MONTROSE AUTHOR DIANE WINGER ON THE ASCENT!

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—The motto of the family business is “books with altitude.” It’s a phrase that rings true in more ways than one; Montrose Author Diane Winger combines a fascination with Colorado-style high adventure and a lifelong love of plot, character development, and old-fashioned story telling.

“I enjoy the writing process,” Winger said, “spending months thinking of characters—their lives, where they grew up, what they like doing—really getting inside.”

Because while she spent her career as a software developer and designer, the petite but mighty author has also been writing from the moment she

BECOME ONE WITH THE DUDE!
The Big Lebowski opens Ridgway Park film series July 14

By Tanya Ishikawa

RIDGEWAY—This Tuesday could be a chance for a few lost souls to discover a character who they can relate to so well that he becomes a symbol of hope and unity. “The Dude” will be a new discovery for many when he appears on the hand-made screen in Ridgway’s Hartwell Park in this week’s screening of “The Big Lebowski.” The character, performed by actor Jeff Bridges, has already become an icon of sorts for the film’s cult-like following, who organize Lebowski Fests around the world and have even created a religion in his name. “I had been traveling the world studying all varieties of spiritual tradition and finally gave up on finding a system that suited me. That is, until I saw The Big Lebowski in a backpacker cafe in a small town in Thailand. Suddenly I felt as if I had found the worldview I had been searching for far and wide,” explained Oliver

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Mark your calendars and start making plans to come out to the 31st annual Ridgway Rendezvous on August 8th and 9th. In its 31st year, Weehawken Creative Arts will welcome over 140 artists and vendors on August 8th and 9th in the Town of Ridgway's historic park. The Rendezvous will once again feature an abundance of new artists and craftsmen's work to enjoy, as well as some favorite returners! All types of fine arts and original crafts will be represented at this show. Additionally, there will be a diverse assortment of food concessions offering everything from bar-b-que to Gyros. This year's event will also feature the delicious brews from regional breweries and will also feature signature drinks such as margaritas and bloody marys as well as wine at the event. This two-day event offers plenty for you to enjoy all day long throughout each day. The entertainment on the Main Stage runs continuously on both days of the show with music ranging from bluegrass to magic shows and rock and roll. Watch art transpire as demonstrations of all types are scheduled by the vendors throughout each day. Some of the entertainment throughout the weekend to include music from local names including; David Nunn, Till Willis and Deb Barr with a late night show at The Sherbino Theater to feature, “Big Medicine Gang.” (Doors and cash bar at 7 pm with a $10 cover at the door). A magician will entertain visitors throughout the weekend, and a circus performance from the Weehawken Creative Arts Yogini Kids Camp will also take the stage for a special performance. The Ridgway Rendezvous is perfect for families with plenty of extra special events designed with families and kids in mind. Even just playing in the incredible park or walking on the gorgeous river trail between events provides a great and enjoyable experience for all. On Saturday and Sunday, children will enjoy riding the Ridgway Fire Department train, a magic show, free balloons, face painting, a free arts and crafts booth, and several kid’s booths including sand art and more.

This annual show is located at the junction of Highways 550 and 62 in Southwest Colorado, Gateway to the beautiful San Juan Mountains. The show runs on Saturday from 9 am until 5 pm and on Sunday from 10 am until 5 pm. Admission to the Ridgway Rendezvous on Saturday and Sunday is FREE, so make plans to bring your whole family and a car load of friends for a fun weekend in Ridgway Colorado! For more information, contact Weehawken Creative Arts at questions@weehawkenarts.org or call 970-318-0150. Or, contact the Ridgway Chamber of Commerce at 1-800-220-4959.

This event is sponsored by Weehawken Creative arts and is a fundraiser for the children's arts programming offered through Weehawken.
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Opening Act: RUSTY MOUNTAIN SOCIETY at 6:30pm
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— MONTROSE COLORADO ——
FIRST EVER BEER GARDEN BLOOMS AT THE MONTROSE COUNTY FAIR

By Liesl Greathouse

MONTROSE-The Montrose County Fair has been providing fun for locals for many years now. Each year features new things, and this year offers a different kind of fun for the adults: a beer garden.

Two Rascals Brewing Company, Colorado Boy Pizzeria and Brewery and Horsefly Brewing Company's beer will be served for the first-ever in a beer garden during select events at this year’s fair and rodeo.

“We wanted to give the public the opportunity to enjoy a locally-brewed beer while watching several of our events,” explained Fairgrounds Manager Emily Sanchez. “The beer garden is a great partnership as it supports a local business while providing funds to support the fair.”

The interesting part of the addition of the beer garden is the fact that alcohol is not actually allowed at certain parts of the Fairgrounds. But there was an option to offer alcohol without breaking the original rules. “Alcohol is not allowed on the originally deeded property, which includes Friendship Hall as well as the arena,” Sanchez explained.

“The main grandstands are on county property, not the original deeded property. As such, we are limiting beer sales and consumption to the main grandstands and beer garden area.”

The local breweries that will be at the beer garden are also excited about the opportunity. “They were willing to support the fair board by splitting some of the expenses as well as providing labor to actually serve the alcohol,” Sanchez said. “Additionally, 2 Rascals Brewing Company was gracious enough to agree to donate a portion of the proceeds to the fair board. The fair board is always looking for ways to partner with local businesses and this was a great opportunity to do that.”

While the beer garden is a fantastic addition to the Fair, the Montrose County Fair Board is not treating this new feature lightly.

“As a precautionary measure, the fair board has hired additional event security as well as taking precautionary steps to ensure a safe and responsible drinking experience,” Sanchez said. “If you choose to drink, the fair board encourages you to be responsible and arrange for alternate transportation.”

Sanchez is looking forward to how the beer garden will provide more opportunities for the fair to grow. “Several event organizers that book at the fairgrounds have inquired about serving alcohol at their event(s), and I am excited to test the waters with a beer garden,” she said. “The future for the fairgrounds is bright, and expanding to include alcohol would potentially create a new revenue stream as well as satisfy a need.”

Sanchez added, “Enjoying a beer while watching entertainment is one of America’s favorite past-times. There is something about being able to kick-back and be entertained while enjoying a beer that attracts a large number of people. We are excited to be able to offer that same experience at our fair and rodeo.”

The Montrose County Fair will be July 24-Aug. 2 at the Montrose County Fairgrounds, 1001 N. Second St.

For more information, call 964-2180 or visit montrosecountyfairandrodeo.com.
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May 26-July 31, 2015

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AUGUST 1st

Montrose Water Park
could pick up a pen, attended George Washington High School, earned a math degree with a concentration in computer science from the University of Colorado in Boulder, and went on to attain a Masters in Computer Science. “I also took a lot of writing classes throughout high school and college,” she said.

Diane met her husband Charlie at a “geek” convention during social hour, and the couple later spent ten years as business partners.

They also penned three guidebooks—The Trad Guide to Joshua Tree, Essential Guide to the Great Sand Dunes, and High Point Adventures: the Complete Guide to the 50 States’ High Points. “All of these were traditionally published,” Winger recalls, adding that “High Point Adventures” was republished by the Wingers themselves after eventually being dropped from its publisher’s list, and continues to do well without any promotional efforts.

“It keeps selling and selling,” said Winger, who said that she and Charlie are members of the HighPoint Adventure Club. The art of “high pointing” is to find and ascend the highest point in each of the 50 states. “It always gets good reviews, and Charlie and I are treated like celebrities at the national convention.”

The couple left Denver just over a decade ago, and initially moved to Beulah, a rural town 25 miles Southwest of Pueblo. “It was beautiful but remote,” Winger said. “And we kept finding ourselves coming through Montrose, because we have friends here and could stay with them. We felt comfortable here, like we fit.” So about ten years ago the Wingers moved here themselves. Charlie is fully retired, and Diane semi-retired, leaving her free to write fiction as well. She self-publishes her work, which does very well, through the wingerbookstore.com and through Amazon.com. Her novels include Faces; Duplicity; Rockfall; and her latest release, Memories & Secrets.

“I so enjoy adventure, that while my novels are not climbing books, I weave in climbing and cross country skiing,” Winger said. “Memories & Secrets is set in a small, fictional town; a couple has retired to ‘Seligtown.’”

“At one point, a character is having an iced cappuccino in a 1900’s era house that has been converted into a popular coffee shop—I love to include familiar things and settings.”

The tale focuses on a widowed grandmother whose troubled 17-year-old granddaughter comes for a visit. “This is very much a character-based book with a lot of social issues,” Winger said. “It touches on topics like bullying, Alzheimer’s, end-of-life issues. It is my favorite of my books by far—I have learned so much about writing, and really took time to flesh out the central characters.

“It is about coming to grips with feelings and a sense of guilt, and about being outdoors,” she said.

For Diane Winger, living with and spending time with her characters is essential to the creative process. Though it can take months of thinking to get started, when Diane sits down at her keyboard to write, a first draft can come together in an astonishingly brief two months. Husband Charlie, whose mountaineering experience extends back more than 40 years and who has been honored for his work as a writer and mountaineer, always gets to read Diane’s books first. “He is a great resource,” she said.

“In all of my novels, I try to show not tell, and include a lot of dialogue,” she said. “Soon, my characters start saying things I never imagined they would say! I always set out with an idea, and I love to use things that I have experienced personally so my characters can share those same passions, to take extraordinary situations that I may know about and bring those to bear.”

Among her own experiences is that of being lost for 24 hours in the backcountry, she said. “I can remember the extreme emotions, Charlie looking for me, and me trying to send telepathic messages to help them find me.

“I bring a little of myself into my characters,” she said, “Sometimes more than others. And as I mature as a writer, I love to sprinkle in little inside notes that people close to me will recognize. Getting occasional feedback is great, and having fun with it all is so important.”


Colorado Author Diane Winger has published four novels and several guidebooks with husband Charlie. Works by both authors can be found at www.wingerbookstore.com.
BECOME ONE WITH THE DUDE!  From pg 1

Benjamin, the Dudely Lama who started Dudeism in 2005.

Born in southern California and still living in Thailand, the Lama is not a spiritual leader, he noted, but “more of an editor and librarian and maybe janitor. I just gather materials and write stuff and maintain the websites. Many people contribute ideas and we publish them in our books [such as “The Tao of the Dude” and “The Abide Guide”] or our online publication, The Dudespaper [A Lifestyle Magazine for the Deeply Casual]. Dudeism is sort of an open source religion,” he said.

The Dudeism philosophy originates from The Big Lebowski, a 117-minute black comedy released in 1998. Written and directed by Joel Coen and Ethan Coen, the storyline revolves around The Dude Lebowski, an unemployed slacker hanging around the bowling alley, who is mistaken for a millionaire and gets caught up in a kidnapping rescue with his buddies. In addition to Jeff Bridges, the film stars John Goodman, Julianne Moore, David Huddleston, John Turturro, Steve Buscemi, Philip Seymour Hoffman, and Flea.

As described on the Dudeist website, the philosophy is: “Life is short and complicated and nobody knows what to do about it. So don’t do anything about it. Just take it easy, man. Stop worrying so much whether you’ll make it into the finals. Kick back with some friends and some oat soda and whether you roll strikes or gutters, do your best to be true to yourself and others – that is to say, abide.”

Among the great dudes in history, the site lists Jesus Christ, Buddha, Gandhi, Lao Tzu, cartoon character Snoopy, musician Jerry Garcia, author Kurt Vonnegut, film character Jeff Spicoli from “Fast Times at Ridgemon High, and composer/musician Quincy Jones. Also listed are comedian Sarah Silverman, chef Julia Child and singer Joni Mitchell, who should not be mistakenly called “Dudettes.” Both genders are referred to as dudes.

The Lama reports that “the slowest growing religion in the world” as he calls it, “is now pretty big. We have about 300,000 ordained Dudeist priests worldwide and get nearly 100,000 unique visitors a month.”

The religion’s Facebook page has nearly 400,000 Likes.

Chris York, 49, is a Montrose resident and admitted follower of Dudeism who said he has no plans to become a Dudeist Priest because, “That’s not where I see my time and energy headed.”

A self-employed seller of antiques and collectibles, York is attracted to the philosophy because it is “very spiritual and independent without judgment.”

“I think part of the reason The Big Lebowsk and Dudeism are getting a following is because of the example The Dude sets. He is SO himself even in the midst of all sorts of trouble, and in the end, he triumphs. I try to do that in my life and the movie and characters are a type of story that I relate well too,” said York, who has seen the film 10 times, give or take a couple.

He recommends the film as a very good story that is amazing fun to see again and again, and added, “Dress like a character and ENJOY it!”

On the other hand, he warned that many parts of the movie could offend some people. “People need to understand the humor and many don’t. The stuff with Julianne Moore and a porn king might offend certain people,” he said. The film has a Motion Picture Rating of R for pervasive strong language, drug content, sexuality and brief violence.

It is “like number 20 on the list of most f**ks said in a movie. If you only consider comedies, it’s like number three,” according to the Dudely Lama. The F-word “is sort of a mantra of suffering and frustration inherent in the modern condition, especially for disenfranchised males,” but added, “It does sort of make some jokes a lot funnier than sans all the ‘f**ks’ and ‘f** kings’ and ‘what the f**ks’ but [as The Dude says] that’s just like my opinion.”

The Big Lebowski in Ridgway: Tuesday, July 14 at sunset (approximately 8:30 p.m.) at Ridgway Town Park. This week’s Townie Tuesday Picture Show is brought to you by Eatery 66. White Russians on special, regular cash bar and movie concessions available. Free but donations are appreciated.

Bring your own lawn chair or blanket, and film-inspired costumes. The rainout location is the Sherbino Theater.
COMMUNITY CULTURE...NEWS ITEMS

MAGIC CIRCLE PLAYERS HOLD AUDITIONS FOR MARY POPPINS

Special to Art & Sol
MONTROSE-Auditions for the Magic Circle Players' musical production of "Mary Poppins" will take place beginning on July 26, 2015. Based on the classic Disney film, "Mary Poppins" is the story of a mysterious nanny who magically appears at the Banks' household in London to care for the children of an unhappy family. Using a combination of magic and common sense, she must teach the family how to value each other again. Adventure abounds as she whisks the children away to meet an array of colorful characters. Directed by Dr. Tom Chamberlain and assisted by Kathy Murdoch and choreographer Amy Nelp, "Mary Poppins" is sure to stir up "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious" childhood memories for both old and young alike. The cast includes 12-15 men, 15 women and two children.

Be prepared to sing a song of your choice. You may bring your own accompanist, recorded music or sheet music. If recorded music is used, there should be no vocals within the music. An accompanist will be available. Actors will be asked to read parts from the play and learn simple dance steps. Auditions are at Magic Circle Theatre, 420 S. 12th St., Montrose. The audition schedule is as follows: On July 26, children only from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.; adults and teens from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.; adults and teens from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. On July 27, adults and teens from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. And on July 31, adults, teens, and children from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. For more information call (970) 249-7838 or 249-9105. Audition packets are available outside the door of Magic Circle Theatre, 420 S. 12th St., Montrose.

ART PARTNERS TO HOLD 2015 EXPO AT DELTA SR. CENTER

Special to the Mirror
DELTA-Art Partners and Partners of Delta, Montrose and Ouray is excited to announce the hanging of their Annual Art Expo at the Delta Senior Center. This exhibit features art pieces produced by this year's Art Partner Interns and by Alumnae who have already graduated from their partnerships. Art Partners Interns are youth between the age of 12 and 18 who have expressed interest in working with a local artist or creative. The adult mentor does everything they can to help the young artist or craftsman understand and excel in the medium they are exploring. They will work in the mentor's studio or workshop be it a forge, a classroom, barn or a kitchen, developing skills and expanding their vision and understanding of their area of interest. Over the 16 years of the Art Partners Program, our interns have worked with drawing and painting, pottery, jewelry, horses, needle arts, creative writing and more. Interns have explored the business and display of fine art, and prepared and entered their work in local art shows and county fairs. Our young quilters have won People's Choice Awards and Best in Show and our young cooks have prepared hors d'oeuvres for Partners' events. The 2015 Art Expo is available for viewing Monday through Friday from 10 - 2 at The Delta Senior/Community Center, 247 Meeker in Delta through July 31st. There will be a Silent Auction of work donated by our exhibitors. The proceeds help with the purchase of materials and matting and framing. There will be an Artist's Reception on Thursday July 23rd from 4:30-6:30 PM where the public can meet the artists and their mentors. Art Partners will be visiting with the senior Community during lunch at noon. The Gallery will be open to all on the 23rd from 10:00 until 6:30. There will be demonstrations by our artists during that time. For more information about the event or about Partners Mentoring please call Partners of Delta, Montrose and Ouray at 249-1116 or 874-4661 in Delta.
COMMUNITY CULTURE...NEWS ITEMS

KARATE CLASS WITH SENSEI BURKHARD FEIERABEND BEGINS ON AUGUST 3RD. SIGN UP TODAY!!

Weehawken Creative Arts offers karate on a monthly basis with Sensei Burkhard Feierabend and the August session is just around the corner. Ouray at St. Andrew’s Church and Thursday classes are held at Weehawken Ridgway, The Old School House. Whether you are new to Karate or a seasoned student, the Sensei will work with your level. If younger students prefer to leave after 1 hour of class, that is not a problem. Taught in the kyokushin kai-kan style, similar shotokan style of karate, we welcome new students to try this exceptional experience for your mind and body! Sensei has over 42 years in karate, rank of Go-Dan.

Notes: Please wear comfortable clothes, Gei not required but we can order one if you desire- approx. $30. If you have one from another dojo (center) that is fine. Bring water with you. Prices of the class varies so please call, 970.318.0150 for more information.

PAX ANNOUNCES SCULPTURE DONATIONS

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE—Montrose Public Art experience (PAX) has announced a recent bronze sculpture donation to the City of Montrose’s permanent sculpture exhibit. Bob and Pat Brown, owners of Around the Corner Art Gallery, donated “Joy” by sculptor Ella Marolf. The bronze sculpture stands three feet high and features a young girl holding a delicate butterfly in her hand. PAX is collaborating with the Montrose Botanic Gardens to place the sculpture initially in the garden at a specially prepared location. Marolf, a resident of Norwood and Montrose, has one other sculpture in the PAX permanent exhibit. The current PAX exhibit features three new pieces installed on Main Street, “Three Rooms” by Mary Zimmerman, “Llama Llama II” by Daphna Russell, and “Talvez Manana” by Pokey Park. Shortly after installation, “Llama Llama II” sculpture was purchased by Linda and Michael Balas to add to the permanent collection, which raises the permanent exhibit value to $51,550 with 13 sculptures. Another new exhibit piece, “Extreme Artifact” by Grand Junction Artist Thad Tuin is located in the Montrose Botanic Gardens.

Bob and Pat Brown have donated a bronze sculpture to PAX, “Joy” by sculptor Ella Marolf; and “Llama Llama II” (at right) was purchased by Linda and Michael Balas to add to the City’s permanent sculpture collection shortly after installation.
NOTES FOR THE JOURNEY...
Exploring Classical Music With Rob Brethouwer

Chamber music. These two words often bring about visions of distant dusty people playing and listening to distant and dusty music. If you are looking to excite people with mere words, you may want to choose some other than chamber and music. For those who have not attached a musical experience to the words then this is a common reaction: boredom, and little to no interest. Well, let’s take some time to re-examine the world of chamber music.

Chamber music was composed for small ensembles that would play the music in small and intimate settings. Think of it as after-dinner music in the time when aural entertainment had to be produced and played on the spot. Friends have just gathered around the table for dinner and have shared conversation along with a few bottles of wine. Following the meal, the group moves to an area where they gather around and listen to a piano trio or a string quartet. Talented amateurs could play many of these pieces. Chamber music: an evening’s entertainment.

Now that we have a working idea of the topic in which we are discussing, let’s take a brief moment to examine several forms and styles of what would have been heard. Piano trios (piano, violin, cello) offer some of the most common forms of chamber music. Works would often be in a three-movement form and consist of musical motifs repeated and traded between the instrumentalists. The German composer Ludwig von Beethoven (1770-1827) composed some of the most powerful and moving piano trios in the repertoire.

Let us add a viola to the piano trio and we now have a piano quartet; a musical form that offers the dynamic range of the piano with the soprano, alto, and tenor voices of the string instruments. A piano quartet offers one more layer of listening pleasure adds an entirely new dimension to the sound and feel of chamber music.

The string quartet (two violins, a viola, and cello) is the mental image that is most connected to chamber music. Four players sitting in a semi-circle. Quartets from Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, and Shostakovich are just some that are a part of what will often be heard coming from a string quartet.

Combinations of players and instruments vary greatly and can include larger groups of nonets (nine players) or more. Woodwinds are often part of these groups. The addition of a flute, clarinet, oboe, horn, or bassoon offers entirely new sounds and sensations while keeping to the traditions and forms of chamber music. Pianos are ever present and are used from everything from background accompaniment to featured soloist.

The world-class chamber group Trio Solisti gave a performance in Ouray June 26. Trio Solisti has a stage presence that immediately captures your attention. This occurs before they have played even a single note. Once the performance begins, the listeners witness technical virtuosity and subtle nuances that are simply astounding. Watching and listening to master musicians play some of the most exciting and powerful music in the world is one of life’s greatest pleasures. In the world of chamber music, the opportunities for this kind of experience are ever present.

Listening recommendations from the Trio Solisti performance:
Ludwig von Beethoven, Piano Trio No. 5, Op. 70, No. 1 in D major, “Ghost Trio”
Johannes Brahms, Piano Quartet in C minor, Op. 60.
**Hold the Date! Upcoming Cultural Events**

**ONGOING-**
THE ALPINE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB meets every second Tuesday at St Mary’s Catholic Church in the St Paul Room, 1855 St Mary’s Drive, Montrose. The Public is welcome to attend. For more information, email alpinephotoclub@aol.com.

“SHERB NERDS” TRIVIA NIGHTS AT RIDGWAY’S SHERBINO THEATER are monthly on Tuesdays from 7-9 pm, (doors at 7 pm and trivia starting at 7:30 pm) beginning June 9th. Admission is $5 per person and $3 for students, and the cash bar is open!!! Half the proceeds from admissions go toward the cash grand prize to the winning team of the night, and all other proceeds will benefit the Sherbino Theater. “Sherb Nerd” Trivia Nights dates are: Tuesday, June 9, Tuesday July 21st, Tuesday Aug. 18th, and Sept. 8th!!


**FREE JAM SESSION AND SING ALONG**, Mondays from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Montrose Pavilion Senior Center.

**MONTROSE FARMERS MARKET**—Every Saturday from 8:30 a.m. -1p.m., S. 1st and Uncompaghre.

**FIRST FRIDAY STROLLS MONTROSE DOWNTOWN** —Monthly from 5:30 p.m.-8p.m. Artist Demonstrations, Free Wine Tastings, and in-store promotional events!

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

**MONTHLY—**
July 14—Townie Tuesday Picture Show-Ridgway Town Park. Movie starts at dusk.

July 15—Local Canine Superhero Oxx will appear at the Montrose Library as part of the teen Summer Reading Program!! 2 to 3 p.m.


July 17 — Historical Alley walk Act II-North side of Main starts at 7 pm meet at the Montrose Historical Museum. Fee is $5.00/person; spaces are limited so please call 249-2085 for RSVP.

July 18-19—River Gear Swap hosted by Montrose Kayak & Surf, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. 20 percent off storewide. Gear check in is Friday, July 17 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

July 19—The Art of Ending a Poem, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. workshop with Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer. Ridgway. Call 970-318-0150 or weehawkenarts.org.

July 22—Ignite comes to Ridgway’s Sherbino Theater. Doors and cash bar for the event are at 7 pm with presentations starting around 8 pm. Admission for the event is by donation only.

July 23 Art Partners Artists’ Reception from 4:30-6:30 PM at the Delta Senior Center 247 Meeker St. in Delta—meet the artists and their mentors. Art Partners will be visiting with the senior Community during lunch at noon. The Gallery will be open to all on the 23rd from 10 until 6:30. There will be demonstrations by our artists during that time. The 2015 Art Expo is available for viewing Monday through Friday from 10-2 at The Delta Senior/Community Center, 247 Meeker in Delta through July 31st. For more information about the event or about Partners Mentoring please call Partners of Delta, Montrose and Ouray at 249-1116 or 874-4661 in Delta.

July 24-Aug. 2-2015 Montrose County Fair & Rodeo! Montrose County Fairgrounds!

July 24—Catch Sawyer Brown at Bridges of Montrose! Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Rusty Mt. Society to open at 6:30 p.m. Admission is $30, www.brownpapertickets.com.

July 25—Poetry on the Rivers with Beth Paulson, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Uncompaghre River walk in Ridgway. Workshop is $50. For more information please visit: www.weehawkenarts.org or call 970. 318. 0150.

July 26 – 1-2 p.m. “Mary Poppins” musical auditions for children at Magic Circle Theatre, 420 S. 12th St., 249-7838 or 249-9105. Only two roles available for children. Adult and teen auditions follow children’s audition. Audition packets available at theatre.2:00-5:00 p.m. “Mary Poppins” musical auditions for adults and teens at Magic Circle Theatre, 420 S. 12th St., 249-7838 or 249-9105. Audition packets available at theatre.6.30-9:30 p.m. “Mary Poppins” musical auditions for adults and teens at Magic Circle Theatre, 420 S. 12th St., 249-7838 or 249-9105. Audition packets available at theatre.

July 27–6:30-9:30 p.m. “Mary Poppins” musical auditions for adults and teens at Magic Circle Theatre, 420 S. 12th St., 249-7838 or 249-9105. Audition packets available at theatre.

July 28—Townie Tuesday Picture Show-Ridgway Town Park. Movie starts at dusk.

July 29—Oh, no! Henry the Evil Cat is gluing all the library doors closed! Join ventriloquist Meghan Casey and her superhero puppet friends as they try to put a stop to Henry’s terrible plan! Rocky Mountain Puppets presents “The Heroes in You” on Wednesday, July 29, at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. in the library’s meeting room. First-come, first-served! Recommended for ages three and up.

July 31—SOM Footwear is turning 1 year old on Friday, July 31st and we want you to celebrate with us! We have received overwhelming support from our community, and to say THANK YOU, we will be hosting a very special happy hour. Meet the creators of SOM Footwear and get a tour of the factory, 4 to 7 pm at 1006 N. Cascade Ave. SOM Footwear is one of just four sneaker factories in the United States, so don’t miss this opportunity! RSVP by July 29.

July 31—Thin Air to perform at Concerts on the Green, behind Volunteers of America Homestead. Free concert, 6 to 8 p.m. 2377 Robbins Dr., Paonia. 7838 or 249-7838 for RSVP.

July 31—Montrose Summer Music Series Free concert at Black Canyon Golf Course, Somebody’s Darling. 5 p.m.

July 31–6:30-9:30 p.m. “Mary Poppins” musical auditions for adults, teens and children at Magic Circle Theatre, 420 S. 12th St., 249-7838 or 249-9105. Audition packets available at theatre.
FREE DANCE CLASSES!
WITH WEEHAWKEN DANCE IN MONTROSE

4:00-5:00pm / Ages 3-8
Pre/Primary Ballet Sampler: Meet Miss LeeAnn and take a sample class showing the first-steps of ballet!

5:00-6:00 / Ages 9+
“Never Ever” Danced:
Plan to learn what dance is all about! Never ever danced before? Then this is the class for you!

6:00-7:00 / Ages 9+
“Haven’t in a While”:
Have you considered dance but it’s been 2 or more years since participating in dance? Come and get your dance class refresher!

7:00-8:00 / Ages 9+
“Meet the Instructor” You’re a dancer and are interested in taking from Weehawken Dance or are currently a student? Come and meet Miss Autumn our newest instructor!

TUES JULY 14 & 21
AT UNCOMPAHGRE YOGA CIRCLE

Class is Free, however, we do need a waiver and registration form filled out in order to participate. Call Weehawken in advance at 970.318.0150 or visit weehawkenarts.org if a parent or guardian is unable to fill-out the form in-person on the 28th.
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PAX PEOPLES’ CHOICE WINNER

Special to the Mirror

At left, appreciative viewers at the Black Canyon Quilt Show at the Montrose Pavilion July 10; above, Clark Gault’s Swing City Express at the Lark & Sparrow venue in Montrose July 11.

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**Montrose Summer Dance**

**Mondays with Miss Natasha**

10:00-10:45 Story Book Ballet (ages 3-5)
10:45-11:30 Primary ballet and jazz (ages 5-8)
11:30-12:30 Level 1 ballet and jazz (ages 8-10)
12:30-1:30 Hip-hop/jazz funk (ages 8-11)
1:30-2:30 Level 2 ballet and jazz (ages 10-11)
2:30-4:00 Ballet 3/4 ballet and jazz (ages 12 & up)
4:00-5:00 TWEEN/TEEN tap (ages 11 and up)

**Tuesdays**

1:45-2:30 Pre-Ballet with Miss Leeann (3-5)
2:30-3:15 Primary Ballet with Miss Leeann (5-8)
3:15-4:15 Primary Tap with Miss Jenny (ages 5-8)
4:15-5:15 Level 1 Tap with Miss Jenny (ages 8-10)
5:15-6:15 Ballet 2 with Miss Autumn
6:15-7:30 Ballet 3 with Miss Autumn
7:30-8 Pointe with Miss Autumn

**Pricing:**

$100 - $150, depending on length of class
(ex: 45 minutes = $100 / 1.5 hours = $150)

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**Schedule**

Classes begin June 8