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CENTENNIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL CUTS RIBBON ON NEW DON'T QUIT FITNESS CENTER WITH COMMUNITY MEMBERS. VISITING DIGNITARIES

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Friday morning, Centennial Middle School students practiced making as much noise as possible in the school gym as they waited to cut the ribbon for the school's brand new, \$100,000 DON'T QUIT Fitness Center, attempting to outshout each other by grade level and even doing "the wave."

Because a brand new DON'T QUIT fitness center is something worth shouting about!

"I am so proud of Joe Simo," said Phoebe Benziger of the Montrose County School District RE-RJ board of directors. "He's a rock star. I am so proud he had the initiative to apply for this.

"One person can make a difference," she said.

Centennial was one of only three Colorado schools selected as a DON'T QUIT! Fitness Champion earlier this year (495 schools were eligible) for demonstrating new and innovative ways of promoting student physical activity

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Centennial Middle School cuts the ribbon for the new \$100,000 DON'T QUIT Fitness Center on Friday, Oct. 6.

OURAY ICE PARK BOARD RELUCTANTLY SIGNS CITY COUNCIL EXTENSION FOR 2017-18 SEASON



Participants wait in line at a past Ouray Ice Festival. Courtesy image.

By Carole Ann McKelvey Ouray Bureau reporter

OURAY-Citizens in Ouray and ice climbers getting ready for the climbing season all can breathe a sigh of relief. Ouray's Ice Park Inc. (OIPI) board has signed the Ouray City Council extension agreement, so the current Ice Park season can proceed. The Ice Park and Ice Park Festival is the city's largest winter income earner which translates into tax revenue.

Signatures by Mayor Pam Larson and OIPI president Lora Slawitshka extend the current Agreement for Management of the Ouray Ice Park and a Water Use Agreement dated Nov. 3, 2009 until May 31, 2018. This agreement allows for the continued operation of the Ice Park for the 2017-18 season by the OIPI.

Ouray Mayor Larson thanked the OIPI board, "For providing the city with an ice

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GAIL MARVEL'S HOUSES OF WORSHIP: COMMUNITY SPIRIT CHURCH

"The Spirit of Christ is not an idea; it is a reality"

By Gail Marvel

Jesus said, "For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them" (Matt 18:20 NIV).

MONTROSE-Unlike many churches whose worshippers visit and have fellowship prior to service, members of Community Spirit Church (UCC) sit quietly and prepare themselves for worship as a pianist plays "Gathering Music."

There were 17 worshippers assembled on Aug. 27, the 12th Sunday after Pentecost. After Lighting the Candle of Peace, members were invited to the front of the sanctuary to light a votive candle and say personal prayers.

Song selections, with piano and guitar accompaniment, included "No Matter," "Listen to the Word," and "I'm Gonna Live." A staple church song is "Jesus Loves Me" and Rev. Karen Winkel penned an additional, "Jesus loves you, this is true. He came for me; he came for you. He Gives his love to one and all. To Share this love is our daily call. Yes, Jesus loves US! Yes, Jesus loves US. His Spirit makes it so."

Prior to greeting one another and passing the peace, Winkel said, "Who knows how the Spirit will move in our midst. The Spirit of Christ is not an idea; it is a reality."

Drawing from Matthew 16:13-20, where Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" Winkel inserted a personal illustration as a host for Airbnb (Air-bed and breakfast).

"Many guests come for one night, but I get more acquainted with people who stay longer. We know more about people we've known for a long time."

The pastor reflected on being gifted with a music box that played the tune "Phantom of the Opera." Winkel said, "I don't like "Phantom of the Opera." I don't



think they know me very well." Making a spiritual application Winkel said, "This is in our faith as well. Learning about the Spirit, what he wants us to do...when, where and how. Listen to his Word. Learn some new facets of the Holy One and communicate with Him."

The message titled, "Let Your Life Speak" attempted to answer the question asked by Jesus in the Matthew passage, "Who do you say that I am?" Winkel said, "If we want to we can look at the question from a historical perspective, or as an exchange between Jesus and Peter. Just as Jesus rose from the grave, Jesus' question can't stay on the page [of the *Bible*], but it keeps rising from Scripture. How do we as a church answer the question?"

Winkel said, "Our claim about him has much to do with what we bring with us. If we are fearful, we will see in Jesus someone who liberates us. If we are weary of the chaos and violence, Jesus' peace will stand out." With a note of sarcasm, she continued, "We know we've created God, or Jesus, in *our* image when Jesus hates the same people we do. People fashion

God, or the Messiah, in the image they want. Jesus loves all people without condition. I wonder if Jesus ever felt trapped by our rote phrases."

Other elements of the service included Spirit Sightings, Prayers of the People, Silent Prayers and the Invitation to Offer Gifts (tithes).

Winkel joked about people's low expectations in giving offerings and rather than holding a small traditional offering plate she brought out a large basket, "You have not because you ask not!"

Announcements included the upcoming sale of Saint Paul's Episcopal to Celebration Church.

"I've appreciated sharing space and having a building to worship in, but it's not about what address we'll have, or what we can afford...but can we answer who he is by the extension we are?"

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TRASH COLLECTION ADJUSTMENTS & OFFICE CLOSURES FOR COLUMBUS DAY

Special to the Mirror MONTROSE-Trash collection services that normally occur on Monday have been adjusted for the Columbus Day holiday. Trash collection for residences located south of Highway 50 and San Juan Avenue will occur Tuesday, Oct. 10 and residences located north of Highway 50 and San Juan

11. Alternative trash collection days apply only to customers whose normal collection day falls on Columbus Day. All nonholiday collection days will not be affected. Note that recycling collections that fall on Columbus Day will be delayed until the customer's next scheduled collection

Avenue will be served on Wednesday, Oct. day, Monday, Oct. 23. City offices will be closed in observance of the holiday; however, police officers will be on duty and responding to calls. Visit CityofMontrose.org/Trash or call 970.240.1480 for more information about holiday collection schedules and the city's sanitation and recycling services.



REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

BLM ISSUES DECISION FOR BULL MOUNTAIN UNIT MASTER DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Special to the Mirror

REGIONAL-Last week, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Uncompanyer Field Office released the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Bull Mountain Unit Master Development Plan, providing direction for the development of approximately 19,670 acres of federal and private mineral estate near the town of Paonia, Colorado.

The plan provides a framework for developing up to 146 natural gas wells, four water disposal wells and construction of associated access roads and pipelines for leases operated by SG Interests I, Ltd (SGI). The decision also approves one Federal application for permit to drill. The plan is a part of the President's America First Energy Plan, which includes environmentally-responsible development of oil and gas, coal, strategic minerals, and renewable energy sources such as wind, geothermal, and solar.

"We developed the plan through close coordination with stakeholders and our cooperating agencies," said Dana Wilson, BLM Colorado Acting Southwest District Manager. "It represents the best combination of management decisions to allow SGI to exercise its lease rights while limiting the impacts to natural resources."

A Master Development Plan allows for orderly development of oil and gas resources, resulting in fewer wells drilled and less surface impacts. The Bull Mountain Master Development Plan includes conditions of approval, best management practices for responsible development,

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and measures to protect air and water resources. Additionally, the plan includes key wildlife provisions intended to reduce impacts to winter elk habitat and other big game species. Throughout the planning process, seven cooperating agencies reviewed and provided comments to develop these protective measures. In addition to cooperating agency comments, the BLM reviewed all public comments and provided responses in the ROD.

The decision to approve one application for permit to drill does not guarantee approval of additional wells. Any future federal applications must go through sitespecific environmental review.

During the drilling phase, the Bull Mountain project could generate up to \$100 million in employment income and 470

jobs annually. The production phase could generate up to \$14 million in employment income, and up to 135 jobs annually.

The State of Colorado receives 49 percent of royalties from oil and gas development on federal minerals. In Fiscal Year 2016, oil and gas development directly contributed \$796 million to the economy and produced \$98 million in federal revenues.

Statewide, more than 22,900 jobs are tied to mineral and energy development on public lands.

For more information about the Bull Mountain Master Development Plan or to review the ROD and associated documents, please visit the BLM website at https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/legacyProjectSite.do?



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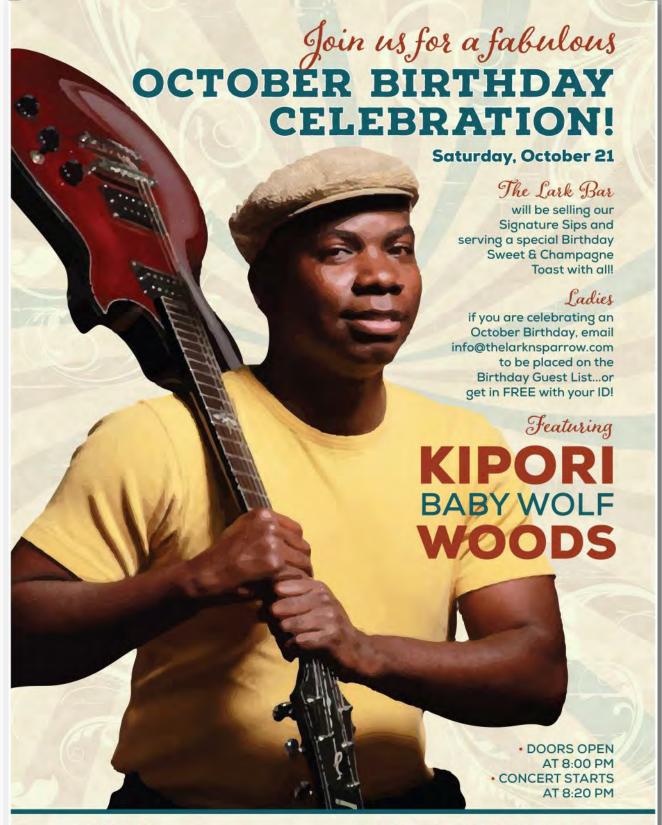
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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

JUNKYARDS, TRASH, & TIRES DETRACT FROM BEAUTIFUL COMMUNITY

To the Board of Montrose County Commissioners:

As we plan for our new arena and other improvements for our county I believe we should also be considering the ongoing issues with the junkyards, trash, and tires that pile-up along the county's boarders.

No matter which direction you enter into Montrose, it is obvious that you are entering a county with no ordinances that encourage their residents to keep their land clean.

It is a shame that such a beautiful community is surrounded by such filth and neglect. I know we have more pride than this! The entire valley needs assistance with solutions on how we can work together to clean up this stunning area we all call home.

A community sponsored, tire-and-car round up would be great each year. With the help of a few key players, our community could come together to help each other get rid of the junk and trash that should be recycled or put to better use.

One other improvement that could be made to improve the livelihood of our county residents is the creation, implementation, and enforcement of a countywide noise ordinance. Other than agricultural machinery and support, the creation of a law regarding excessive disruptions throughout the county should be addressed. As of now, there is nothing in place to protect the homeowner outside of city limits.

I am passionate about this place I call home, as I know most the residents of this region are. Please let us know how we can help turn our neighborhoods back into the beautiful community we know and love!

Best,

Lynn Carretta, Montrose



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activity and wellness. The other two winning schools were Jack Swigert Aerospace Academy in Colorado Springs and Everitt Middle School in Wheat Ridge

On Friday, Centennial held an assembly to celebrate the opening of the new fitness center, with speaker Jake Steinfeld, Chairman of the National Foundation for Governors' Fitness Councils, around 620 excited middle school students, plenty of local dignitaries, school district officials, teachers and staff.

Speaker Steinfeld told students about his own transformation at age 13. "I was a very overweight kid...my dad bought me a set of weights," he said. "That changed my life, and built confidence and selfesteem." Centennial has become a place where students and community can recreate both during after school, thanks to the nor's DON'T QUIT Fitness room is an hontrack, brand new playground equipment, a new GaGa Ballpit created by local Boy Scout Brooks Blackford of Troop 491, and now the new weight room/fitness center.

Centennial Principal Joe Simo, who has lost 110 lbs over the past year through simple lifestyle changes, said that having new playground equipment at Centennial has been exciting for students and for staff, and the new fitness center brings expanded opportunities.

"The kids are loving it," Simo said.





Above, students and dignitaries head for the ribbon cutting; Centennial student Rachel Robuck tries out one of the machines.

"There are no discipline issues during recess because the kids are busy, they are engaged, and they are having a great time.

"And to be chosen to receive a goveror. The equipment is amazing; the resources are designed for the weight room based on the space."

Physical education teachers have been trained on the new equipment as well, Simo said. Community members have expressed appreciation for the recreational amenities at Centennial, and RE-1J Director of Property Services Philip Bailey noted that playgrounds and recreational facilities are important throughout the district--both during and after school

hours. "Johnson Elementary has a new playground too; it's also getting a lot of use." Facilities are unlocked after school hours for community members to share and enjoy. According to a news release issued by the National Foundation for Governors' Fitness Councils, Physical activity and exercise have been shown to help prevent and treat more than 40 chronic diseases, enhance individual health and quality of life and reduce health care costs.

In schools, physical activity and exercise have been shown to improve academic achievement, increase confidence and self -esteem, reduce discipline problems, cut absenteeism and foster better interpersonal relationships.



CITY PREPARES TO INVEST IN URA INFRASTRUCTURE; LOAN COMING FROM WATER FUND "We have plenty of money at the city to handle the flow of money," City Manager Bill Bell

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE- Formed in late 2016, the Montrose Urban Renewal Authority (MURA) encompasses approximately 160 acres along the Uncompander River, roughly from West Main north to the Justice Center.

The 10-member MURA Board of Commissioners is made up of the five members from the Montrose City Council, Montrose City Manager Bill Bell (Executive Director), and representatives from entities affected by the MURA — Brad Hughes (Montrose County Assessor); MURA Chairman Tad Rowan (Montrose Fire Protection District); Melanie Hall (Montrose County School District); and Barbara Bynum (Special District Representative).

Bynum was recently appointed to fill a vacant seat on city council, leaving the Special District Representative position open. The position must be filled by an elected official and Bell is soliciting someone who currently serves on the Montrose Recreation District Board to fill the seat. Melanie Hall, a Montrose County School Board member, announced she will not seek re-election to the school board and therefore will no longer be eligible to serve on the MURA Board. Hall's seat on the MURA Commission will become open in November.

With the exception of Councilwoman Bynum, all MURA Board of Commissioners attended the Oct. 5, 2017 meeting.

General Colorado Outdoors Project Update – City Engineer Scott Murphy and Mayfly Outdoors President David Dragoo.

Murphy's report focused on three areas: Upland Development, Recreation Trails and River Development. "One of the first things was floodplain mapping. We had to wrap our heads around where is the floodplain." The original model dated back to the 1970's; however, the river has changed, "In some places the river has moved hundreds of feet. Some residential property is no longer in the floodplain." The end of August the city submitted the new floodplain and floodway map to FE-MA. The 2017 Yellow-Billed Cuckoo Survey was completed. Murphy said, "We made sure we were not disturbing them." The survey includes a researcher standing in the habitat, calling the Cuckoo, waiting for 30-minutes and documenting the results.

Murphy said, "The take-home was there were no birds."

A religious site of historical interest is being documented by Alpine Archaeological Consultants and the documentation filed with the State.

In the area of public infrastructure, the city encountered two unexpected, but manageable issues. Murphy said, "The current service from Black Hills Energy is not long enough to support the development. We need to bring in a new six-inch line. The upsize will make gas more reliable for the area."

Mayor Judy Ann Files questioned the expense to the URA for putting in the larger capacity gas line when it will be Black Hills who gets the customers. Murphy said, "They admitted they have some skin in the game. They will see how much they can justify and send it up to corporate, but if a developer [city] requires it, it's on them."

It was discovered that all water sources for Project 7 are east of town and there are only three crossings across Townsend Avenue. Murphy is working with Project 7 on solutions.

The city is in the process of exchanging three-acres of public property for 43-acres of privately owned property along the river. Murphy said, "The land the city is to receive from Colorado Outdoors has a net value of \$600,000."

There are five lots planned for Phase I of the MURA development; however, there is flexibility in the plan and those lots could be reduced to three. The lots will be plated in July or August 2018. Hughes asked, "When you subdivide a lot it creates value and from my position (Montrose County Assessor) we want to capture that value."

Murphy's focus is on Phase one (streets, sewer and water) and the groundbreaking. "We are looking to bid right before Thanksgiving and the first part of January starting construction. I want a realistic schedule. We will be talking to contractors and the end of summer looks realistic."

Colorado Outdoors President David Dragoo announced their official groundbreaking will be held on Oct. 26th and the tentative time is scheduled for 3:30 p.m.

Consideration of Promissory Note – City Engineer Scott Murphy.



Montrose City Engineer Scott Murphy (third from the left) gives the Montrose Urban Renewal Authority (MURA) commission a general update on the Colorado Outdoors Project. Photo by Gail Marvel.

The commissioners considered a Promissory Note between the MURA and the City of Montrose in the amount of \$6,750,000.00 for construction of the MURA Phase I Public Infrastructure. The city quoted the funding stream as \$4.8 M from a Certificate of Participation (COP) and a \$1.7 M loan from the city Water Fund, for a total of \$6.5 M. There was no explanation for the difference in the total.

There are two components to the proposed \$10M COP (2.75 percent interest bank loan). The funds will be divided with \$4.8 M going to the MURA and \$5 M going toward current street maintenance, for a total of \$9.8 M. There was no explanation for the difference in the total.

In the most recent city household survey citizens identified street maintenance and traffic congestion as priorities. However, the \$5 M earmarked for street maintenance will not all be spent in 2018, but rather will be divided with \$3 M expended in 2018 and \$2 M in 2019. The funding and scheduling for the MURA Phase I Public Infrastructure is a priority for the city and Bell said "We have to show the community some tangible success."

Hughes said, "What happens if the TIF (Tax Increment Financing) money is not there? All of our money is spent on infrastructure — roads, streets, sewer."

Bell said, "[Then] We will have invested money in an industrial park. We have plenty of money at the city to handle the flow of money." Hughes said, "I want this to work, but we need a back-up plan. No one would have predicted what happened in 2008 [downturn in economy]."

The next MURA meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 16, at 4:30 p.m. in city council chambers.

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Ouray's hard working ice farmers perform maintenance tasks in anticipation of the season. Courtesy image.

ice park & festival for 2017-18 season. Looking forward to working with you and the community on a long-term strategic plan for the future of the Ice Park. Thanks to the citizens, OIPI board and city staff on their input and concern about the operation and development of the Ouray Ice Park. "It is one of our most valuable and unique assets," Larson said.

The agreement was signed on Oct. 4 by Larson and Slawitshka.

The OIPI board put out a statement noting that the signed agreement: "Does not address any of the concerns we have presented to the city council over the last year." The Ice Park Board statement said the board decided signing was a better alternative than having the city put the park up for an RFP process on Friday.

"Our primary interest in agreeing to manage another ice climbing season is to protect the best interests of our patient and dedicated staff, our supportive local business partners, and the community of Ouray. We feel that by agreeing to the city's terms, the vulnerability of the 2017-18 ice climbing season can be put to rest and we can all get back to work."

The board noted that "We look forward to learning more about the city's plan for

the long-term management of the Ouray Ice Park."

On Oct. 2, the Ouray City Council debated if the council would continue to negotiate with Ouray Ice Park, Inc. for a long-term agreement for the Ice Park. The debate came after almost a year of meetings and negotiations between the two groups. Interim City Administrator Justin Perry Friday noted that the city council had previously met and determined: "These agreements will define the details that allow the city to take over operations of ice making and the OIPI board to present the 2018 Ice Festival, as was described earlier this summer by a joint statement from OIPI and the City."

The City has indicated it will pursue the employment of the Ice Park manager by Oct. 1 and the Ice Farmers by Nov. 1. All positions will be seasonal positions until details for a sustainable operation is defined for the Ice Park.

The development of a long-term Ice Park operation plan is expected to be a subject of future discussion by the city council. The city council indicated Monday they would be appointing a representative citizen committee to determine the best interests of the city regarding the Ice

Park. The council also stated they had been thrown a curve by OIPI within the past two weeks, when OIPI delivered a new proposal for negotiation, Extension Agreement (Version 2).

Tuesday, Oct. 3, the Ouray Ice Park Board held a community meeting at Ouray Community Center on the Extension Agreement (Version 2) to get public input.

The current operating agreement for management of the Ouray Ice Park was set to terminate Oct. 31. Tuesday the OIPI said it is in the best interest of the city and the ice board for the agreement to be extended to June 30, 2018.

Time is of the essence, because Ice Park ice farmers say they must begin making ice in November to be ready for climbers coming for the current season's climbing activities.

For the ice park to begin making the ice it needs, OIPI board members said Tuesday, three issues need resolving as soon as possible: The need for water; The need for a time-line; Who will be responsible for running the Ouray Ice Fest.

The agreement signed Thursday lays these issues to rest for at least the upcoming season.

In its alternative proposed extension agreement #2, the Ice Park board stated the "City and OIPI are parties to a Water Use agreement dated Nov. 3, 2009, which terminates upon the expiration or termination of the Operating Agreement for Ouray Ice Park, dated Nov. 19, 2012, which is one and the same as the Management Agreement." The Extension Agreement #2 proposed by the ice board also brought up the need for guarantees regarding 200 GPM water availability between 4 pm to 7 am between Oct.21 and March 15. That agreement alternative was not palatable to the city council and is now mute following the signing Thursday.

The wording of the agreement signed reluctantly by the OIPI extends the current operating agreement with the city. The city council is planning to seat a facilitated Ice Park citizen committee to assist with building a sustainable long-term solution for the Ice Park and all operations. Proposed guidelines from the local guide

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companies, community members, and the We," the mayor said, "need to come to city council include:

Appoint a committee composed of: a council representative, OIPI representative, the city administrator, four citizens at large; Determine an application deadline and meeting time-line; Find a facilitator (Region 10?); All meetings to be held at City Hall and open to the general public; Final report to the city council by the end of May, 2018; Implementation.

Ouray Major Pam Larson told the OIPI board Tuesday night that they had stated their feelings, as had the city council. Larson said, "We can play the blame game. We came out in June to the community that you do the ice and we do the Ice Park. We have come to an impasse. Last night the council passed what we agreed to do to make a long-term solution. We suggested we do a facilitator and meet.

some kind of simple plan.

"Our intent (the city council) is to say, 'You guys, we are too close – we need to cut bait or fish now.""

Larsen told the board and attending citizens, "Last night we had a long-term sustainable plan on the agenda."

OIPI Board member Clint Estes replied, "We need to establish a time-line, we are moving in parallel." He noted the city council Monday had given a very short time-line to the OIPI - by stating the Ice Park could go to an RFP by this Friday if the board did not accept the city council plan. He said the challenge is that board members had 24 hours to approve something.

"This board needs to get together. I think the 24-hours thing is a bad timeline." Estes noted that he has been serv-

ing the park since 1990. "It stinks to have to go back to the original agreement, but we can't let this thing sink."

An OIPI ice farmer then said he and his fellow ice farmers, currently employed by the OIPI, "need to know tomorrow if we have a job tomorrow, we cannot wait another day."

He said what is on the table now is that the OIPI needs to run it or not. "It is way too close to the Ice Park this season."

Board member Don Walker agreed, "We need to run the park this Ice Park season." Clearly other board members felt the same, as the OIPI board accepted the original Extension Agreement.

The newly-signed agreement guarantees water to make the waterfall ice, provides for running the Ice Festival, and provides a time-line for determining the long-term plan for the park.





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NO COMMON GROUND: WHEN NEIGHBOR IMPACTS NEIGHBOR Residents of county, city speak about experiences





For the Morales Family, a City decision to change zoning to allow a smoked pet factory across the alley has turned into a waking nightmare.

Bv Caitlin Switzer

"THE DOGS ARE BARKING AT MIDNIGHT, AND AT TWO IN THE MORNING"

MONTROSE- Dogs are an important part of life in rural Colorado. But what happens when the neighbor's dogs bark all day and all night long?

If you live in Montrose County, not much, according to county resident Lynn Carretta.

Carretta recently addressed the Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) to express her concerns (see letter in this issue).

"For the past two years I have heard barking dogs," said Carretta, a rural Montrose County resident for 40 years. "The whole neighborhood was always peaceful; now it's scary."

A close neighbor does not respond to requests to bring his dogs inside, she said. "The dogs are barking at midnight, and at two in the morning," she said. "He has a hot rod too, so sometimes he revs it up at midnight."

Carretta said she has offered to work with the neighbor and even to walk the dogs for him, to no avail. She eventually called law enforcement, but without a noise ordinance in place there is little that officers can do, she said. "The police are really nice, but they can't do anything. And the last time I called the cops, my neighbor sent me a text in the middle of the night."

"SIX YEARS AGO WE HAD CLEAN AIR HERE...IN THE SPRING, WE COULD SMELL THE RUSSIAN OLIVES" Though Montrose County has buffering guidelines in place for homes located in business districts, for those who live in the City of Montrose, the impacts of living in commercial districts can be problematic--even for those whose homes have been in the same place and owned by the same family for generations.

Just ask Robert Morales, who lives with his wife in a home purchased in the 1930's by his father, in the quiet neighborhood near West South First Street, one block off West Main Street. Five and half years ago, the City Manager applied for a zoning change on behalf of a smoked pet treat manufacturing company to be located at 146 West Main Street, Prairie Dog Treats.

"Six years ago, we had clean air here," Morales said. "We never had traffic through the alleys, or semis. In the spring, we could smell the Russian olives off the river."

As reported by the Mirror in 2015, Minutes from the Montrose City Council meeting of Nov. 5, 2012 reflect that the City's initial request for a change of zoning from B-2 to B-2A of the property was denied by Council after the City's Planning Commission recommended denial. It was noted at the time that adjacent neighbors had registered concerns about parking. However, "City Manager Bill Bell spoke on behalf of the applicant which is the City of Montrose, Mr. Bell stated that the staff report addressed the reasons behind the application but did not address the economic state of the City and the need to transform this section of the city for the long term. Approval of the rezone would

bring other property owners out of nonconforming use. Mr. Bell emphasized that the rezone would not adversely affect the health, safety and welfare of the community."

Despite the initial denial, the minutes of the Jan. 2, 2013 City Council meeting show that Council ultimately amended the zoning district designation for the 146 West Main property from B2, Highway Commercial District, to B2A, regional commercial district.

Today, the Morales family no longer feels comfortable in their own home, thanks to the presence just across the alley of a large, industrial facility that belches smoke throughout the neighborhood and brings large trucks to the alley at all hours of the night.

Robert Morales, a retired, 44-year city of Montrose staffer, points to the City's own municipal code, section 4-4-25, nonconforming uses, which dictates that nonconforming uses such as the Prairie Dog Treats facility are required to provide adequate off-street parking and must not generate light, noise, odor, vibration or other effects which would unreasonably interfere with the reasonable enjoyment of adjacent property. "You work all your life to have a good life, and a home to come to," he said. "Now, we can't barbecue, and we can't sleep at night—if we run the swamp cooler or air conditioner it fills the house with that smell.

"We have to go to relatives' homes when we get together, because who wants to

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come out in my backyard? I had an engineer list all the toxic fumes coming out of that plant.

"I can't understand why they would open a thing like that here, when they want to open the river path," Morales said.

"There's odor and smoke, and for a long time they were cleaning grease into the storm drains.

"Don't we have industrial parks in Montrose?"

Moving is also out of the question. "Would you buy my property?" Morales asked. He noted that despite City Manager Bell's professed intent "to transform this

section of the City for the long term," the

neighborhood has always been quiet,

crime-free, and clean.

Son Fernando Morales, 36, said that there are numerous businesses in the immediate neighborhood, but that those were always good neighbors in the past.

"Growing up, there was never a problem there. Little by little it has gotten worse and worse. Now, when I visit I never want to stay." He cited noise from trucks and equipment at all hours of the day, waking his young baby, and acrid smoke. "Now Mom has a chronic cough."

When out-of-town family come to visit, "They are repulsed by the smell," Fernando said.

"And there is nothing we can do about it. It's embarrassing. But we gave up documenting after 20 hours of video, because what's the point? In Montrose, nobody responds.

"We have even thought about calling the American Civil Liberties Union; it's really just another form of environmental bigotry." Both father and son believe that the Prairie Dog Treats factory is an asset to Montrose and provides jobs, but that it should be located in the proper zone, where it won't ruin anyone's home environment.

Fernando said, "I just want to ask, if anybody on City Council would not want this building 12 feet from their own house, why would you allow it 12 feet from anybody else's house?"



CLASSIFIEDS/LEGALS

MONTROSE COUNTY BOARD OPENINGS

MONTROSE-Montrose County is accepting applications from citizens interested in serving on the Board listed below. You can make a difference in our County! For an application please contact Kathy Kacso at 317 S 2nd or by email at kkacso@montrosecounty.net. Applications are also on the County web site at www.montrosecounty.net. Please return your completed application to County Administration, 317 S. 2nd, Montrose, CO 81401.

Montrose County Fair Board – The Fair Board advises the Commissioners on Fairground improvements and meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at Friendship Hall. There are currently four (4) openings.

Weed Commission – This group promotes noxious weed control in Montrose County and meets on a quarterly basis at the Office of County Management. There are currently three (3) openings.

West End Planning Advisory Committee – The WEPAC gives citizens of the West End a voice in the planning and development of Montrose County, as well as providing recommendations on the adoption and implementation of new regulations. At this time there are two (2) openings.

Board of Adjustment – This Board meets on an "as-needed" basis to consider appeals as a result of zoning issues. There are five (5) openings.

Region 10 L.E.A.P. Business Loan Fund Committee – The Committee shall have the responsibility to qualify, approve or deny loans in compliance with the applicable Federal and State statutes and approved policy guidelines. There are currently two (2) openings.

Montrose County Historic Landmark Advisory Board — This Board was created to encourage protection and preservation of the architectural heritage of the County, document designation of a diverse array of eligible sites and provide authentic historical education and public awareness. The Board meets on an "as needed" basis, alternating locations between Montrose and Nucla to consider applications to Montrose County's list of Historic Landmarks. Presently there are two (2) openings.





OPINION/EDITORIAL:LETTERS

A LIBRARY IS A LIVING RECORD OF HUMAN PROGRESS...VOTE YES!

Dear Editor:

A library is a living record of human progress from the Stone Age to the Space Age. For 6000 years, clay tablets, papyrus, parchment, silicon chips, and more stored information. From the clay tablets in Mesopotamia, through the monasteries in the Dark Ages to the 2500 libraries donated by immigrant Andrew Carnegie, libraries have helped us keep progress and freedom in our lives. Now, our Montrose library needs your help.

It might seem that with the internet, Google, Wikipedia, cell phones and the rest that libraries are obsolete. But how much do you pay every month to use your cell phone and internet? And how much do you trust what you find there? Our library is run by our neighbors and if you want something they don't have on the shelves; whether it is a book, magazine, CD, DVD, papyrus scroll, or whatever; they will get it for you by interlibrary loan.

Please vote to raise the mill levy which will amount to about \$12 dollars per year for a home assessed at the average \$200,000. That is about \$1.02 per month. Compare that to your family's monthly bill for internet and cell phone connection! Well.... Maybe not a papyrus scroll, but VOTE YES!

Sincerely,

George Edward Cort, Montrose



REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

MONTROSE COUNTY PLEDGES \$10,000 TO CONNECT TRAILS PROJECT

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The Montrose Board of County Commissioners showed their support for the Montrose Recreation District (MRD) and City of Montrose Connecting the People to their Parks and Recreation grant award with \$10,000 awards towards the grant match. Last week, the city and MRD announced that the project was awarded \$2 million from the Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) Board toward the construction of 2.25 miles of new trail and two bike/pedestrian underpasses to cross U.S. Highway 550 and U.S. Highway 90. The county is excited about the potential to transform the trail system to link local parks, trails, and recreation facilities with safer and more well-connected pedestrian routes.

"This project lines up with all aspects of the county's citizen-driven strategic plan and will serve to benefit the community," said Chairman Keith Caddy. "The county supports the efforts and vision of project partners the Montrose Recreation District and the City of Montrose, and the board wanted to show its support by awarding \$10,000 to assist in the project."

"It is really exciting to bring the county in as a partner on the Connect Trails project," said Montrose Recreation District Board President Barbara Bynum. "I strongly believe that when local governments work together we can accomplish great things for our community. I look forward to exploring more ways for the city and the recreation district to partner with the county. We have a lot of exciting projects being built in Montrose right now—the Events Center, the new middle

school, and the Field House are a few examples. And while it is important to work together to bring these facilities online, I think there will be tremendous opportunities to work together to operate, promote, and schedule these facilities for the benefit of the people who live and visit our town."

For more information regarding the project, please see the City of Montrose new release regarding the award at http://www.cityofmontrose.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=964.





Montrose Downtown



FALL FUN OUTDOOR MARKET

OCT. 13TH & 14TH

- 10am-5pm
- Shopping
- Sales
- Vendors
- Restaurants



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Weehawker Fall Programs





October 3-5: Paint the Fall Colors in Plein Air with Mike Simpson in Ridgway

October 7: Write to be Read with Alissa Johnson in Ridgway





October 14 & 15: Introduction to Kiln-formed Glass with Diane Quarles in Montrose

October 14: The Business of Art: How to Grow Your Business Online with John Clark in Ridgway





October 16: The Hobbit Youth Musical Theater 5 Week Program Begins in Ridgway

November 4: Intro to Line Drawing with John Mitchell in Montrose





November 4: Introduction to Silversmithing with Tracey Belt in Ridgway

November 11: Watercolor & Value: Creating a Mood Painting Workshop with Peggy Morgan Stenmark





November 18: Kiln-formed Glass Ornament Design and Production with Diane Quarles in Montrose The Montrose Mirror | October 9, 2017 Page 19

CITY WON'T GIVE \$100,000 TO COLORADO FLIGHTS ALLIANCE; WILL USE FUNDS FOR MARKETING STUDY, AIRPORT SIGNAGE

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-The Montrose City Council Work Session on Oct. 2 included the following agenda items and discussion:

Youth Council Appointment Process -Marketing Manager Kelly Rhoderick.

Youth council applications were given to council and candidates will be interviewed at the regular council meeting on Oct. 3. There are 11 seats open and 13 applicants. During the oral interview process each applicant will be given one minute to answer a question drawn at random. Applicants will be scored by the council. River Valley Family Health Site Develop-

ment Incentive - River Valley Family Health Center CEO Jeremy Carroll.

River Valley Family Health Center planned to repurpose and remodel the old Montrose Athletic Center (MAC), a facility that was previously damaged by fire. The architect and design engineer determined the exterior walls were not built to hold an interior second story. Carroll said, "The cost estimate was \$400 per square foot. It's not feasible."

The health center owns two acres north of the MAC and that property was originally intended for parking; however, it will now be used to build a new 14,000 square foot facility. Carrol said, "In 24 months we should have the new site up and running." In the interim, the health center has secured clinic space from Dr. Jeffrey Krebs who recently retired from his family medicine practice. Carroll said, "That will double [exam rooms] what we have now." The health clinic wants to incorporate mental health services, as well as a small dental site in Montrose.

Carroll said the MAC property is not currently on the market; however, there are a couple of people interested in buying the property. "We won't list it right away, but we are having communications and we'll probably sell it. It is an eyesore for the city." Mayor Judy Ann Files said, "It was our hope that you would fix it up so that the entrance to Riverbottom Park would look good."

Wastewater Treatment Plant Headworks Project Bid - Interim Public Works Director David Bries.



River Valley Family Health Center CEO Jeremy Carroll (far right) gives the city council an update on the health clinic's expansion plans for the Montrose community. Photo by Gail Marvel.

Bries said, "The original headworks were built in the 1980's and have lived a useful life." The city received three bids for the headworks project. Bries said, "We are recommending Strategic Construction Solutions [a treatment plant contractor] out of Mesa, Arizona. The contract is for \$498,000."

Airport Signage Discussion – Assistant City Manager Rob Joseph.

In the 2017 budget the city council designated \$100,000 for air marketing. However, rather than allotting those funds to Colorado Flights Alliance (CFA), an air service economic developer for Telluride, Mountain Village and Montrose, the council opted to support a \$60,000 marketing study. Referring to the remaining funds Mayor Files said, "That \$40,000 will get lost in the General Budget and we were adamant about keeping it for the airport." Council directed Joseph to look into airport signage as a possible use for the funds. Joseph met with Montrose County Director of Aviation Lloyd Arnold. Joseph said, "It was a really good sit down. We are doing everything we can to work with our counterparts to bring us closer." Montrose County Airport is second only to Denver International Airport (DIA) for connecting flights in Colorado.

Joseph relayed his conversation with Arnold to the council and discussed options available for council's consideration. Signage and marketing are a focus for this council and Joseph said, "We are positioning ourselves [Montrose] as a destination." All of council were in agreement that \$2,500 should go towards an airport page in the 2018 City of Montrose Visitor's Guide.

General City Council Discussion

Councilman Dave Bowman said, "We need to be more collaborative with the county and with the event center coming on line the end of the year, or the first of next year." Bowman was excited to see the expenditures presented during the 2018 budget meeting; however, he would also like more information on the revenue side. "I'd like to see five years on the revenue side...how it's spent. I'd sort of like to see some numbers."

Mayor Judy Ann Files commented on the Colorado Municipal League's (CML) event in Ouray and the Colorado Legislature's distribution of lottery funds, which go to fund GOCO (Colorado outdoor recreation). Councilwoman Barbara Bynum said, "There may be a push for some lottery funds to go toward education."

Staff Comments

Director of Innovation and Citizen Engagement Virgil Turner said that council could consider a proclamation in December for International Migrants Day.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

UNCOMPAHERE RIVER STAKEHOLDERS MEETING

Special to the Mirror

OURAY-Uncompanger River Stakeholders Meeting will be Thursday, Oct. 19, 6 – 8 pm at the Ouray Community Center, 320 6th Ave., Ouray, CO 81427. Free and open to the public. This meeting, organized by the Uncompanger Watershed Partnership, is an opportunity for community members to get answers and contribute to the conversation about water quality in the Upper Uncompanger Watershed. Holly Brown of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment will present an introduction to the agency's update to the Total Maximum Daily Load calculation for our watershed. The TMDL is the maximum amount of a pollutant that a waterbody can receive and still meet water quality standards. Developing a TMDL is one way for a waterbody to be removed from the 303(d) list, a designation indicating cleanup work is required to meet standards. This is just the beginning of the process and when calculations are available in early 2018, participants will be invited back to provide comments on the data and findings. For more info: uncompange watershed.org/tmdl-2017-18.

MORE STATE BUSINESS FILINGS GO ONLINE

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-As of Oct. 4, the following forms for business transactions will be available as online filings only.

These documents were previously required to be on paper. For Colorado Limited Liability Partnerships (LLP) and Limited Liability Limited Partnerships (LLLP) use the Statement of Change Changing the Entity Name form

All entities needing to add an attachment

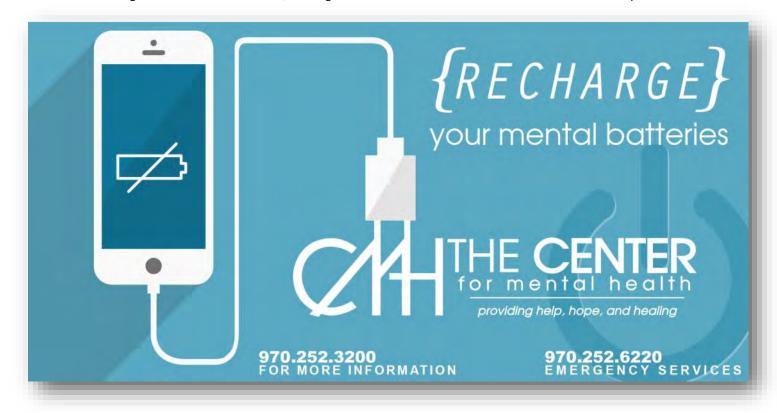
to a filed document use Statement of Change to Add an Attachment For all Colorado entities needing to correct something in the company name use Statement of Correction Correcting the Entity Name.

This includes adding or removing punctuation or correcting the capitalization of words and such.

Both statements of change still require a \$10 filing fee. The fee for the correction

statement remains at \$150 for a paper transaction, but is reduced to \$10 for an online filing. A year ago, Colorado Secretary of State Wayne Williams slashed the fee for <u>dissolving a Colorado business</u> from \$25 to \$10.

A year before that, Colorado became the first state in the country to offer for free <u>business certification services</u> <u>online</u> so customers didn't have to mail the office or visit it in person.



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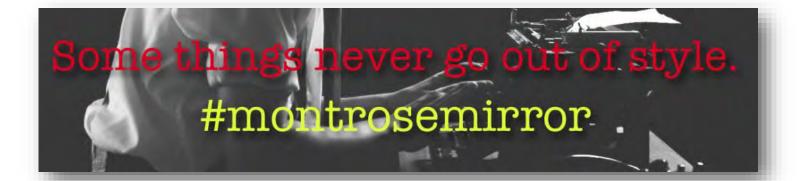
REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

PURCHASE TICKETS NOW FOR LINCOLN-REAGAN DINNER- SEATS ARE LIMITED!

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The Montrose County Republican Party is hosting its annual fundraiser.

Lincoln-Reagan Dinner and Auction Saturday, Oct. 28th at the Montrose Holiday Inn Express. Cocktails begin at 6pm and Dinner at 7pm. The Cowboy and the Rose Catering. Guest speaker is Colorado Secretary of State Wayne Williams. Tickets can be purchased for \$50 from DeVinny Jewelers, Sooolutions, or on-line at EventBrite. For more information: www.montrosegop.org email: mont-rosegop@gmail.com.



OPINION/EDITORIAL: COMMENTARY

SUPERINTENDENT'S OCTOBER LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY

By Stephen Schiell, Superintendent, Montrose County School District RE-1J REGIONAL-As we move into October, it is hard to believe that our students have been in school for almost eight weeks. Where does time go? As we watch our students grow, time only goes faster. I encourage you to be an active participant in your student's education. Don't believe the answer to your question, "What did you do at school today?" "Nothing!" from your student to be accurate. Make the phone call; stop in and visit with your student's teachers. Speaking from professional experience, as your student gets older a parent can get "tired" and not stay involved. Stay Involved!

Last spring the Montrose County School District (MCSD) was involved with state testing. Ninety five percent of all students did take the tests!! Having our students take the tests helps our teachers to better

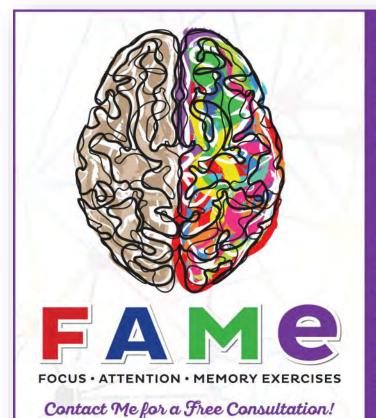
identify what needs to be taught in order to ensure that your students are being taught the necessary knowledge to be successful in life.

As a school district, MCSD did improve the student achievement test scores in 2016-17! The following schools made tremendous strides: Olathe Middle School, Johnson Elementary School, Oak Grove Elementary School, Columbine Middle School, Centennial Middle School, PEAK Academy, Montrose High School, and Olathe High School. MCSD is not perfect, but the teachers, staff, principals, the Early Childhood Center, and District Office, are committed to striving for improvement every year.

This school year will bring the remaining four elementary schools, Johnson, Oak Grove, Cottonwood, and Pomona on board to begin their initial implementation of STEM to their schools. As a school dis-

trict and community we are committed to having all of the schools as a part of the STEM initiative. To quote a teacher that had visited the STEM programs on the front-range, "Our students deserve the same opportunities, why can't our students have STEM?" MCSD will have the same opportunities for our students!

The school district is collaborating with Peer Kindness to bring tolerance and acceptance of all students and adults to the Montrose community. Building a positive culture and climate throughout the school district and community is critical. Our students learn from watching how adults treat each other, in the backyard, Montrose Message Board, emailing, texting, or gossiping with the neighbor. Remember, our youth are watching the adults in their lives. As the school year progresses I look forward to seeing you at our schools and throughout the community.



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designed to meet client's individual needs, goals,
abilities, and level of commitment...and have fun!

OPINION/EDITORIAL:LETTERS

CITIZENS WE NEED A LIBRARY! VOTE YES TO LIBRARY TAX INCREASE

Citizens, we need a library!

It is just good civic sense. Carnegie (Andrew not Dale) figured that out long ago and he provided many Americans with ample opportunity to enjoy his donations. But not in Montrose.

Some not so true comments: First, the 'it only costs you \$6 business' is hogwash. Average price of a home in Montrose is \$2-300,000 so the average cost per home is \$18. My bill will be \$36 more on top of the \$83 I already pay. Not much you say but for those who do not use the facility, it is a totally wasted extractions of my funds. The 'lets keep it open 7 days a week' thing? I say "Nay, Nay!" Implement a five day schedule and let the citizens conform. They conform at the hospital, the courthouse, municipal offices---why not the library. Unlike the emergency room or cops or the fire department, nothing that is done at the library needs to be done RIGHT now. It can wait another day or two.

Someone said that "the library is the one place we can trust for balanced and unbiased resources". Now, that is unadulterated balderdash.! The library only makes available what is in the media and hopefully does not censor what they offer to the public. If there are computers there they just publish the 'fake news' from the purveyors of misinformation.

While it is an American tradition to have 'free public libraries' why is that locked in concrete? There is nothing wrong with a fee. Most kids and adults carry a \$500+ cell phone and pay a monthly fee for that. If they can afford that, they can afford a small fee to offset costs of a library. If a fee were charged maybe we would only need a 45 mil tax increase---maybe none at all.

In the end of the discussion, if Montrose can afford a \$50,000,000 swimming pool; a \$40,000,000 roping arena and subsidies to all kinds of private enterprise all of which will generate significant fiscal losses to the taxpayer forever, why should we not spend this proposed pittance on a fine library? This edifice will at least nominally testify that Montrose values access to knowledge through the written word.

VOTE 'FOR' THE LIBRARY TAX INCREASE, it is long overdue.

Bill Bennett, Montrose

VOTE YES ON LIBRARY FOR A HEALTHY & VIBRANT COMMUNITY

Editor:

The center of most communities is their public library. It should serve as the resource hub for readily accessible information resources, reference help, and community interaction. To not fully support the library at its full functional level is a detriment to our community and its hope for wise development.

The election balloting on Nov. 7 asking for a small 0.85 mill levy is a very good investment for having a fully functioning library and resource center.

A Yes vote on this ballot issue will meet this necessity and support a healthy and vibrant community. Wayne Quade, Montrose



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CITY INTERVIEWS YOUTH COUNCIL APPLICANTS

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-Prior to the city council meeting on Oct. 3, Council held an executive session for the identified purpose of mid-term evaluations for City Manager Bill Bell and City Attorney Stephen Alcorn. Agenda for the regular council meeting included:

Youth Council Interviews - Marketing Manager Kelly Rhoderick.

Thirteen youth council applicants were introduced to city council and each student was given one minute to respond to a question drawn at random. Questions included: "What two things would improve the quality of education? How would you mentor a fifth grader? What is the biggest problem for youth in the US today?" City councilmembers will score the candidates' responses and select 11 of the 13 to serve on the Youth Council for the 2017-2018 term. City Councilman Dave Bowman will not score the candidates because he has a family member who is an applicant.

Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License Transfer – City Attorney Stephen Alcorn.

The request before council was to transfer the liquor license at 235 N. First Street from Ay Jalisco LLC, d.b.a. Ay Jalisco to Irving Macias Chavez and Isla Davalos d.b.a. La Isla Mexican Restaurant.

When the applicants failed to attend the meeting Alcorn said, "No one is present. Their temporary license expires on Dec. 11, so they may have some issues."

Ordinance 2435 (first reading) - City Engineer Scott Murphy.

This ordinance allows the disposal of a 1,000-square-foot triangle shaped piece of city property located in the Montrose Urban Renewal Authority (MURA) boundary. Described as a remnant Murphy said, "Essentially we are cleaning that up. We can't just give away city property, so this is Sering, a current Brown Ranch resident, part of a larger exchange." The larger exchange is three-acres of city property slated to be traded for 43-acres of private property along the river. Murphy said, "It's a \$600,000 net benefit to the city."

The triangle piece of property has been valued at \$2,700, which was determined by surrounding property. Murphy said, "The cost of an appraisal is more than that

and we didn't want to waste the money [on an appraisal]."

Brown Ranch Subdivision Preliminary Plat Amendment 2 - Planner I Ty Johnson.

Background information: The Montrose City Charter, Section 4 Voting states, "No member of the Council shall vote on any question in which he or she has a financial interest, other than the common public interest, or any question concerning his or her own conduct, but on all other questions, each member who is present shall vote when his or her name is called unless excused by the unanimous consent of the remaining members present. Council members may recuse themselves to avoid any appearance of impropriety."

Prior to hearing the Brown Ranch Subdivision Preliminary Plat Amendment 2, Mayor Judy Ann Files said, "I need to leave the room because I am recusing myself from the next item on the agenda." Mayor Files did not state publicly why she recused herself. By all appearances the rest of council had prior discussion or knowledge about the recusal; however, no unanimous consent was made public. The Files home is in Brown Ranch and citizens can speculate on the reason for the mayor's recusal.

The meeting was turned over to Mayor Pro Tem Roy Anderson.

Developer John Moir, who now lives in Fruita, gave a brief history of the Brown Ranch subdivision. In 2007 the First Amendment had nine lots plated. This proposed Second Amendment would create 29 lots named The Meadows. The proposed all-maintenance subdivision will include snow removal and lawn care.

Moir said, "In 2008 the economy was flat. This gives us a better marketing advantage."

Public comment was accepted and John expressed concern about density, style of homes, traffic and construction traffic (four to five years). Council had no questions or discussion. Passed unanimously. Mayor Files returned to the room after the vote and resumed her duties.

Rotary Amphitheater Design Contract -Planner I Ty Johnson. Amphitheater committee members who have an interest in



During the regular city council meeting on Oct. 3, Brown Ranch developer John Moir, who now lives in Fruita, gave a brief history of the subdivision. Photo by Gail Marvel.

submitting construction bids (lighting and sound) in the future did not review the bids for the design contract.

Three bid proposals were reviewed by the remaining committee members and they recommended the Design Contract be awarded to Del-Mont Consultants, Inc. in the amount of \$52,894.00. Passed unanimously.

Staff Reports:

Public Information Report - City Manager Bill Bell.

City Manager Bill Bell voiced appreciation to the Rotarians for stepping up to partner with the city on the proposed Amphithea-

New restrooms at Riverbottom Park, budgeted at \$550,000, will enhance the Water Park, as well as the Amphitheater. Bell praised the work of Murphy and Montrose Recreation District Executive Director Ken Sherbenou as leaders in helping to obtain the \$2 M GOCO grant. The grant will have a \$1 M local match, with the total project coming in at a little over \$3 M. The city also received \$300,000 from the EPA for Brownfield Projects. The funds provide an opportunity for private property owners to have their property assessed and evaluated for contamination. It is anticipated the funds will be used in the MURA, but Bell said, "Anywhere in the city is eligible for the project and funding." **City Council Comments:**

Generally speaking, council comments offered kudos and promoted local events concerts, local music talent, the MHS Boys' State Golf Championship, fishing opportunities on Cerro Summit, grant awards and a float trip for council on the Uncompangre River.

CLERK & RECORDER PREPARING FOR NOV. ELECTION

By Montrose County Clerk & Recorder Tressa Guynes MONTROSE-Can you believe it? Our next Election is just around the corner. This year's election is a Coordinated Election and Election Day is Nov. 7. The Clerk & Recorder's Elections Department is working very hard in preparation for this election to ensure the process is accurate, confidential, efficient, timely, according to the Rules of the Colorado Secretary of State, and in compliance with Colorado Revised Statutes. Colorado is a mail ballot state, which means that everyone who is registered to vote will receive a ballot in the mail, for ALL elections.

So you may be asking, what is a Coordinated Election and what will be on this year's Ballot? A Coordinated Election is non-partisan, meaning there are no political parties represented on the ballot. Special Districts have the opportunity to include their Issues (bond requests or tax requests) or Candidate Offices on the Coordinated Ballot. Special Districts include districts such as the library, recreation, fire protection, school, water, metropolitan, cemetery, city, town & the County of Montrose. Statute mandates that the County Clerk & Recorder be the Chief Designated Election Official for all Coordinated Elections. My Office coordinates with the various special districts located within Montrose County. Currently there are 36 Special Districts in Montrose County. Earlier in the election process, there were five Special Districts that had originally indicated they may have Candidates or Issues on the 2017 Coordinated Election. These included the Montrose School District (RE1J), the West End School District, the Norwood School District, the Delta School District, and the Montrose Library District. It may seem strange that the Delta and Norwood School Districts are on the Montrose Coordinated Election Ballot, but these school districts do overlap into Montrose County and would therefore have some Montrose voters within the School District that would have the opportunity to vote for the Candidate(s) of their choice. As a result of unopposed candidates in all of their available offices, the West End, Norwood & Delta School Districts are not required an election.

What you will see on the Ballot are the Candidates for Director Offices for the Montrose County School District (RE1J) Board of Education and Ballot Issue 5A for the Montrose Regional Library District. You may view a sample ballot at this link: http://www.montrosecounty.net/ DocumentCenter/View/10769

Ballots for the 2017 Coordinated Election will be mailed out to all 25,000 plus Montrose registered voters on October 16th. Prior to this mass mailing and on September 22nd, the UOCAVA (Uniformed & Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act) ballots will be mailed to our uniformed and overseas voters. We would like to see a very high voter turn-out in Montrose County, but obviously the number of Candidates, the Candidates themselves, and the Issues that may be on the ballot will help determine voter turn-out. When you receive your ballot, do not delay! Vote your ballot & get it in early.

So how and where do you return your ballot? There are three ways to return your ballot – 1) mail it back such that it is in our possession, not just post-marked, by 7:00pm on Election Day; 2) drop it in one of our ballot drop boxes beginning October 6th; or 3) deliver it to a Voter Service Polling Center (VSPC). We have two 24/7 Video Surveillance Drop Boxes, which are located at the Montrose and Nucla Clerk & Recorder Offices. We have also added a normal office hours Ballot Drop Box this year at the Olathe Town Hall.

Voters can visit a VSPC to vote in person, use accessible voting equipment, request a new or replacement ballot, drop off a mail ballot, change voter registration information, and/or register to vote. At the Montrose Clerk & Recorder's Office the VSPC will be open weekdays October 30th to November 6th from 8:30am to 4:30 pm, Saturday November 4th from 9:00am to 1:00pm, and from 7:00am to 7:00pm on Election Day. The Naturita Chamber of Commerce VSPC will be open the same hours beginning Saturday Nov. 4 through Election Day. The ballot drop box and VSPC locations are as follows:Montrose County Courthouse, 320 South 1st Street -24/7 Ballot Drop Box and VSPC Nucla Clerk's Annex, 300 Main Street -24/7 Ballot Drop Box Naturita Chamber of

Commerce, 230 W Main Street – VSPC beginning Nov. 4th Olathe Town Hall, 419 Horton Avenue – M-F, 8:00am to 5 pm Ballot Drop Box

To ensure a proper election, the Elections team goes through a very structured process in coordination with the Secretary of State's office. Some of the required activities include a Logic & Accuracy Test (Sept. 20) on our election equipment prior to the election and a Post-Election / Risk Limiting Audit & CANVASS (November 20) after the election to ensure the equipment worked properly & tabulated accurately. As a non -partisan election, these Tests are conducted by Appointed Representatives from each Special District participating in the Coordinated Election. They are open to the public; feel free to come by & observe the process. Also, it is mandated that the entire elections process be on 24/7 video surveillance, recorded & maintained in a protected vault for at least 25 months after the election.

To ensure voter confidentiality, all ballots must go through a signature verification process. Prior to the ballot ever being opened, Election Judges of opposing major political parties compare the signature on the return envelope to signatures on the Secretary of State's database for that elector, which was obtained through driver's license, voter registration application, or previous ballots. If these Judges determine that the signature does not match, the ballot gets rejected. A letter is then sent to the elector asking that they contact our office to verify their signature. Once the ballot passes the signature verification process, it goes to the next Election Judges for ballot processing.

I am extremely proud of my Elections team for their dedication to the process, their thoroughness, attention to detail, and commitment to accuracy and confidentiality. Kimberly Wright is the Election's Supervisor and she is very capably supported by her team members: Laurie Ubben, Eloise Lentz, and Lorinda Howard at our Montrose Department and Danell Carter and Vanna Naslund at our Nucla-Naturita Branch. Our goal is to ensure everyone has the opportunity to vote and once they have voted that their vote was counted and remains confidential.

TWIN PEAKS LODGE PRESENTS EXPANSION PLAN TO OURAY COUNCIL



Ouray's Twin Peaks Lodge. Courtesy photo.

By Carole Ann McKelvey Ouray Bureau reporter

At the Ouray City Council meeting of Oct. 2, the Twin Peaks Lodge in Ouray presented a preliminary concept that would add up to extensive expansion phased out over approximately ten years. Anderson Hallas Architects of Golden, CO., presented a plan for the lodge to almost double in size.

One resident spoke against the expansion, noting that some trees near the new expansion would be cut down and milled for use at the site.

One of those trees being chopped down, said a resident who lives across the street on 4th Street, is a huge tree "and as a neighbor this sounds horrible." He said Ouray is failing miserably to protect it's "heritage trees" and soon there will be none left within the city.

The Twin Peaks Lodge sits at 135 3rd Ave. in Ouray. The expansion would include adding to the current facility with an addition of approximately 27+ rooms and a new building a half-block north of the lodge of approximately 70 rooms in a phased project.

A new lobby/spa upgrade would include an upgraded pool for guests. A glass solarium is planned, along with a kitchen expansion to better serve guests, representatives of the architectural firm stated. Most of the additional parking required would be underground of the new building and set into the slope with a "small amount of parking in the front and along the alley."

Of the required parking spaces, 150 would be on site and 56 off street with a need for 19 on-street parking spots. Architects stated they would work with the city on water, heat and all service needs. The plan would use Geo-thermal wherever possible, they said, and it is planned to be energy efficient, LED lit, and ultraefficient.

The firm will meet with the city planning commission to obtain permits to expand the facility. Those seeking more information on the Twin Peaks Lodge plans can go to www.cityofouray.com, or the city Face book page.

The council discussed reviewing applications for a citizens committee due on Oct. 10. The committee will study long and short-term rentals in the city. Applicants for the 7-9 spots on the committee should have diverse backgrounds. In addition:

A city council liaison will be selected; all meetings will be held at city hall and open to the public.

Topics to be considered include: "Definitions and duration of short-long term; Fines or fees – permits or lottery; Safety considerations; Parking, trash, utilities; Property manager or owner response time; Guidelines for number of occupants per rental; Zoning considerations; Enforcement/Inspections by whom and cost; Process must be 'simple' to be accomplished by city staff"

Information and recommendations will be presented to the planning commission to be presented to the city council and the council will have final approval.

In other business the city council heard that in August proceeds from taxes increased by two percent and lodging taxes increased one-third.

The council unanimously approved a liquor license renewal for Ouray Liquors LLC, approved special events permit applications for the BPOE Lodge #492 Ski-jouring Fundraiser on Oct. 14 and Friends of the Ouray Public Library Fashion Show, Nov.

A temporary street closure of 6th Ave. for Oktoberfest was approved from the alley to the west of city hall to the westernmost EMS bay Saturday, Oct. 7.

The city council unanimously approved the re plat of lot 23, Wanakah Estates filing #4 with Mayor Pam Larson excusing herself, as her company has been involved. An amended resolution for an alternate municipal judge was approved. A "meet and greet" is to be held on by the City of Ouray with potential City Administrator position candidates.

The City Council has had three special meetings to do video and audio interviews with potential Administrator candidates to determine whom they want to bring into town for formal interviews and a "meet-ngreet" event. So far, five candidates have been vetted by the council. A date for the event is yet to be announced.

The council determined their meetings will continue to adhere to Daylight Savings Time and council meeting hours will change at that time from 7 to 6 pm.

The City Hall staff has been closing for lunch hours and keeping track of the number of people who come in during that time; the council decided to have staff keep track of phone calls and those coming in during winter hours before making a decision on the closed lunch hours.



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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE OPENS NEW STATE WILDLIFE AREA EAST OF MONTROSE

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-An innovative project developed cooperatively by Colorado Parks and Wildlife and the City of Montrose has resulted in the establishment of a new state wildlife area for CPW and a new park for the city

The Cerro Summit State Wildlife Area, a 162-acre parcel that includes a 40-acre reservoir, opened on Sept. 29. It's located about 15 miles east of Montrose just off U.S. Highway 50.

"This is a win-win-win for the public, the city and CPW," said Renzo DelPiccolo, area wildlife manager in Montrose. "This is a great example of what can be done by some out-of-the-box thinking."

CPW operated Chipeta Lake State Wildlife Area, located just south of Montrose, for many years. As the city grew it became obvious that the Chipeta Lake parcel would be more valuable as a park. Del-Piccolo proposed to Montrose leaders that the Chipeta Lake property could be turned over to the city in exchange for using the Cerro Summit area as a state wildlife area. City leaders and CPW negotiated an agreement that will protect the reservoir's water quality and keep the property in city ownership.

The reservoir is the city's emergency water supply. CPW will regulate use at the state wildlife area, and the public will gain limited access to a property that has been closed. The agreement was signed in the fall of 2016.

No money needed to be exchanged to complete the agreement.

Patt Dorsey, southwest regional manager for Colorado Parks and wildlife, praised the deal. "In the era we're living in, we're not going to get projects like this done

unless we have great partnerships,"
Dorsey said. "The city of Montrose has been a great partner; this wouldn't have happened without the city's leadership.
We hope we can do more projects like this throughout Colorado."

Also helping to assure the success of the project were Montrose Mayor Judy Ann Files, State Senator Don Coram, Montrose County Commissioner Glen Davis, and the Bostwick Park Water Conservancy District.

The new wildlife area is open for fishing, hunting and wildlife viewing. To protect water quality, dogs are not allowed on the property. All fishing is catch-and-release by artificial lures and flies only. The reservoir was stocked last fall with fingerling tiger trout that have already grown to 12 inches.

The property is also open to big-game and small game hunting during regular seasons. Because the area provides excellent winter range for deer and elk, and Gunnison-sage grouse habitat, the property will be closed seasonally from Nov. 30 through March 31.

DelPiccolo explained that state wildlife areas are managed differently than other public lands, such as U.S. Forest Service or BLM property. The areas are paid for by revenue from the sale of hunting and fishing licenses, and the properties are managed only for wildlife conservation and wildlife-related recreation. Access to Cerro Summit State Wildlife Area is by foot only; it's an easy half-mile walk to the reservoir.

"At Cerro Summit we're protecting important wildlife habitat and providing an opportunity for people to hunt, fish and view wildlife in a beautiful setting," Del-Piccolo said.

An entry sign is posted on the north side of U.S. Highway 50 at the entry that leads to the parking lot. The trail to the wildlife area is well marked. Visitors are asked to be sure to read the regulation signs before entering.

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BOCC SETS MARIJUANA GROW GUIDELINES; APPROVES ZONING AMENDMENT

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE- Prior to the <u>regular meeting</u> of the board of county commissioners on Wednesday, Oct. 4, County Planning & Development director Steve White, leading the morning's invocation, added words acknowledging the Las Vegas mass shooting on Oct. 1. Montrose County Commissioners Keith Caddy and Glen Davis (Commissioner Roger Rash was absent) also spoke about the tragedy in which at least 58 people lost their lives and hundreds more were injured at the Route 1 Country music festival.

"Thank you to Steve White for remembering Las Vegas," Davis said. "It's hard to see something like this happen without your heart going out."

"The United States has went through a lot of things this year...and now this incident," Caddy said. "One thing I can say is that the United States is very resilient. We always come back, because of the people. The people of this country are what make it strong, the greatest country on the face of the earth."

Addressing the BOCC during the time for public comment was Dennis Olmstead, who offered an update on the County Fairgrounds project.

"Great event Sunday with the Royal Horses...I don't remember them being in Montrose before," he said. "I estimate the grandstand audience at around 750 for the afternoon show and 350 for the evening. This is a good audience considering Oktoberfest was the day before and a free concert at the Pavilion the same day at 3 p.m."

Olmstead questioned whether the current grandstands would become obsolete with the opening of the new arena and events center, and asked that a new financial statement concerning the Fairgrounds event center project be released.

Commissioners approved Consent Agenda items, as well as General Business & Administrative item No. 1, approval of a \$92,000 bid award to Ridgway Valley Enterprises to re-roof the West side of the Montrose Regional Airport (the East side roof was replaced last year). "It's a flat

roof, we're getting inside damage, if we don't replace and fix it we will run into extra expense in the long run," County Facilities and Maintenance coordinator Jennifer DelTonto said. "It was installed in 1988; it is a 30-year-old roof, it has run its life course, time for a new roof." The winning proposal was a collaboration between two companies, Ridgway Valley Enterprises and Hurst Roofing.

The BOCC approved Ordinance 2017-01 on first reading, repealing and replacing Ordinance No. 2013-01, "Banning the Commercial Growth and Sale of Recreational

Marijuana in Montrose County," and Resolution No. 60-2012, "A Temporary Moratorium on Marijuana."

"This sets guidelines and limits grows to 12 plants per residential property," County Attorney Martha Whitmore said, and added that 7th Judicial District DA Dan Hotsenpiller had visited the County and discussed the updated state statute concerning marijuana. "Until this time, each person could have 12 plants," she said. "This ordinance essentially incorporates the new state statute."

There will be opportunity for public comment when the ordinance returns for second reading, Whitmore said.

Commissioners failed to pass Resolution 41-2017, "authorizing the expenditure of funds and authorizing staff to implement a General Release settling all claims against the County by David Laursen." The issue was on the agenda at the previous regular meeting where died for lack of a motion.

"This came before the board several weeks ago," Whitmore said. "The only change...the general release language was changed to add mutual non-disparagement orders." Such orders are typical for agreements, she said. "It has been approved by Mr. Laursen and his attorney...my recommendation is that the board approve."

Instead, Commissioner Davis refused to sign because of the non-disparagement language.



Montrose County Commissioner Glen Davis and BOCC Chair Keith Caddy discuss the Laursen settlement at the regular meeting Oct. 4.

"The sooner this issue could be settled the better," Davis said. "But to treat an employee of the county in such a manner that \$50,000 is nothing compared to what he would most likely be awarded in a court of law...after January the tenth of this year, Mr. Laursen was never spoken to by two of the members of the board, not even to ask the time of day. He was treated in such an abusive manner that he had to take medical leave. The day after he returned from that leave he was fired, or terminated."

Davis continued. "Though his termination letter stated that his position was eliminated, the elimination of the position of assistant county manager was never discussed. Mr. Laursen's termination letter then went on to attack his character, his honesty, his personal worth—violating the Federal and State employment law mandating says no reference may be made to a person's honesty or character."

BOCC Chair Caddy interjected. "I think that's enough," and went on to ask, "Is that factual?"

Davis insisted on his right to comment at length. "I knew someone would ask that, so I wanted to be as factual as I could."

Davis spoke of the possibility that the termination could hinder Laursen's future employment, and that he had been "attacked" in the local Press at the time of his termination. "Mr. Laursen was fired because of a personal grudge," Davis said,

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accusing the BOCC of violating its own employment policy, state statute, and the sunshine law. "Mr. Chairman, with regards to this late addition, this settlement with regards to Mr. Laursen...though Mr. Laursen and his attorneys have agreed to it...he agrees not to defame Montrose County...Montrose County has defamed Mr. Laursen," Davis concluded, asking that the last clause be stricken from the settlement "and I will be happy to vote for it."

"It seems we do not have a motion on the floor," Caddy said. "I guess we will go on to the next item." Commissioners unanimously approved General Business & Administrative Item No. 4, an Intergovernmental Agreement by and between Montrose County and the City of Montrose for the Vacation of Road Right-of-Way at the County Fairgrounds; as well as a service agreement between Montrose County and Bedrock Blasting, Inc of Cortez, Colorado for blasting rock in the Donley Quarry in the amount of \$14.000.

Commissioners also held a public hearing on revisions to the Montrose County Zoning Resolution that had been continued

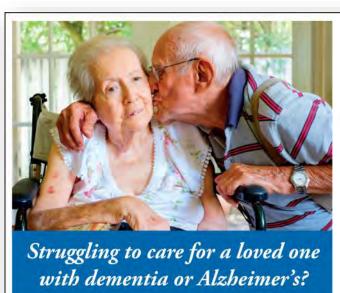
from the last meeting, concerning the following proposed revisions: Section 3 – Definitions, for mini-warehouse, Section 4.E.2 – Use-by-right; to add additional uses; Section 4.E.ff – Outside storage or display of non-hazardous materials and equipment, to add additional language; Section 4.E.3 – Special Uses, to add additional uses; Section 4.E.5.i – Buffering in the General Business, to create additional language; and Section 4.F.5.i – Buffering in the General Business. "I think this will clear up some issues," Caddy said. The revisions were unanimously approved.

COMMISSIONERS APPROVE LAURSEN SETTLEMENT IN BRIEF SPECIAL MEETING

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-On Friday, Oct. 6, the Montrose Board of County Commissioners approved <u>a settlement</u> with former Assistant County Manager Dave Laursen in a <u>four-minute special meeting</u>. No changes were made to Resolution 42-2017 following the regular BOCC meeting of Wednesday, Oct. 4, when Commissioner Glen Davis had refused to approve the settlement because of added, mutual, non-disparagement language. Commissioner Roger Rash had refused to sign a previous version of the settlement at the regular meeting of Sept. 20.

"Having found that Mr. Laursen agrees with this: I am prepared to move forward," Davis said Friday., as he moved to approve the settlement, which gives Laursen \$50,000 to settle all claims. Laursen also receives uninterrupted accrual of benefits for the time period between his termination as Assistant County Manager and his subsequent hiring by the Montrose County Clerk & Recorder's office.



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LUIS LOPEZ & VALERIE SZAREK MAKE WESTERN SLOPE POETRY TOUR

Special to Art & Sol

TELLURIDE - "Giving poets exposure to audiences in far-flung Colorado communities, and giving local audiences examples of performance poetry in action, has been the motivating impulse behind the Telluride Institute's Traveling Gourds Tour," explained Talking Gourds co-director, Art Goodtimes. Following on the heels of a successful kickoff to the poetry program's first Fall tour this year with Avon's Jodie Hollander, one local Western Slope poet, Luis Lopez of Grand Junction, and one Front Ranger, Val Szarek of Louisville, will share the spotlight as featured guest poets in Telluride, Norwood, Paonia and Fruita, Oct. 24-27. "There's been a few adjustments to our schedule," said Goodtimes. "We've moved our Norwood reading to Wednesday nights, while continuing Tuesdays in Telluride, Thursdays in Paonia, and Fridays in Fruita. The monthly Tour begins at the Telluride Arts Gallery at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 24; moves to a new venue on Wrights Mesa outside Norwood

at Million Miles Away, located at 1150 County Road Z42, starting at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 25; appears at the Paonia Public Library beginning at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 26; and has its grand finale in Fruita, Friday, Oct. 27, in the Lithic Bookstore & Gallery at 7 p.m.

Last month the theme for the evening was "Family." This month it's "Friendship." Bring poems of others or one's own on this theme to read at the Gourd Circle after the featured poet at the Telluride, Norwood and Paonia readings.

San Miguel County's first performance occurs Tuesday nights at the Telluride Arts Gallery and Offices, 135 West Pacific, across the street from the Wilkinson Library entrance. The second San Miguel County reading takes place Wednesdays at a private residence "Million Miles Away" on Wrights Mesa outside Norwood: 1150 County Road Z42. In Delta County the show opens at the Paonia Public Library at 2 3rd St. on Thursdays. And in Mesa County the event is held Fridays at

the Lithic
Bookstore &
Gallery, which
is located at
138 South Park
Square #202
in Fruita
(upstairs -enter through



Poet Luis Lopez. Courtesy photo.

lobby door by the east side of the building on Mesa Street). In Telluride, we follow Poetry Club announcements and the featured performance with a short break. Then the gourd is passed and everyone has a chance to read a poem or two (their own, or one from a favorite poet that speaks to the theme). For info on the Norwood reading, contact Daiva Chesonis at 970-729-2210. For info on the Paonia event, contact Tara Miller at 970-527-6570.

For info on the Fruita performance, contact Kyle Harvey or Danny Rosen at 970-858-3636. The tour for 25017 (2017 CE) ends with these shows.

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

TLR AND OCHS PARTNER WITH OURAY COUNTY TO PRESERVE HISTORIC SITES

Special to Art & Sol

OURAY-The Corkscrew Turntable ruins and the Silverton Railroad right-of-way have long been popular destinations for hikers and history buffs. Those historically significant properties in the Red Mountain Mining District will be permanently conserved and protected under a new management plan between Ouray County and the Ouray County Historical Society (OCHS).

A third partner, the Ridgway-based Trust for Land Restoration (TLR), made the arrangement possible through the donation of two patented mining claims, the Mona Queen and Little Mona, to the county. The historic Corkscrew Turntable and a portion of the Silverton Railroad grade are within those properties. The two sites are east of U.S. 550, approximately one mile north of County 31.

The Ouray County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) accepted TLR's donation at a regular meeting this past July. The official closing on the property sale is scheduled for October 5.

The commissioners acknowledged the historical significance of the Corkscrew Turntable and the narrow-gauge Silverton Railroad as well as increasing development pressure in the county's Alpine Zone. The BOCC accepted the donation on the condition that the OCHS would assume responsibility for managing the historic claims on behalf of the county. The OCHS has agreed to the terms of the management plan.

In 1889, Otto Mears completed the Silverton Railroad to tap the rich silver mines on the Ouray side of Red Mountain Pass. The Corkscrew Turntable provided a way of turning a train around in the small space near Corkscrew Gulch without backing the engine down or running it up the dangerously steep grades.

A feat of early engineering, it is reputed to be the only turntable ever constructed on the mainline of a U.S. railroad, according to Don Paulson, curator of the Ouray



The Corkscrew Turntable ruins. Courtesy photo.

County Historical Museum. Each summer and fall, Paulson leads several guided hikes along the railroad right-of-way and to the turntable site.

"It was built in 1889 by Otto Mears, the Pathfinder of the San Juans and his construction engineer Charles Gibbs," he said. "The OCHS Board of Directors is proud to protect this historic site for the enjoyment of generations to come."

The preservation plan began more than four years ago when TLR learned that the Greenfield Multistate Environmental Trust had been appointed to oversee the bankruptcy of Tronox Corporation, former owner of 16 mining claims in Ouray County. Working with local citizens, TLR acquired the 16 claims with the help of a grant from the Toan-O'Brien Foundation of Sante Fe, New Mexico.

In December, 2015, TLR donated 14 of the claims to the U.S, Forest Service and has now transferred ownership of the remaining two claims to Ouray County.

"What looked like a much simpler transaction to complete four years ago, when Bob Risch and Ben Tisdel first brought these properties to our attention, turned out to be much more complicated than we would have ever thought, due mostly to the circumstances surrounding the Tronox Corporation bankruptcy and a huge legal settlement with Tronox's once-parent company, Kerr-McGee. We owe a great deal of thanks both to the Toan-O'Brien Foundation for their support and patience, and to US Senator Michael Bennet, who exerted pressure on both the EPA and the Greenfield Multistate Environmental Trust to get this deal done," said Pat Willits, TLR Executive Director.

The OCHS has agreed to monitor the Corkscrew Turntable and section of the railroad grade through regular site visitations. Historical Society board members will ensure that the property is maintained in its current condition and provide annual reports on the sites to the BOCC.

TLR also is moving forward with two other regional conservation and preservation projects. In San Juan County, the organization is working to save the Red Mountain SNOTEL site, located on the Aurora patented mining claim.

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TLR AND OCHS PARTNER WITH OURAY COUNTY TO PRESERVE HISTORIC SITES FROM PREVIOUS PAGE

SNOTEL stations are important tools of the federal Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS). The NRCS Snow Survey and Water Forecasting Program provides information on future water supplies to western states through analysis of snowpack water equivalent.

The owner of the Aurora mining claim has put the property up for sale. Last year, he informed the NRCS that the SNOTEL monitoring equipment must be removed from the site. TLR is now negotiating with project partners and the property owner on a purchase, hold and transfer deal. The goal is to purchase the site and then transfer ownership, including SNOTEL equipment, to a consortium of western Colorado water conservation districts.

Back in Ouray County, another joint TLR/ OCHS project would preserve and stabilize the four houses and eventually transfer

four historic structures known as the Idarado Houses. Prominent reminders of Ouray County's mining heritage, the wood structures first housed workers at the Sunnyside Mill in Eureka around the turn of the 20th Century.

The Idarado Mining Company purchased the buildings in 1948 and moved them to the present location just beyond the interpretive overlook in the Red Mountain Mining District. The mining company still owns all four buildings, two of which are on U.S. Forest Service property.

Idarado miners and their families lived in those houses until the company shut down operations in 1978. Curious hikers and motorists passing by the site often stop to investigate the structures which are in various states of disrepair.

TLR's long-term objective is to acquire

ownership to either Ouray County or the Ouray County Historical Society. Public ownership of the Idarado Houses would make them eligible for grants from the State Historical Fund. OCHS is partnering with TLR on the management plan.

"There are many hurdles to overcome to bring the Idarado Houses into long-term protective ownership," said Willits, adding, "The fact that two of the Idarado Houses sit on US Forest Service land, and two sit on land still owned by Idarado's parent company, Newmont Mining, further complicates finding a long-term solution."

Fortunately, the two organizations recently achieved an important first step in the process. They have received assistance from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment to obtain an environmental assessment of the site.



COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

MONTROSE HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION AWARDS





Special to the MONTROSE-R-L: Zoe Motley, Zachary Vincent, Lily Figgs, Preston Roberts, Dulce Cortes, Kristopher Distel, Emily Bernstein, Nathan Hughes, Ellen Martin and Ben Spiess and not pictured Jacob Richardson. Zoe Motley was the recipient of the National Academy of Future Scientists & Technology Award presented by Mr. Barnhill. Courtesy photos.



COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

LIBRARY ELECTION COMMITTEE HOSTS COMMUNITY FORUMS IN OCTOBER

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE- The Montrose Library Election Committee (MLEC) will host four community forums throughout the district in October to educate the public about the campaign to nominally raise the Montrose Regional Library District's mill levy. The MLEC has been pounding the pavement since late July, when the Montrose Library Board of Trustees voted to file for an election to approve a mill levy increase.

The issue will be included in the Montrose County ballots due to arrive in resident mailboxes by mid-October. Montrose County ballots can be mailed or dropped at a ballot box by November 7th.

"We are grateful to our dozens of volunteers who are helping raise awareness and get the facts out to the community. So far we seem to have a lot of support. But, we still have a lot of educating to do in this community, and we really do want to help our voters understand what's at stake," said Emily Schneider, president of the MRLD Board of Trustees and co-coordinator of the Library Election Committee.

The Library Election Committee will hold public forums in October, all are welcome. The purpose of the public forums is to present the facts and answer questions. Vote Yes Library yard signs will also be available at the public forums. Oct. 4, 7 pm @ Olathe Community Center Oct. 5, 5:30 pm @ 2 Rascals, Montrose Oct. 11, Noon @ Montrose Library Oct. 19, 8 am @ Montrose Library

The LEC seeks to raise the Montrose Regional Library District's (MRLD) mill levy by .85 with a 10-year sunset provision. A .85 mill levy increase equates to a \$6.12 increase a year per \$100,000 of residential valuation, less than \$13 a year per household for a property valued at \$200,000; commercial property will see an annual increase of less than \$25 per year for every \$100,000 of valuation.

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The current mill levy has not been changed since 2004. Since the recession, the library has:

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS EDUCATION

PAINTING CLASS NOV. 11 IN RIDGWAY-WATERCOLOR AND VALUE: CREATING A MOOD

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RIDGWAY-"Value is arguably the most important element of a successful painting. Not only does a solid understanding of values help students to create stronger artwork, it also allows the artist to better set the mood of the painting," says teaching artist Peggy Morgan Stenmark. Weehawken Creative Arts will offer Peggy's one-day watercolor painting class in Ridgway on November 11 from 9 am to 4 pm. She says of the class, "This one-day exploration focuses on how values can be used to create anything from tranquility to storminess (and everything in between), in your paintings. By doing a number of short exercises, students will have the opportunity to try out the different ways that values, from the lightest lights to the darkest darks, can convey a sense of serenity, calmness, gloominess, drama or

power in their work." Peggy Morgan Stenmark has painted for over 20 years, specializing in watercolors and acrylics. She is a signature member of the American Watercolor Society, the National Watercolor Society, the Rocky Mountain Watermedia Society, Western Federation of Watercolor Societies and the Colorado Watercolor Society.

Join Weehawken Nov. 11 Courtesy important from 9 am to 4 pm. Tuition is \$85 per student, and does not include materials. Materials needed are watercolor paints and palette, a selection of brushes, and 11" x 15" watercolor paper.

There is a four student minimum preenrolled to make the class "go," so pre-



Courtesy image Peggy Morgan Stenmark.

registration is highly encouraged (and needed).

For more information, visit Weehawken Creative Arts

at <u>www.weehawkenarts.org</u> or visit facebook at <u>facebook.com/weehawkenarts</u> - or call them at 970.318.0150.

MONTROSE AREA STUDENTS TAKE ON 30-DAY CHALLENGE FOR HEALTHY EATING MONTH

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MONTROSE-During October, area second grade classes are taking part in a 30-day challenge to improve their eating habits and the amount of physical activity they are getting.

Valley Food Partnership (VFP), a regional 501c 3 non-profit has teamed up with several Montrose County School District 2nd grade teachers, The Colorado Health Foundation, Colorado Trust and the Montrose Community Foundation to launch the 2nd annual Healthy Eating and Active Living challenge. VFP feels that the earlier kids learn to feed their bodies with healthy food and the importance of daily movement the better off our community is as a whole. The challenge has the students keeping track of their daily amounts of fruits and vegetable and the number of minutes a day that they are getting active play in a journal. There are also some fun learning activities that they are asked to

do on a weekly basis, such as learning the different types of plants that fruits and vegetables grow on. Learning about gardening and the tools needed to plant seeds, and a monthly calendar of activities to help inspire the kids to keep going. In 2016 Oak Grove Elementary shined above all other schools who participated in the 30-day challenge. Every second grader from Oak Grove engaged in writing in their journals and keeping track of daily nutrition and activity. "We were very impressed by the participation we were shown by the second grades at Oak Grove. They all really seemed to take something away from this program. As shown in the Thank You Letter from one of the students, each child really learned something that we hope will stay with them." Said Greta Steil Office and Partnership Manager from VFP. There were some great success stories from 2016, which led Valley Food Partnership to focus on the 2nd

Grade classes. This year 2nd grade students will have the opportunity to build synergy around their nutrition curriculum learning requirements and this month's 30-day challenge. The eager second-grade students started this year's challenge on Oct. 2nd. The elementary schools that have opted into participate this year are Johnson, Northside, and Oak Grove.

At the end of the month, all of the journals are turned in to VFP, and each classroom is awarded a gift certificate to purchase needed classroom supplies, and every student is given a jump rope to encourage more active play at home.

If you are interested in finding out more, learning how you can participate next year or show your support to Valley Food Programs and projects please visit the website at: Valleyfoodpartnership.org For any questions about the 30-day challenge, please call or email Greta at 970-249-0705 greta@valleyfoodpartnership.org.

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

MONTROSE CITY CLERK ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT OF COLORADO MUNICIPAL CLERKS ASSOCIATION



City clerks representing municipalities from around the state have elected Montrose City Clerk Lisa DelPiccolo as vice president of the Colorado Municipal Clerks Association (CMCA). The swearing-in ceremony took place at the CMCA's

annual fall conference October 4.

"Lisa's appointment as vice president of such a well-established statewide organization testifies to her level of expertise and the respected place she holds among her peers in the profession," said City Manager Bill Bell. "Her active participation in CMCA and its professional development programs translates into providing exceptional services to Montrose residents."

Lisa became deputy city clerk in 2008 and began serving in her current role in 2011. There have been 39 city clerks in Montrose since it was incorporated in 1882.

The city clerk serves an important role in city government by providing administrative support for the City Council, overseeing municipal elections, and administering a variety of licenses and permits.

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WEEHAWKEN DANCE FALL 2017 MONTROSE SCHEDULE

MONDAYS:

WEEHAWKEN MONTROSE

10am-10:45 Pre-Ballet with Miss Leeann (ages 2.5-5) 10:45-11:15 Story Book Ballet with Miss Leeann (ages 2.5-5)

4:00-5:00 Beginning Hip-Hop and Jazz with Miss

Caila (ages 5-7)

5:00-6:00 Intermediate Hip-Hop A with Miss Caila (ages 8-11, All may sign up for this

class, Miss Val will class assist the first 4

6:00-7:00 Intermediate Hip-Hop B with Miss

Valerie (ages 8-11, May sign up with approval from Miss Val Only)

7:00-8:15 Advanced Hip Hop with Miss Valerie (ages 12+, teacher approval required)

MONTROSE @ PRECEDENCE ON MAIN

3:45-4:30 Pre-Ballet with Miss Leeann (ages 2.5-5) 4:30-5:15 Primary ballet Miss Leeann (ages 5-7) Tap I with Miss Caila (ages 5-7) 5:15-6:15

MONTROSE- REC FIELD HOUSE

3:45-4:45 Ballet 1/2 with Miss Pang (ages 8-10)

WEEHAWKEN MONTROSE

Ballet 3/4 with Miss Caroline (ages 10 4:00-5:30 and up with instructor approval)

5:30-7:30 Ballet 4/5 with Miss Caroline

(with instructor approval)

Teen Jazz and Lyrical with Miss Caila 7:30-8:30 (ages 13 and up)

MONTROSE - @ PRECEDENCE ON MAIN

4:00-5:00 Wee little Hip Hop with Miss Leeann

(ages 2.5-5)

5:00-5:45 Pre-Ballet with Miss Leeann (ages 3-5)

WEEHAWKEN MONTROSE

6:00-8:00

5:00-6:15

4:00-5:30 Ballet 3/4 with Miss Pang (ages 9+) 5:30-6:00 Pre-Pointe/Pointe for ballet level 3/4 with Miss Pang (instructor approval)

Ballet 5/6 with Miss Pang \ (with instructor approval, includes pointe)

WEEHAWKEN MONTROSE

3:45-4:30 Primary Ballet w/ Miss Natasha (ages 5-7) Tap/jazz (ages 5-8) with Miss Natasha 4:30-5:30 Ballet 1/2 (ages 7.5 -9) w/ Miss Natasha 5:30-6:30 6:30-8:00 Ballet 3/4 (ages 10+) with Miss Natasha Pointe with Miss Natasha 8:00-8:30

The Fall 2017 Session runs for 12-weeks beginning the week of September 5th and ending with a performance of "The Nutcracker" December 9 & 10 at the Montrose Pavilion.

All students must enroll either prior to the program beginning or at the first class in person. Enrollments are not accepted after the third week of the session unless special approval is granted by the Artistic Director.

New to Weehawken Dance? NEW students are welcome to try a class the first week free! Some needs-based scholarships are also available Deadline August 25, 2017.

For more information on Weehawken Dance policies, Lead Audition Dates, Ballet Uniform Information, Studio Etiquette, Semester Dates to Remember, Company Dance visit weehawkenarts.org

STANDARD PRICING*

(as of 09/01/17, 12 week session) * = excludes aerial classes

Item 30 minutes \$84 45 minutes \$162 60 minutes \$174 \$192 75 minutes 90 minutes \$216 120 minutes \$285

Show fee (per class) \$35 Annual registration \$25

+ any costs associated with dancewear or tickets to the performances.

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MONTROSE @ PRECEDENCE ON MAIN

2:30-3:30 Tap 1/2 with Natasha (ages 8-10)

WEEHAWKEN MONTROSE

3:00-4:00 Pom Jazz with Miss Valerie (ages 9+) 4:00-5:00 Jr Jazz and Mix it up! with Miss Natasha (6-8th grade, see additional info on website for

weekly teacher and dance style schedule) Sr Jazz and Mix it up! w/ Miss Natasha

(grades 9-12, or with instructor approval, see additional info on website for weekly teacher and dance style schedule)

MONTROSE - BLACK CANYON GYMNASTICS

6:45-7:45 Year I Aerial Dance A with Natasha (6 week session, non-performing. Ages 10+)

7:45-8:45 Year I Aerial Dance B with Natasha (6 week session, non-performing, Ages 10+)

MEMBER APPRECIATION NIGHT @

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Food provided by the Black Canyon Boys and Girls Club and Delta Lions Club while supplies last.



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NOTES FOR THE JOURNEY...

UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATING THE ART OF THE REQUIEM

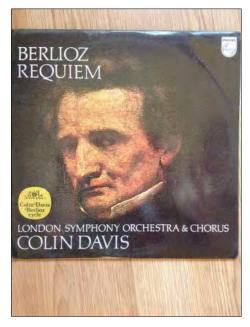
The reader should have a solid definition of the term requiem. The Harvard Dictionary of Music provides the following definition, "Lat. The Mass for the Dead (Missa pro defunctis), called Requiem after the first word of its introit ("Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine," Grant to them eternal rest, O Lord). The term has also been used in the 20th century in works not strictly liturgical but written in honor of the dead, as in Britten's War Requiem (1962) and Stravinsky's Requiem Canticles (1965-66). German Requiems, such as the Musikalische Exequiem (1636) of Schutz or Brahms's Ein Deutsches Requiem op. 45 (1868), employ German texts drawn from the Bible or chorales." (ed. Randel, 695).

For the purposes of the next several articles, the Latin Mass will be the focus. This form became standard after 1570, although it is based on the liturgy from very early Christianity. Terms used within this type of mass will be used as sections notations and will become familiar to the reader. These terms include Introit, Kyrie, Dies irae, Domine Jesu Christe, Sanctus and Benedictus, Agnus, Confutatis and Lacrimosa, to name just a few. Requiems written by various Composers will often have similar titles and structure but there is not one set pattern or format that must be used in all Requiem compositions. It should be noted that the Dies irae will often be the primary musical event within the Requiem Mass. Just as the format will vary, so will the instrumentation used by the Composers. Some are on the small

side of the spectrum while others, such as the *Grande Messe des Morts* by Berlioz from 1837 uses 4 brass bands, 16 timpani, and 10 cymbals.

Two Requiems that will be discussed here have achieved such popularity that they are often performed in a concert setting as part of a larger program and not just as a standalone piece performed in honor of an individual's death. These are the Requiems by Giuseppe Verdi and W.A. Mozart. Although unfinished at the time of his death, the Mozart has some myth and folklore attached to its history that will be discussed in greater depth when we get to that work in a couple of weeks. For the listener, there are many takeaways from listening to a Requiem. Those that find comfort in religion will find much to contemplate within the text of the piece. Historians have a treasure trove of information to wade through, concerning music history, church history, and the use of language within music. Singers and instrumentalists are faced with exploring the use of a chorus, vocal soloists, and the instrumentation and orchestration of each Requiem. As in opera, there is something for everybody.

A mass for the dead does not need to be overly sorrowful. Do not let the definition of a Requiem prevent you from active listening. Sections of these works can be uplifting, musically exciting, and even hopeful. The approach to death offered here is one of memory and celebration. This is certainly how I prefer to deal with



the subject of death and loss.

As readers of this column and hopefully listeners of the music, please take advantage of the musical sources and video links that will be provided at the end of each column.

To prime the pump, the Dies Irae from Verdi's Requiem is an outstanding place to start. A mere tease of what is to come in the following weeks.

https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=cHw4GER-MiE

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Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes

A book about living in two worlds



REYNA GRANDE ... Reyna Grande is an amazing woman. She's had to deal with the strain and disruption of having her father and then her mother migrate to El Otro Lado (their name for the U.S.), in their attempt to bootstrap themselves up out of the poverty of their lives in Mexico. It's a heart-breaking story. Reyna and her siblings spend their lives torn between two countries, always hoping for things to get better. And, in part due to the drive to improve that their father sometimes literally beats into them, their lives do improve. Her novels have won the American Book Award and the International Latino Book Award, and her memoir - called "one of the best books of 2012" (Christian Science Monitor) – is The Distance Between Us (Washington Square Press) ... Revna will be in Telluride as the guest of the Wilkinson Library for a presentation, Wed., Oct. 11th, at 5:30 p.m. (presentation in Spanish), and 7 p.m. (presentation in



Left, Moon Over the Land of Enchantment (image by Rafael Jesús in honor of Elbert. On a González). Above, Reyna Grande (courtesy photo). tin plate they scratched

English) with a meet & greet in between. Don't miss. It's free. Copies of the book are also free at the library and have been part of an on-going book discussion these last two weeks ... If one wants to gain an inkling what life is like for so many children whose parents come north looking for work and a better life, this is the book to read. And a powerfully gripping tale it is. Highly recommended.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY ... It was healing this last weekend hearing from Native-American speakers about this place we know as our home - which, before we came, was taken away from others. I know it's sensitized me to stories like the one that appeared in Colorado Central (out of Salida) this month, by Wayne Iverson, about how Colorado's highest peak (14,433') got its name ... It's like watching the Washington Redskins and the Kansas City Chiefs on TV, and realizing something about what you're watching just doesn't feel right ... In 1868 the Ute reservation included portions of western Lake County. But a flood of illegal pioneers poured into the reservation lands seeking mineral claims. The Utes and the Euro-Americans were up in arms. Gen. John Pope issued the "San Juan Order" in early 1873, calling for "the removal of all unauthorized persons from the Ute Reservation by government troops" ... That was what the treaty

called for. But that's not what happened ... Colo. Gov. S.H. Elbert met with Pres. Ulysses S. Grant, and got the order rescinded, clearing the way for the eager miners itching to search for color ... According to an interpretive display on Leadville's Mineral Best Trail, "A group of Twin Lakes miners named Colorado's highest peak tin plate they scratched the inscription 'Elbert

Peak, named and dedicated to our governor for the interest which he manifested in our behalf in having the San Juan Order rescinded" ... And so it's easy to disparage sports teams for their inappropriate use of mascot names insulting to Native-Americans, and yet we Coloradans forget that some of our most familiar names honor early pioneers for their racism and treaty-busting. Like Mt. Elbert.

POWER WOES ... A letter to the editor in High Country News this month points out that hydropower is touted as "clean energy," but is it? ... According to Mark Easter of Fort Collins, "a recent peer-reviewed study published in the journal PLOS ONE predicts that the greenhouse gas emissions from Lake Mead, compared against the hydropower it produces, are as bad as burning coal on a kilowatt-hour basis" ... Easter goes on to note, "Reservoirs are actually methane factories ... Concentrations can reach extremely high levels in the depth from which water is channeled into the turbines that produce hydroelectricity. Once that methane-rich water exits downstream, it's off-gassed into the atmosphere" ... And as if all this isn't bad enough, Easter wraps up, "Manufacturing the concrete used in constructing the hydroelectric dams also carries a giant burden of emissions that silently continue warming the planet for centuries to

Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes

come."

SUMMER OF LOVE ... AARP Magazine's September issue had an article about the "Summer of Love" by former Rolling Stone writer Robert Love (illustrations by Peter Max) ... Hard to believe it was 50 years ago a whole generation of us were waking up to the possibilities of turning on, tuning in and dropping out. That was a powerful moment in American society, and a powerful moment for me personally. I had left a seminary after 7 years of study, joined VISTA, and spent a year on an Indian res-

ervation in Montana, being re-educated to an America I knew nothing about. All the things I learned to worship and respect seemed filled with hypocrisy and injustice. The Vietnam War and the draft made one's choice of cultural affinity a life or death decision ... It's how I turned from a would-be priest to a wannabe beatnik -- only the name for counter-cultural icons had changed. We had become hippies ... So, it's more than a little ironic to read a story in the oldsters' mag, harkening back to *New York Times* headline, "The Hippies Have Won."

And as the AARP mag concludes, "Though we can decry the hippies or mourn them, what's not deniable is that our world has improved in ways that can be traced back to that summer" ... Amen! I've been saying that for years. But then I've never stopped being a hippie. I just made it acceptable in San Miguel County to look like one, and still serve the people and work as a community leader.

WEEKLY QUOTA ... "What I wear is pants. What I do is live. How I pray is breathe." –Thomas Merton

THE TALKING GOURD

Luna sobre la tierra del encanto

A la luna sobre las lomas de chamiso en flor los cántaros, las ollas, los jarros de sus gargantas angostas, de sus bocas abiertas le cantan sus cantos del barro encantado.

To the moon over the hills of flowering chamiso the pitchers, the pots, the jugs from their narrow throats, from their open mouths sing their songs of the enchanted clay.

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Trip Advisor 2017 Certificate of Excellence... OURAY'S BON TON RESTAURANT SERVES TOP-NOTCH ITALIAN AND THEN SOME

OURAY-Bon Ton in Ouray on Main Street is a true destination restaurant. Serving splendid Italian dishes and cocktails, this restaurant is not only a local favorite, but visitors come from all around to dine here and for good reason.

I'm liking this food review assignment! Thanks Caitlin.

My friend and I were in town for a city council meeting and decided an early dinner at a local restaurant with a stellar reputation was in order. Absolutely no disappointment here.

I decided on the Mediterranean Cob Salad, an unusual twist on a typical cob with grilled chicken on top, feta cheese, olives, red peppers and fresh greens. Yummy! I was eyeing the pasta menu as it looked scrumptious — Lasagne Luciano, Kittie's Cannoli, Fettuccine Verde Alfredo, Angel Hair Pesto, Tortellini Cabanara, Ravioli, and Spaghetti with a choice of vegetarian or meat marinara or meatballs or Italian sausage or pesto, but wasn't all that hungry tonight.

Michael needed his typical bowl of soup (a fresh tasting, but not pungent, creamy roasted garlic) before digging into a plate of the Tortellini Cabanara, cheese-stuffed pasta shells swimming in a luscious onion, bacon, tomato and mushroom Alfredo sauce. My one taste called for several it was so good.

Usually we count on taking a bit of dinner home for the next night, but tonight it was so good nothing lasted! Didn't sample a dessert so can't speak to that but I'm guessing they are great.

Attending a city council meeting later, so also no alcohol, sadly, as the cocktail list was very impressive. We will be back on a more luxurious night, that I can guarantee you.

It's worth the drive of about 45 minutes to our sister city up the hill to enjoy Bon Ton.

Prices are not cheap, but worth every dollar: appetizers range from garlic bread and soup of the day at \$6.95 to smoked salmon or scallop pot pie at \$14.95; salads



Bon Ton Restaurant. Courtesy photo.

from \$5.95 - \$17.95 (Caesar with choice of shrimp or chicken for less); pastas range from \$12.95 to \$26.95; Specialties range from a Grilled Rack of Lamb at \$41.95 to Eggplant Parmesan for \$18.95. Desserts run from \$7.95 to \$3.95.

The Bon Ton Restaurant is located at 426 Main Street in Ouray, Colorado, next to the St. Elmo Hotel and across the street from the Elks Lodge.

Hours are 5:30 pm to close 7 days a week with a Sunday Champagne Brunch, 9:30 am -12:30 pm.





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FRIENDSHIP FORCE INTERNATIONAL, non-profit organization, was founded and introduced to the world at a ceremony held at the White House on March 1, 1977. FFI provides opportunities to explore new cultures by bringing people together at the personal level. Friendship Force of western Colorado's regular monthly meetings are scheduled for the 3rd Thursday of the month. Meeting location - Red Cross Training Center, 5th and Gunnison in Grand Junction, 6:15 p.m

THE ALPINE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB meets every second Tuesday at St. Mary 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.

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

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-

Oct. 11-Columbine 8th Graders and Peak 8th Graders Stem day at the Park, as part of the Weed Warrior project. They will have presenters from around the community running sessions from 9-12:30 at River Bottom/Baldrige Park. They will be educating students on invasive species, our local environment, and noxious weeds. Observers welcome.

Oct. 13-14-Fall Fun Outdoor Market! Downtown Montrose, Shopping, sales, vendors, restaurants. Sponsored by the DDA. From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Oct. 13-DMEA Member Appreciation Night @ the Rec-4 p.m. to close, Montrose Community Recreation Center (16350 Woodgate Road in Montrose) and Bill Heddles Recreation Center (530 Gunnison River Drive in Delta). www.dmea.com.

Oct. 14-Paint the Fort Plein Air Competition at Fort Uncompanding in Delta. 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Register by Oct. 13 by calling 209-5293.

Oct. 18-Cattle Brands of Colorado, October 18, 6-8 p.m. Montrose Library Meeting Room. Earleen Antonelli and Beverly Coram of the Colorado Cattlewomen will present the history of Colorado cattle brands, and will share entertaining western folk tales. Free event.

Oct. 19--Uncompanded River Stakeholders Meeting will be Thursday, Oct. 19, 6 – 8 pm at the Ouray Community Center, 320 6th Ave., Ouray, CO 81427. Free and open to the public. For more info: <a href="mailto:uncompanded-unco

Oct. 21-7:30 p.m. – JAYME STONE'S FOLKLIFE at the Wright Opera House in Ouray. Sea island spirituals, Creole calypsos and stompdown Appalachian dance tunes. Presented by the Ouray County Performing Arts Guild. Tickets, \$20 adults, \$5 students 18 & under, at www.ocpag.orgOct.21-KAFM Zombie Prom Dance of the Dead, 8 p.m. at the Mesa Theater (538 Main Street) in Grand Junction. Live music by Bicycle Annie, North by North, Jack & Jill.

Oct. 22-24-The Friends of the Library will conduct a used book sale Sunday, Oct 22, through Tuesday, Oct 24, in the Montrose Library Meeting Room. Hours Sunday are noon to 5 p.m. (FOL members only 12-2:30 p.m.; you can join at the sale) and Monday and Tuesday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. On Tuesday 4 to 6 p.m. customers can fill a reusable bag with books for \$5. Information, 240-6028.

Oct. 28-The Montrose County Republican Party is hosting its annual fundraiser Lincoln-Reagan Dinner and Auction Saturday, Oct. 28th at the Montrose Holiday Inn Express. Cocktails begin at 6pm and Dinner at 7pm. The Cowboy and the Rose Catering. Guest speaker is Colorado Secretary of State Wayne Williams. Tickets can be purchased for \$50 from DeVinny Jewelers, Sooolutions, or on-line at EventBrite. For more information: www.montrosegop.org email: montrosegop@gmail.com.

Oct. 28-31st Annual Stupid Band Halloween Dance. Turn of the Century Saloon, 7:30 p.m. Free admission with two non-perishable food items.

Oct. 30-A Return to Grace Luther's Life and Legacy will have a one-time showing presented by Living Word Lutheran Church and Preschool at the San Juan Cinema on Monday, Oct. 30th, 2017 at 5 PM. Important: All tickets must be purchased in advance. Tickets can be purchased at a special website set up for the screening http://luthermovie.link/montrose.

Nov. 6— Montrose Giving Club at the Bridges of Montrose, 5:30 p.m. Quarterly Giving Club meetings for 2017 are scheduled for Feb. 6, May 1, Aug. 7, and Nov. 6, and are open and inclusive to all. For more information contact Hansen @ sue@suehansenspeaks.com or Benziger @ phebenator@hotmail.com.

Nov. 17-The Black Canyon Boys and Girls Club's annual Crab Crack event is back for the third year. On Nov. 17 at 6 p.m. at the Montrose Pavilion, indulge in an all you can eat crab and shrimp menu with all the fixings. Guests will enjoy music by Jedi George, a beer/wine tasting garden, and more. The winner of the Club's fundraising raffle for a new 2017 Jeep Wrangler or \$25,000 will also be drawn at the event. Raffle tickets are still available by e-mailing Bud Taylor at btaylor@bcbgc.org, texting tickets to 970-209-6814, or by calling 970-249-5168. For Crab Crack ticket and sponsorship information, please visit www.bcbgc.org/tickets.

Dec. 27-7:30 p.m. – JOHN DENVER TRIBUTE with John Adams Band at the Wright Opera House. Each John Denver song is performed effortlessly as audience members can relax and reminisce about an age long gone. Presented by the Ouray County Performing Arts Guild and the Wright Opera House. Concert starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$30 at www.ocpag.org.

MIRROR IMAGES...OUT & ABOUT!









Clockwise from above left, Mirror reporter Gail Marvel stopped to snap a photo of a bear in a Downtown Delta tree (note police tape) while driving through the City last week; Downtown Montrose Hydrangeas perk up after a recent rainstorm; Gladiolus at Montrose Botanic Garden; Leah Welch welcomes dignitaries to the Centennial Middle DON'T QUIT Fitness Center ribbon cutting Friday; Montrose County Commissioner Roger Rash celebrates the expansion of recreational opportunities at Centennial on Friday, Oct. 6. Mirror staff photos.





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Below, a feral kitten peeks from a Montrose fence.





Above, as chlorophyll depletion sets in, this ash tree makes for a leaf peeper's delight. Mirror staff photo.

