junction has several sporting goods stores for equipment and gear. Some stores also sell licenses over the counter, and they can also be purchased through the Division of Wildlife. A couple [game processors](#) in town make dinner after the hunt even easier with quality cutting and packaging of bagged game.

About Grand Junction
www.visitgrandjunction.com

Nestled 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.

MIRROR IMAGES...OUT AND ABOUT



At left and below left, Montrose United Methodist Church is holding its annual youth mission fundraiser; Volunteer Kathy Zelasney on Saturday Oct. 11. At right, artist Kurt Isgreen talks with Nancy Kelso at the opening of his show with Delta County artist Missy Rogers at A+Y Gallery. The show, "Art of the Wild," is on display throughout the month of October. Below left, Colorado Board of Education Candidates Marcia Neal ® and Henry Roman (D) discuss issues with Montrose voters on Oct. 3 at 2Rascals Brewery.



MONTROSE CHAMBER RIBBON CUTTING-TIM FRATES ENGRAVE & FRAME



The Montrose Chamber of Commerce Staff and Redcoats helped Tim Frates Laser Engraving and Custom Framing celebrate their new location at 401 N. 1st Street. Congratulations!

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

BLACK CANYON GOLF COURSE DONATES \$200 TO PARTNERS



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MONTROSE-At left, Curtis Hearst and Lissette Riviere of Partners Mentoring accept a check for \$200 from Golf Pro Angelo DeJulio. The funds were raised from the Glow Ball Tournament at The Black Canyon Golf Course.

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CELEBRATE COLORADO'S SCENIC BYWAYS 25TH ANNIVERSARY WITH DEDICATION AND OPEN HOUSE

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REGIONAL-The Dolores River Restoration Partnership and the Interpretive Association of Western Colorado will be highlighting the rich natural and cultural history of Western Colorado with two unique events on Saturday, Oct. 25th. In celebration of Colorado's Scenic Byway's 25th Anniversary, they will be hosting the Dolores River Interpretive Trail Dedication at the Gateway Canyons Resort and an Open House at the Driggs Mansion on Saturday, Oct. 25.

Just off of Highway 141 at the Gateway Canyons Resort, the Dolores River Restoration Partnership, a public-private collaboration committed to restoring the riverside habitat of the Dolores River, will celebrate the opening of a new interpretive trail along the Dolores River at 3 pm. The trail features seven signs with artwork by local artist, Paul Gray, and information about the region's plants, wildlife, geology, land use, history, geology, river restoration efforts, and more! This dedication will be held at the trailhead and will be followed by a guided walk along the new trail.



Celebrate the opening of a new interpretive trail along the Dolores River at 3 pm. On Oct. 25.

Bring the family and make sure to stop at the Driggs Mansion on your way down to Gateway. The distinct stone archway and deteriorating sandstone walls of the Laurence Driggs Stone House captivate travelers along Highway 141 in Unaweep Canyon 15 miles west of Whitewater. Known as the Driggs Mansion, the structure was built by Italian stone masons 100 years ago. Standing in the shadow of Thimble Rock, the stone house tells a story of early settlement efforts in this beautiful canyon. The site is an important historic site along the Unaweep Tabogauche Scenic and Historic Byway.

The property was purchased by the Hendricks Family Foundation in 2005. The Interpretive Association of Western Colo-

rado (IAWC) submitted a request to the State Historic Fund for a Historic Structure Assessment (HSA). The Assessment sat on a shelf until a new owner purchased the historic property. IAWC approached the owner and they agreed to review the HSA and expressed interest in pursuing stabilizing the ruins per the recommendations, which included three new interpretive signs with the owner contributing a 50 percent match. The Interpretive Association will be hosting an Open House for folks interested in viewing the ruin up close and from a different angle. Stop by Saturday, Oct. 25, between 1-5 pm for a self-guided tour. For more information about these events, contact Denise Wall at Gateway Canyons Resort at 970-931-2655.

ARTS & CULTURE

STOKER TO SHOW AT SHERBINO



STOKER plays Sunday, October 26th at The Sherbino Theater. Doors and cash bar open at 7pm and the film begins at 7:30. Courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror

RIDGWAY--Just in time for Halloween, Stoker is a wickedly scary, beautifully realized film, starring Nicole Kidman, Mia Wasikowska, and Matthew Goode. The film created quite a stir at its premiere at Sundance in 2013 and features famed South Korean director, Chan-wook

Park (Oldboy) in his first English language effort. Set amongst the mansions of Nashville, STOKER tells the story of a mother and daughter coming to grips with the mysterious, untimely death of their husband/father, and the mysterious appearance of Uncle Charlie, who comes to the funeral, seemingly to replace his dead

brother.

When Charlie moves in with the daughter and her emotionally unstable mother, the daughter thinks the void left by her father's death is finally being filled by his closest bloodline. Soon after his arrival though, India comes to suspect that this mysterious, charming man has ulterior motives. Yet instead of feeling outrage or horror, this friendless young woman becomes increasingly infatuated with him, even as he begins to hit on her mother.

In what the writer, Wentworth Miller, describes as an homage to Hitchcock, particularly, Shadow Of A Doubt, the bodies start disappearing, aunts go missing, and the eroticism builds among mother and daughter towards the mysterious Charlie, a man with a very dark past. Thrilling, gorgeous to look at, and scary - but not too scary - STOKER is a sumptuous treatise on loss, desire, and grief.

STOKER plays Sunday, October 26th at The Sherbino Theater. Doors and cash bar open at 7pm and the film begins at 7:30. Tickets are \$7 and are available for purchase at the doors. Both full bar and concessions are available. Please join The Sherbino on the 4th Sunday of every month for Sunday Cinema at The Sherb.



Valerie Meyers' Weekly Monday



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- **Intro to Spreadsheets**
 - Working with Workbooks, Sheets, and Cells
- **Entering Data into Spreadsheets**
 - Entering Text, Numbers, and Dates
- **Basic Formatting**
 - Fonts, Alignments, and Numbers
- **Customizing Quick Access Toolbar**
 - Adding Save, Quick Print, and Undo to Quick Access Toolbar
- **Saving and Printing Spreadsheets**
 - Save, and Save As
 - Quick Print, and Print

TUES., OCTOBER 28
Noon–1:30 pm

INTERMEDIATE INTRODUCTION

to Microsoft Excel & Spreadsheets

- **Utilizing Fill Option**
 - Filling with Months, Days, and Patterns
 - Using Fill Option to Clear Data
- **Working with Additional Sheets**
 - Copy Data to Additional Sheets
 - Renaming, Copying, Moving, and Deleting Sheets
- **Calculating with Spreadsheets**
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MIRROR IMAGES...CENTENNIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL CONCERT



Centennial Middle School held its first choir and band concert Oct. 7, with (clockwise from top right) sixth, seventh and eighth grade bands and jazz band as well as sixth, seventh and eighth grade choir and show choir singers. Excellent as always, this school knows how to put on a show. Thanks to all of the talented students, and to Mr. Lund and Ms. Humphreys for an evening of first rate entertainment.



REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

OAK GROVE CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE—Morning Mile Club at Oak Grove Elementary held their 1st annual Walk at School Day for Oak Grove Elementary on Wednesday, Oct. 8. Across the country schools are celebrating the month of October as International walk to school month to promote and help create safe routes to and from schools. The Colorado Department of Transportation, Safe Routes to School, designated October 8th as the official day to celebrate. Oak Grove did their part with approximately 200 students arriving early to school to walk half mile around the track in support of the walk to school day. Several other schools in the Montrose & Olathe School District also participated getting students to power themselves to school. (Courtesy Photo: Jodi Martinez- Oak Grove Elementary Students).



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HALLOWEEN PARTY AT THE SHERBINO IN RIDGWAY!

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MONTROSE CELEBRATES
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OCT. 31, 2014
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Lunch & Learn

Workman's Compensation Seminar

Thursday, October 23rd
12 PM

Presented by : Mountain West Insurance & Financial Services, LLC

LOCATION:
Montrose Chamber of Commerce
1519 E. Main Street

COST:
\$8 Members
\$12 Non Members
Lunch Included

This will be a general workman's compensation presentation including the current state of work comp, new laws and rules, as well as some detail on how to affect work compensation costs that will primarily be for larger employers. This presentation is best suited for office managers, CFOs, and business owners that handle their workman's compensation program.

Please RSVP to 249-5000 or information@montrosechamber.com

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 WITH HARPS & HAMMERS, 2 to 4 p.m. Please call Robin for information and directions to our new location as our club has grown! 970-275-8996. Guitars and Autoharps welcome too—the more the merrier!

MONTROSE HISTORICAL MUSEUM—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.

MONTROSE STAMP (PHILATELIC) CLUB meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 420 Alta Lakes Dr. from 7-8pm. For Beginners to Pros! Please contact Brenda Moureaux at 970-765-6948 for more information.

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.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP Non-Denominational - Community Welcome—This is a 14-Week Course, starting Thursday August 21st and going through November 20 - 3 to 4:30 pm. Hosted by Montrose United Methodist Church, 19 South Park Ave., Montrose, CO. For more information, please call the church office at 249-3716 or at the website www.montroseumc.org.

Oct. 14—Montrose County Public Meeting regarding Dispatch fees, with Sheriff Rick Dunlap. Pioneer Room at the Montrose County Fairgrounds (1001 North Second Street), 6 to 8 p.m.

Oct. 14—Connect for Health Informational Presentation and Q&A—Noon to 1 p.m. Montrose Library.

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Oct. 14—4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Long-Term Care Planning, Brown and Brown PC.

With 70% of people over the age of 65 ultimately needing some form of long-term care, you'll want to learn about payment sources, including private pay, Medicaid, Medicare and long-term care insurance. Region 10 Area Agency on Aging, 300 North Cascade. Call our office to sign up or register on our website at www.brownsandbrownpc.com.

Oct. 14—LWV Delta County Ballot Issues Forum - Memorial Hall, Hotchkiss - 6:30 pm.

Oct. 15—Region 10 and the Montrose Chamber of Commerce present “Running a Social Media Contest,” from Noon to 1 p.m. at the Region 10 Enterprise Center, 300 North Cascade. Call 970-249-2436 to RSVP. Cost is \$20.

Oct. 17-18—Ouray County Winter Sports Swap, Drop off your equipment and clothing on Friday, October 17th from 11 am to 4:30 pm at the Ouray County 4H Events Center, on Highway 550 just south of the Ridgway intersection light. Swap starts at 5 pm on Friday, October 17 until 9 pm. Then continue on Saturday the 18th from 9 am to 1 pm. Pick up unsold gear and collect your check for sold gear on Saturday after the Swap from 2 to 5 pm.

Oct. 18—Montrose United Methodist Church Fall Festival. Free to the community, from 10am-2pm. Free carnival games, face painting, bouncy house, hot dogs. Costumes welcome. In the street at the corner of Park Ave. and S. 1st Street. Contact the church at 970-249-3216 or www.montroseumc.org for more information.

Oct. 19-3 pm. *The Best of Broadway*—Show tunes from 12 best-loved Broadway shows, featuring area musicians. Fundraiser for community garden. Montrose United Methodist Church. Dessert bar at intermission. Suggested donation, \$10. Tickets available at Methodist Church office, 19 S. Park Ave. Questions, call 249-3716.

Oct. 20—Rocky Mountain Health Plans presents Bridges Out of Poverty at Westminster Hall in Delta (145 East Fourth Street) from 2 to 4 p.m. This presentation focuses on providing information to those that work in healthcare. To Register: Contact Gail.Koehn@rmhp.org or call 970-254-5736.

Oct. 21—Anchors Away! Medicare Education and Open Enrollment - sponsored by Region 10, presentation by — Mabel Risch, Medicare SHIP Counselor. Learn how the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) counselors can assist with health benefits counseling service's for Medicare beneficiaries and their families or caregivers. Sign-in begins at 11:45 and we will promptly start at noon. Location: Region 10, 300 N. Cascade in the Sneffels room. Register online at www.region10.net or call 249-2436.

Oct. 21—Woman's Club of Ouray County meeting - San Juan Room, Ouray Community Center at 1 p.m. Guest Speaker Ruth Stewart, OCEMS and Mountain Rescue. 'Dangling by a Rope' is her favorite place to be! Visitors and guests welcome. The presentation is part of WCOC's 2013-2014 program, "Uncommon Women: Uncommon Lives". More info: <https://www.facebook.com/Womans.Club.Ouray>.

Oct 22 - 9:30 to 10:30 am—Learn about the Volunteers of America senior housing, how to apply, what are the qualifications and financial considerations. Montrose Library conference room. Refreshments provided. Contact Erin Berge with questions, 970-275-1220 or eberge@voa.org.

Oct. 23—The 2014 Senior Expo, sponsored by Bank of the West, and produced by the Delta County Senior Resource Council, is happening from 8 a.m. until 1:30 p.m., at the Bill Heddles Recreation Center, 530 Gunnison River Dr., Delta. The theme of this year's Expo is “Celebrate Life — Tools For Successful Aging,” with programs and information on awesome retirement, life celebrations, and exercise, and a free lunch for seniors! There is no charge for the Expo, but reservations for the free lunch for seniors would be appreciated by Oct. 21 for a meal count. To reserve attendance, or for more information and vendor deadlines, please contact Leah at [970-712-2295](tel:970-712-2295).

Oct. 23-24—Hospitality Summit, Montrose Pavilion Events Center, visit westerncoloradohospitality.com or call 970-901-6761 for information.

Oct. 25—Get Covered Montrose! Informational Insurance Fair, City of Montrose Centennial Room, 9 a.m. to Noon. Call 970-252-0660 for information.

Oct. 28—Businesses are invited to “Unlock the Keys to Facebook: Success for your Business in 90 Minutes, 1-2:30 p.m., at the Delta Area Chamber of Commerce. This class is meant to take your business Facebook to the next level, with some in-depth discussion on the best marketing strategies, how to make your page more engaging, and how to create a simple, strategic social media plan that's right for you and your business. Bring your laptop for this hands-on workshop. Seating is limited; please call to reserve your space. Cost is \$15. Call 874-8616 for questions or to RSVP.

Oct. 29—Welcome Home Montrose Community Celebration at the Montrose Pavilion, 6:30 to 9 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres, homemade desserts, cash bar. Come and help us celebrate the success of this grass roots community initiative! For more information call 970-765-2210.

Oct. 31—28th Annual Stupid Band Halloween Dance at Turn of the Century Saloon. Admission \$10 and a non-perishable food item. Doors open at 8 p.m.

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Nov. 7—Ridgway Moonwalk—Creative District and Weehawken creative Arts presents independent filmmaker screenings at the historic Sherbino Theater on Clinton Street from 6 to 9 p.m.

Nov. 7-8—Montrose Woman's Club is sponsoring their annual Hobby and Craft Bazaar at Friendship Hall at the Montrose Fairgrounds. Friday 10AM -5PM; Saturday 9AM-4PM. No admission charge. Call Lexy for a table 275-3336. Proceeds go to charitable organizations in the community.

Nov. 8—Montrose High School Band & Guard's Band on the Run 5K, Riverbottom Park, 9 am start time, online registration http://www.starunnerenterprises.com/mb_home.html or call Ethel at 209-9840 for paper registration. Early registration \$25 thru Oct 31. Regular registration \$30. All proceeds to benefit MHS Band & Guard.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

MMH PRESENTS ANNUAL FALL CLINICS AWARDS



Pictured at left are Dr. Jay Gilham and his wife Jeri. Courtesy photo.



Pictured at left Dr. Richard Hanley, his wife Amy and their Family. Courtesy photo.



Pictured above are Debbie and David Reed, Tricia Dickinson and Dr. Mary Vader. Courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror
MONTROSE-The Medical Staff of Montrose Memorial Hospital honored Drs. Richard Hanley and Jay Gilham, OB/Gyns, and community leaders Tricia Dickinson and J. David Reed at this year's

43rd Annual Fall Clinics event Friday, Sept. 26.

The "Physician of the Year" is chosen based on their on-going contribution to quality medical care, medical staff and hospital activities, community service activities and years of service. The Community honoree is chosen for their outstanding service to the Hospital and community.

Drs. Hanley and Gilham have served for many years on Hospital Committees, helped to educate members of our Medical and Hospital staff and provided on-going care for the obstetrics and gynecology patients of Montrose and surrounding communities for a combined 45 years, delivering thousands of babies.

Tricia Dickinson and David Reed have both served on numerous Montrose Memorial Hospital and community boards including both having served the community as previous Mayor. Tricia currently holds positions on the MMH Hospital Board, Colorado Mesa University Board, and was a nurse in the community for many years. David currently holds positions on the San Juan Healthcare Foundation Board, Montrose Community Foundation Board, Maslow Academy Board, and Colorado Mesa University Advisory Board, where he was instrumental in expansion efforts for the Montrose campus.

LOOKING AHEAD TO LIFE'S NEXT GREAT ADVENTURE?

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Wednesday, Oct 22 - 9:30 to 10:30 am



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The 2014 Montrose Farmers Market Harvest Festival on Oct. 11 was a downtown delight, with great food, excellent music, classic tractors and plenty of community members joining in the fun. Kudos to this year's vendors, and to new Market Manager Lois Harvie for a job well done!



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