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CITY SHORTENS DATES FOR 2016 COUNCIL ELECTION, APPROVES MORE THAN \$830K IN DISPATCH SPENDING



The City of Montrose has begun to purchase equipment for a second regional Dispatch Center housed in this City Building and paid for out of City water fund reserves.

Mirror Staff Report

MONTROSE-On Sept. 1, Montrose City Council approved sole source waivers for the purchase of equipment and services from Motorola/QDS for use at the Western Colorado Regional Dispatch Center at a total cost of \$649,258; and for the purchase of PSAP 911 equipment from Century Link for use at the Western Colorado Regional Dispatch Center for a total cost of \$184,785.

—This marks a real commitment on our part,” noted Councilor Bob Nicholson. —This is a significant expense. If the organization was formed, they would be making the purchase.”

City Manager Bill Bell said that some of the entities for which the City is fronting costs from the water reserve fund balance will pay the municipality back.

—There are no new taxes... This is a win for the taxpayers,” Bell said, and stated that the Western Colorado Regional Dispatch Center will be up and running by mid January. The City recently opted out of the current, state-of-the-art Montrose Regional Dispatch Center run by the Montrose County Sheriff’s office, citing fees and a lack of control over staffing.

Though technology changes

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CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS MARK CSU’S BIGGEST INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT IN HALF A CENTURY

By Marissa Isgreen

Eastern Slope Correspondent

FORT COLLINS-Construction State University, it’s (un)fondly called. Plagued with orange cones, blocked roads, and temporarily closed buildings, Colorado State University has come under some serious criticism from students and faculty regarding the ongoing and constant construction in recent years.

—Imagine they were saying the same thing in 1965,” said Fred Haberecht assistant director of landscape and planning with CSU’s Facilities Management. —We haven’t seen an investment in campus like this, a major building boom, in 50 years.”

CSU hasn’t seen a major building boom in many years, in part, because it hasn’t had the same needs that it does today.

According to CSU, enrollment has seen significant growth. In 1970, the student population was at 17,000. Today, that has grown by 59 percent, and

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CSU has invested \$700 million in work in the last seven years, and will invest about the same amount in the next three years. Courtesy image Colorado State University.

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HELP SHARING MINISTRIES FOOD BANK FUND THE NEW BUILDING...COME TO THE STREET DANCE!



Scenes from the 2013 Sharing Ministries Street Dance. The food bank fund raiser welcomes three local bands this year.

Mirror Staff Report

MONTROSE—Take three great local bands, add some of the coolest silent auction items around, and a great cause that inspires just about everybody—it's the Third Annual Sharing Ministries Street Dance in Centennial Plaza Sept. 26!

With the Ghost River Band, Lug Nuts and Stupid Band entertaining the crowd, you may not want to leave the dance floor—but when you do, grab a plate.

Kinnikin Processing will roast a pig, and there will be beers from all three local craft breweries and soda pop for the kids.

—This is our biggest fund raiser of the year," Sharing Ministries Board President Tom Vogenthaler said.

—All of the proceeds will go to our new building fund."

Sharing Ministries is close to starting construction new 9,000 square-foot facility, which will triple the size of the food bank. The non-profit expects to break ground on

the new facility around the first of the year.

The dance takes place from 3 to 9 p.m. Silent auction items are especially enticing this year, Vogenthaler said.

—There are rounds of golf, ski tickets, and dinners at local restaurants," he said.

Vogy, who knew the late Sharing Ministries Founder Frank Koenig well, said that he continues to be astonished at the growth of his old friend's vision.

—Frank's vision was food," Vogenthaler said.

—But Sharing Ministries has a greater impact than just feeding people—we also provide opportunities for developmentally disabled people, and for seniors and others to volunteer."

The more than 150 volunteers who work regular shifts and at the food bank represent a team that functions very well together, he said.

—People can come and volunteer, and in-

teract with other people," Vogenthaler said. —This is mental health work too! And this also represents the end of the line for food production—so much of the foods we distribute here would otherwise go to waste.

—I don't know if Frank ever realized the true impact of what he started," Vogenthaler said.

Help Sharing Ministries keep the dream alive, and keep food on local tables by coming to the Street Dance on Sept. 26.

For the Stupid Band, once again headlining the street dance, the chance to help Sharing Ministries' expansion is a —a brainier."

—It's an honor for the Stupid Band to share the stage with the likes of Kurt —Slow Hand" Isgreen, Ed —Ringo" Boiani; Bob —Sir Paul" Becker; and Russ —Jean Luc" Austin," Stupid Band Drummer Brad Switzer said.



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rapidly, the new equipment should last for several years, Montrose Police Chief Tom Chinn assured Council.

In other business, Council awarded a bid to Valley Disaster Restoration for \$81,473, to mitigate the impacts of flooding caused by contractor negligence during a roof repair. The cost will be covered by insurance disbursement received from CIRSA.

Council also adopted Resolution 2015-19, a resolution establishing a Friendship City bond with the City of Santa Ana de Cotachochi, Ecuador at the request of Wally Smith, who owns a vacation home there. Mayor David Romero suggested creating a plaque for Santa Ana de Cotachochi.

Those hoping to run for a City Council seat in 2016 will need to get their petitions in earlier this time, as Council also voted to approve Ordinance 2360, which

amends procedures for mail ballot elections. Now, candidates must pick up petitions 91 days prior to the election (the City's mail ballot election was held on April 1 in 2014); must file petitions 71 days prior to the election; and the final date for amending petitions is 63 days prior to the election.

City Manager Bill Bell offered a public information officer report, stating the improvements to Woodgate Road will take approximately six months. "It has always been on our plate to improve Woodgate Road... We are widening the road to improve safety in anticipation of the new rec center."

Concerned citizens can attend an open house concerning the project from 5 to 7 p.m. at Council Chambers Sept. 10, he said.

Those interested in the ongoing Diagonal Parking Project can attend a Downtown Development Authority (DDA) open house Sept. 14, from 6 to 8 p.m. in Council Chambers. "It will be a good chance to talk one on one," Bell said.

Citizens interested in the City budget can attend a budget workshop Sept. 18, he said.

During the City's public comment period, Citizen Warren Rosser expressed concern over a drag racing incident he witnessed on South Townsend Avenue recently. Rosser said that he had alerted the Montrose Police Department at the time of the incident.

"You can't do anything about it after they hit somebody," Rosser said. "With the speed being displayed you could not see through the fumes. ... This is an accident waiting to happen."

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OPINION/EDITORIAL

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL SCUTTLED, SIDEWALKS & STREETS STILL UNSAFE



The City focuses on temporary fixes, scuttles safe routes.

Mirror Staff Editorial

MONTROSE-The Columbine/Pomona Safe Routes to School Project, which would have installed bulb outs at the intersection of South Park and South 12th

Streets, has been postponed. The single bidder for the project did not meet bid requirements stipulated by the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and according to a city representative, there was not enough time to rebid the project and have it completed prior to the start of the 2015 school year. The city hopes to rebid the project for the summer of 2016.

Earlier this year portions of curb, gutter and sidewalks in this area were removed when a waterline was installed. In anticipation of new sidewalks being installed with the bulb out reconfiguration, these

areas were simply patched, rather than repaired.

Some of these areas are on the list for cement replacement and may still be repaired in 2015.

However, because the project was not completed prior to the beginning of the school year any work in this area will now present obstacles for loading and unloading students and detours for students walking to both Columbine and Pomona schools.

The delay with CDOT and the bidding process was an unforeseen glitch. However, sloping asphalt patches and sinking sidewalks remain a safety hazard. While some pedestrians are forced to walk into the street in order to avoid uneven surfaces, those with walkers or in wheelchairs will find sloping and broken sidewalks virtually impassable.



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COUNTY TERMINATES FBO AGREEMENT AND GROUND LEASE

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MONTROSE - Montrose County has terminated the FBO agreement with MTJ FBO Partners, LLC. The ground lease with Telluride Venture Partners, LLC has also been terminated.

—The Board of County Commissioners was aware of an ongoing dispute between the business partners involved in the FBO agreement and the associated ground lease. The dispute has led to civil litigation between the partners. Montrose County is not a party to this litigation between private business entities and we therefore will have no further comment on the matter,” said Chairman David White.

—The Board ultimately decided that it was in the best interest of the public to terminate the agreement and ground lease. Due to the diligence exercised by the County throughout this process, there has been no adverse impact to airport operations or to any public asset as a result of the FBO agreement or the lease,” White concluded.

VETERANS SERVICES IN THE WEST END

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE — As part of an ongoing effort to serve Veteran’s throughout the community, the Montrose County Veteran’s Service Officer will be regularly available in the west end of the county. Any Veterans with questions or need of assistance are encouraged to contact the Veteran’s Services Officer at these times. An Eligibility Representative will also be available during these hours to answer questions and process applications related to benefits. **When:** The 3rd Wednesday of every month from 10:30 AM to 2 PM. **Where:** Montrose County Human Services Building, 851 Main Street, Nucla, CO(970) 864-7319 For more information, please call Montrose County Veteran’s Service Officer Sheldon Smith at (970) 249-2115 or ssmith@montrosecounty.net.

MONTROSE COUNTY FAIR & RODEO ROYALTY TO HOST GYMKHANA

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE--The 2015-16 Montrose County Fair and Rodeo Royalty are holding a gymkhana open to all ages on Thursday, Sept. 10, at the Montrose County Fairgrounds (1001 N. 2nd St., Montrose). Registration begins at 6 p.m. and the event starts at 6:45 p.m.

—This is the last 2015 gymkhana my court is hosting, and we look forward to the community supporting our reign,” said Jacey Taylor, 2015-16 Montrose County Fair and Rodeo Queen.

Events include Barrels, Pole Bending, Flag Race, Keyhole Race as well as Jackpot Barrels and Poles. Entry fees are \$5 per event and concessions are available.

The 2015-16 Montrose County Fair and Rodeo Royalty include Queen Jacey Taylor, Queen Attendant Micaiah Thompson, Princess Liliana Borders and Princess Attendant Shianne Taylor.

For more information, contact Connie Taylor at [970-901-8843](tel:970-901-8843).

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MONTROSE-One of the best local breakfast cooks ever is back on the breakfast shift!! Marcello Youell has worked at RnR for more than a year, but the restaurant is now open for breakfast. Good deal! Pictured are Marcello and Nicki.

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OLATHE PARENTS STRUGGLE WITH LOSS OF AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

By Caitlin Switzer

OLATHE—This year, some Olathe parents may have no choice but to be late for work. For working parents here, the loss of the before and after school programs funded through the 21st Century Learning Century grants, combined with a teacher-on-duty start time of 7:40 a.m., are a source of growing frustration.

One young parent of a five-year-old notes that with just 20 minutes to commute to her job in Montrose after dropping her child off at school, there is little breathing room.

“Now, there is no teacher on duty until 7:40,” she said. “I would love to have the before and after school programs back. I wish there was an alternative.

“What do we do?” Here in Montrose, Community Heart & Hands Foundation has donated \$16,000 toward continuing the after school program at Centennial Middle School, [Innovation After School](#). And though that program is open to Olathe kids as well, there is no transportation provided as there was with the 21st Century grant-funded after school programs. Susan Bony of Community Heart and Hands said they hope to eventually offer a site in Olathe, but that doing so is not yet financially feasible.

“We are starting with Montrose because

it is a bigger market and we hope to get community support to make it happen long-term,” Bony said. “We plan to be including a program located in Olathe as well once we secure long-term funding for Montrose.”

Working to find immediate relief for Olathe families is Olathe Elementary School Principal Joe Brummitt. With the 21st Century funded programs in place for ten years, and several other grant-funded community programs in place prior to that, the loss of all before and after school sites has been a devastating change, he said.

“We knew this would be a huge issue,” Brummitt said. “We were seeing between 60 to 100 kids every day, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. The former program also contracted with First Student, so kids who needed rides could get home. Those grants were a real blessing.” Fee-based sites have been considered, but can force struggling families to make hard choices, Brummitt said. “The economy is still difficult here,” he said, “and we don’t want parents to have to choose between after school care and food. It’s a catch-22—you want people to work, but when they have families and children what do they do?” So Brummitt has been meeting with RE-1J Superintendent Stephen Schiell to come up with a school-based solution tailored to the needs of the



Centennial Middle School offers Innovation After School to district middle schoolers, but there is no transport from Olathe.

Olathe Community.

“We are asking, how do we provide before and after programming and offer day care for non-school aged kids?” Brummitt said. “We have a good model with the 21st Century program, and we are fortunate that our Superintendent has experience with this. There truly is a huge need here—I have staffers who are impacted. So we will proceed to move forward and get our ducks in a row on behalf of the families and kids and our community.” Brummitt said that he hopes to have the beginnings of a before and after school program in place by next Fall. Those who would like to help with the effort or donate funds for programming are encouraged to call Brummitt at Olathe Elementary School, 970-252-7940.

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MONTROSE ROTARY CLUB RAFFLING \$2K IN CASH TO BENEFIT YEAR OF THE HEALTHY CHILD

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MONTROSE-Local Rotarians are selling raffle tickets in an effort to raise money for the club's Year of the Healthy Child Program. \$10 will buy a raffle ticket that allows the purchaser a chance at winning one of three prizes: 1st Prize- \$2,000, 2nd Prize- \$500, 3rd Prize- \$250. The drawing will be held October 2nd at 2 pm at Oktoberfest.

Raffle tickets are available at The Mont-

rose Library, NuVista Federal Credit Union, The Great Outdoors, and Dalby, Wendland & Co., P.C.

The Rotary Year of the Healthy Child was conceived after hearing multiple programs that highlighted the needs to better care for the children within Montrose. The Rotary Year of the Healthy Child is a community-wide effort to improve education, health, nutrition, safety and welfare of children in Montrose. The Montrose Rota-

ry Club is injecting over \$50,000 this year into efforts to improve the lives of children in Montrose.

For more information, contact Chelsea Rosty, crosty@nuvista.org or 970-497-5360. The Montrose Rotary Club is the premiere service club in Montrose. Its members are driven by the Rotary motto, "Service Above Self" as they work to uplift and improve life in our community and throughout the world.

PETROGEN: LIQUID FUELS CHALLENGE COMPRESSED GASES FOR CUTTING STEEL

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COLORADO SPRINGS- Petrogen, Inc. has created a seismic shift in steel cutting with its liquid fuel cutting torch systems. This technology provides a safer and far less expensive alternative to traditional cutting gases such as acetylene and propane that have been the industry standard for more than 100 years.

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says Petrogen president Linda Heft.

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coal mines, by MSHA. The cutting system is recommended by the U.S. Dept. of Energy and used extensively by the U.S. Defense Logistics Agency. Petrogen torches are currently at work in a wide variety of industries including fire/rescue, nuclear dismantlement, construction and scrap-ping. Now the company hopes to expand interest in their cutting tools to the shop and enthusiast markets with smaller, more economical units. Founded in 1973, Petrogen manufactures their liquid fuel cutting torches in the U.S.A. Full product descriptions are available on the Petrogen website (<http://www.petrogen.com>).

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Nicole Walters.
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HOTCHKISS--

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—Nicole brings a wealth of knowledge

and experience to this position and we are glad she is part of the Bank of Colorado management team,” said Brad Kreikemeier, Executive Vice President of Bank of Colorado.

Nicole believes that as a community banker, knowing your customer and partnering with them is the best way to offer commonsense banking solutions. She and her staff are very responsive and take ownership of challenges and is committed to the mutual success of both the bank and client. She can be reached at 970.872.4900 or by email at Nicole.walters@bankofcolorado.com.

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CELEBRATE COLOR SEASON IN BEAUTIFUL GRAND JUNCTION!



The Grand Junction region eagerly anticipates the splendor of colors as the season transitions. Courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror

GRAND JUNCTION – Temperatures will soon begin to drop as summer comes to end in Western Colorado and the Grand Junction region eagerly anticipates the splendor of colors as the season transitions. There are plenty of activities and leaf peeping opportunities to enjoy day and night from Downtown Grand Junction to the Colorado River Trails and the majestic Grand Mesa mountain.

Stroll through historic downtown from 7th Street to Main Street in Grand Junction, Colorado for a blend of vintage Victorian charm to an eclectic mix of contemporary and modern architecture and capture picture perfect images with the changing of colors as a backdrop.

Bike ride The Audubon Section of the River Front Trails for perfect viewing of the changing colorful landscape. The Audubon section is 1.4 miles of the 28 mile flat, mostly paved trail and takes you alongside the Colorado River beneath a canopy of trees.

It is also a tranquil setting for bird watching and spying many other species of wildlife near the Colorado River.

The Grand Mesa provides a majestic view of the landscape and is ideal for photographers savoring the moment digitally and on film. With over 300 lakes, the world's largest flat-top mountain is the perfect location to see the aspen trees transform. Don't miss Color Sunday at Powderhorn Mountain Resort, September 27. The small community of Glade Park, located near the Colorado National Monument offers a unique mix of waterfalls, rock and fall foliage at an area known as the pot holes.

Wine tasting at any of the 22 wineries located throughout Colorado's Wine

Country, which are sure to offer great grape harvest photo opportunities. *Special events taking place in the Fall of 2015 surrounding Grand Junction, Colorado:*

09/19 - Tour de Vineyards bike ride
A 25 mile ride through wine country that marks the beginning of Fall

09/17-20 - Colorado Mountain Winefest
Colorado's largest wine festival celebrating the harvest in heart of Palisade!

09/25 – Historic Downtown Grand Junction Walking Tour

Stroll through downtown Grand Junction as you learn about the history as well as seeing the beauty of the fall leaves

09/25-27 – Fruita Fall Festival
(101st Annual)

Friday thru Sunday, the Fruita Fall Festival began just over a century ago as a celebration of the harvest for the farming community in the town of Fruita

09/27 – Color Sunday at Powderhorn Mountain Resort *Food, live music, and fall leaf peeping with some of the best views of fall colors on the Grand Mesa.*

About Grand Junction

(www.visitgrandjunction.com). Grand Junction is Colorado's Wine Country featuring 22 wineries with year-round tasting rooms, and boasting more than 275 days of sunshine annually which helps produce much of the state's peach and fruit crop. It is the largest city in Western Colorado, located near the Colorado River between Salt Lake City and Denver on Interstate 70. At an altitude of 4,586 feet, warm summers and moderate spring, fall and winter seasons allow for year-round golf, hiking and world-renowned biking. Among Grand Junction's spectacular red cliffs and winding canyons are the 11,000-foot Grand Mesa, the world's largest flat-topped mountain, the 7,500-foot Book Cliffs including the Wild Horse Area, and the 7,000-foot Colorado National Monument. Other attractions include three national scenic byways, rafting, hunting, fishing, extensive public art displays, museums, and a vibrant downtown. Grand Junction lies in the heart of the Colorado-Utah Dinosaur Diamond and the Grand Circle.



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Marge Morgenstern.
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Interview by Gail Marvel
Marge Morgenstern grew up in the middle of Kansas, attended the University of Kansas and for two years worked for

AT&T. She moved to Denver to be near friends and while working at the Denver Public Library she went back to school at Denver University. She said, —Teachers were in demand at the time, so I got a double major in history and English.” Marge began teaching secondary education in 1963 and taught four years in Cascade, MT and six years in Craig, CO before coming to Montrose High School (MHS) in 1970.

Although Marge taught at MHS, she lived in the Ridgway/Ouray area and for several years she seasonally commuted back and forth to work on a motorcycle. She said, —Gas was cheap at the time. I had a 5 ½ gallon tank and I could commute an entire week on one tank of gas.” After moving to Montrose in 1993 she retired from teaching in 1995 and went to work

for Cornman’s Hallmark for over three years. Marge said, —Retail was a real kick. Almost everyone who came in the store was friendly and positive. It was a real good gig! Cornman’s did a spectacular job. They knew how to run a store and I learned a lot about retail.”

For almost 10 years Marge served on the Montrose City Parks Advisory Board, —We met once a month and I really enjoyed the people on the board.” Under the current city administration the parks board has been disbanded. She said, —They [city] said the group was unnecessary.” Marge has been very public in her angst against city management, but she doesn’t see herself running for a city council seat. She said, —It would take a lot of energy to run for election. Right now I’m going to work like crazy to get others elected. We need good people on city council.”

Marge views herself as a concerned citizen and her main platform is writing letters to the editor and long missives, —I’m an advocate for wanting the city to be ethical, open and accountable.” When Marge takes to public discourse she is a force to be reckoned with, —I don’t mince a lot of words. A lot of people don’t want to hear someone who is forthright and blunt.”

Although she is not one to look for a cause Marge said, —I think everybody needs to do whatever they think is right — I get involved when there is a cause. The surface of my issue with the city is how their actions are directly affecting the employees. I’m concerned for the locals.”

When asked if she had a good reputation in the community Marge said, —As far as I know. I have opinions and I express them. Some people may think I am over-opinionated; without room for change. I may say much more than they want to hear and sometimes there is no gray area...but I’m open and honest.”

There are times when Marge’s honesty gets her into trouble, —That could be a negative in my personality and character — I’m too opinionated!” After 22 years of teaching Marge feels gratified that her reputation has been handed down from one generation to another. She said, —I’ve taught sisters and brothers and their parents. I may not be as well known in service clubs and organizations, but I’m known in the community.”

Marge has tapped into the strength of being a volunteer, —No one can hurt me; they can’t cut my salary or my time. I’m not afraid and no one has power over me.”



Dr. Mike Benzinger, MMH Pathologist works with Montrose High School Student Chase Darling

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RIDGWAY CREATIVE DISTRICT CELEBRATES MOONWALK, JURIED FIBER ART EXHIBITION

Special to the Mirror

RIDGWAY-In conjunction with the Ridgway Creative District, the Third Annual Sneffels Fiber Festival, and Weehawken Creative Arts, the next Ridgway MoonWalk will take place on Friday, Sept. 25, 2015, from 6 to 9 PM at Resource Art Gallery & Co-op (540 Sherman St. in downtown Ridgway). This MoonWalk serves as the opening reception for Woven: Threads of Community, a juried fiber-inspired multimedia art exhibition, on display from Sept. 25 – Oct. 23. It also coincides with the first day of the unique Sneffels Fiber Festival weekend, focused on quality fiber arts, clothing, and materials. Awards including honorable mentions will be given at the MoonWalk. The art pieces will be original and not previously shown at a MoonWalk. All artwork will be for sale, with 70 percent of sales going to the artists. (September 1 is the deadline for entries.) Light refreshments and beverages provided. Please join us for a celebratory and fun evening of creativity! Go to www.sneffelsfiberfest.com, www.ridgwaycreativedistrict.com or www.facebook.com/RidgwayMoonWalks to learn more.

CPW REMINDS BOATERS TO STAY SAFE FOR THE REST OF THE SEASON

Special to the Mirror

DURANGO- As the summer season draws to a close Colorado Parks and Wildlife reminds everyone to continue to practice safe boating-- whether you're on a powerboat or a paddleboard.

"We urge people not to become complacent about safety at the end of the boating season," said Heath Kehm, southwest deputy regional manager for CPW. "Boaters need to remember the rules and make sure they're staying safe on the water."

On any watercraft, the number of life jackets on board must match the number of passengers. Anyone under age 13 must wear a life jacket at all times on a boat.

Every kind of boat, including kayaks and canoes, is included.

For the under 13 rule, Colorado park rangers maintain a "no-warning policy." Parents or guardians of children will be ticketed if they violate the rule.

"We recommend that everyone in a boat wear a PFD anytime you're on the water," Kehm said.

If you do not have floatation devices, they are available on loan at most Colorado State Parks.

Paddleboards are exploding in popularity and are a great way to enjoy Colorado's waters, but it's important to wear a life jacket. Paddleboarders who fall in the wa-

ter can quickly become separated from their boards leaving them with no support in cold water. A tether is also a good piece of safety gear for paddleboarders, especially on still water.

At Colorado lakes and reservoirs, park rangers also keep a close eye out for reckless boating and for people who are boating under the influence of drugs and alcohol.

Many reservoirs in Colorado are open through October, so boaters should be prepared as the water gets colder and fall settles in. For more information about safe boating, go to <http://cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/BoatingSafety.aspx>.

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CITIZENS FORMING COMMITTEE TO REMOVE COUNCIL, BELL

Good Day, Citizens of the City of Montrose!

Many of you have communicated with me since I wrote several articles for the Montrose Mirror concerning the behavior of the current City Council and City Manager. Since you have wanted action we are beginning the process of filling the three City Council seats that will be open [Kathy Ellis[term limited], Judy Files and Bob Nicholson] for the April, 2016 election.

Now is the time for action to correct the runaway train that is the current City Council and City Manager who are bent on wrecking this town. Many interested business people and concerned citizens are wanting to begin a process that will revitalize Montrose so the citizens, homeowners, businesses have a voice in their city government. This group has initiated a meeting to be held at 7 pm, September 21, 2015, in the Cimarron Creek Community Center, 901 6530 Road. We will listen to your frustrations, outrage and ideas for change. **We will discuss the City Districts that will be open for election, possible candidates to run for those Council seats, and the work that needs to be initiated and ongoing to determine that changes occur in the governance of the City of Montrose.**

Also, citizens of Montrose County, you are encouraged and welcome to attend with concerns and ideas even though you are ineligible to vote in the April, 2016, City Election. Your voices are important because you support much of what exists in Montrose and your input should be heard!

If you have questions, please e-mail me at snooks@bresnan.net

Please plan to attend! Thank you!

Marge Morgenstern & Committee

The price of apathy is to be ruled by evil men.-Plato

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.—Margaret Mead

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SEPTEMBER IS HEALTHY AGING MONTH: THREE HEALTH TIPS FOR OLDER ADULTS

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-- September is National Healthy Aging Month. Volunteers of America's Western Slope health services programs are sharing three tips for older adults this month to promote health and longevity.

Get Moving - Exercise and other physical activities are good for you. Studies show that people who exercise not only live longer, they live better. Regular exercise and physical activity can reduce your risk of developing some diseases and disabilities that often occur with age. For example, balancing exercises help prevent falls (which are a major cause of disability in older adults), strength exercises help build muscles and reduce the risk of osteoporosis, and stretching exercises help you stay

limber.

Get Involved - Studies show that people who are involved in hobbies, social and leisure activities, and who volunteer in their communities, generally report higher levels of happiness and lower levels of depression. Studies have even shown that staying socially active may reduce the progression of Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia.

Get Checked - Regular check-ups, screenings and immunizations are important for good health. Bring concerns to your healthcare provider sooner rather than later. Remember that mental health is also important. If you find that you are not feeling your usual self, see a mental health provider.

The numbers of people over 45 is growing every year. There are over 76 million baby boomers today over 50 and the first of the 82.1 million generation x-ers are about to reach that milestone in 2015. Both groups have many of the same interests including staying active and vibrant as long as possible. Volunteers of America's senior living communities offer many ways for older adults to stay active physically and socially. Activities include daily group exercise classes, crafts, guest speakers, support groups, live music, outdoor trips, healthy meals and more.

For more information about these and other services in Montrose and Delta Counties, call toll free 1-844-VOA-4YOU (844-862-4968) or visit www.voahealthservices.org.

RIDGWAY CREATIVE DISTRICT CELEBRATES MOONWALK DURING SNEFFELS FIBER ARTS FEST

Special to the Mirror

RIDGWAY-The Ridgway Creative District's "Moonwalk" Event, featuring an Open, Multi-Media Exhibition titled "Woven: Threads of Community" The exhibition will feature art by artists from around the region in a varied array of medium, but all worked is inspired by elements of the fiber arts. The exhibition will be held at Resource Gallery on Hwy 62 (Sherman Street) in Ridgway from Sept 25 - Oct 23. The Opening Reception will take place on September 25 from 6 until 9 pm and is free and open to the public. Information: <http://www.ridgwaycreativedistrict.com/>.

The 3rd Annual Sneffels Fiber Festival Event in Ridgway, CO at the Ouray County 4H Center. The event runs Saturday from 9am-5 pm. Suggested Donation: \$3 pp. In addition to the fiber artists and vendors, the event will also include free demonstrations offered on both Saturday and Sunday. More information at www.sneffelsfiberfest.com.

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MONTROSE HISTORICAL MUSEUM ARTIFACT NOMINATED FOR 2015 LIST

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE—The Montrose County Historical Museum Artifact, *Keuffel & Esser, Thacher Cylindrical Slide Rule*, has been nominated for 2015 Colorado's **10 Most**

Significant Artifacts campaign through Colorado Connecting to Collections. This artifact is the only item nomination from the western slope region. We need your vote on the slide rule to be one of the 10

most significant artifacts.

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COMMENTS SOUGHT ON SAN LUIS VALLEY ELK POPULATIONS

Special to the Mirror

MONTE VISTA—Hunters and the general public are invited to make comments on the elk population in the western San Luis Valley, specifically Game Management Units 80 and 81. Colorado Parks and Wildlife is now conducting an online survey to gather comments. The elk population in these two units has been increasing

since 2011 and is projected to continue increasing under the current harvest management plan. Information provided in the survey will help to guide management of the Lower Rio Grande elk herd for the

next decade. Deadline for comments is Sept. 11.

To take the survey, go to: <http://cpw.state.co.us/thingstodo/Pages/HerdManagementPlans.aspx>.

VOLUNTEERS, DONATIONS SOUGHT FOR INNOVATION AFTER SCHOOL

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE—It takes a community to raise a child. The Innovation After School Program for all area middle school age students is looking for instructors for its classes. Classes will begin on Sept. 8th at Centennial Middle School. You need a willingness to work with kids instructing them about something you like to do or know a lot about. The class can be on just about anything; such as enrichment classes in cooking or sewing, physical activity such as golf or yoga, and educational classes. The commitment is only eight weeks for a couple of hours on a weekday day of your choice. Call the Innovation After School program office at 252-7931 if you are interested. The non-profit Community Heart & Hands (CHH) is providing funds towards running the Innovation After School Program. This money is coming out of their operating reserves and without community financial support this will be a one term program. CHH is looking for businesses or individuals to sponsor a class, to donate the fees for a student who cannot afford them, and to help with the overall program expenses. All donations are tax deductible. Donations can be sent to Community Heart & Hands at 121 N. Park Ave., suite C, Montrose, CO 81401. For more information or to volunteer call CHH at 249-9639.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

KAFM RADIO NAMES RAMONA WINKELLER AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Special to the Mirror

GRAND JUNCTION – KAFM 88.1 Community Radio has named Ramona Winkeller as its Executive Director. The announcement was made by Cliff Sprinkle, Board President. Winkeller has held a number of key operational positions at the station since starting as a volunteer in 2004. She has been acting Executive Director since June of this year, replacing Mark McCain. —Ramona has a passion for community radio that is unsurpassed,” offered President Sprinkle in making the announcement.

—She’s well known and respected throughout the Valley and by our staff and volunteer programmers. We are very proud to have her at the helm,” he added.

Prior to her new appointment, Winkeller was the Operations Director for the station. In that role, she produced the station’s two annual fund-drives, the annual Art Auction, Radio Daze, provided oversight and direction on the station’s underwriting efforts, and acted as the booking agent for —The Radio Room,” an intimate performance venue located on the station premises. KAFM is a member supported, volunteer oriented community radio station dedicated to excellence and diversity in musical, cultural and public service programming.

With signal strength of 300 watts KAFM 88.1 draws on the expertise of many volunteers to create a unique blend of music programming — Americana, Triple-A, singer-

songwriter, bluegrass, rock, jazz, and blues—with some additional specialty shows. The station produces a daily community affairs hour Monday thru Friday, featuring information and discussion about area non-profit organizations and community issues.

The station also operates —The Radio Room,” a 75-seat performance and meeting venue in the KAFM facilities at 1310 Ute Avenue in Grand Junction. The station began broadcasting in March of 1999 after nearly seven years of planning and fundraising. Today, it has over 500 active members, more than 75 local underwriters and nearly 200 volunteers.

For more information on the station and its operations visit www.kafmradio.org.

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- 5:45-7:00 Jr. Co (grades 7-8, or with instructor approval) with Miss Natasha
- 7:00-8:30 Ballet 3/4 (ages 10-14) with Miss Natasha

Wednesdays

Montrose - at Uncompahgre Yoga Circle

- 3:00-3:45 Pre-Ballet with Miss Leann
- 3:45-4:30 Primary Ballet with Miss Leann
- 4:30-5:30 Kid's Tap I (ages 7-10) with Miss Jenny

Fridays

Montrose - at Uncompahgre Yoga Circle

- 3:00-3:45 Pre-ballet (ages 3-5) with Miss Natasha
- 3:45-4:30 Primary ballet (ages 5-7) with Miss Natasha
- 4:30-5:30 Tap/jazz (ages 5-8) with Miss Natasha
- 5:30-6:30 Ballet 1/2 (ages 7.5 -9) with Miss Natasha
- 6:30-8:00 Ballet 2/3 (ages 10-14) with Miss Natasha
- 8:00-8:30 Pre-Pointe/Pointe for level 2/3 students (by approval) with Miss Natasha

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Weehawken Dance is recognized by Vision Charter School for school credit. We are also happy to work with other schools for school credit. Please contact Natasha for info. OR if there was a group of home-schoolers that wanted a daytime dance class, Natasha is also open to coordinating that option!

Experiencing the (local) Church

WRITER GAIL MARVEL VISITS HARVEST COMMUNITY CHURCH



By Gail Marvel

My visit to the Harvest Community Church (Olathe) took place on July 5, 2015. At the door I received a handout with a list of activities, schedule of upcoming events and contact information. The church was established 2 ½ years ago and their motto is, —Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching Over.”

Accompaniment for the three-member praise team included a keyboard and two guitars. In a sidebar conversation there was excitement over where to put a baby grand piano that someone donated. Praise songs were displayed on a video screen and included, —Your Grace is Enough,” —Et Faith Rise,” and —God You Reign.”

The audience numbered about 40 and prior to the start of service a few people milled around making eye contact, smiling and saying good morning. However, it was Olathe Mayor Rob Smith who stepped up with a welcome and engaged me in conversation.

A wide spectrum of ages were represented and at the conclusion of the song service the children, ages fifth grade and under, were dismissed to go to their class. Pastor Jeff Bachman then presented an idea to the congregation about bringing Christians in the community together to

pray. —We are seeing the nation go downhill...what are we believers doing about it? We could ask believers to come together on one day to —circle up and pray,” for the town and the county. Would they come out to pray?” The pastor admitted to not being a big fan of Obama, —But how often do we pray for him?”

Pastor Bachman based the sermon on Proverbs 3:5-6. —Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight” (NIV).

Using an activity he picked up at the Boys and Girls Club called —trust falls,” the pastor described standing behind a youth and getting them to trust that when they fall backwards he would be there to catch them. He said, —We don’t understand trust. The dictionary definition of trust is total surrender to someone or something. Do we want to put our trust in friends, family, jobs or finances? Friends come and go with time; believers put their trust in God.”

Pastor Bachman stressed that you can’t know the Lord unless you are in the Word (Bible). —Do you believe his Word is truth? If you are a believer and you are not into the Word of God you accept abortion and

the gay agenda. We often say it is all about love, but dive into God’s Word, find the truth.”

The pastor threw out multiple passages of Scripture to support the message. However, I laughed to myself when the rapidly fired references left no time for worshippers to dive into the Word with him. He said, —You just can’t take part of the Word. You can’t just focus on the New Testament, you have to dive into it all to know him and trust him more.”

Reminding worshippers to not lean on themselves the pastor said, —Lean on him...lean into him. Acknowledge God and give him glory no matter what happens.” Encouraging the group to allow God to work in their lives Bachman said, —The world doesn’t need any more fake believers. Will we walk out of here [the church building] the same way we walked in, or will we walk out the door changed?”

At the conclusion of the sermon open communion was served and then with one last closing thought Pastor Bachman said, —All of us are to bring people to Christ.”

Contact Info:

Harvest Community Church
113 Hwy 50 Business Loop
Olathe, CO 81425
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Speaking to the disciples of John the Baptist, Jesus said, “Go back and report to John what you hear and see ...” (Matt 11:4 NIV).

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



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ROCK BLASTING REQUIRES FULL CLOSURE OF SH 133 ON THURSDAY

Special to the Mirror

GUNNISON COUNTY/SOMERSET/PAONIA-On Thursday, Sept. 10, SH 133 between MM 24 and 25.5, will be closed for five hours for rockfall work, weather permitting. The full closures will be in effect from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Traffic must be held during this safety-critical rockfall work. During full closures, crews will perform trim blasting operations, which includes both loading and detonating controlled explosives. Once the blasting is complete, additional scaling and clean-up are required before the highway can reopen under single-lane alternating traffic conditions.

Additional five-hour blast closures are anticipated on Sept. 14 and 17. Closure dates will be indicated on variable message boards along the corridor, www.cotrip.org and the project hotline in advance of the work. CDOT is coordinating with emer-

gency first responders and urges motorists to plan alternate routes during full closures.

CR 12, which provides access to Crested Butte over Kebler Pass, will only be accessible from the south side of the work zone via Somerset during full closures. Flaggers will be present at the SH 133 / CR 12 intersection to maintain access south of the work zone when full closures are in place.

PROJECT BACKGROUND: On Monday, August 31, the Colorado Department of Transportation and Kissner General Contractors, Inc. restarted a rockfall mitigation project on State Highway 133 in Gunnison County, seven miles east of Somerset. The approximately 1½-mile work zone (MM 24 to 25.5) is adjacent to the south end of the Paonia Reservoir.

This project will reduce the risk of rockfall in the area, as well as provide measures to capture some material in the

event of rockfall. Work includes performing trim blasting, rock scaling, and rock reinforcement. Crews will install anchored wire mesh, a ground nailed wall, ditch improvements and erosion control.

Similar to work performed earlier this summer by the previous contractor, the project will require up to 20-minute traffic holds with single-lane alternating traffic on SH 133.

Traffic control will be in place from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday until the project is complete. Crews also anticipate working Saturdays in September to expedite construction this season. During working hours, a 12-foot width restriction will be in place.

The project is now anticipated to be complete in December 2015.

CDOT would like to remind motorists to Slow for the Cone Zone. Fines will be doubled within the work zone.

HOMECOMING CELEBRATION IN THE STREET

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Montrose United Methodist Church is having their annual Homecoming celebration in the street Sunday Sept. 13 2015. This is a free community event, all are welcome to come have hamburgers and hotdogs with us on S. 1st street next to the church starting around 12:30 p.m.

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CSU INVESTS BIG IN INFRASTRUCTURE From pg 1



An on-campus stadium would be, "...in my opinion, in the best long-term interests of Colorado State University," CSU President Frank has said. Courtesy image.

more than 27,000 students now attend the University.

The other factor, Haberecht explained, is that things would get more complicated if projects were put off. Build housing later? Students would be turned away. Wait to build a new academic building? It would cost more. Parking? Well, the sooner the better.

—If you were to walk onto any other campus of this size, you'd would see this too," Haberecht said. —We had a pretty significant period where not much was built. We're doing a little bit of catch up."

According to Haberecht, CSU has invest-

ed \$700 million in work in the last seven years, and it plans to invest about the same amount in the next three years on new buildings, major renovations, new parking options, and of course the on-campus stadium.

The 644,132 square-foot, multi-use stadium comes with a \$220 million price tag. Slated to open in time for the 2017 football season, the facility will also host other university sports, campus and community events, and entertainment, CSU says.

The good news for parents and students? No student facility fees are going toward

the stadium. Instead, it will be funded by donor gifts and bonds.

—I believe we can attain a CSU-owned and operated facility with minimal changes to the full scope of the original design that meets the fiscal standard we've established: the lowest risk of any negative impact on the general fund," President Tony Frank told CSU's Board of Governors at their meeting in December 2014. Frank's comments were quoted in CSU's *SOURCE*. "Such a facility is, in my opinion, in the best long-term interests of Colorado State University."

Haberecht agrees, and believes an on-campus stadium is a positive thing that fits into the setting he envisions for CSU in the future.

—In 15 years, I see [CSU] as a campus that's larger and more urban. It has more students, more bikes, and more alternative transportation," Haberecht said. —But it will still have the same character, and the same great relationship with Fort Collins."

And that is the goal for CSU's administration: helping the university grow and adapt to the times while continuing to be an affordable option and the number one choice for in-state students.

—CSU and Fort Collins are a very desirable place to live and go to school," Haberecht said. —The work we're doing now will allow us to continue that legacy."

See Infographic next page.

HONORABLE MENTION

To RnR Sports Bar, for extending hours and offering breakfast...

To Montrose High School grad and CSU journalism student Marissa Isgreen, for this week's update on the construction boom at our state's land grant university!

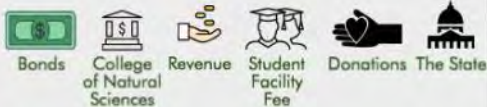
To vocalist and musician Deb Barr, playing at the Lark & Sparrow Sept. 12, for so many years of great performances. Come and hear this incredible talent in a venue second to none...

To Community Heart & Hands Foundation for helping to fund the Innovation After School program at Centennial Middle School, and to everyone working to find more before and after school options for local parents...especially in Olathe...

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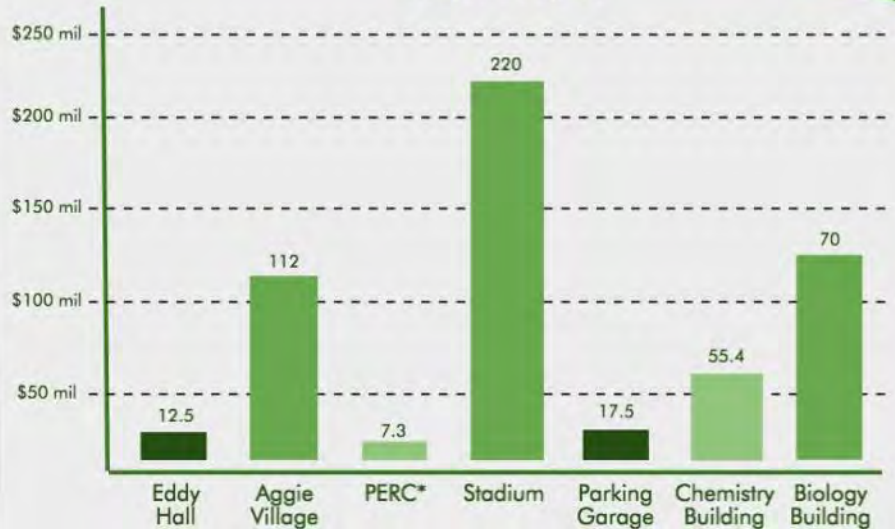
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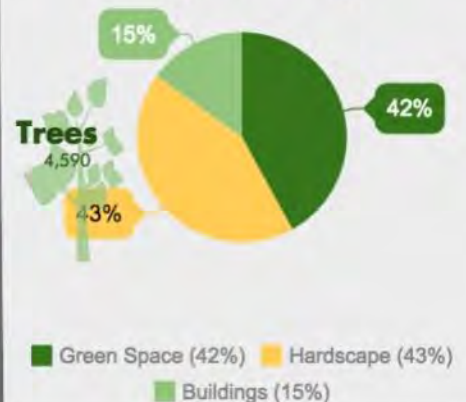
When: Spring 2017

Budget: \$59 million, Health Network revenue, donations, leases

More info: <http://bit.ly/1F4bZyM>



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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

FULL CLOSURE OF US 50 IN DELTA SCHEDULED SEPT. 18-22 CRITICAL WORK ON RAILROAD CROSSING BEING PERFORMED

Special to the Mirror

DELTA COUNTY—Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) crews will be working with a specialty unit of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) to perform much needed repair work to rails that run on US 50 in Delta. The closure is expected to last five days.

The UPRR will be removing track, grading the ballast, installing the new concrete crossing panels then relaying and testing the track. CDOT crews will then repave the highway on either side of the railroad crossing. A detour will be maintained through the work closing US 50 north of the First and Main intersection and south of the City Market and Ute Street intersection. Local business access will be maintained.

TRAFFIC IMPACTS: The Delta Alternate Truck Route will serve as the detour (please see maps below).

PROJECT INFORMATION: To sign up for CDOT updates on projects in your chosen area, visit CDOT's website at www.codot.gov and choose the envelope icon at the bottom of the page. Or, to see CDOT's lane closure reports for projects statewide, visit www.codot.gov/travel/scheduled-lane-closures.html. Updates are also available via Twitter @coloradodot and be sure to —like— us on Facebook. Download the free CDOT Mobile App by texting —CDOT to 25827 or search CDOT Mobile in your App Store.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS NEARING GOAL FOR NEW BUILDING FUND!



MONTROSE—The truck sign on South Townsend shows how much Montrose supports Sharing Ministries. Help the non-profit break ground on its new 9,000 square foot building by coming to the Street Dance Fund Raiser in Centennial Plaza Sept. 26.

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SAN MIGUEL POWER ASSOCIATION & COBANK INJECT \$20,000 INTO COMMUNITIES FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT *Town of Silverton, Telluride Foundation and West End Economic Development Corp. (WEEDC) receive donations*



R to L: Paul Major - Telluride Foundation; Debbie Cokes & Dave Alexander - SMPA Board; Mike Geryak - Blair Street Historic District Association; Jack Sibold, Terry Rhoades, Bob Justis, Rube Felicelli, Doyle Garvey - SMPA Board; Dianna Reams - West End Economic Development Corporation; & Sara Plumhoff - Montrose Community Foundation.

Special to the Mirror

RIDGWAY Representatives of three organizations, the Town of Silverton, the Telluride Foundation and the West End Economic Development Corporation (WEEDC) were all smiles at last week's San Miguel Power Association board meeting. Each organization appeared in order to receive their respective donation checks from the Montrose Community Foundation which distributed funds donated by San Miguel Power Association (SMPA) and matched by COBANK through its "Sharing Success" program. "We are excited to be able to provide this funding for these worthy causes throughout our service area," said SMPA Board President, Rube Felicelli. "and we are grateful to our partner, COBANK for matching our investment in these unique and vibrant communities." The recipients were selected by the SMPA Board of Directors based upon their potential value as drivers of economic development in their respective communities.

The Blair Street Historic District Association, in partnership with the Town of Sil-

verton, has been working hard to celebrate the historic, mining, railroad, and "old west" atmosphere on Notorious Blair Street. They have purchased and installed red lights for the Christmas holidays, hosted the Antique Truck and Car Show, the Skijoring event, the Mile High Jeep Rally, the Ferrari Rally, designed and have made many improvements to Columbine Park, and welcomed six new businesses.

Now, they seek to install a rustic band shell in Columbine Park in Silverton. This structure will serve as a venue for various community gatherings including educational presentations, musical entertainment, theatrical plays, farmer's markets, arts, crafts, dance, etc. Last week, the Historic Association President, Mike Geryak accepted \$5000 for the construction of this building. Another \$5000 check was presented to Paul Major, President and CEO of the Telluride Foundation. Recognized nationally as the fourth most active grant maker in the country, this foundation supplies the entire region, stretching from Ouray to the Paradox Basin with the resources necessary to improve quality of

life and meet economic challenges.

The Telluride Foundation's Paradox Basin Business Technical Assistance Initiative seeks to support businesses in San Miguel, Montrose, Dolores and Montezuma counties, through focused technical assistance, which can lead to new investments in both the financial and human capital of the region.

Finally, a \$10,000 check was presented to Dianna Reams, Director of the West End Economic Development Corporation (WEEDC) to support their community kitchen project. The 219 square foot community kitchen will be situated on the main floor of a two story, mixed use business facility, where office space will be rented to local small business owners and entrepreneurs. The kitchen will include such amenities as a commercial range, gas convection oven, reach-in refrigeration and freezer, commercial loading access, classroom space and ADA compliance.

The goals of the Community Kitchen closely align with the goals of the SMPA/CoBank grant: 1) It aims to maintain and strengthen existing businesses. 2) It will provide opportunities for local food producers to develop and grow their businesses. And 3) it will build collaboration between WEEDC membership, the communities and local government.

As a member-owned cooperative, SMPA holds the concept of "Car for Community" as one of its core principles. Whether it is through corporate donations, in-kind donations, or board-allocated grants like the ones celebrated at last week's board meeting, SMPA actively seeks opportunities to help bolster the communities it serves. The effect of SMPA's contribution was doubled thanks to a matching contribution from CoBank, a national cooperative bank serving vital industries like SMPA. Through their "Sharing Success" program, CoBank committed \$3 million in 2015 to match customer donations to non-profit organizations in their communities. "It's nice to see some of that funding come to our communities," said SMPA General Manager, Kevin Ritter. "Cooperation is what built these communities, and I like to see that it is cooperation that is sustaining them."

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

BEACONFEST RETURNS TO MONTROSE PAVILION SEPT. 17

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The BEACON Senior Newspaper is having a party and you're invited. The fifth annual Montrose-Delta BeaconFest Boomer & Senior Fair will be held from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 17 at the Montrose Pavilion, 1800 Pavilion Drive in Montrose.

This year's BeaconFest features an exciting lineup of entertainment, free food, lively seminars and informational booths from 50 senior-related agencies and businesses.

Haven't had your flu shot yet? Hurry in for your FREE flu shot given by certified Walgreens staff. Flu shots are given on a

first-come, first-served basis while supplies last.

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services representatives will be on site to help answer your questions about these government services.

"It's surprising how much fun people have at BeaconFest," BEACON Publisher Kevin VanGundy said. "I'd expect folks to stop by for an hour or two, but we are having a growing number of people who stay the whole day."

Thousands of dollars' worth of door prizes will be given away, including restaurant gift cards, oil changes, home décor

items and vacation packages at casinos/resorts.

This year's entertainment lineup features area musicians Beth Williams and Mike Gwinn, performing an eclectic mix of pop music with Williams' country-folk elements followed by Gwinn's bluesy-jazzy touch. Other BeaconFest favorites will return to the stage, including Danny Agajanian & The Hallelujah Band, Paula Dunfee and Ron Koss.

BeaconFest is free to attend. For questions and booth information, call [970-243-8829](tel:970-243-8829) or visit www.BeaconSeniorNews.com.

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DATE: Saturday, October 3
TIME: Paint from dawn until 3:30 pm

ALL ARTISTS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE
No Entry Fee

12:00 pm - Complimentary riverside picnic lunch for all participants
4:00 pm - Judging of paintings:

\$500 PRIZE TO WINNING ENTRY
\$100 PRIZE TO WINNING STUDENT ENTRY

PARC will frame and donate the winning entries to the Town of Ridgway
Pieces will be part of a permanent collection in Ridgway Town Hall

4:30 pm - Wine & cheese reception/celebration

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NICKELODEON ACTRESS SHARES LIFE LESSONS WITH RIDGWAY STUDENTS



Bilingual actress Katie Barberi and her fiancé, Craig Hurley are both television and film actors.

Story and Photos by Tanya Ishikawa

RIDGWAY-Katie Barberi, who plays the role of Ursula in the top-rated Nickelodeon show *Every Witch Way*, shared life lessons with students in Mandie Willey's Spanish classes and Chris Shima's theater class at the Ridgway Secondary School last Wednesday. Barberi and her fiancé, Craig Hurley, who grew up acting in television and film, visited Ridgway to watch *Ferris Bueller's Day Off* at the Townie Tuesday film show, which ended up at the Sherbino Theater due to rainy and windy weather. She had a small role in the popular 1980s teen flick directed by John



"Look out for opportunities and take advantage of them; be brave and take risks," Barberi told students.

Hughes. Though Hurley was not in *Ferris Bueller*, he did have a role in another '80s Hughes' film, *Weird Science*. The couple met briefly on the set of the late '80s TV series *Freddy's Nightmares*, a show spun off from Wes Craven's *Nightmare on Elm Street* films, and they reconnected a few years ago.

Living mainly in Miami where Barberi's TV show is filmed, they were staying outside of Denver over the last couple weeks while Hurley edited a film.

They decided spontaneously to spend a night in Ridgway, and made time to visit students to tell Barberi's inspirational story of how she got her part in *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*. She also answered many ques-

tions about careers and offered insights about how to be successful, including:

- Look out for opportunities and take advantage of them; be brave and take risks.
- Don't take rejection personally; there are many reasons for not getting jobs that usually have more to do with the person who is doing the hiring and their issues and needs.
- If you are feeling negative during an audition or interview, don't talk a lot or ask questions; your bad feelings or poor attitude will show through and cause you to lose the job. Be on time; don't be late.
- If you plan to be a professional actor, train in dance.
- Find what moves you and do it; follow your passion.
- Travel so you can understand other cultures and realize how similar people are around the world.
- Learn another language to expand your possibilities and give you a new, marketable skill.

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Trivia starts at about 7:15pm
\$5 Admission / \$3 Students
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1/2 the proceeds from admissions go toward the cash grand prize to the winning team of the night.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

FORMER FBI DIRECTOR FEATURED AT FREE COLORADO CIVIC ENGAGEMENT FORUM

Special to the Mirror

DENVER—Robert S. Mueller, III (the second-longest serving F.B.I. Director in U.S. history) will be the featured guest in a free community event on Tuesday evening, Sept. 15th, including an all-encompassing discussion of issues of concern particularly to high school and college students. The program will be moderated by Aaron Harber, host of The Aaron Harber Show TM (Show: HarberTV.com; Bio: bit.ly/BioAH) and will be the primary content of nonpartisan, public affairs television programming produced from the event.

A special informal networking opportunity for all attendees will begin at 5:30 am, all guests are to be seated by 6:45 pm, and the formal program will start at 7 pm at the Denver Marriott City Center.

Aaron Harber commented, Given the challenges many communities are facing related to law enforcement and the number of highly publicized incidents we are seeing almost daily, our hope is this event will answer questions many citizens have and help bring people together.

Registration for free tickets to this event is now available at HarberTV.com/RSVP. Although tickets (reservations) are free, all attendees must register in advance. Additional topics will include cyber bul-

lying, constitutional rights, and issues raised by audience members in an extended Q&A session. College and high school students from across the State are being invited to the event. All the event details can be found at HarberTV.com/Invitation. The event will be recorded for television broadcast throughout Colorado and will be made available for distribution across the country.

Former FBI Director Mueller has been a leader in Federal Law Enforcement for several decades. He is very knowledgeable about a wide array of issues we are facing in our communities today ranging from terrorism and cybercrime to privacy concerns. This is a fantastic opportunity for these students to learn from him, said Denver Police Chief Robert White. Free tickets to this event now are available at HarberTV.com/RSVP. All attendees must register in advance.

The event formally will begin at 6:45 pm and end by 9 pm but time is being set aside from 5:30 pm to 6:45 pm for attendees to have the opportunity to informally meet and network. It is being held in the Colorado Ballroom of the Denver Marriott City Center, 1701 California Street, Denver, CO 80202 (phone: 303-297-1300). For directions, go to HarberTV.com/Directions.

Public parking is available in the immediate area at evening rates of \$5 and \$6 for as long as attendees need to be there.. The hotel only has valet parking which can cost as much as \$37. Use this link to get parking information for the inexpensive lots: HarberTV.com/Parking.

The event is free but, for security reasons, an online RSVP is required for each individual attendee. For free tickets to the main event, register at HarberTV.com/RSVP. Reservations must be made by Noon Monday, Sept. 14th. For security reasons, attendees must bring a photo I.D. to the event for when they check into the event on September 15th.

All Coloradans are welcome to submit questions for consideration at the event. To do so, they should send it via e-mail with their name and phone number (in case follow-up is needed for clarification) to Questions@HarberTV.com by 5:00 pm on Saturday, September 12, 2015. Aaron will ask as many questions submitted by e-mail and from the audience as possible.


The event is sponsored by USA Talk Network, Inc., The Colorado Statesman, the Rocky Mountain Harvard University Club, the University of Colorado Law School, Blacktie Colorado, and ColoradoBiz Magazine.

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MONTROSE YOUNG PROFESSIONALS GROUP BRINGS RESOURCES, FACILITATES RELATIONSHIPS



The Montrose Young Professionals gather at the Bridges. Courtesy photo.

By Liesl Greathouse

MONTROSE-The Montrose area has been attracting professionals of various ages for years now. To create an atmosphere for those professionals to thrive in both their work and personal lives, the Montrose Young Professionals group has revamped itself to provide more value and opportunities for people in this area.

Started about seven years ago, the mission of Montrose Young Professionals is 'to create a community for young professionals to build and foster relationships through professional development, philanthropic involvement, and economic development in order to cultivate a higher quality of life in our community.'

The organization focuses on three specific areas: YP Social, which creates an opportunity for people to connect both as friends and colleagues; YP Grow which provides for the educational side of things, including helping people develop both professionally and personally; and YP Give, which supports the local community through large events including a coat drive and a food drive.

In recent years the group hit various roadblocks and began to dissolve in terms of memberships and attendance at various events. That is where the current steering committee came in, comprised of Chelsea Rosty, chair, Thomas Keller, co chair, and Ashley Pietak, Montrose Chamber of Commerce Representative

—The original steering committee had dissolved, so I tried to keep things up," Ashley explained. —Reached out to members of the group who were still attending

events and who really wanted to keep it going. We decided to revamp it and we are excited about getting people talking about Montrose Young Professionals again."

—We facilitate ways for people to get together, make friends, do business, and give back to the community," Chelsea said. —We also provide opportunities for meaningful professional education at a low cost. We help bring people in to help people grow professionally and personally."

The recent kick-off event for the group was held at the end of August and welcomed 60 people together for an evening of great

networking. —At the feedback from the kick off event has been awesome," Ashley said. —People are super excited and they liked that we kicked off with speed networking which forced people to interact outside of their regular groups."

—We received a lot of comments from people," Chelsea said. —The biggest thing that we have heard is that people 'did not know there are so many young professionals in the area' and that they really enjoyed the event and are looking forward to the next one."

While there are various aspects to the group, the relational goals for the group's activities are some of their favorites.

—Personally, I really like connecting with people and gaining friendships that I would not usually have," Chelsea said.

—I love the networking," Ashley added. —I also believe that giving back to the community is super important in any group. It's very powerful and speaks of young professionals in the community."

With a group with a name like 'Young Professionals', of course there can be a bit of confusion about who is allowed to attend. Both Chelsea and Ashley wanted to encourage people to not be put off by the name.

—We don't exclude certain age groups," Chelsea explained. —If you are a student who is interested in learning about business, someone who is self-employed, a stay-at-home mom interested in making connections, or someone interested in this group as a business working opportunity, it is not limited. It is a community get together in a social and professional setting."

—Some of the confusion comes from people who do not fit the 'typical desk job'," Ashley added. —This is a group for young professionals to come out and grow a community with like-minded individuals. There is no certain age [or work] demographic. 'Young' could mean young in your professional career or new to Montrose."

The Montrose Chamber of Commerce is especially excited for the revamping of the group —As an outreach of the Montrose Chamber of Commerce, the Young Professionals group encourages young professionals to bond together throughout the community and business settings," explained Executive Director Jenni Sopsic. —The board of directors and I appreciate the dedication the steering committee has to growing the Young Professionals membership and programming. If you are a young professional or have a young professional on staff, I invite you to get involved with this fast growing group."

The Montrose Young Professionals would also like to thank Casey Wareham with Major Mortgage for being the appetizer sponsor at their kick off event. If you are interested in having your name and business promoted before and during YP Social events, opportunities are available and it gives the group the ability to host YP Social events without charging.

The next Young Professionals event will be a YP Social event on Sept. 24, 5:30-7 p.m. All events are held at The Bridges Golf & Country Club, 2500 Bridges Drive in Montrose.

While a paid membership is available (with additional perks for members at the Young Professionals events), all the events are open to non-members.

This fresh beginning for the group has unlocked a lot of potential that the steering committee is hoping to see with the group. —I would like to see the community grow and see people get involved," Ashley said. —Our ultimate goal is building relationships, and in the Montrose community relationships are still important."

—I'm looking forward to seeing Young Professionals grow," Chelsea said. —It has been a really long process to get to this point and I see more and more opportunity for the group to flourish."

For more information, call 249-5000, email montroseyp@montrosecchamber.com or check them out on Facebook.

Hold the Date! Upcoming Business and Cultural Events

ONGOING-

"SOUVENIR" OPENS THEATRE SEASON AT MAGIC CIRCLE-"Souvenir", A Fantasia on the Life of Florence Foster Jenkins, is a musical comedy showing at Magic Circle Theatre on Sept. 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, and 26, at 7:30 p.m., with Sunday matinees Sept. 13 and 20 at 2 p.m. Magic Circle Theatre is located at 420 S. 12th St. For information: 970-249-7838 or website at: www.magiccircleplayers.com. Box office hours: Tuesday through Thursday, 2 to 5 p.m.

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

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

FREE FAMILY LAW CLINIC-LAST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH, Montrose County Courthouse (Leslie German self-help center) at 1200 North Grand, Noon to 1:30 p.m. Sponsored by Uncompahgre Volunteer Legal Aid and the 7th Judicial District Bar Association. Call 970-249-7202 for information.

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

FREE LEGAL ADVICE NIGHT-SECOND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH, 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Region 10 Enterprise Center, 300 North Cascade. Sponsored by Uncompahgre Volunteer Legal Aid and the 7th Judicial District Bar Association. Call 970-249-7202 for information.

MONTROSE FARMERS MARKET— Every Saturday from 8:30 a.m. -1pm, Centennial Plaza.

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

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

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

AARP DRIVER SAFETY COURSE-Save on insurance, keep up on newer traffic laws, and learn defensive driving techniques. For details and schedule for Montrose and Delta, contact John 970-856-6924 or 970-424-1778.

TAIZE-STYLE SERVICES OF MUSIC, PRAYER AND MEDITATION on Scripture are offered on the first Thursday of the month, except June, July and August, at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. All are welcome. Montrose United Methodist Church.

MONTHLY-

Sept. 8-Montrose County Food Safety Class, Friendship Hall Kitchen 2 to 4:30 p.m. Montrose County Fairgrounds. RSVP to 970.252.5067 or 970.252.5043.

Sept. 8-- Townie Tuesday Picture Show-Ridgway Town Park. Movie starts at dusk.

Sept. 8-Documentary screening at Grand Junction Central Library, "Crisis Line: Veterans Press 1" 6:30 p.m. Free to the public.

Sept. 9 —Insect & Disease Remedies for your Garden" Open free to the public. Linda McIntosh, Master Gardener & Professional Landscape Consultant, will be presenting at 6:30 PM information pertaining to the harmful insects and diseases in your garden and how to deal with the problems. Meet under the tent in the Montrose Botanic Gardens, 1800 Pavilion Dr. Montrose. Bring lawn chairs. Additional information at www.montrosegardens.org or 249-1115. "See you in the Gardens."

Sept. 10-Sherb Talk — "Close Encounters of the Rural Kind" with Ridgway rancher and author Peter Decker, 7:30 p.m. at the Sherbino Theater, 604 Clinton Street, Ridgway. Doors open at 7 p.m. \$10 suggested donation at the door. Info: www.sherbinotheater.com.

Sept. 10-Downtown Delta Fest, 5:30 to Dusk, Main Street in Delta.

Sept. 10-The 2015-16 Montrose County Fair and Rodeo Royalty are holding a gymkhana open to all at the Montrose County Fairgrounds (1001 N. 2nd St., Montrose). Registration begins at 6 p.m. and the event starts at 6:45 p.m. For more information, contact Connie Taylor at 970-901-8843.

Sept. 11-Sherbino Theater Birthday Party — Free dessert bar followed by a lively evening of chautauqua-style programming. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and showtime is at 7 p.m. Free entry. Cash bar — one free drink with any sign-up for a new or renewing membership. 604 Clinton Street, Ridgway. Info: www.sherbinotheater.com.

Sept. 11-12-Quilting supplies sale, Deerhart Ranch-37055 Hwy 550. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Sept. 12-The Telluride Institute's Talking Gourds Poetry Club hosts Berkeley poet Lynne Knight for a special reading at the Sklare/Weiss Memorial Deck on the River Trail next to the San Miguel River at 1 p.m. In case of inclement weather, Knight's poetry reading will move from the River Trail to Between the Covers bookstore (1 p.m.) Call 970-729-0220 or visit the Gourds website <talkinggourds.weebly.com> for more info.

Sept. 13-- Savor the San Juans! 10:30 am-4 pm. Tour and taste your way through six fabulous properties, each showcasing a local chef preparing gourmet bites from local farms. Toast the Tour from 2-4 pm at Turn of the Century Saloon with local drinks and desserts. Proceeds benefit Montrose Community Foundation and Valley Food Partnership. Tickets costing \$35 are available online and at The Bridges Golf Shop, Timberline Bank, Montrose Farmers Market, Tiffany, Etc. and Aqua Studio or online at Brownpapertickets.com. After Aug. 31st, ticket prices increase to \$40. 970-249-3900 <http://valleyfoodpartnership.org/savorthesanjungans> savor-the-san-juans.bpt.me

Sept. 13--R. Carlos Nakai & Will Clipman house concert at the Sherbino Theater, 604 Clinton Street, Ridgway. Doors open at 4 p.m. and concert begins at 4:30 p.m. Tickets are available by phone through Weehawken Creative Arts at 970/318-0150 and cost \$30 for current Sherbino Theater members, \$40 for non-members, or \$75 for VIP tickets that include reserved seating and a meet-and-greet reception with the artists. Info: www.sherbinotheater.com.

Sept. 15--6:30 p.m. - Auditions for the drama "The Last Lifeboat" at Magic Circle Theatre. 420 S. 12th St., Montrose. Packets are available outside the front entrance of the theatre. For information: 970-964-4379 or 970-249-7838. Visit the website at www.magiccircleplayers.com.

Sept. 16-National Weather Service — presents Storm Spotter & Weather Safety Training, Free to the Public. Hosted by Delta County Emergency Management at the Delta County Courthouse, Room 234, 501 Palmer St., from 6 to 8 PM MDT. For more information: visit www.weather.gov/gjt/spotter.

Sept. 17-Beaconfest returns to Montrose Pavilion. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. 1800 Pavilion Drive.

Sept. 19-Central City Opera presents "Smooth Operator" at the Wright Opera House in Ouray. 7:30 p.m. [Tickets are \\$40.](http://www.centralcityopera.com)

Sept. 19-20, 2015 WESTERN COLORADO CONGRESS 35TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE-Join us on the Grand Mesa for informative current issue presentations, workshops and trainings, great local foods, dancing, campfire, fun and camaraderie! Non-members welcome and scholarships are available. Complete details & schedule available at www.wccongress.org or call 970-256-7650.

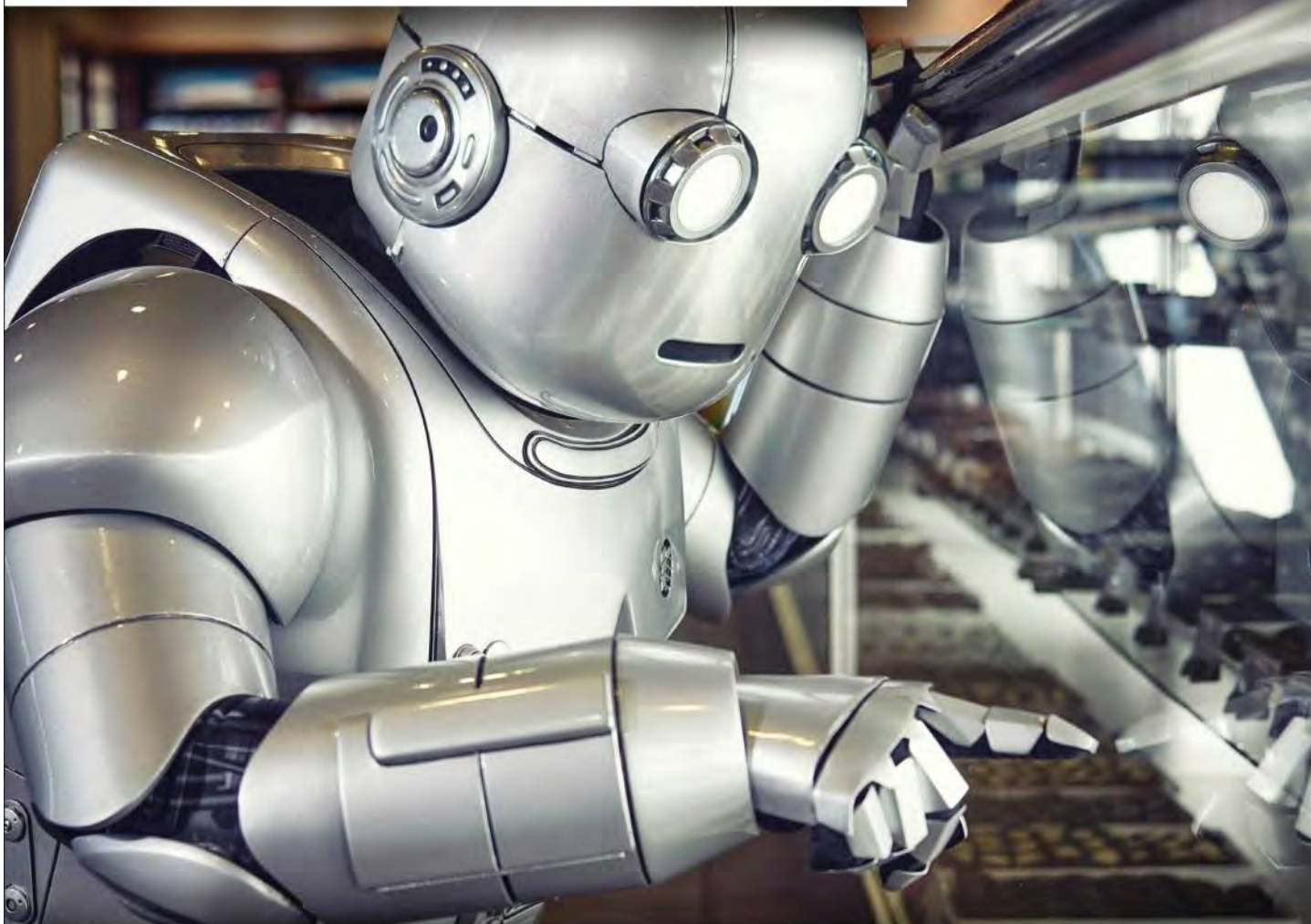
Sept. 21-World Affairs Council of Western Colorado welcomes journalist T.R. Reid to Grand Junction's Avalon Theater, 7 p.m. The event is free to students and members of WACWC. An admittance fee of \$10 will be charged to nonmembers.

Sept. 22-- Townie Tuesday Picture Show-Ridgway Town Park. Movie starts at dusk.

Sept. 25-27-Third Annual Sneffels Fiber Arts Festival, the 4-H Events Center, a 5,000 square-foot state-of-the-art facility located at the intersection of Highways 550 and 62 at the Ouray County Fairgrounds in Ridgway. www.sneffelsfiberfest.com.

Sept. 25-Ridgway Creative District Moonwalk and Opening Reception for "Woven: Threads of Community," a juried multimedia exhibition of fiber inspired art. 5 to 9 p.m. at Resource Gallery in Ridgway.

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Town of Ridgway staff and friends gathered at Lake Otonowanda on Miller Mesa on Monday, Aug. 31 to celebrate the completion of the municipal reservoir's outlet tunnel renovation. Combined with renovations of the reservoir last year, the project allows Ridgway to directly deliver a 30-year supply of water from the lake through a pipeline to the town's water treatment facility. According to town officials, the project cost an estimated \$2 million, with the bulk of funding coming from a \$600,000 grant and a \$600,000 loan from the State of Colorado Water Conservation Board and a \$600,000 grant from the Department of Local Affairs. Photo courtesy of Town of Ridgway.

Save the Date



October 24th

Masquerade Party

8pm ... Masque & Costume required
Signature Sips, Savors & Dancing



December 31st

"Swing in the New Year"

6:30pm ... 1930s Hollywood Movie Theme
Black Tie - Dinner, Dancing & Midnight
Champagne Toast

Presented by The Lark & Sparrow Historic Venue
and The Skylight Jazz Foundation