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NO MORE LIVESTOCK IN THE HOUSE, BUT JUNK PROPERTY STILL CAUSES STENCH, RUINS PROPERTY VALUES, NEIGHBORS SAY



A sign at the entrance of Aspen Cove subdivision.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—More than a year after Montrose County approved Ordinance 2015-02 establishing rubbish and junk regulations, the rubbish-packed property that helped inspire the Ordinance continues to impact the health and well-being of every other property owner in the Aspen Cove Subdivision, neighbors say.

Owned by Brent Carlile, the junk-filled lot on Nancy Way now is surrounded by a shiny metal fence; however, the pileup of trash, campers and other objects can be seen well above the fence line. Several old vehicles are parked along the street as well. Close neighbors also complain of the putrid smell caused by rotting grass clippings collected as fencing material by Carlile, who does not have a landscape business and who is not employed due to a disability.

County resident Nancy Medlock, who has addressed the Montrose Board

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CSU, TEENS ON FARMS TO REPURPOSE ROGERS MESA RESEARCH STATION AS EXPERIENTIAL AG CENTER

By Caitlin Switzer

HOTCHKISS—An Experiential Agriculture center is coming to the former Colorado State University Research Station at Rogers Mesa, 17 miles east of Delta and three miles west of Hotchkiss on Hwy 92. A coalition headed by the non-profit Teens on Farms will partner with Colorado State University (CSU) for use of the 55-year-old facility, complete with plans to generate revenues and provide support to local growers. "We have two very innovative ideas," said Teens on Farms founder Cassandra Shenk, who is also involved with agriculture on a professional level as a certified water operator. "First, to offset any perception that we are competing with other producers—with 80 acres the station has a lot of capacity—we are dedicating part of our mission to hunger relief here in Delta County."



Teens on Farms is already raising funds to hire a grant writer. Courtesy photo Jim Brett.

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RESPONSE TO INCREASES IN DISPERSED CAMPING ON THE WAY IN 2017



Residential living on National Forest System Lands causing resource impacts and exceeding the 14-day limit of stay; Group camping with RV's and motorized recreation vehicles impacts; violations of 100 foot camping restrictions from rivers, lakes and streams. Courtesy photos.

significant impacts.

These activities cause many different types of resource damage, including permanent loss of vegetation, soil erosion, sanitation issues, wildlife habitat loss and user conflicts. The GMUG Forest settings simply cannot with-

stand the levels of use they are receiving. Record of Decision (ROD). Concerns about the use-

levels within these corridors was subject to extensive public involvement. In addition, Forest Orders for seasonal dispersed camping closures will be proposed for the Irwin and Tin Cup areas, based on the subsequent use and impacts that have been occurring.

A similar seasonal closure was implemented in the Gothic corridor in 2016. According to Gunnison District Ranger John Murphy, "We have been aware of this issue since the analysis of Gunnison travel systems. We have focused on implementing road and trail decisions made in the ROD until now. However, recreational use in these areas is at a point where we need to take action."

The Forest will also install signing to remind campers of the existing 14-day stay limit and the prohibition on camping within 100 feet of lakes and streams.

Finally, due to bear encounters with people, a regulation will be established requiring the proper transport and storage of food.

The higher intensity management of these areas will be effective starting on Memorial Day weekend in 2017.

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DELTA-The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forest is responding to the need for more intensive management of dispersed camping in some of our busiest areas of the Forest.

Recreation use continues to increase throughout the Forest and the nature of dispersed camping has clearly changed over time. Historically, dispersed camping was busiest in the fall during hunting season. These camps occurred at the end of the growing season and often didn't contribute to resource damage. We are seeing increasing numbers of dispersed campers, user-created roads and spurs and seasonal occupation of these areas from Memorial Day to after Labor Day in popular corridors.

Additionally, increased use of trailers and motor-homes with associated motorized vehicles and group camping are causing

stand the levels of use they are receiving.

In order to respond to these changes, more intensive management of dispersed camping is necessary in some of the busiest areas of the Forests. Beginning in 2017, the Forest Service will implement restricted dispersed camping access along a number of impacted corridors on the Gunnison Ranger District. This entails restricting motor vehicles (RV's, motorhomes, etc.) to parking within one vehicle length from the edge of the road surface when it is safe to do so without causing damage to national forests resources or facilities, unless prohibited by state law, a traffic sign or an order.

These restrictions (in coordination with the road and trail actions that have been occurring since 2010) will implement the dispersed camping access decisions made in the 2010 Gunnison Travel Management Plan Environmental Impact Statement and



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CONSERVATION EASEMENTS IN SOUTHWEST COLORADO HELP PROTECT WILDLIFE HABITAT

Special to the Mirror

DURANGO— A long-term effort in southwestern Colorado has led to the protection of large swaths of prime wildlife habitat in what is known locally as the Glade. The area is located in central Dolores County, north and east of the town of Dolores. Over the last 10 years, about 17,000 acres have been protected through conservation easements that private landowners have placed on their properties. The latest addition is a 960-acre easement that was completed in May. The conservation easement effort has been led by the Montezuma Land Conservancy with assistance from Colorado Parks and Wildlife. These easements are especially beneficial to wildlife because they adjoin major tracts of public land and help preserve a major deer and elk migration corridor. The route allows big game to move without impediment from the alpine to mid-level elevations and then to winter range farther west. "These easements connect large expanses of land that are extremely

beneficial to wildlife," said Matt Thorpe, area wildlife manager for Colorado Parks and Wildlife in Durango. "This is not only helpful to deer and elk, but to numerous species of wildlife that rely on this landscape." Colorado Parks and Wildlife worked with the Montezuma Land Conservancy to negotiate the latest easement and contributed \$146,000. Also contributing were Great Outdoors Colorado, \$200,000, and the Gates Foundation, \$100,000.

The 960-acre tract adjoins the 5,000-acre Lone Cone State Wildlife Area, two other ranches under easement, and U.S. Forest Service property. The forest service land, in turn, connects to the 12,000-acre Lone Mesa State Park. Although the easements do not guarantee public hunting access to the private parcels, these properties are critical for the health of the big game in the area. The parcels provide significant habitat for big game animals, including areas where deer and elk give birth to their young. Also protected are wood-



lands, oak brush, riparian and wetland areas. During nearly two decades of work, the Montezuma Land Conservancy has helped conserve more than 42,000 acres of ranch land and wildlife habitat. In most cases, easement holders must also prepare management plans that guide maintenance of the conservation values of the property.

"These properties protect a significant high-country corridor," said Jon Leibowitz, executive director of the Montezuma Land Conservancy. "The benefits for wildlife are immeasurable."



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DMEA MEMBER FORUMS THIS WEEK: LET'S TALK INTERNET!*Special to the Mirror*

REGIONAL - Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) will hold its fall Member Forums next week at the following times:

Wednesday, September 28 at 4B's Brewery in Cedaredge, CO from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 29 at 2 Rascals Brewery in Montrose, CO from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

The co-op invites all members to attend and enjoy appetizers and refreshments while learning about Elevate Fiber, DMEA's new fiber internet company.

"Since launching Elevate in June at our Annual Meeting, we have received a great deal of support from our members. These

forums will provide an opportunity for us to tell our members about Elevate, answer questions, and thank them for their support," said DMEA CEO, Jasen Bronec.

DMEA will provide a short presentation about Elevate Fiber and open the floor to questions. Numerous representatives from DMEA, as well as Elevate, will be available answer questions during the public forum and individually. Members can also preregister for Elevate at the event.

"We've found that the best way to show our members what we're doing is to come to them, have one-on-one conversations, and show them the website where they

can preregister for Elevate. Just like all of our member forums, we also welcome any and all questions, not just those about fiber. We will address the topics our members are interested in," said Bronec.

All members are encouraged to attend. There is no cost to attend and no RSVP necessary. DMEA will provide appetizers, non-alcoholic refreshments, and an assortment of local door prizes.

For more information contact [pub-lic.relations@dmea.com](mailto:public.relations@dmea.com) or <mailto:public.relations@dmea.com>.

DMEA is a rural electric distribution cooperative, located in Montrose, Colorado. DMEA was originally founded in 1938, as Delta-Montrose Rural Power Lines Association. The cooperative is governed by a board of directors, from nine districts covering three counties. DMEA serves approximately 32,000 residential, commercial and industrial meters, on over 3,000 miles of cooperative owned distribution line.

NORTH MESA TRAFFIC FLOW RECONFIGURATION*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-The City of Montrose Public Works Department, Montrose Police Department, and Planning Services have reconfigured intersections along North Mesa Avenue.

The traffic reconfiguration gives priority to east and west traffic, rather than north and south traffic along North Mesa Avenue. It also provides cyclists with a calmer, alternate route apart from Main Street.

City staff anticipates the new configuration to reduce speeds through residential areas, improving safety to pedestrians and residents.

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


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JUNK CAUSES STENCH, TRASHES PROPERTY VALUES, NEIGHBORS SAY

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Though the County made the family remove livestock from the home for health reasons, the buildup of junk at 63970 Nancy Way continues. Mirror staff photos and recent City of Montrose GPS image of the property, above.

of County Commissioners about the property, noted that at one point, in addition to children the Carlile family also had a kiddy pool filled with live ducks, as well as two goats and a pig sharing the home with them.

"It is beyond belief," Medlock said. "If that house ever sells, it will have to be torn down. And if it ever catches on fire, there is no way anybody can get out of the back with all of that junk."

"It gets worse all the time."

The Carlile property is one of the reasons

for the Junk ordinance, Montrose County Planning & Development Director Steve White said. "We have tried to work with them," White said, noting that the fence was erected after the Carliles

made an initial attempt at clean-up. "They asked if they could just put a fence up," White said. "But there are still problems with the other side (of the lot) because where it is open, there is junk sticking out into the right-of-way."

White concurred with Medlock that the property is not getting better, but worse, though no livestock appear to be living in the structure at the present time.

"They had a donkey living in the house," he said, "We had 'em remove it. They were mad; 'you can't make us remove our

pet.'" Neighbors have reported not only grass clippings, but stacks of newspapers and other debris incorporated into the makeshift portion of the fence.

"It's a constant nightmare," White said. "Anything and everything becomes part of the fence." White said that he intends to make an appointment with the County Attorney to determine how to proceed next.

"We'll be on top of this," he said. "It just never goes away."

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MONTROSE – Howard Davidson, of Montrose, Colorado, has been named a Topper Club Agent by Farmers Insurance® for his outstanding achievement and customer focused efforts by the Los Angeles-based, multi-line insurer. He will attend the national insurer's annual Topper Club event in Seattle, Washington this week.

"On behalf of the thousands of Farmers® agents, district managers and employees, we are proud to bestow the honor of Topper Club Agent to Howard," said Roy Smith, president of personal lines for Farmers Insurance. "Those who qualify as Topper Club Agents are among the best in the country and we sincerely appreciate all that Howard does for our customers and our organization."

"I'm honored to be included in this highly-respected group of Topper Club agents, and proud to represent an organization like Farmers that is committed to helping make consumers smarter about their insurance choices," said Davidson.

"I also share this accomplishment with my entire team who focus on taking care of every customer each and every day."

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EXPERIENTIAL AG CENTER COMING TO ROGERS MESA SITE From pg 1

Teens on Farms would work with local organizations such as the Abraham Connection and area food banks to provide fresh produce to people in Delta County who may not have access to fresh, locally grown foods, she said.

A second concept is to create a customized farm business run by kids, with adults providing vision and help, Shenk said. "We want to create a pool of kids, a ready-made labor force to go out and help our farmers. If our teens come, help and learn, it will really connect with them, and they will be helping others.

"Our farmers need the help!" she said. "They need a hand! And our teens need to be out there helping them!"

Another goal of Teens on Farms is to help local land remain in agriculture rather than being developed for other purposes.

The Rogers Mesa Agricultural Station offers the perfect base for an agricultural learning center, which would derive revenues from tuition and from leasing land and facilities to local producers. The station includes a residence, classrooms, laboratories, cold storage, greenhouse and 70 irrigated acres with water rights.

"This facility is ideally situation for our county," Shenk said. "It is central to all 14 of our schools, within 20 miles of all of them. And it is also central to an amazing set of agricultural producers."

Along with a strategic plan, [Teens on Farms](#) has created a steering committee composed of Dr. Emily Wassell, Phil Wassell, Ross Allen of Allen Ranches LLC and Shenk. According to the organization's web site, Teens on Farms has provided more than 7,000 hours of farm experience to youth, and the same amount of help to farmers over the past eight years.

Local teachers have expressed interest in re-opening the Rogers Mesa Agricultural Station as well—Delta Middle School Science Teacher [Evan Cummings informed the Delta County Independent](#) last week that he is very interested in fostering a connection between Delta School District 50 students and the Rogers Mesa facility.

And of course, Colorado State University (CSU) would be involved as well. "We have worked hard to coordinate with CSU in such a way that they can get behind this,"

Shenk said. "We are not rich, and we don't have a lot of time, but we know agriculture. And they have expressed that we have come up with a model that makes sense for all.

"It's so exciting."

Shenk expressed gratitude for the organizations that have helped spearhead the exploration of a new model for the ag station.

"A really big thank you to the Valley Food Partnership, our parent organization," Shenk said. "And groups like Delta County

Economic Development (DCED) and Rocky Mountain Farmers Union, and everyone here in Delta County who has kept this dream alive.

"We've got to believe in our youth. They are the future!" Teens on Farms is working to raise \$5,000 by Oct. 15, to hire a grant writer for the Rogers Mesa Campus.

To learn more about the project, visit [Teens on Farms, a project of the Valley Food Partnership](#). Read the entire [proposal](#) here. Contact Cassandra Shenk directly at shenkca@gmail.com.

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CITY HEARS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BIKE AMENITIES, PROPOSAL FOR TAVIWACH ORDINANCE CHANGE



During his PowerPoint presentation at the Montrose City Council work session Sept. 19 Ted Heyd of Bicycle Colorado/HEAL Colorado included bicycle roundabouts as an element of Neighborhood Greenways. Photo by Gail Marvel.

By Gail Marvel

Summary report of the Montrose City Council Work Session. Work sessions are held the day prior to the normal council meeting.

Introduction of New Employees:

Kaitlyn Danielson, Patrol Officer
Malorie Mitchell, Animal Shelter Technician
Karissa Nickeson, Patrol Officer
Ty Johnson, Planner 1

Discussion Items:

Taviwach Water Restrictions –Montrose Kayak & Surf Owner Bill Glasscock, who had had previous conversations with Assistant City Attorney Andrew Boyko, came to the meeting with a proposal for a city ordinance change on the use of Taviwach Park. However, the proposed change had not been given to council in advance and a cursory read was inadequate for in-depth discussion.

On the surface the Taviwach Pond looks inviting for water sports. However, it is a former gravel pit whose depth at one time was 70-feet and the most recent soundings indicate a depth of 40 feet. Below the surface the water is extremely cold and the steep sides make getting out of the water difficult. Currently the pond is post-

ed “No Swimming” and Mayor Rex Swanson said, “The issue is being able to get in and out [of the water].”

Glasscock suggested introducing the

sports of paddle-boarding and inflatable kayaks, “You grow a sport with venue and equipment. It’s not just about the commercial [business venture] for me, but about growing Montrose.” The plan presented to council includes a floating dock and changing the use of the pond for water craft, “I feel it is a beneficial step in growing the community.”

While the council would like to increase the water park and promote tourism, Councilman David Romero noted that a lot of city projects are the result of partnering with other entities, “I don’t think the burden should be on the taxpayer. Eighty to 90 percent of the people would not use it.” Councilman Dave Bowman said, “I’d hope we’d go forward and examine it, but it could take a year to look at concerns of liability.”

Draft Active Transportation Assessment to Action Plan – Ted Heyd of Bicycle Colorado/HEAL Colorado has been working with the City and

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CITY HEARS RECOMMENDATIONS From previous page

Montrose Bicycle Alliance. Montrose was awarded Transportation Technical Assistance through LiveWell Colorado's HEAL Cities & Towns Campaign earlier this year. After looking over city Resolution 2015-10 and the 2008 city Master Plan, Heyd made two one-day trips to Montrose in order to give the council recommendations on local bicycling amenities, "Montrose is well on its way to being recognized as a bicycling community." Using a PowerPoint presentation Heyd offered his recommendations to the council, which included two five-foot bike lanes on North Park from North Second to North Ninth; Neighborhood Greenways on North First and South Second streets from Townsend to San Juan avenues; improved signage on existing bike paths; and completion of missing bike path links. Heyd described greenways, planters and roundabouts with bicycle lanes as, "...a great way to slow down traffic, but letting it go through." Romero was concerned with restricted parking on North Park, "I know [lack of] parking in Telluride is a nightmare." The consensus of the council is to make Montrose more friendly for bicyclists.

The Montrose Hacker House Presentation – Councilman Roy Anderson.

Anderson said, "The concept is to allow entrepreneurs to get help — a little free rent, utilities and fiber. The idea is to do this [residences] downtown and let them work at the Proximity Space." Anderson envisions a basic dormitory type environment and is looking for, "Civic-minded people who have money to invest. I'm not saying this is something we [the city] should pay for." The city could be called upon to make zoning changes and install fiber to the housing facility. Applicants would be vetted and expected to keep their start-up companies in Montrose for two years. For Anderson the idea of attracting young entrepreneurs to the downtown area was first sparked by a comment from former City Manager Jim Austin to Anderson while he was campaigning for city council. "Jim said, We've got to look for ways to lower our average age [demographics]."

Anderson feels the Montrose community has access to capital and local experts who would help entrepreneurs start businesses.

Otter Road Bridge Replacement Construction Contract – Public Works Director John Harris and City Engineer Scott Murphy.

Harris described the bridge at South Townsend and Woodgate as, "Kind of a homemade bridge that we've been patching for years." The design of the bridge, which was done in-house to save money, will widen the bridge traffic lanes from 10 feet to 12 feet. Some citizens requested the road be even wider; however, to do so would require land acquisitions and increase the cost.

The low bid, from Mountain Valley Construction out of Grand Junction, is for \$289,000. The project will start in mid-November and depending on weather conditions and irrigation issues, could go until February 2017. Romero heard that the City of Grand Junction had some issues with the recommended company. Harris however is satisfied with the references the city received.

Ute Indian Museum Lease Amendment –

City Attorney Stephen Alcorn and Director of Innovation and Citizen Engagement Virgil Turner. The current agreement with the Ute Indian Museum expires at the end of September; the amendment extends that term to Dec. 31. Turner said, "No money changes hands. We could have done a month to month, or amend the lease. There is an amendment by the State that we are all comfortable with."

General City Council Discussion:

The city has not held a seat on the board of **Montrose Economic Development Corporation (MEDC)** for some time. It was noted that the relationship between the city and MEDC has been strained; however, changes in board members may now lend itself to a better spirit of cooperation. City Manager Bill Bell and Roy Anderson were selected to represent the city on the MEDC board. City Attorney Stephen Alcorn reminded the council that Bill and Roy would be required to sign confidentiality agreements, "They will not be able to re-

lease information to other councilors unless they too sign the MEDC confidentiality agreement, or if MEDC asked the city to take official action such as provide assistance to a company." Providing assistance to a company would likely require an executive session on the part of the city. Councilwoman Judy Ann Files, a former representative on the MEDC board said, "We can't talk about it here if it's confidential to them."

Files expressed concern with a media report that the **League of Women Voters (LWV)** are supporting Colorado Cares Amendment 69. "...they are supposed to be unbiased." Mayor Rex Swanson said, "I am very disappointed they have taken this stand. They are to be non-partisan." City Manager Bill Bell, who is also President of the Colorado Municipal League (CML) said, "Amendment 69 hurts municipalities and CML has come out against it." Efforts to contact someone with the LWV have failed.

Files wanted information from staff on exempt employees. Starting in December the **Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA)** kicks in with updated regulations. (The U.S. Department of Labor in May extended overtime pay protections to more than four million workers previously classified as "exempt.")

City Manager Bill Bell said, "We have to identify all the positions in the city that are exempt. It will cost the city \$60,000 [more a year] for the same employees doing the same work. We don't want the Federal government coming in to tell us what we have to do."

Short-term rentals, an issue in many tourist towns, have not yet become an issue in Montrose. Alcorn said, "It is a zoning issue. We've been looking at it, but it's not come to us yet. We'll stay away from it until we have a problem."

Councilman Anderson inquired about work that had been proposed for **Anderson Road** in 2016. Harris said, "No...We have a massive backlog of maintenance, so no, it's not scheduled now."

Councilman Dave Bowman promoted attendance for the **Octoberfest** event.

BOCC WORK SESSION: CRIMESTOPPERS ASKS COUNTY FOR \$10K TO FIGHT 'SERIOUS CRIME PROBLEM' CAUSED BY RISING DRUG USE



Larry Frederickson and Rose Verheul update the Montrose BOCC on the mission of Haven House and request \$10,000 for the organization in 2017 budget. Photo by Gail Marvel.

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-Summary report on the Montrose Board of County Commissioners

(BOCC) work session, Sept. 22, 2016.

BOCC/ Manager Calendar:

Scheduled items include budget

meetings; the Sept. 28 BOCC meeting at 10:30 a.m. in Maher; and the Oct. 3rd BOCC evening meeting at 6 p.m. in Montrose.

Manager Items:

Montrose County Manager Ken Norris reported on a request from the Montrose Amateur Radio Club (ARC) to use the tower at the old airport terminal building in Nucla. "We already have an agreement in place with the ham radio outfit to have their antenna on Raspberry #8 [communication tower]. This would be a similar agreement where we get a \$1 a year. It renews every year, but we could give 60-day notice [to discontinue] if needed." Commissioner Glen Davis said, "I'd like to know if the ham radio folks would be willing to help us out, or back us up if we need them. In an emergency the last thing to go down would be ham radios." The airport re-roofing is underway. Norris said,

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BOCC WORK SESSION: CRIMESTOPPERS ASKS COUNTY FOR \$10K From pg 12

"They started at the south end, the flat part of the roof on the airplane side of the airport. We're looking at two – three weeks assuming we don't have major rains."

Assistant County Manager Dave Laursen reported on a request from Family Link Center (social service) in Nucla. The organization rents a modular unit from the county for \$20 a year. The building is in need of improvements and repairs; however, the center is unable to apply for grants because it is a county-owned building. The building, which has never been used by the county, is adjacent to HHS. Laursen asked if the commissioners were interested in subdividing and divesting the county of the property. Commissioner responded with one "yes," one "no" and one "I don't care."

Road and Bridge Update:

Joe Budagher reported on gravel application, mowing operations and road blading. Construction on the Sharing Ministries building site has resulted in additional fill dirt that will be picked up by the county and used for fill on Sunset Mesa.

Haven House Update – Larry Frederickson and Rose Verheul.

Frederickson gave a brief overview of the organization's mission, programs, capital spending and budget. With a focus on families, Haven House helps people get back on their feet. "We are not an emergency shelter. People live with us for up to two years and must prove they are moving toward the goal of being self-sufficient."

Verheul went over the programs which included help for both parents and children. "Our children are behind in school and the task is to get them up and going to school. One child was called stupid seven times in one day [at school]. We want to increase their grade level and make them successful."

Since opening Haven House has had 6,500 shelter nights. Fredrickson said, "This year we expect to serve 110-120 people. Graduation is in excess of 150 people — people who have moved into permanent housing and are on a path to self-sufficiency."

Haven House, which is faith-based, is requesting \$10,000 from the county and \$10,000 from the city. "We are looking to the county and city to help keep people off the street and out of jail, out of the hospital and out of foster care. We believe we are making a significant difference."

Emergency Medical Services – Tad Rowan.

The mission the Western Regional EMS Leadership Council (WRETAC) is to, "... promote, foster and support cooperative organization of Emergency Medical and Trauma Service in the Western Region and State, utilizing data, communications, protocols and training to provide Quality Improvement." The six counties in the Western Region are each given \$15,000 a year for this purpose. However, rather than having oversight by the respective county commissioners, the EMS council began determining how those funds were used (heart monitors, CPAP machine).

Fire Chief Tad Rowan, chairman of the EMS Council came to the BOCC looking for direction from the commissioners on how they wanted Montrose County's \$15,000 to be used. Carefully couching his words Rowan said, "You are all aware of the personalities on that council." Commissioner David White was more unabashed and said, "You have a few discontents."

After a cursory discussion on how the funds could be used Davis said, "The county has a better idea of how to spend the WRETAC funds...rather than putting them into a collective pot. You [the council] should have a plan and then bring the plan to the commissioners."

Rowan suggested that, rather than spending piecemeal, the funds could be used to improve the system, which brought agreement from County Emergency Manager Don Angell.

Commissioner Ron Henderson wanted to make sure that everyone on the EMS Council was on the same page. "You need to write up your goals and objectives. All the EMS Board needs to sign off on it and review it every year. You need a record for when there is a change in personnel."

All three commissioners are concerned with emergencies in the West End, partic-

ularly with the impending closure of the Nucla plant. Henderson said, "Fifteen thousand dollars over there is a lot of money; over here it's not that much money."

Rowan and Angell will work together on a plan to bring back to the BOCC.

Crime Stoppers – John Nelson.

Nelson is asking the county for \$10,000. "We have a serious crime problem in Montrose and it's related to drugs." Domestic violence is up 189 percent; motor vehicle theft up 53 percent; and robbery up 50 percent. "Law enforcement is underfunded and understaffed. I'm not saying we don't have good law enforcement...there is just not enough of them."

Commissioner White, a former Montrose Mayor, said, "The number of city PD [night shift] hasn't changed in a decade." Nelson said, "Law enforcement is not the highest priority...there may be budget restrictions."

Noting the success of Crime Stoppers Nelson said, "We've given out \$2,500 in rewards, recovered \$10,000 in property and helped with a dozen direct arrests. We're trying to get bad people off the street."

When questioned about working with two dispatch centers Nelson said it was difficult, "...but it's working." Crime Stoppers contacts the city dispatch center, who then contacts Montrose County Sheriff dispatch.

Anonymity is a big part of Crime Stoppers, "We need to get the public committed to reporting [crime]. If you're going to report a drug dealer down the street you want anonymity." Campaigning for his cause Nelson said, "There are 250 nonprofits in the region. The question for me is public safety... it's probably a higher priority than say, light pollution."

Elected Officials: No Report County Attorney Update:

Attorney Teresa Williams reported on the commissioner's support of the school district's referendum for a new school. "You can't put ads in the paper, or use the staff. You can't use taxpayer money to support the referendum, you'll have to pay for it yourself."

CITY RESIDENTS STATE PRIORITIES IN SURVEY: TRAFFIC, STREETS, CODE ENFORCEMENT

Mirror Staff Report

MONTROSE-Montrose residents are concerned about traffic congestion, crumbling city streets, non-enforcement of City codes, and a lack of citizen involvement in decision making. And they want better job opportunities.

Chris Tatham of ETC Institute presented the Montrose City Council with the results of a survey that was recently sent to a random sampling of city residents. The survey was also available online, and generated completed surveys from 534 households. Highest marks went to City customer service staffers, and to the City's trash, recycling and yard waste collection services.

Montrose residents appreciate the quality of life here, Tatham said, but street and sidewalk improvements and better public restroom facilities should be priorities.

"Code enforcement is a concern, but you have got some amazing employees," he said, and pointed out that Montrose residents are less satisfied with the congestion of their city streets than are residents of Chicago.

"The average resident just wants good city services," Tatham said.

[To read the full results of the 2016 City Survey click here.](#)

During the Time for Public Comment, Council also heard from several Downtown business owners, who would like to see an antiquated law that forbids consumption of alcohol in privately held public spaces removed. "Obviously, the life-

blood of a co-working space is coffee and beer," Proximity Space's Josh Freed said. "That's the way our members prefer to do business."

Other businesses appearing in support of the change were D'Medici Footwear, Painted Wall and Fabula.

"I don't understand how this old statute can influence what we do at a private event behind closed doors," D'Medici's Debbie Blanchard said.

Council enthusiastically approved Resolution 2016-17, in support of the Montrose County School District RE1J Ballot Referendum 3A for construction of a new Columbine Middle School Facility, and approved a Beer and Wine liquor license for Park Avenue True Value Hardware, Inc., d.b.a. Montrose Event Center at 648 S. First Street, for consumption on the licensed premises.

The new venue can accommodate 20 to 100 guests, and can be reserved for private events, owner Chris Adams said.

In passing Ordinance 2386 Council resolved an issue that had been pending for some time. The Ordinance releases land that had been designated for a Hill Street Park back to the Homeowners' Association for development. Funds that had been held in escrow for development of the park (\$28,000) will be used to provide sunshades for children at nearby Fox Park, where equipment can become too hot to play on during sunny days.

During Staff Reports, Finance Director Shani Wittenberg mentioned that she had

made a spreadsheet error in calculating Montrose Recreation District funds and would re-calculate correctly. "It's not a huge difference, but the numbers are different," Wittenberg said.

City Manager Bill Bell reminded those listening that it is City budget time, and there will be a Citizen's Budget Retreat Oct. 3 at 4:30 p.m., and a Mingle with the Manager event at the Abrams Proximity Space on the first and third Tuesdays from 8:45 to 9:45.

U.S. Air Force Veteran and City Councilor Roy Anderson praised the Sept. 10 Montrose Regional Airport Tribute to Aviation as one of the best he has ever attended, and Councilor Dave Bowman quickly praised the Sept. 10 Mountain States Ranch Rodeo as well.

In other general business, Council approved several ordinances on second reading, awarded a bid for the 2016 sanitary sewer cured in place pipe contract to Layne Inliner, LLC, in the amount of \$260,849.99; and appointed Karen R. Vacca to the City of Montrose Planning Commission. Council also approved Ordinance 2387 on first reading, amending the zoning district designation of parcel number for the 3767-364-06-900 from "P", Public District, to "R-1", Very Low Density District; and Ordinance 2388 on first reading, amending the zoning district designation of Parcel Number 37672823001 from "R-6", Medium Density/Manufactured Housing District, to "I-1", Light Industrial District.



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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS!

D.A.'S VICTIM SERVICES SPECIALIST RECOGNIZED AS STATE'S BEST

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Denetta Dunlap, who is the Victim Services Specialist in the Special Victim's Unit of the District Attorney's Office of the 7th Judicial District, has been recognized as Advocate of the year by the Colorado District Attorney's Counsel.

The Colorado District Attorney's Counsel provides prosecution-related services to the District Attorneys of Colorado. This includes acknowledging personnel who have exhibited excellence and dedication throughout the year. Ms. Dunlap was chosen as advocate of the year from a pool of over one hundred candidates.

Ms. Dunlap has been employed with the District Attorney's Office in the 7th Judicial District for approximately two years. Her background and work experience in the justice system spans a fourteen-year period, to wit: 2001-2006 with the District Office in the 21st Judicial District; 2008-2011 with the Moffat County Combined Courts Office, and then from 2011-2014 with District Attorney's Office in the 14th Judicial District.

As part of the Special Victim's Unit of the District Attorney's Office, 7th Judicial District, Ms. Dunlap works with children and

adults who are victims sex crimes throughout the six counties in this Judicial District of Colorado. These victims are from diverse socio-economic and ethnic backgrounds.

The offenses involved in this type of crime are emotionally charged, disturbing, and include distressing circumstances that cause trauma in various forms to the victims/survivors of these crimes; and often times this trauma extends into the family and support system of the survivors. Her diverse skills, natural compassion, and frank manner help the survivors understand and navigate the judicial system and empower the survivors with confidence and courage to share their voices in an adversarial environment. Ms. Dunlap has been invaluable in providing a superior level of support and service to these survivors. As District Attorney, Dan Hotsenpiller is committed to providing survivor-centered prosecution in all crimes committed in the district, not the least of which include crimes involving sex offenses. The District Attorney's Office will continue to move forward to prosecute these and other crimes in a balanced and fair manner. Any criminal charge against a



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defendant is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until or unless proven guilty.

BODY RECOVERED IN MONTROSE, AUTOPSY PENDING

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Ms. Deanna E. Snyder of Olathe, Colo., was discovered deceased on the afternoon of September 23, 2016, in Montrose, Colorado. The cause and manner of death are pending the results of an autopsy which is scheduled at Montrose Memorial Hospital. The case is under investigation by the Montrose County Coroner's Office of Medical Investigations and the Montrose Police Department.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

SHAVANO DISTRICT DEFINITELY NOT OUT OF FUNDING

Dear Editor:

Regarding the subject article entitled, "Shavano Soil District Out of Funding, BOCC Learns" written by Gail Marvel, there are several errors in the article that the Shavano Conservation District (SCD) would like to bring to your attention.

1. The District is definitely NOT "Out of Funding" or even in danger of closing our doors. As was stated at the BOCC Work Session, SCD receives no regular funding from any federal, state, or local entity. All revenue is generated by SCD through lease of property owned by the District, and through the administration of various grants and programs. The SCD simply can no longer carry the financial burden of operating and maintaining the dams on our own without compromising our mission.
2. The Shavano Conservation District, not the "Shavano Valley Soil Conservation District" as stated in the article, is a political subdivision of the state organized under the Colorado Soil Conservation Act, CRS 35-70-101 through 35-70-122 and is bound by the Special District Act, CRS 32-1-101 through 32-1-1807, except as superseded by the Colorado Soil Conservation Act..
3. SCD was established in 1941, not "1937." It was clearly stated in the BOCC work session that the District is celebrating (this year) 75 years of service to this community.
4. While it is true that the SCD has provided operations and maintenance of the Roatcap Wash Dam for 50+ years and the Shavano Dams 1 and 2 for 20+ years, the District is only one of several entities (including the Montrose County Board of Commissioners) that sponsored the building of the dams to protect the constituents of Montrose County; the SCD does not actually "own" the dams.
5. There are 9 positions on the SCD Board with one vacancy, not "11" as stated in the article.

Regarding the statement that "the BOCC was surprised to learn that they are responsible for making appointments to the board," according to the Special District Act, CRS 32-1-905 (2)(a), "If, within sixty days of the occurrence of any vacancy, the board fails, neglects, or refuses to appoint a director from the pool of any duly qualified, willing candidates, the board of county commissions of the county which approved the organizational petition (Montrose County) may appoint a director to fill such vacancy." The Montrose County Board of County Commissioners webpage states, "In addition to its broad fiscal responsibilities, the BOCC makes appointments to various community boards and commissions."

6. My last name is misspelled. ☐

If you would like further clarification of this issue, we welcome your inquiries.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Bert Earle, District Manager

Shavano Conservation District



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ART & SOL

“THE WAY OF THE SPIRIT TO GIVE YOU COURAGE AND AMBITION”



*“What applies in the dojo applies to life,”
Snowshadow Karate Instructor Damon Pace
says. Courtesy photos.*



By Liesl Greathouse

MONTROSE—“Karate...is the way of the spirit to give you courage and ambition to reach goals as part of your life.” Karate has been a favorite activity for both kids and adults for decades now. But Montrose residents especially get to enjoy a source of karate instruction of some of the highest quality on the Western Slope.

Having taught karate in Montrose for ten years and having practiced karate in general for 26 years, Damon Pace, Regional Instructor for the Colorado Genbu-kai (which has dojos all over the world), is no stranger to the intricacies and fun of karate. “I work with a lot of kids as well as adults,” he said. “I have students ranging from five years old all the way up to a 70 year old who recently earned her black belt.”

After catching the karate ‘bug’ as a kid

while watching Bruce Lee movies, Pace was eventually able to learn karate from ‘the real Miyagi’ of the Karate Kid movies, Fumio Demura. “He was in all the Karate Kid movies, was a stunt double for over 50 years and taught stars like Bruce Lee and Chuck Norris,” Pace said. “He’s been in the Black Belt Hall of Fame twice, so by learning under him, we provide that high caliber of teaching that came straight from Japan.”

Pace works hard to make sure that the lessons of karate spread throughout a student’s life. “What applies in the dojo applies to life,” he said. “At our core we teach traditional Japanese values. We [work] to make each student the best person they can be. We help them build their

self esteem, their confidence and make them better people. Our philosophy is that we work on you as a whole person.”

The benefits of karate for kids are learning discipline, focus, concentration and balance. Also, kids who do karate first are actually able to do other sports more easily.

“While it’s a contact sport, we have less injuries than soccer or football,” Pace said. “We focus on control. It’s all about practice. If someone is at a higher level, we say ‘they practice more.’”

Being in an area where dojos are more spread out, as the Regional Instructor Pace focuses on the importance of forming relationships with other instructors

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“THE WAY OF THE SPIRIT TO GIVE YOU COURAGE AND AMBITION”

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Karate Instructor Damon Pace.
Courtesy photo.

and working together. “I know all the instructors on the whole front range,” he said. “I like to form friendships, so we can support each other. To have a good seminar or tournament, you need people, so we work together to benefit each other.”

A reward for Pace's efforts is seen in the development of his students as time goes on. “They change so much over time,” he said. “I'll see students as they grow up, improve their skills and hopefully get their junior black belt, which takes 6-7 years of constant training to get ready for that level of test. You can get a PhD in less time than it takes to get a black belt.”

As for karate itself, Pace most enjoys the physicality of it. “It's fun and you get a good sweat going,” he said. “You get to let out all the frustrations of the day and physically you feel better.”

With its core values and physical benefits, Pace truly believes that karate is of benefit to everybody, but it's not easy. “We make it hard so students can learn the value in working hard and that they may not pass every test they take,” he said. “Some days karate will be good, and other days karate will not be so good. You'll be going up and down, but you are going up at an incline and eventually you get to where you want to go because you never stop. You never fail unless you quit trying.”

For more information about Pace's classes (held at the Snow Shadow Gym), call 275-6304.

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Above, Snowshadow Gym owner Coach Bruce Kirk, right, with Sensei Fumio Demura, 'the real Miyagi' of the Karate Kid movies, who instructs Snowshadow's Damon Pace. Courtesy photo.

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & CULTURE

MONTROSE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE JOINS THE COLGATE UNIVERSITY CLASS OF 2020

Special to Art & Sol

HAMILTON, NY-Montrose High School graduate Heather Fredrick of Montrose, CO, is a member of the Colgate University Class of 2020.

Of the 8,394 applications to Colgate last year, just 28.7 percent were accepted. The average high school GPA for accepted students was 3.8 out of 4.0. Colgate received applications from 50 states, Washington D.C., and 138 countries. International students make up 10 percent of the class.

Colgate meets 100 percent of students' demonstrated financial need, and 41.6 percent of the Class of 2020 is receiving institutional grant funding. Colgate is ranked 12th among all liberal arts schools, and named a best value, by *U.S. News and World Report*.

Colgate offers 54 majors to a diverse student body of approximately 2,900 undergraduate students and supports 25 Division I athletic teams. The university's 575-acre campus in rural central New York is renowned for its beauty and for the important role it plays in the student experience.

GARY BUSTIN OF PNG TRIBAL FOUNDATION TO SPEAK AT SHERBINO SEPT. 29

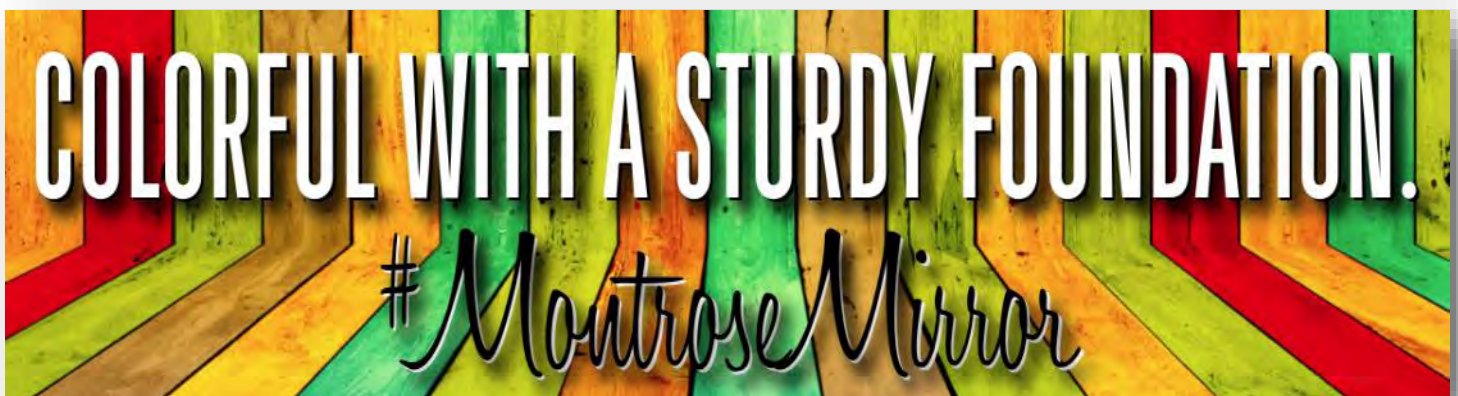
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RIDGWAY-On Thursday, Sept. 29th, Gary Bustin, of the Papua New Guinea Tribal Foundation, will speak at Ridgway's Sherbino Theater about his quest to improve the lives of his people in Papua New Guinea and the lessons he's learned along the way about living life to the fullest. Bustin's talk will focus on taking leaps of faith in hopes to inspire the audience to launch into their own adventures, as well as join Gary in taking part of a ridiculous undertaking called, *Senisim Pasin*. This night will be an inspirational talk through Gary's stories of his first hand experiences of living life to the fullest, all while improving the lives of others. Doors at 7 pm. Sherb Talk at 7:30 pm. \$10 suggested donation at the door.

STEP OUT FOR TANGO NIGHT AT THE SHERBINO SEPT. 30!

Special to Art & Sol

RIDGWAY-Bring a date, bring the family, or just bring yourself for *Tango Night* at the Sherbino Theater in Ridgway on Friday, Sept. 30. Doors and cash bar are at 7 pm with the evening starting around 7:30 pm. *Tango Night* will begin with a one hour walk-through of the basics of the Tango with local instructor Deb Aspen. After the one hour introduction and walk through lesson, Deb Aspen and her partner will demonstrate a proper Tango routine, complete with the proper costume for the dance. This will kick off the later part of the night where Argentine and other styles of music will fill the room to provide the opportunity for participants to put to practice their newly learned dance skills. Come with an open mind and ready to heat up the dance floor! *Tango Night* is \$15 at the door for both the lesson AND the dance session.



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NOTES FOR THE JOURNEY...

Exploring Classical Music With Rob Brethouwer

THE DEAN OF AMERICAN COMPOSERS: AARON COPLAND

Known as the “Dean of American Composers,” Aaron Copland composed the soundtrack of America, and of the Pioneer spirit. A life spanning 90-years is difficult to put into a thousand words and any attempt to do so would be foolish. Still, a taste of the music of Copland, a slight peek into his life, and a few words on his enduring legacy are appropriate.

You are minding your own business, perhaps even doing nothing; the television is on but little attention is being paid to what is on the screen. You hear music and for some reason think “America!” without really truly knowing why or how. The sound is distinct and brings on visions of what you consider to be America. In fact, the music may even bring back memories of childhood, family trips, or a sense of melancholy for a different time. If the music sounds vaguely classical then there is an excellent chance that you are hearing the music of Aaron Copland.

Music from the ballet *Appalachian Spring* or perhaps the piece called *The Red Pony*. A simple review of a list of works composed by Aaron Copland shows his penchant for writing about America and the landscape it offers. Just a few include *Old American Songs*, *Lincoln Portrait*, *Rodeo*, and *Down a Country Lane*.

As with many other composers, a good number of them Americans, Aaron Copland spent time in Paris studying and improving his craft. The famous pedagogue Nadia Boulanger was the most well known of Copland’s teachers. Having a strong sense of what is right and what is wrong in musical composition, Nadia Boulanger gave the young Copland guidance and

structure that would have a lasting impact for the next six decades of his life. While studying in Paris, Copland took classes in French language at the Sorbonne and was a frequent visitor to the Left Bank bookstore Shakespeare and Company.

Many hugely talented, generous, and brilliant individuals have had their accomplishments minimized because of their political and or sexual preferences. Aaron Copland was no exception and he was likely on every black list ever conceived for being a leftist and a homosexual. Copland was one of many to be questioned in formal hearings by Joseph McCarthy and Roy Cohn.

A performance of *Lincoln Portrait* was pulled from the inauguration ceremonies of Dwight. D. Eisenhower. The 1950’s were bad times to be anything but arrow straight and boring in the area of sexuality. Fortunately for Copland, the only true cost of these hearings was to his time, energy, and patience.

His career remained intact and he was able to move swiftly forward with his life. Future awards included the National Medal of Arts, Presidential Medal of Freedom awarded by Lyndon Johnson, and the Congressional Gold Medal.

During his later years, Aaron Copland turned towards conducting and recording. A large number of recordings were made with Columbia Records. During this time he made reference to feeling as if the faucet of compositional ideas had simply been turned off. Many of the recordings made of Copland’s music with the composer himself on the podium are still available on CD, re-issued by Sony. These recordings are timeless and encompass the



Composer Aaron Copland during a television special in 1962. Wikipedia photo.

composer’s entire career and body of work.

From 1960 until his death from Alzheimer’s and respiratory failure in 1990, Aaron Copland lived in upstate New York in a house known as Rock Hill. This house has been listed as a National Register of Historic Places and was designated a National Historic Landmark. I wonder if the last home of Joseph McCarthy has been the recipient of either distinction?

A critic, writer, teacher, a composer of ballets and operas, Aaron Copland is a true national treasure.

His music permeates our daily lives and has been the background soundtrack of America for multiple generations.

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & CULTURE

SPECIAL SCREENING OF DOCUMENTARY, 'CENTAUR,' AT THE SHERBINO

Special to Art & Sol

RIDGWAY-On Wednesday, Sept. 28, film maker James Kleinert and the Sherbino welcome you to a special screening of Kleinert's documentary, *Centaur* at the Sherbino Theater.

Doors at 7 pm.

After the showing of the film, James Kleinert will be available for a Q&A session.

The Documentary *Centaur* uncovers the controversial issues surrounding wild horse round-ups and environmental management by the Bureau of Land Management. In the process of documenting this powerful story, the director James Anaquod Kleinert is confronted by multinational corporations that are threatened by the exposure of their corrupt dealings with the Department of the Interior.



James, staying true to his story and his relationship to a tribe of wild horses he befriends, takes this case all the way to federal court in Washington D.C. ultimately to win, setting precedent in the law for future wild horse and western public land issues.

This is more than a story about wild horses. It is the story these horses tell us about ourselves, globalization, and the ability of

a storyteller to persevere despite being targeted by the most powerful government in the world. Michael Blake, author of *Dances with Wolves* states, "This is not just a film about wild horses; it is a film about what is happening to our planet at the hands of corporate interests."

Doors for the event are at 7 pm with the film starting at 7:30 pm. \$10 suggested donation at the door.

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CLAY JENKINSON TO PERFORM AT PAVILION AS FDR

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MONTROSE-The humanity scholar and author, Clay Jenkinson who is the nation's leading interpreter of Thomas Jefferson and the host of the nationally syndicated weekly public radio program, The Thomas Jefferson Hour, will be returning to Montrose for the third time as Theodore Roosevelt in celebration of the 100-year anniversary of the National Parks. Clay has previously performed here as Thomas Jefferson and John Wesley Powell. Uncompahgre Valley Association (UVA) and the National Park Service are sponsoring this event, which will be held at the Pavilion on Oct. 15. Doors open at 5 p.m. for book signing and the program will begin at 7 p.m. with a reception to follow. Seats are reserved and can be purchased online: tickets.montrosepress.com
- Adults are \$25, students - \$15. For more information 970-240-4739.

BOWL FOR THE CURE @ ROSE BOWL OCT. 9

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MIRROR IMAGES...MORE VANDALISM @ ROTARY PARK



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MONTROSE-By all appearances yet another lamp pole at the south end of Rotary Park was toppled by vandals on the night of Sept. 22. Other poles along the bike path are showing signs of being tilted. *Mirror Staff photo.*

HELP FIND LOCAL TEEN ERIC BAUER'S BICYCLE!



Mirror Staff Photo

MONTROSE-Montrose middle school student Eric Bauer is 13, and his bike is important to him. He restored this old bike trailer last year by himself, and takes his little brother for rides and helps his family with errands. The bike (pictured with Eric's little brother, who really liked getting rides) was stolen from his home on Saturday night—if you know who would steal a bike from a hard working teenager, please share the information with Crimestoppers @ 970-249-8500 or the Montrose Police Department 970-252-5200.

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & CULTURE

KATE KINGSTON FEATURED FOR LAST TALKING GOURDS AT ARROYO GALLERY

Special to Art & Sol

TELLURIDE – The Telluride Institute's Talking Gourds Poetry Club takes a last turn for its first Tuesday series at Arroyo Telluride on Oct. 4th at 6 p.m. with Kate Kingston of Trinidad.

Arroyo Telluride will be closing down in early October, and the Kingston reading will be the last Talking Gourds performance at Mayor Sean Murphy's wine bar and gallery.

"Arroyo will be greatly missed by Telluride's art community," explained Talking Gourds co-director Art Goodtimes. "Come hear a great poet in October and honor the wonderful venue that Murphy has provided for Telluride's artists over the last several years."

Kingston has published two books of poetry, *History of Grey*, a runner-up in the 2013 Main Street Rag Poetry Book Award and *Shaking the Kaleidoscope*, a finalist in the 2011 Idaho Prize for Poetry. Her manuscript, *Motheresque*, was a finalist in the 2015 May Swenson Poetry Award. She is the recipient of the W.D Snodgrass Award for Poetic Endeavor and Excellence, the Ruth Stone Prize and the Atlanta Review International Publication Prize.

Her poems have placed as finalist in the

Rumi Prize in Poetry, the Pablo Neruda Prize for Poetry, Blue Light Press Poetry Prize, the St. Louis Poetry Center Best Poem Contest, and the Alexander and Dora Raynes Poetry Competition. Kingston has been awarded fellowships from the Brush Creek Ranch Foundation for the Arts, The Colorado Council on the Arts, Harwood Museum, Helene Wurlitzer Foundation, Jentel, Ucross, and Fundación Valparaíso in Mojácar, Spain, among others.

She received her MFA in Writing from Vermont College of Norwich University and has served as Language Department Chairperson at Utah State - South, and Professor of Spanish and Writing at Trinidad State, Colorado.

Kingston will go it alone on the Traveling Gourds tour and appear in Ridgway at Cimarron Books at 1 p.m. on Wednesday Oct. 5th. For info there, contact Sara Doehrman at saradoehrman@gmail.com or 970-708-4027.

With the loss of the bond issue for the Montrose Regional Library last November, the Open Mic series in Montrose has now been cancelled. But Kingston will appear Thurs. Oct 6th at the Lithic Bookstore in Fruita at 7 p.m. Lithic Bookstore & Gallery



Poet Kate Kingston of Trinidad.
Courtesy photo.

is located at 138 South Park Square #202 in Fruita (Upstairs -- enter through lobby door on the east side of the building on Mesa Street). For more info, contact Kyle Harvey or Danny Rosen at (970) 858-3636.

In Telluride, following Club announcements and the featured performances, there will be a short intermission, after which the gourd will be passed around the room to give Club members and attendees a chance to read a poem or two. The gourds circle theme for October is "Fear." Bring your own work or that of a favored poet to share.

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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.

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.

SNOWSHADOW GYM-Zumba classes with Maria Gonzalez week nights 5:30 to 7:30; Swing dance with Kevin Mears Mondays 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. 535 S. First St. snowshadowgymnastics@yahoo.com.

MONTHLY-

Sept. 28-29-Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) will hold its fall Member Forums next week at the following times: Wednesday, September 28 at 4B's Brewery in Cedaredge, CO from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, September 29 at 2 Rascals Brewery in Montrose, CO from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Sept. 28- Please join us for a time of education and support. Coronary Stents & Surgery. 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Montrose Memorial Hospital Conference Room B, 800 South Third Street.

Sept. 28-Screening of the movie "Centaur" at Sherbino Theater in Ridgway. Doors open 7 p.m. movie at 7:30. \$10 suggested donation.

Oct. 1 & 2 -John Fielder two-day Photographic Workshop, a benefit for the Ouray County Historical Society, offers field shoots in the San Juan Mountains and hands-on photography and editing instruction from Colorado's master photographer. \$850 per person includes some meals and transportation to all shooting locations. Call (970) 325-4576 to register and for more information.

Oct. 1-2-Applefest in Cedaredge, Arts, Music Crafts, fun! Saturday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m, Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Oct. 1-Pioneer Town will host an end of the season Car Show, in coordination with Cedaredge Apple Fest Oct. 1! For more information contact Pioneer Town and olieheadswest@yahoo.com 970-856-4768.

Oct. 1-Montrose Oktoberfest is Sat Oct 1st, 1pm-6pm in Centennial Plaza, Downtown Montrose. Tasting will feature 25 craft breweries and local wineries. Live music from Halden Wofford & the Hi Beams and Zolopht. More info and tickets at www.montrosebeerfest.com.

Oct. 3-Montrose 4H Council Blood Drive, St. Mary's bloodmobile @ Montrose County Fairgrounds 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. RSVP to 970-249-3935.

Oct. 7-9-Montrose Visual Arts Guild Presents the 25th Annual Art Exhibition & Sale, "Silver Celebrations" @ Camelot Gardens, 16612 U.S. Highway 550, South Townsend Avenue and Ogden Ave. Reception for artists, guests, award contributors, and patrons will be Oct. 6th, from 6 - 8 PM. Public Viewing will be Oct. 7 - 9. Oct. 7 from 9 am to 5 pm; Oct. 8 from 9 am to 5 pm; Oct. 9 from 11 am to 2:15 pm.

Oct. 8-The 24th annual Bosom Buddies "One Step Closer to Help and Hope" Walk/Run is Saturday, Oct. 8 starting at the Montrose Pavilion. Presented by Montrose Memorial Hospital, the event opens at 8am for registration with the 5K walk and 5K/10K run beginning at 9am. The cost of the event is \$30 in pre-registration and \$35 for race day registration. Entry forms are available at Montrose Memorial Hospital, San Juan Cancer Center, City Market, Safeway and the Bosom Buddies office. Mailed registrations must be postmarked by Friday, Sept. 30th. Online registration is available until 10pm Wednesday, October 5th at www.bosombuddiesswc.org.

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Oct. 14-16-The Bow Wow Film Fest Tour is heading your way! This FUNdraiser for Second Chance Humane Society is stopping to "Raise the woof" in: Ridgway on Friday Oct. 14, 7pm at the Sherbino Theater & Montrose on Sunday Oct. 16, 6 pm at the Turn of the Century. This is a family friendly short collection of films all for "The Love of Dog"! Tickets are on-sale now \$12/Adults, \$8/kids - \$15/door & a movie preview at www.bowwowfilmfest.com. ALL proceeds benefit Second Chance Humane Society a 501(c)(3) animal organization serving the counties of Montrose, Ouray & San-Miguel.

Oct. 15-@7 p.m. Montrose Pavilion(doors open at 5 p.m.)-Celebrate the 100 year anniversary of the National Parks with the scholar Clay Jenkinson as Theodore Roosevelt. Presented by the park service and Uncompahgre Valley Association, tickets.montrosepress.com. \$25, students \$15, 240-4739.

Oct. 19-7 p.m.@ 2 Rascals Brewery, Montrose: Citizens' Climate Lobby presents Green World Rising by Leonardo DiCaprio Foundation, free 970-765-9095.

Oct. 26- Please join us for a time of education and support. Statins. Understanding Risks & Benefits. 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Montrose Memorial Hospital Conference Room B, 800 South Third Street.

Oct. 29-Stupid Band Halloween Dance. Turn of the Century Saloon. Admission \$10 and two non-perishable food items. Doors open 8 p.m.

Oct. 31-Happy Halloween!

Nov. 5-Grand Opening of Precedence Art Academy, Noon to 4 p.m., 509-513 East Main Street, Montrose.

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Despite cooler temperatures, crowds began to gather early for Volunteers of America's Music on the Green concert at Baldridge Park Saturday, enjoying outdoor recreation and free music by five local bands, including opening act All About M.E., Above.

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