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PROPOSED CSU AG CAMPUS, FARM INCUBATOR PROJECT AT ROGERS MESA COULD "BRING GREAT MINDS HERE"

By Caitlin Switzer

DELTA COUNTY-It's a gorgeous campus, in the middle of an area known for exciting, value-added niche-market crops. But when a feasibility study released last month explored the redevelopment of Colorado State University's Rogers Mesa facility as an agricultural-based education program or farm incubator, it was only the first step, officials say.

The study notes the potential use of Rogers Mesa as an agricultural education center, saying, —Agricultural education at Rogers Mesa could benefit local and regional students by offering unique opportunities for study in the high altitude, dry environment....A model for a multi-use program at Rogers Mesa would include a combination of a farm incubator, educational programming, and commercial farming. The multiple uses would complement one another and spread the overhead costs across multiple users."

CSU closed the Rogers Mesa experimental agriculture station in 2011, the study notes. —A farm incubator could contribute to Delta County economic development by facilitating new entrants into farming, production of new alternative crops or products...and the successful

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A CSU ag education campus and farm incubator at Rogers Mesa could include viticulture, grapes, row crops, and organics, proponents say. Courtesy photo

MILES TO GO, MULTIPLE PARTNERS ON BROADBAND



City of Montrose Director of Innovation and Citizen Engagement Virgil Turner speaks about broadband in this 2014 Mirror file photo.

By Gail Marvel

REGIONAL-For many people the discussion on broadband is enough to make their eyes glaze over. It's not that they are uninterested, but they simply do not have a broadband vocabulary, nor a grasp of where the community is in the process. This article is meant to give readers a generic understanding of the current situation.

Visionary leaders, as well as economic development, are the motivating factors for the multifaceted endeavor of enhancing local broadband. While the need for expanded broadband is well documented, how to get there is not as easily identifiable. Delta Montrose Electric Association (DMEA), the City of Montrose and other communities, have partnered with Region 10 League for Economic Assistance & Planning in securing grants that are foundational to the project.

Each entity has committed to different aspects of the project. DMEA, who anticipates having fiber optics in their substations by the fourth quarter of 2016, has agreed to put fiber to Region

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NOW IS THE TIME TO PREVENT PERTUSSIS, FLU



Colorado's State Epidemiologist Lisa Miller underscores the importance of immunizations in preventing Whooping Cough and flu. Courtesy photo.

By Caitlin Switzer

REGIONAL—When public radio station KVNf reported recently that seven confirmed cases of whooping cough had been seen in Delta County between the months of July and August, the news caught many local parents off guard. After all, the school year has only just begun.

According to Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE), Pertussis, or whooping cough, is a contagious illness that is spread when an infected person sneezes or coughs and another individual breathes in the bacteria. Pertussis can occur at any age. It may be very severe in infants and young children (especially those who have not had three doses of pertussis vaccine), resulting in hospitalization, seizures, long-term neuro-

logical problems, and even death. Pertussis can occur in immunized individuals, because the immunity gained from vaccination typically wanes over time. Although widespread use of pertussis vaccines has reduced the number of pertussis cases, this disease has been increasing in recent years. The disease spreads rapidly to others when an infected person coughs and sneezes.

Here in Montrose County, no cases have been reported, said Linda Vandehey, who serves as Center for Disease Control Nurse. “We have seen no cases of pertussis yet, but it is definitely contagious,” she said. “A flu season is right around the corner. Make sure you are immunized—we do have vaccines nowadays, so there is really no excuse unless you have medical problems that prevent you from getting the shot.”

Those who spend time around infants and small children are especially urged to take precautions, she said. Though the vaccine is mandatory for school-aged children, it is really important for everyone.

“We have seen pregnant moms get pertussis in their last trimester,” Vandehey said. “Anyone who is around infants should be vaccinated—whooping cough is deadly to babies.”

For those who have begun a series of

vaccines, it is also important to follow up and receive all of the shots, she said.

CDPHE recommends that five doses of DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis) vaccine be given at two, four, six, 15 to 18 months of age, and between four and six years of age and a single dose of Tdap be administered at 11-64 years of age.

Also key to remaining healthy over the winter is a flu shot, Vandehey said.

“Influenza can be deadly,” Vandehey said, “it’s not a fun thing, and you don’t want to give it your kids.”

“Vaccines really are the key to prevention,” she added. “Anyone six months or older can get a flu shot.”

Colorado’s State Epidemiologist Lisa Miller underscores the importance of immunizations in preventing Whooping Cough and influenza.

“Pertussis is always a concern,” Miller said, “and we have been seeing elevated rates throughout the state for the past several years. It’s important to keep your vaccinations up to date.”

“Last year was a very severe year for influenza across the country; we saw numerous hospitalizations, and deaths among children,” Miller said. “Get your flu shots.”

For information on vaccines, call Montrose County Health & Human Services at 970-252-1000.

SAN MIGUEL POWER ASSOCIATION TO HOLD DISCUSSION OF RATES, RELIABILITY, RENEWABLES “An Evening with Your Co-op” provides forum for all perspectives

Special to the Mirror

TELLURIDE —As a member-owned cooperative, San Miguel Power Association (SMPA) must communicate with its members. Sometimes the best way to communicate is just to sit down and talk. That’s why SMPA is hosting “An Evening with Your Co-op.” It’s a chance for the General Manager, senior staff and board to

have direct conversations with customers. (AKA: members) Vino Arroyo, (220 East Colorado Avenue) in Telluride will host this get-together from 6 pm to 8 pm, Tuesday, September 15. Vino Arroyo is offering half-price wine and SMPA will provide hors d’oeuvres. Anyone who pays their electric bill to

SMPA is a member of the cooperative. All members are encouraged to come meet their representation, ask questions and be heard. Similar events may be held in the Town of Mountain Village, Norwood, Silverton, Ridgway and Ouray. Visit www.facebook.com/SanMiguelPower or www.smpa.com for up-to-date information about these events.


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CDOT AWARDS SAN MIGUEL COUNTY \$220K IN FTA FUNDS FOR TRANSIT SERVICES!



Special to the Mirror

SAN MIGUEL COUNTY-As San Miguel County continues to explore sustainable funding resources for transit, a two-year FTA grant from Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT)'s Division of Transit and Rail brings some welcome relief. The two-year award provides operations and administration funding of \$110,000 annually for 2016 and 2017. This will in part fund the \$250,000

annual contract that San Miguel County has with the Town of Telluride Galloping Goose to operate daily service between Norwood, Down Valley and Telluride. Grant monies will also help fund the County's 50 percent contribution toward services to Lawson Hill subdivision. This is the second time the county has received this FTA grant support, with a \$78,000 award in 2013 and an increase to \$110,000 in 2014 for that two-year cycle. San Miguel County Commissioner Elaine Fischer called news of the FTA grant, "Terrific."

"This will help us fund operations and administration, which are the most difficult areas to fund," Fischer said. "So when you get two consecutive years of \$110,000 grants, it helps the County continue these programs and keep them operational. These services are essential to the well-being of our County." County-funded routes accommodated more than 10,000 passenger

trips between Placerville and Telluride in 2014, and almost 20,000 passenger trips on the Norwood routes. The Lawson Hill service, which is shared with the Town of Telluride, offered more than 15,000 passenger trips in 2014.

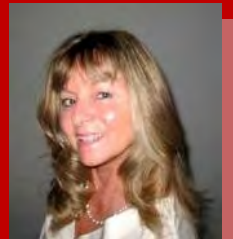
Though San Miguel County also receives real estate transfer assessments on certain county subdivisions that had incorporated these into their PUD approval, RETA revenues vary from year to year, and fell sort of budget projections during the economic downturn. By statute, counties in Colorado are allowed to collect up to one percent sales tax with voter approval to support public transit. The County proposed a ballot measure earlier this year for a one quarter percent (.25%) but after meeting with other local municipalities, has delayed the measure as they continue to discuss formation of a Regional Transportation Authority (RTA).

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OPINION/EDITORIAL

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY

Dear Editor:

The League of Women Voters of Montrose County, serving Montrose and Delta Counties, will be participating in National Voter Registration Day (NVRD), a nationwide, nonpartisan effort to register thousands of voters on Tuesday, Sept. 22nd. The League will be available to assist voters who want to register online or update their registration if they have moved at the Montrose Library from 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM and 1:30 – 5 PM. League members and at the Delta library from 10:00 A.M. – Noon.. Additionally, assistance will be available at the Montrose Library on Monday, September 21st from 3:30 – 5:30 for CMU students as well as library patrons.

Our League is excited to be a part of NVRD helping to get as many people participating as possible. This is our democracy, and our elected officials need to hear from all of us on Election Day. Voter registration is the key to helping Americans participate in the political process.

As primaries and caucuses for the 2016 elections quickly approach, September 22, National Voter Registration Day, is the perfect day to be working with as many eligible voters as we can so they can participate in our great democracy. The LWV empowers voters through education, registration and get-out-the-vote activities in every election. We host candidate and issue forums and registration opportunities while also providing trusted and timely election information on www.VOTE411.org. We do this because we believe our democracy is strongest when every voice is heard. It is not too late to register to vote.

Registration Deadlines for the November 2015 election are:

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Online: Monday, October 26, 2015

Karen Connor, Montrose-Delta League of Women Voters



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MONTROSE REGIONAL AIRPORT OPERATIONS UNAFFECTED BY SMALL FIRE

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MONTROSE – In the early morning hours of Sept. 9, 2015, a small fire occurred in the kitchen of a restaurant located within the main terminal at Montrose Regional Airport. The kitchen was unoccupied at the time. An automated sprinkler system quickly suppressed the fire. There was minimal damage to property and no threat to public safety. Airport operations were not impacted and cleanup is underway. “We have our Tribute to Aviation event occurring at the airport this weekend and we are hoping to have the restaurant up and running by Saturday,” said County Manager Ken Norris. “The fire was minor enough that there was no interruption to services at the airport and the airlines and other businesses within the terminal are open for business as usual.”



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MONTROSE-Grocery clerk recognition! Mark, left, and Eric have both worked at the Natural Market in Montrose for three years. Their fun attitude makes the whole day better! Thanks Mark and Eric!!!

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COUNCIL LOOKS AT WATER CONSERVATION PLAN, FIVE-YEAR LEASE FOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM AT DEPOT



City Council will consider amending the zoning district designation of 346 South Park Avenue from "R-3," Medium Density Residential, to "OR," Office Residential.

Mirror Staff Report

MONTROSE-When the Montrose City Council meets for [Work Session on Sept. 14](#), Discussion items include a presentation

Administration Suicide Prevention Month; Cities and Towns Week; and the 95th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment. Council will also hear a Colorado Lottery Starburst

by Richard Van Gytenbeek of Trout Unlimited and a Water Conservation Plan prepared by Public Works Director John Harris. Among items listed for discussion at future work sessions is a State of the City Presentation Oct. 6. The public is welcome to attend.

When Council [convenes for a regular meeting](#) at 6 p.m. Sept. 15, it will hear proclamations in support of Veterans

Award Presentation for the Montrose Water Sports Park by Communications Manager Brooke Christopher, a presentation by Dave Bowman on his Montrose Summer Music Series, and a Gold Wing Road Riders presentation by Nick Hoppner. Council will also hear a presentation by Montrose Youth Council.

Council will consider a Special Events Alcohol Permit in conjunction with the closure of S. First Street for the Oktoberfest event Oct. 3; as well as Ordinance 2360 on second reading, to mail ballot nomination procedures; and Ordinance 2361 on first reading, an ordinance amending the zoning district designation of 346 South Park Avenue from "R-3," Medium Density Residential, to "OR," Office Residential.

Finally, Council will consider a five-year Commercial Lease Agreement between the City of Montrose and the Montrose County Historical Society for use of the Railroad Depot Building at 21 N. Rio Grande Avenue. Following Sales, Use & Excise Tax Report and Public Information Officer Report by City Manager Bill Bell, Council will adjourn.

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CSU's Rogers Mesa facility. Courtesy photo.

transfer of existing operations when older farmers retire ... A farm incubator at Rogers Mesa is feasible with the site characteristics, but would require a lead non-profit organization to carry out the program, ensure site maintenance, and to raise funds."

The study itself was funded through a \$245,000 U.S. Economic Development Agency (EDA) grant to Region 10 following the closure of local coal mines, and performed through [Better City](#) of Ogden, Utah

Though Delta County Economic Development (DCED) has helped to promote the idea of redeveloping Rogers Mesa, the project is still in the formative stages, DCED Board President Brad Harding said.

"It's definitely an exciting prospect," Harding said. "Now, we are trying to make

this wonderful dream a reality. As a CSU alumni, I would love to ask how we can get Rogers Mesa to be the next Pingree Park...here we could have a campus with viticulture, grapes, row crops, and organics. "We have access to crops here that they don't have on the Front Range."

The most important element at this point will be leadership, he noted.

"I do think we have the State's attention here," he said. "Now, we need to do something bold with it, and we need continued leadership."

A committee comprised of various entities with an interest in the project has been meeting for more than a year, and partner entities and producers with an interest in using the campus have been asked to submit letters of interest. "Delta County and the entire working group look forward to receiving the letters of interest from partners and taking the next steps to move this project forward," Delta County Manager Robbie LeValley said.

As the project moves forward, an agency willing to dive in with management and fundraising support will be essential, as will a solid understanding of CSU's level of commitment to any future endeavor, DCED Executive Director Trish Thibodo said. "Our goal is to see it stay something that will contribute to our agricultural sector," Thibodo said. "Something viable;

having the education connection would be a great use for that facility."

The Valley Food Partnership, an organization with a strong track record of community partnerships and a focus on promoting regional agriculture and locally sourced foods, has been suggested as a natural fit for an umbrella organization. However, the Montrose non-profit does not have the resources to manage a higher education campus, Executive Director Carol Parker said. "We probably don't have the capacity to carry the ball, but we are hoping to partner with [Rocky Mountain Farmers Union](#)," Parker said. "This could be very beneficial to Delta County as an economic driver with the right plan in place; let's look at it as serving multiple community purposes. There is a big walk-in cooler there, classroom space, greenhouse and irrigated ground.

"This is a great community campus and research facility," she said. "It's well worth rallying around to preserve this as a local resource."

Providing another educational option is also a way to encourage young people to stay in the area, Harding said.

"Right now, we export the best of what we grow here," he said, "our kids. With a CSU campus at Rogers Mesa, we could bring great minds to Western Colorado from everywhere."

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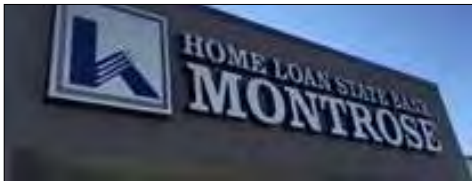
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MONTROSE-The team at Home Loan State Bank-Montrose would like to invite the community to join them for a Grand

Opening Celebration on Sept. 18th from 2pm to 6pm. That night, the Montrose Indians Football Team takes on the big rival Fruita Monument High School with a 7 pm

kickoff. The Montrose community can come and tailgate at 340 S. Townsend Avenue where there will be giveaways all throughout the afternoon as well as hors d'oeuvres and drinks.

The door prizes include a set of Broncos Tickets, a Montrose Indians Support Swag Bag and more! Also, the Montrose Chamber of Commerce will put on a Ribbon Cutting for Home Loan State Bank-Montrose at 4 pm.

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10's Carrier Neutral Location (CNL). For their part of the commitment, the City of Montrose has agreed to house the CNL and establish 31 anchor sites spread throughout the city. The tentative site planned for the CNL is the City Hall Annex; however, anchor sites which have yet to be determined could include such entities as the hospital. A CNL will be in each community that participates in the project.

The Region 10 project can be more easily explained in terms of a hub with spokes. DMEA will get the fiber to the Carrier Neutral Location (the hub) and the city will establish 31 anchor sites (spokes) throughout the city. In order to comply with grant requirements both the hub and the spokes must be completed within two years, which will be in 2017.

While all partners (Region 10, DMEA and government entities) agree to the big picture regionally, future phases will see a focus towards those they represent. For instance, DMEA must look to the needs of all members in their service area; while the city is accountable to the needs of city residents.

Not to be excluded from the conversation are current service providers and competitors such as CenturyLink, Charter Communications and Clearnetworx — a local service provider co-owned by Doug Seacat and Lillian Cook.

After the completion of the hub and spokes, competition will become greater and prices more affordable. However, with competition comes the potential for, pardon the cliché, organizations to go after low hanging fruit and cherry pick the most profitable segments of the industry.

NASHVILLE ARTISTS TO PLAY AT SHERBINO SEPT. 26

Special to the Mirror

Sept. 26--7 to 10 p.m. Join the Sherbino Theater in Ridgway for an intimate evening of Grammy Award winning music from Gordon Kennedy and singer/songwriter/story telling duo Chris and Jan Harris (Rodeo and Juliet) from Nashville. This seated performance will cost \$20 at the door and will also feature a sneak preview of a film-documentary they are co-producing on the life of John Billings, "The Grammy Man," the maker of The Grammy Awards. Doors and cash bar are at 7 pm with the music beginning at 7:30 pm.

DMEA estimates the investment to build out fiber optics to all co-op members would, at the high end, cost \$94 M and take seven to 10 years to complete.

DMEA General Manager Jasen Bronec said, "This [broadband] is highly capital intensive. The middle mile and the last mile all have risks; the most risk is the most profitable. We have to assume that everyone who gets into this will be a competitor." The broadband project for DMEA will not trigger any rate increase to members and future needed subsidies will be recoverable.

Virgil Turner, Innovation & Citizen Engagement Director for the City of Montrose said the cost for their piece of broadband will, "...come from existing revenues that come into the city. Broadband will be in next year's budget. This project will reduce our costs and end up saving public entities money."

Both Kathy Ellis, Montrose City Council, and Bill Patterson, DMEA board member, have seats on the Region 10 Board. To Mr. Patterson's credit he has, during DMEA and Region 10 meetings, recused himself

from some discussion and abstained from voting. However, the fact that he needs to recuse himself or abstain has the appearance of conflict of interest between the two boards. Because local government entities have buy-in on the Region 10 project and they do not compete against one another, Ms. Ellis has no need to recuse herself or abstain.

Clearnetworx co-owner Doug Seacat said, "The term broadband is very general. It is the connection to the world. Everyone is on some sort of broadband." He laughed and said, "We are no longer on dial-up. Faster internet is price to performance ratio. Faster internet is always better and we are increasing speeds every day, the trick is to make it affordable. Things are a little complicated now because we don't know what the other guy is going to do."

Broadband is a long term vision and while all entities are moving forward, each is taking time to give due diligence to their piece of the endeavor. While conversations and discussions are ongoing, formal commitments beyond the Region 10 Phase One have yet to be made.



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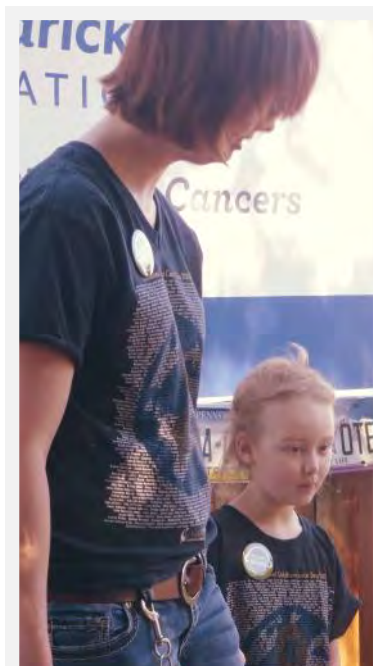


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MIRROR IMAGES...ST. BALDRICKS EVENT!



On Sept. 12th, Audrey McCracken, currently battling cancer, kicked off a St. Baldrick's fundraiser at Horsefly Brewing Company by getting her head shaved with her mom Moriah. She was joined by community members and local police officers. "September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. We have six Montrose kids currently battling or just finishing their battle with cancer," says Chelsea Rosty, St. Baldrick's event coordinator, "This St. Baldrick's event is designed to not only create that awareness, but to also raise money toward finding a cure. Losing a child to cancer is a horrific tragedy, and one we are doing our best to fight against." Photos by Jack Switzer.



Phyllis Wiesner, San Juan Cancer Center Clinic Coordinator and her husband Dr. Paul Wiesner participate in the Walk/Run

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE BY SENATOR ELLEN ROBERTS

WATERSHED ISSUES IMPACT LIVES

The legislative interim has been anything but slow. There are so many interim committee meetings that many legislators have commented that they look forward to the start of the next session so the schedules will slow down! That's been my experience, too, as I've been kept moving nearly constantly, sitting on four committees and chairing two of those.

The most active committee has been the water resources review committee that I chair this year. We are handling our usual workload of studying water issues of importance around the state and we're holding nine public meetings around the state on the proposed state water plan. The water plan meetings have been another opportunity for the general public to learn about what is being proposed in the water plan and to provide their comments on the second plan draft.

We've heard consistently on our water tours that there's a need for greater storage in Colorado, especially along the Front Range. We've met with farmers in the Montrose area of the Gunnison River Basin and in the San Luis Valley who are trying out innovative ways to improve water use efficiency in agricultural production. The-

se methods range from changing the type of crop grown to decreasing the amount of irrigation water lost to evaporation.

In the Upper Arkansas Valley, near the towns of Salida and Buena Vista, local water advocates explained how they are maximizing recreational uses such as rafting and fishing while planning for new growth in their area at the same time as they send a large portion of the river downstream to Pueblo and the Lower Arkansas Valley to water the southeastern Colorado plains.

We visited Winter Park and Granby, two Western Slope communities in Grand County, who referred to themselves as "ground zero" for Colorado's transmountain diversions. They explained how they struggle already to meet their towns' water needs while satisfying the water rights of Denver and other northern Colorado cities through a complex system of tunnels and diversions. Agriculture is still a way of life for some in this area of the state, but, as is true around our state, the availability of water is essential for their operations.

The legislative water committee has one more tour of communities to visit seeking input on the water plan. This'll include a

trip to Walden, in a beautiful, high elevation part of the state that sends its waters north to Wyoming, to Greeley, part of the South Platte River basin and an agricultural and oil and gas production powerhouse, and, finally, a public hearing in Aurora, the quickly expanding urban center east of Denver. Water conservation and water reuse, as well as a desire for domestic rainwater collection, continue to be themes we hear in both rural and urban parts of Colorado.

The committee's visit to Durango took place before the Animas River mine spill occurred, but no one missed the impact of that spill. There's considerable concern about future spills, not only in the Animas, but also in other rivers around the state. Close inspection of Colorado's state seal shows the importance of mining since our state's founding in 1876, but the watershed impacts are showing themselves as something not for the history books alone. How to address these challenges must be included in the state's water plan, too.

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Solutions Wellness Center welcomes Therapist Linda Stanger!

Linda Stanger recently relocated to Montrose from Pennsylvania and joined Solutions as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW). She is passionate about her work with young children, teens and families. Solutions has created a play therapy space specifically designed for Linda to work both with children and their parents. Linda is well-known for her extensive experience and success using Parent-Child Interaction Therapy.

Linda will be reaching out to schools in the community to let parents and teachers know about her services to help children with anger, depression, anxiety and other issues that may be affecting their school performance and family life.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

MONTROSE WATER SPORTS PARK EARNS AWARD



Community members gather at the Water Sports Park Grand opening earlier this year. Mirror file photo.

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE –Montrose is among 19 different communities that the Colorado Lottery has selected to receive its 2015 Starburst Award. The award recognizes excellence in the use of Lottery funds for community and conservation projects

statewide. Winners are chosen based on the creativity of the project, the economic and social impact on the community, and whether the project achieved its goal. The award will be formally presented at the Montrose City Council meeting on Sept. 15. –This award provides further acknowledgement of all of the planning and effort that went into creating the Water Sports Park,” said City Manager Bill Bell. –While the City had a central role in creating this amazing community asset, the finished product represents the collaborative effort and vision of many organizations and individuals in the community. This award recognizes everyone who had a share.”

Construction of the park, along with new trails along the river and improvements to Montrose Recreation District facilities near the park, were partially funded under a \$259,000 grant from Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO). Exceptional collaboration among local entities, ranging

from environmental groups and non-profits to local and state government agencies, was a key factor in receiving project funding and the Starburst Award.

–These projects display how important outdoor recreation is to both Coloradans and visitors,” said Lottery Director Laura Solano. –The Lottery congratulates and recognizes the 2015 Starburst winners for their vision in creating quality recreation opportunities in their communities.”

The Water Sports Park, located on the Uncompahgre River at Riverbottom Park, represents the latest addition to the community’s premiere parks complex.

Construction of the park included six –wave stimulator” structures within the river, numerous rock-terraced spectator areas, nearly one-half mile of recreation trails, ADA-compliant access ramps at each end of the park, two rock climbing boulders, and numerous fish habitat improvements.

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Assist eligible voters with Online voter registration:
Monday, 9/21: 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.
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ZIKR DANCE ENSEMBLE RETURNS TO OURAY

OURAY-The Zikr Dance Ensemble returns to Ouray on Friday, September 25 at 7 pm at the Wright Opera House, sponsored by Ouray County Performing Arts Guild.

Zikr is Denver dance luminary David Taylor's latest venture and one of the most exciting new dance companies in Colorado and the nation.

Using the finest ballet-trained dancers from Colorado's front range, Zikr transports its audiences through time and space to preserve and present a spectrum of works that are based upon, or living replicas of, transcendent dance rituals from many different ancient world cultures throughout history.

The dances in performance are supplemented by stunning slide projections, enveloping the audiences in an experience that transcends time and place bringing everyone to a place of awe, inspiration and appreciation.

In just six short years, Zikr has established itself locally, regionally and nationally as a leading dance company that is not to be missed. Carissa Chen with 303 Magazine described the experience as, —a spiritual journey leaving you rejuvenated, intrigued, mind blown and, of course, beyond impressed."

The Zikr Dance Ensemble's 2015 season performance program is entitled "Invocation". The program will feature Artistic Director David Taylor's latest creations, "The Lady of the Lake", a lush contemporary ballet based on Arthurian legends and Christian mysticism, and "Sadhu", a stunning new contemporary work to the music of Philip Glass and based on the holy men of India and Tibet. Another premiere will be the "Four

Prophets", an historical sacred dance work by legendary sacred movement creator G.I. Gurdjieff, and five other pieces.

Tickets are \$18 for adults and just \$5 for students 16 and under. They may be purchased online at www.ocpag.org or at the door the evening of the performance. This

family event is also underwritten by a generous grant from The Telluride Foundation. For further information, please contact David Taylor at davidtaylor.zikr@hotmail.com or Ouray County Performing Arts Guild at ocpag-info@gmail.com.

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ANNUAL WEEK OF UNITY AND PEACE BEGINS SEPT. 19



The Annual Week of Unity and Peace kicks off this year with the dedication of the Praying Hands statue at 138 N. Mesa on Saturday, Sept. 19th at 11 am. Courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The Annual Week of Unity and Peace kicks off this year with the dedication of the Praying Hands statue at 138 N. Mesa on Saturday, Sept. 19th at 11 am. The Praying Hands statue represents the

peace between all the spiritual traditions of our community. Commissioned by Debbie Ferris, this statue joins two other statues in her front yard peace sculpture garden: the Peace Hand Symbol and the Laughing Buddha.

Sunday there will be a Peace Service at the Spiritual Awareness Center which meets at Lions Park, 602 N. Nevada, at 10:45 am. Other churches in the community are invited to include a Minute for Peace in their Sunday services to pray for peace in our community and in the world.

Monday, Sept. 21st is the United Nations International Day of Peace. Many events around the world are scheduled for this day. Individual peace prayers are encouraged on this special day. There will be a Unity Gathering at the Peace Pole at noon on Wednesday, Sept. 23, with the Flags of the Nations Ceremony. It is the Autumn Equinox and a time to pray for peace on earth and for the healing of Mother Earth. The Grandmothers of the Shining Valley are the sponsor for this event and there will be music, drumming, peace readings and planting of seeds for peace. Everyone is invited to attend.

Also on Wednesday, at 2:30 pm, the residents of the San Juan Living Center are having an Art Show – Peace between Generations. Peace posters made by children from all over the world will be displayed beside peace posters created by the residents. Peace posters made by the Elders will be on display at Region 10, the following week. The community is invited to the Art Show at the San Juan Living Center, 1043 Ridge Street, and to the Peace Art display at Region 10, 300 N. Cascade.

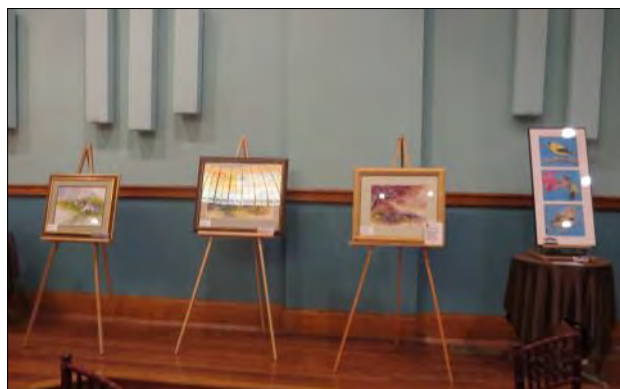
On Friday evening, Sept. 25, the Western

Colorado Friends of the Himalayas, are sponsoring the popular Annual Peace Dinner at Guru's Restaurant, 448 Main Street, beginning at 6 pm. A special slide presentation by Terry Burnell will be the featured program and the 2015 Peace Awards will be presented. The cost is \$15 per person for the dinner buffet. Reservations are encouraged. The Farmers Market will be the location of the Flags for Peace project on Saturday, Sept. 26, from 8:30 am to 1 pm. The community is invited to stop by the Peace booth to create a flag to make a peace banner.

The Community Peace Banner will be on display at the Montrose Regional Library the following week. There is no charge for making a peace flag and children and adults are encouraged to make a flag for peace. The Montrose Library is also having a book display on Peace Makers of the World and there is a peace display in one of the showcases in the lobby. New this year to the peace week events is the Coffee for Peace project. A&Y Design Gallery, Gelato and Coffee House and Looney Bean are participating in giving veterans in our community a thank you cup of coffee for their work to keep the peace. Community members are invited to stop at A&Y or Looney Bean and buy a cup of coffee for a veteran when they purchase their own cup. Any veteran may then stop in and have a free cup of coffee from a grateful community. The week ends with the showing of a free Peace film at Lions Park Community Center on Sunday, Sept. 27, at 1: pm. For more information, call 252-0908. Updated information on all peace week events will be posted at www.spiritaware.org.



MIRROR IMAGES...WEEKEND FUN!



Above, Carol Parker and Ariel of Valley Food Partnership were out promoting this year's Savor the San Juans event at the Montrose Farmers Market on Sept. 12; above, local artists displayed work as a fundraiser for the Montrose Center for the Arts during the Savor the San Juans tour at Lark & Sparrow on Sept. 13, below left, Market Manager Lois Harvie and volunteers at the Montrose Farmers Market Sept. 12.

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Fall 2015 WCA Dance Schedule Montrose

Tuesday

Montrose - at Uncompahgre Yoga Circle

- 3:45-4:45 Pee Wee CO (grades 2-4, or with instructor approval) with Miss Natasha
- 4:45-5:45 Wee CO (grades 5-6, or with instructor approval) with Miss Natasha
- 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 BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH



By Gail Marvel

OLATHE—On June 28, 2015, I dusted off my King James Bible (KJV) for a visit to the Old King James Bible Baptist Church in Olathe. When I arrived the sign on the church read Bible Baptist Church and I learned the congregation recently voted to drop Old King James from their name; however, the KJV remains their preferred Bible.

Pastor Nick Chontos, who has only been with the congregation for five months, greeted me with a bulletin in hand. He told me Brother Harvey Ambrose, a visiting pastor from Alaska would be delivering the day's message, but he extended an invitation to come again next week when he would be preaching. Pastor Nick enthusiastically invited me to come back for that evening's service and the Wednesday Bible Study and prayer.

Since the church is currently without a pianist, the organ and baby grand piano sat silent as about 40 worshippers sang hymns a Cappella. All the verses of each hymn were sung and the selections included "He Lives," "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart," and "Redeemed." One of the prayers listed on the back of the bulletin asked for, "God's will in finding a pianist and for

all other matters of the church."

Pastor Chontos gave a brief offertory meditation and reminded the audience, "What separates us from the world is that we admit our imperfections and our need for Jesus Christ."

Before Pastor Ambrose presented the message he said, "I can't preach unless the Lord gives me the words and you can't worship until the Lord comes to your heart." The pastor, interweaving his personal testimony with the message, often had a lump in his throat as he recalled keeping Jesus at arm's length until age 42. "It's difficult for me to talk about without weeping. I had to have God or I was going to hell."

The sermon text was John Chapter 5, with emphasis on John 5:44. In this passage Jesus went to the Pool at Bethesda, a place where many disabled congregated in hopes that when the water was stirred they would be the first to go into the water and be healed. Pastor Ambrose said, "Being second into the pool was as good as being dead...you had to be first."

The pastor noted that in many respects we are all disabled, and in dramatic fashion he placed the audience at the edge of the pool. "The place was full of a multitude of sick

people and no one called out to Jesus.

That's the way the world is today, we're sick and we don't call out to Jesus."

At the pool Jesus singled out a man who had been an invalid for 38 years and asked if he wanted to get well. Pastor Ambrose said, "Christ respects the right of each of us to be lost if we want to be. He respects the liberty of each person in the world. We have a choice — if we want to sin we can, or we can choose life and healing." When Jesus told the man to pick up his mat and walk it was a complete healing, "...and when Jesus saves you, you are saved through and through, once and for all. When we get saved it is in His righteousness; not in our own righteousness."

Emotional about his own conversion Pastor Ambrose said, "I wanted Him [Jesus] to leave me alone in my own sin, but He is not willing that any should perish. One day the Lord will judge every one of us. This is the one chance you have, that's all you get."

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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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Michele Bachmann, Former Member House of Representatives, Minnesota's 6th District, Saturday 10 am;

Left to right, Jeffress; Hibbs; Bachmann; Tarfati. Courtesy photos.

Amir Tsarfati

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Streaming Live at Calvary Chapel Montrose (Behind the Hastings Bookstore in Montrose); Friday Oct 2nd (6 pm - 8:30pm) & Saturday Oct 3rd (8 am - 3 pm)

CENTRAL CITY OPERA PRESENTS SMOOTH OPERATOR AT THE WRIGHT OPERA HOUSE!

Special to the Mirror

OURAY-Central City Opera returns to the Wright on Saturday, Sept. 19th for a production of *Smooth Operator*. Join the Friends of the Wright Opera House as we celebrate opera at the Wright for the second (maybe third) time in its 127 year history. This is a fundraising event, all proceeds of which will benefit the

restoration of the Wright Opera House. Tickets are on sale online for \$35 and include access to a pre-concert reception with complimentary drinks and snacks. Staged scenes from operas and musical theatre highlighting infamous schemers from "Sweeney Todd" to "La Traviata" and "The Music Man" to "Carmen."

With leading men and ladies like Don Juan, Cleopatra and Delilah, this concert features some of the most beautiful arias and duets ever written, as well as a few funny, jazzy, finger-snapping numbers. Full event details and tickets are available online.
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OBITUARIES AND DEATH NOTICES

JAMES J. MCGINLEY

MONTROSE-James J. McGinley, age 100, of Montrose died Sept. 3, 2015 at Valley Manor Care Center in Montrose. Crippin Funeral Home & Crematory, of Montrose is assisting the family.

KENNETH DALE FLACK



Kenneth Dale Flack.
Courtesy photo.

Jan. 2, 1948 ~ Sept. 1, 2015

MONTROSE-Kenneth Dale Flack, 67, was born January 2, 1948, to Harry L. and Davidena G. (Lunsford) Flack in Denver, Colorado. He was called home to be in the presence of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on September 1, 2015. His family lived in Lakewood until moving to

Montrose when Ken's father came to work on the Morrow Point Dam. Ken graduated from Montrose High School in 1966. During high school he was a member of the Montrose High School Band and received outstanding musician awards in both 1964 and 1965. He was also active in the Colorado Youth Bowling Association and enjoyed this sport for another 25 years.

He graduated in 1969 from Southern Colorado State College in Pueblo with an Associate in Applied Science degree in Civil Engineering Technology. It is here that he met and married his wife, Gay Lorraine.

He joined the United States Air force, and

after serving a tour of duty in Vietnam, he was next stationed at F.E. Warren Air Force Base in Cheyenne, Wyoming, where he and his family lived until his retirement. He served also in the Air National Guard for three years completing his time of military service. Ken received the Air Force Commendation Medal and the Joint Service Commendation Medal as he also worked in conjunction with the Department of Defense Geodetic Survey Squadron Defense Mapping Agency Topographic Center.

Ken worked 18 years for the City of Cheyenne Engineering Department where he was responsible for the review of plans and plats in the planning application process. He was a public works inspector, and he developed and wrote the computer program to enable the city map to be entered onto a computer system.

Ken worked the next 11 years for the State of Wyoming Lands and Investments Department as their supervising IT computer specialist. He developed the Geographic Information System (GIS) to cover the state lands under the department's jurisdiction.

Ken and his wife retired to Montrose in

October, 2008, and Ken was appointed to the city of Montrose planning commission by the Montrose city Council in August, 2009. He served a couple of years but did not return due to illness.

Ken was a loving devoted husband and father. He is survived by his wife to whom he was married for 45 years, and by his daughter, Elisabeth, and numerous cousins and their families. Ken enjoyed fishing, was a football fan, and he was active in and dedicated to serving at St. Stephen's Anglican Church.

Anyone interested in giving a donation in Ken's memory, please donate to the memorial fund at St. Stephen's Anglican Church or to the Department of Veterans Affairs through the on-line link www.volunteer.va/apps/volunteerNow. The Thursday 12 noon communion worship service at St. Stephen's Anglican Church will remember Ken in prayer prior to interment of remains at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery of Western Colorado in Grand Junction at 3 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 10th.

Crippin Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family in Montrose, Colorado.

HONORABLE MENTION

To the Montrose Historical Society Museum, for excellence—if you haven't stopped by lately, better come in—so much of our heritage is on display here it would be easy to spend the whole day...

To Alpine Bank, for great service and a heart for the community...

To all of the homeowners, chefs, bartenders, support staff and volunteers who came together to make Savor the San Juans 2015 a success...

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WILSON PEAK LAND EXCHANGE DECISION RELEASED

Special to the Mirror

DELTA – Forest Supervisor Scott Armentrout has announced the release of his final decision for the Wilson Peak Land Exchange. Armentrout selected alternative 3, which allows for a land exchange, adds certain mountain bike trails to the agency's trails system and secures access to Wilson Peak. As a result of this exchange, the Forest Service will acquire 665 acres owned by Skyline Ranch Trust LLC, Alta Lakes LLC and The Trust for Public Land (TPL) and the same parties will acquire four parcels of National Forest land totaling 301 acres.

Armentrout released his draft decision in April 2015. Three parties filed objections with the agency's reviewing officer. The reviewing officer, Deputy Regional Forester Maribeth Gustafson, upon completing her review instructed the Forest Supervisor to issue the final decision with no changes.

A key part of this land exchange is for the Forest Service to acquire TPL-owned mining claims near and within the Lizard Head wilderness to ensure permanent public access to Wilson Peak; these claims total 180 acres.

The Forest Service will also acquire 262 acres in the Alta area along the Boomerang Road just south of the Telluride Ski Area, 163 acres at Yellow Mountain southwest of the Town of Ophir, 21 acres in the Elk Creek drainage near the Lizard Head Wilderness, and 39 acres adjacent to the La Garita Wilderness in Saguache County.

In exchange, Skyline Ranch Trust LLC will receive two National Forest parcels totaling 174 acres adjacent to Skyline Ranch; Alta Lakes LLC will receive 87 acres in the Alta area that will square off their boundary; and TPL will receive 40 acres on Wilson Mesa.

As a result of collaboration between the Forest Service, San Miguel Bicycle Alliance, Telluride Mountain Club, and San Miguel County, 2.9 miles of existing trails in the Turkey Creek Mesa area will be added as National Forest system trails; 2.7 miles of new trails will be constructed; and four miles of non-system trails will be closed or reclaimed. These actions will provide key trail segments to connect mountain bike trails in the Telluride Ski Area with the Galloping Goose trail.

Supervisor Armentrout said, —I'm pleased with the community support we received on this land exchange and I appreciate the community's collaborative efforts to provide for an improved mountain bike trail system. I look forward to closing on the land exchange transaction soon."

Joan May, San Miguel county commissioner said, —This decision is great news. It shows that collaboration can be successful between several parties where there is a common goal. In this case, the goal was improved public access and improved trails. I hope it proves to be a model for future land exchanges."

The Forest Service plans to close on the land exchange in early November.

THANKS FOR READING!
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AFTER HALF A CENTURY, THE PERFECT TRIFECTA AND A 14-LB TROUT



The author, friend Ron Arendt, and a 14-lb Rainbow Trout. Courtesy photo.

By John W. Nelson

MONTROSE-It was a once in a lifetime Trifecta. Saturday Aug. 29th was our 50th wedding anniversary, celebrated with 80 friends and neighbors at Holiday Inn Express in Montrose. Sunday began my 74th year on this planet and Monday, Aug. 31st, proved to be my best fly fishing day EVER. Ron, a long time close friend, came from Sacramento for the party and to visit our home on Log Hill Mesa.

We celebrated my birthday with a superb dinner at the Redstone Inn, a beautiful piece of 1902 architecture North of McClure Pass in Redstone, CO. There we met the hosts for our day of extraordinary fly fishing, David and Sandra Clinger,

owners of a beautiful 1,000 acre ranch near McClure Pass.

As we learned later, David is a renowned hunter and fisherman who has traveled the world in his pursuit of trophy game. I had simply responded to a small ad in the free *High Country Angler*, a publication for fly fishing types in Colorado. It turned out that he is a land planner and the Huntsman Ranch is the result of his 25-year effort to design the perfect fishing environment.

We discovered numerous ponds, a 30-foot deep lake, which I hope to visit next year, and a gorgeous flowing stream, complete with intermittent pools. All of the water impoundments contain fish. No, not just fish – monster finned inhabitants of the ideal watery habitat.

These denizens of the deep thrive on the abundant natural food supply available on this picturesque historic ranch. All of the buildings have been retained in their original configuration, preserved and enhanced on the interiors to be the most comfortable, nostalgic and idyllic imaginable.

Following a great breakfast, we went searching for fish and did we ever find them! By the end of the day, we had each landed a dozen or more large trout. At times, we even had to sneak up to the stream honey holes, given the extremely wary nature of trout. Only two smaller trout came home with us for dinner. The


rest were resuscitated and released, none the worse for wear. My greatest victory for the day was a 33-inch, 14 pound rainbow trout landed after an excruciatingly exciting twenty minute tussle while using a number 3 rod.

Ron commented later that his greatest joy, after landing his own fish, was bringing my monster trout back to life and watching it swim energetically back to its depths. Fish C.P.R., by the way, consists of moving the fish back and forth by its tail so that oxygenated water flows rapidly through its gills.

Sportsmen are the real conservationists of the world. They spend countless time and money conserving all wildlife, not just those species that are huntable or fishable. Fly fishers and organizations like Trout Unlimited make major contributions to stream and fish conservation and practice catch and release to enhance species preservation.

As the rocking chair days approach, that three day weekend just added many more irreplaceable memories to be contemplated and cherished into the unknown future. Make the most of this great southwestern Colorado environment with its wide diversity of terrain and outdoor opportunities by spending as many days outdoors as you can.

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BROWN QUESTIONS COST OF AIRPORT FENCE, CALLS PS/ALI CONTRACT WITH CENTURYLINK "OUTSTANDING"



Montrose County Emergency Manager Don Angell and Sheriff Rick Dunlap explain the Dispatch PS/ALI upgrade that identifies 911 call locations generated within the County by room and building.



Mirror Staff Report

MONTROSE—A fence at the Montrose Airport came under citizen scrutiny at the Sept. 8 meeting of the Montrose Board of County Commissioners. The first item under General Business & Administrative Items involved review and consent of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Montrose Regional Airport and Goldenrod Fence, Inc. for rental of temporary fencing panels to be in place through Dec. 31 securing a section of airport perimeter following Montrose County's termination of an FBO agreement with MTJ FBO Partners, LLC and associated ground lease with Telluride Venture Partners, LLC (TVP). The cost of the panel rental is \$2,100 per month. Airport Manager Lloyd Arnold recommended approval in the name of safety and security at the Airport. Citizen Roger Brown questioned the expense, which County officials agreed was necessary to remain in compliance with FAA requirements for airport security.

—Where did the original fence go?" Brown asked. —It reads like the people of Montrose County are paying to erect a fence on private property...in my view this is not correct. If TVP took the fence down they should put it back up.

—I would like to see an agenda item in the future where you all approve a lien on the property to make this right." Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the MOU.

Brown shifted gears when the next agenda item, consideration and authorization of the BOCC chair's signature on a contract with CenturyLink in the amount of

\$1,262.24/\$46.72 per month to provide PS/ALI, calling it —an outstanding move."

PS/ALI allows Dispatch consoles to display the exact location of county employees who call 911.

County Emergency Manager Don Angell noted that in the past, a county location showed only as the Justice Center, though it could have been a call from Health and Human Services or other department.

—This leads to safer, faster, more effective response," Angell said.

During citizen comment Brown weighed in with applause. —This is an outstanding move; it's a shame it has not been done before," he said. —I hope that our school district soon does the same thing."

Angell noted that he is working with school district officials to help them provide faster, more specific information to law enforcement, EMS and fire crews. Montrose County Sheriff Rick Dunlap noted that currently the 911 system can identify which school a call is coming from, though in the past calls could only be identified as coming from the RE-1J Central District Office.

—County offices will be numbered by rooms within buildings," he added.

The contract was approved, as was a license for Olathe Fire Protection District for two ambulances to operate in Montrose County. —They are the sixth of eight agencies in the County to get the proper licensing in place," Angell said. —There are two to go."

In other business, the BOCC approved the Consent Agenda and Resolution 29-2015, canceling uncollected property tax in

the amount of \$18,534.72. The property is located in a flood plain, noted County Attorney Theresa Williams, and the debt dates back to 1982. The property owners will now transfer the deed of ownership to the town.

The BOCC also voted to approve requests by the Office of County Management (Dave Laursen) to sell a 2003 Ford F250 to the Paradox Fire Protection District for \$10 (salvage value \$2,000); to sell a 2008 Ford F150 Pickup truck to the Ouray County Land use Department for \$1,000 (salvage value \$9,000); and to appoint Joe Budagher as Montrose County Road & Bridge Supervisor.

Citizen Roger Brown commented that the 2008 Ford F150 Pickup —jumped off the paper as an \$8,000 gift to Ouray County from the taxpayers of Montrose County." Commissioners noted that County vehicles are put to hard use, have high mileage, and would not necessarily recoup blue book value if sold on the open market.

—We as a County have to report the blue book value," Commissioner Glen Davis said.

—But we're not passing off a great vehicle regardless of the book value. And helping Ouray County comes back to us."

The BOCC also approved lifting a plat note for Amended Plat of Lots 1, 2 and 3 of Country Home Subdivision at 15292 and 15090 6050 Road; dividing a 22.545 parcel of Dakota Vista Subdivision at 59644 Maple Grove Road into nine lots; and dividing a 19.32 acre lot at the Marty and Janelle Minor subdivision at 2529 and 2539 East Miami Road.

ACCESS, HEALTH AND SAFETY SHOULD BE CITY PRIORITIES



The photos on this page were all taken last week, during a walk around Downtown. The health of our children and community is endangered by conditions like these, and so is access for citizens who rely on wheelchairs or scooters to get around. We are sharing our photos here in hopes City Hall will take notice before spending millions on a second Dispatch Center that we don't need.



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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. 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. 15-Historic Walk "Local Legends and True Tales" of the alleys in Downtown Montrose, will be on Sept. 15th, at 6 pm. The walk will start at the Montrose County Historical Museum, 21 N. Rio Grande Ave, with a \$5 donation. Space is Limited. For more information, please call Sally at 249-2085 or email info@montrosehstory.org.

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. 16-Forum at Heidi's Brooklyn Deli, 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Featured presenter will be Welcome Home Montrose and the Warrior Resource Center. Coffee is \$1.

Sept. 16-Ribbon cutting for Solutions Wellness Center, 2798 Woodgate Road, 4 p.m.

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

Sept. 17-Join Danika Gilbert and The Sherbino Theater for a second and special edition "Sherb Talk" for the month of September. Danika will be discussing her experiences with her most recent project in this "Sherb Talk" titled, *Afghan Women Mountain Climbers*. Doors for this event are at 7 pm with the talk starting at 7:30pm. \$10 suggested donation at the door with 50% of the donations going to First All-Female Expedition Summits Peaks in Afghanistan.

Sept. 19-The Montrose County Historical Museum is hosting the 3rd annual Glow in the Dark Disc Golf Tournament on Sept. 19th 2015. Sign up is at 7 pm with a shotgun start at 8 pm, at Cerise Park on Shanes Way, Montrose, Co. For more information for this fun event call 249-2085 or sign up at www.montrosehstory.org. Early registration is \$10 and day of the event is \$12.00

Top prizes equal \$75.

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

Sept. 19-The last Historical Cemetery tour for the season is on Sept 19th. Meet at the Grandview Cemetery at 4 pm. Fee is \$10/person; spaces are limited and please call 249-2085 or email info@montrosehstory.org for RSVP.

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](tel: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-In conjunction with the Ridgway Creative District, the 3rd Annual Sneffels Fiber Festival, and Weehawken Creative Arts, the next Ridgway MoonWalk will take place from 6 to 9 PM at Resource Art Gallery & Co-op (540 Sherman St. in downtown Ridgway). 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.

Sept. 25-The Radio Room proudly presents The Navigators, recording live in the KAFM Radio Room, Friday, Sept. 25, 2015, 7:30 PM. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door and may be purchased by calling (970) 241-8801, Ext 0 or online at www.kafmradio.org. The Radio Room is located at 1310 Ute Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501. Doors open at 7 p.m.

Sept. 25-The Zikr Dance Ensemble returns to Ouray on Friday, September 25 at 7 pm at the Wright Opera House, sponsored by Ouray County Performing Arts Guild. For further information, please contact David Taylor at davidtaylor.zikr@hotmail.com or Ouray County Performing Arts Guild at ocpaginfo@gmail.com.

Sept. 26-Third Annual Sharing Ministries Street Dance, Centennial Plaza. 3 to 9 p.m. Featuring the Stupid Band, with openers Ghost River Band and the Lugnuts.

Sept. 26-Sushi Night at the Western Hotel in Ouray, \$39 per person, with Chef Yaz. Reservations required; call 970-325-4645 or email office@tanyishikawa.com.

Sept. 26--7 to 10 p.m. Join the Sherbino Theater in Ridgway for an intimate evening of Grammy Award winning music from Gordon Kennedy and singer/songwriter/story telling duo Chris and Jan Harris (Rodeo and Juliet) from Nashville. This seated performance will cost \$20 at the door and will also feature a sneak preview of a film-documentary they are co-producing on the life of John Billings, "The Grammy Man," the maker of The Grammy Awards. Doors and cash bar are at 7 pm with the music beginning at 7:30 pm.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

PEAK ACADEMY STUDENTS STUDY HUMAN IMPACT ON RIVER WATER



Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE - Mr. Eccher's Biology class at Peak Academy took a field trip on Sept. 9th to the Uncompahgre River. Their objective was to determine the environmental

impact human action has on the water quality of the Uncompahgre River, if any. They took samples before the river entered the town and again after it left town. Using microscopes and other indi-

cated measurements described in the pollution tolerance index on September 10th, they began the process of determining if human action has an effect on the water quality of the Uncompahgre River.

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Above, Harry Switzer in the Cimarrons, Rachel Schmucker helps place a flag at San Juan construction on Sept. 11, Patriot's Day; below left, Skeeter Chamberlain welcomes shoppers to her nice shady location at the Montrose Farmers Market Sept. 12.

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