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COMMITTEE FOCUSES ON NEW DOG PARK LOCATION @ CERISE

Mirror Staff Report

MONTROSE-A parks committee convened by the City Manager's office to spearhead creation of a new City dog park has settled on a site, and is now working toward approval of a project budget, committee members say.

An email from City Councilor Judy Ann Files to the group, dated Oct. 5, states that "The City is committed to building at least phase one of the dog park in 2017. \$75,000 is being budgeted—half from general fund and the other half from the Conservation Trust Funds from GOCO (Great Outdoors Colorado). That should more than adequately cover the cost of fencing the perimeter of the area we identified and possibly a water source for dogs to drink from.

"Community support will be greatly appreciated. Any funds raised could be used for amenities and additional needs. The City mapping department will assist with maps or aerial



Eventually, visitors will be able to access the new Dog Park location in the north portion of Cerise Park from the Trailhead on West Main Street.

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REAL ESTATE STORE PLANS HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT FUN FOR LITTLE KIDS DOWNTOWN OCT. 31!



There will be a Trick or Treat celebration between Main & Centennial Plaza Oct. 31, near the Real Estate Store.

Mirror Staff Report

MONTROSE- Downtown Montrose invites trick or treaters to a special celebration on Monday, Oct. 31. The Real Estate Store has applied to close an area on Uncompahgre Avenue between Main Street and Centennial Plaza, and at 11 a.m. will host a costume contest complete with prizes donated by Academy Mortgage.

The business community is proud to welcome young children and families for a day of trick or treating and costumed fun, said Realtor Michelle Klippert.

"Downtown welcomes little kids for trick or treat! They like to see each other in sunlight," Klippert said. "So we will have a costume contest for them! And dogs and animals are welcome too." Top categories will include things like funniest costume, or perhaps spookiest. "We're still working on it," Klippert said.

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5 INTERESTED CITIZENS ATTEND AIRPORT MASTER PLAN MEETING!



Discussion continued following the Montrose Regional Airport Master Plan presentation. (L to R) Montrose County Director of Aviation Lloyd Arnold talks with Doug Glaspell, and CH2M Senior Project Manager talks with Montrose County Assistant Manager Dave Laursen. Photo by Gail Marvel.

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE—On Thursday, Oct. 13, 2016 Montrose County hosted their fifth public meeting on the Montrose Regional Airport Master Plan. The Master Plan, a written document produced using a three phase approach, is currently in phase two. The sixth and final public meeting will take place on Feb. 16, 2017.

A PowerPoint presentation, facilitated by consultants CH2M Hill and Corgan, was shown to 20 attendees, five of whom were interested citizens.

The global engineering firm CH2M Hill, serving as project manager, was represented by Senior Project Manager of Aviation Services Nicholas Rollo, P.E.

Consulting firm Corgan, one of the top 10 architecture firms in the United States, was represented by Senior Associate Keith O'Connor. The focus of this meeting, the technical part of phase two, was on architecture and design. O'Connor matched project needs with recommendations (short and long term) and presented the airport layout plan in a graphic format that included a variety of plans and alternatives that are open for discussion and refinement.

next five years and 14.7 percent in the next 10 years. The current terminal is just under 40,000 sq. feet; however, projections for the 2016/2107 winter season reveal the airport needs 93,000 sq. feet in order to provide adequate service and to accommodate travelers. O'Connor said, "We are underserved as it is. We want to continue to retain the connection with the 11 hubs."

Suggested conservative improvements ran the gamut from minor fixes such as re-striping the parking apron to maximizing airplane parking (short term); to doubling the size of the terminal and moving the entrance of the airport to US 50 and Industrial Road (long term). O'Connor said, "We need to provide a facility that will accommodate the projections."

When discussing the footprint of a larger terminal O'Connor used examples of multi-level facilities. Citizen Roger Brown took exception, "You're leaving the impression that the Montrose airport is comparable in business to Grand Junction and Salt Lake." O'Connor reiterated that he was comparing multi-level to single-level facilities, not business operations.

Historically local air travel and peak-

O'Connor noted this is the third year in a row that Montrose enplanements are up. He said, "There are 11 gateway airports for the world that connect through Montrose...you are very well positioned." Enplanements are projected to grow by 8.6 percent in the

hours have been driven by seasonal ski traffic; however, O'Connor sees a pattern of air travel volume spreading out over all 12 months. "Winter will always outpace summer [travel], but it is evening out over the year."

Brown again took exception, "What is your definition of peak-hours?"

Montrose County Director of Aviation Lloyd Arnold stepped forward to explain the definition of peak-hours is not determined by O'Connor, but is determined by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Brown again asked O'Connor for a definition of peak-hours and Arnold said, "He [O'Connor] went through that earlier." To which Brown said, "Well then, it won't be difficult to review them [again]." Pat Blackwelder interjected that backups at other airports and weather conditions on the east coast also have an effect on peak-hours. Blackwelder, who has firsthand knowledge of the congestion in the Montrose airport said, "One afternoon we counted 1,254 people standing in line in the terminal."

Whether single level or multi-level, both designs have one thing in common; each calls for the terminal expansion to begin on the north side of the existing building. "We don't want to disrupt the airport while we are trying to improve the airport." Much of the design and maintenance of an airfield is mandated by the FAA, O'Connor said, "We have to make sure we stay eligible for federal funds."

Moving forward, the next steps for the proposed expansion of the Montrose Regional Airport:

Coordination with FAA & CDOT
Finalize Preferred Development
Finalize Implementation Plan
Next Public Meeting Feb. 16th
(implementation plan/alternatives documentation). Additional details on the Master Plan can be located under the Public Information tab at montroseairport.com.



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TRICK OR TREAT EVENT PLANNED DOWNTOWN OCT. 31 From page 1

The event is just a block off of Main Street, and all 11 brokers at the Real Estate Store will be in costume as well. "They are really in the spirit!" Downtown Development Authority Director Lance Michaels said. "Over the years, Downtown has naturally attracted the public on Halloween. Individual stores will be doing things too." Though there are no organized, "official" celebrations this year, with the holiday falling on a Monday, there will be plenty of Halloween fun for all who venture Downtown, he said.

COMMITTEE FOCUSES ON NEW DOG PARK LOCATION @ CERISE From page 1

views for anyone interested in materials to assist in fund raising. Those efforts can begin whenever you or your group wishes."

Citizens can choose to sponsor a picnic table or bench, or contribute to another amenity for the new dog park location, committee member Dr. Rusty Wouters said.

"We don't have final approval yet, but it looks like this is a go," he said. "The new

site will be in Cerise Park, in the northern portion from the parking lot to the river. It's a wooded area, with plenty of shade."

Landscaping consists of native grasses, shrubs and trees, and the City may provide irrigation to help thicken the grass, Wouters said. "We will make sure there are no goat heads or fox tail weeds.

"We are looking at a small dog park, with one major entrance, a sign and a kiosk," he said. "There will be a secondary en-

trance from Recla Metals so people can park at the West Main Trailhead."

Once it is granted final approval by Council, the group intends to move forward with fencing for the new dog park location. Amenities may include picnic tables, as well as an agility course. Restrooms are available at Cerise Park as well. "That's a key factor," Wouters said. The old dog park will now be repurposed, he said, and the fencing removed for use elsewhere.

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MHS PLANS FOOD DRIVE FOR SHARING MINISTRIES

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Montrose High School FBLA, FCCLA, and FFA Chapters are hosting a food drive at the MHS home football game on Friday, Oct. 28. Food and cash donations are accepted and all proceeds go to Sharing Ministries Food Bank. Alpine Bank will match all cash donations up to \$3,000. Those donating food and/or cash can also receive \$1 off admission to the game. Bring a can, bring a buck to support your local food bank!

STAKEHOLDERS INVITED TO DISCUSS DOWNTOWN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS TODAY

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-City Council invites downtown business owners and stakeholders to join in a work session discussion on safety

improvements in the downtown area. The work session is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 17, at 11 a.m. (City Council Chambers, 107 S. Cascade Avenue). The work session

agenda is available [here](#). City council seeks to foster a cooperative and open discussion regarding a number of recent safety concerns occurring in late evening hours. The discussion is intended to explore ideas for collaborative actions downtown business owners and law enforcement can take to improve public safety. No formal actions will be taken at the work session.

For more information regarding the City Council work session, please contact Lisa DelPiccolo at (970) 240-1422 or ldelpiccolo@ci.montrose.co.us.

COMMUNITY GIVEAWAY PLANNED

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The Great Community Fall/Winter Giveaway is coming! Donations and volunteers are needed for the event to be held Saturday, Oct. 22, at Lions Park, 602 N. Nevada in Montrose. This is the seventh year for this popular community service project. Twice a year, Spring and Fall, volunteers and members of the Spiritual Awareness Center set out items for those in need to take for free. Donations may be brought to the Park starting at 7 am on the 22 and the doors will open to the public from 10 am to 1 pm. Good, clean items are welcomed. No large furniture items, electronics or televisions. Large items may be described and posted on the Giveaway Bulletin Board at the event along with the name and telephone number to call to pick up. Everything is free. No dealers please. This is a service project of the Spiritual Awareness Center and Hope Ministries to help people in need. For more information or to volunteer, call 252-0908.



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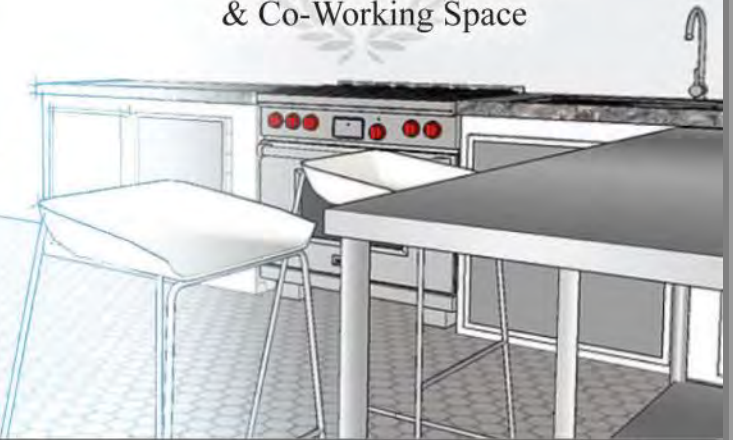
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NEW LIBRARIAN INTRODUCED @ MRLD MEETING OCT. 3



New part-time reference librarian Valerie McGlothlin introduces herself to the MRLD Board of Trustees. Photo by Gail Marvel.

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-Summary report on the Oct. 3, 2016 Montrose Regional Library District Board of Trustees (MRLD) meeting.

Friends of the Library Report:

MRLD Board Chair Anne Gulliksen, liaison to the Friends of the Library, reported that the current bank balance for the Friends of the Library is \$34,366.54. The group is asking for suggestions from the library on how the funds could be spent. MRLD Executive Director Paul Paladino, who did not feel input from the board was needed, will give recommendations and submit a written request to the group.

Librarian's Report:

New part-time reference librarian Valerie McGlothlin was introduced.

Paladino is talking to the library staff about future staffing and models, "If there is a change of focus, what kind of staff additions do we need to make to be fully

staffed seven days a week. [Some] positions we might not want to fill or create when we become fully functional." Models include numbers of days open and hours of operation.

A report on the Naturita flood mitigation was given, as well as an update on the Bookmobile. Paladino said the focus of the Bookmobile is on children, "...but we don't want to abandon adult services." He suggested a small van for lobby stops at Anciano and Centennial Towers might be a better service for adults.

Board member Pam Baer asked about the plan to hire an administrative assistant. Paladino said MRLD would advertise the position for a couple of weeks, "...but we won't hire until after the election."

Action and Discussion Items:

The program Food for Fines was brought to the board because it has a small budgetary and positive public relations impact.

Paladino said, "If someone has a fine and they bring in a [nonperishable] food item we waive a portion of the fine. It's a popular program with people." The effect on the budget is less than half of one percent.

Committee Reports:

Branches and Facilities – Naturita flood mitigation.

Personnel Policy – No report.

Finance – Emily Schneider compared the 2017 and the 2016 budgets, "The budget basically stays the same." Public comments can be made in November and the budget will be adopted in December. The personnel line item will include potential pay raises for staff.

PR & Outreach – Report will be given next month.

Libraries of Montrose County Foundation Report – committee hasn't met.

Old Business:

Board member Dave Segal is spearheading the ad hoc committee for a Civics 101 Class (working title). The suggested program is based loosely on the former Uncompahgre Valley Leadership Program (UVLP). Segal said, "The main purpose of the program is to create a series of meetings here at the library for people to learn how various aspects of government work — city, county, and special districts." Classes would be an hour long, with 45 minute presentations and 15 minutes for Q & A.

New Business:

Evaluation of Executive Director Paul Paladino. Personnel Policy chair Ed Hagins will compile individual evaluations from each board member, as well as evaluation feedback from the library staff. Schneider discussed future special events, fundraisers and the Beyond Words project.

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COLORADO OUTDOORS NO. 1 BACK BEFORE COUNCIL DEC. 6



City Council will consider "Downtown Safety Improvements" @ Monday's Work Session.

Mirror Staff Report

MONTROSE-City Council will hear a discussion related to "Downtown Safety" at the [City Work Session of Oct. 17](#), and will review the results of a recent Classification and Compensation Study Survey. A common theme noted in the survey was that employees often have more work assigned than it is possible to complete in a normal work day, and that there is little incentive to improve performance for those who are not part of a core management group. Staffers also noted that some supervisors have no experience in personnel management or other tasks. [To read](#)

[survey results click here.](#)

Council will receive Planning and Zoning Refresher Training from Senior Planner Garry Baker. Items to be considered at upcoming City work sessions include: revisions to the Municipal Code Provisions for Alcoholic Beverages and a third quarter police department report on Oct. 31; first reading of the 2017 Budget Ordinance will be Nov. 1; and a Hospice Month Proclamation is tentatively scheduled along with Eagle Head Cane presentations and a third quarter budget review for Nov. 15. Another Colorado Outdoors Addition No. 1 Annexation Hearing is set for Dec. 6 (the annexation and rezone failed to find approval at the Council meeting of Oct. 4).

Council will approve appointments to the City Youth Council (members of which are now accorded Council status on a rotating basis) at the [regular Council meeting](#) of Oct. 18, and will formally approve the appointment of business owner Debbie Blanchard to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) board of directors for a term that expires on June 30, 2019 and Gallery owner Ken Vail to DDA board of directors for a term that expires on June 30, 2020.

The unpopular annexation and rezoning failed for lack of a second at the most recent Council meeting following pleas for transparency by neighbors. Still, Council will consider a resolution setting Dec. 6, 2016, as the next hearing date for annexation of the 60-acre parcel known as Colorado Outdoors Addition No. 1.

Council will consider Ordinance 2391 on second reading, an ordinance of the City of Montrose, Colorado, allowing the annexation of the Colorado Outdoors Addition No. 2; and Ordinance 2392 on second reading, zoning the Colorado Outdoors Addition No. 2 as a "B-3" General Commercial District.

Coming before Council on first reading is Ordinance 2393 on first reading, which authorizes the sale of real property, and Ordinance 2394 on first reading, amending the zoning of the King Parcel from "P", Public District, to "B-2", Highway Commercial District.

Also up for City Council approval is Resolution 2016-20, which recognizes the "nine tools of civility that will provide increased opportunities for civil discourse in order to find positive resolutions to the issues that face our community."

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Even units offered through the Montrose County Housing Authority are 100 percent full. MCHA now issues vouchers to those in need of assistance.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE--Looking for a new place to live? You're not alone. Inventory is down and sales are up in Colorado's Northwest region, which includes Montrose, [according to the Colorado Association of Realtors](#). Median sale prices have also increased throughout the region.

Here in Montrose County, new listings are down, sales prices are up, and the inventory of available homes has dropped by more than 18 percent since 2015. Cumulative days on the market have also dropped, by more than 16 percent since last year.

Overall, however, the real estate market, "keeps us guessing," Realtor Julia Seglund of Keller Williams said. "Prices in Montrose are high right now; anything priced below \$200,000 doesn't stay too long on

the market. But appraisals here tend to lag, which reminds us that our jobs and our markets don't support spikes in prices like you see in Denver and other places."

As the market heats up, however, it can be tough even to find an affordable rental in Montrose County. The [Montrose County Housing Authority](#) (MCHA) has some subsidized affordable units for those who meet low income guidelines; as well as for qualifying seniors and agricultural workers. Still, "the units we own and manage are full, with 100 percent occupancy," Executive Director Susan Barrientos said. "We have 24 units for elderly and disabled people; we have 24 units for farm labor; and we have 24 multi-family housing units."

To meet the needs of the community, "We have been issuing housing choice

vouchers," Barrientos said. "We have 18 of them out right now."

The housing vouchers allow clients to choose their own housing unit so long as it meets MCHA guidelines. Still, options for rentals that are simply affordable can be limited as well.

As a realtor, Julia Seglund focuses on home sales rather than rentals, but as a past president of the Montrose Association of Realtors, she keeps an eye on all segments of the housing market.

"I do know from working with my clients that it is hard to find a good rental in our community," Seglund said. "There are lots of things for rent, but they are priced high and not always in really good shape." Realtor Brian Byrd said he is phasing out the property management side of his business, but still manages half a dozen local rentals. "I have no vacancies," he said. "The rental market is very tight. But it has always been hot."

Even private property management companies are not offering many rental units.

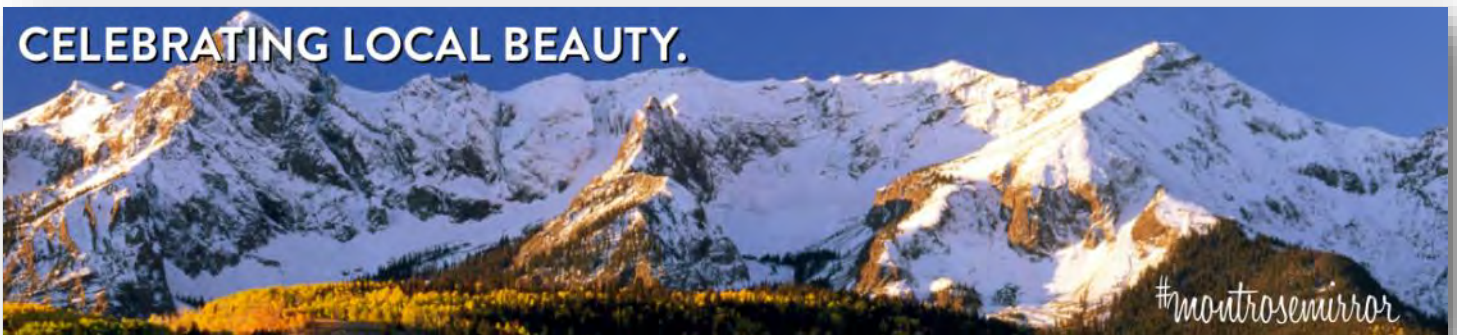
"Houses always rent a little faster than apartments," Ben Alexander of Colorado West Property Management said.

"Right now, we only have a few apartments available—only one is empty--and we have no houses available at all."

Leasing typically slows in Autumn when students return to school, he noted.

"All in all we're in pretty good shape," Alexander said. "But if you are looking for a rental property here, and you find something that you think will work, put a deposit on it. Because of you don't, someone else could still come along and rent it."

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

MONTROSE BOCC 'SPOT ON' REGARDING CLIMATE CHANGE

Dear Editor:

I read Wayne Quad's hand waving antecedal attack on Montrose commissioners cloaking himself as a scientific expert on Climate Change, Well Mr. Quad actual temperature measurements from satellites launched in 1978 have shown no warming trend from 1978 to 1998 when they were replaced with more advanced satellites and from 1998 to the present. Totally flat no Global warming and no cooling. And to back that up satellite measurement of sea level change (3.2 mm per yr or 1/8inch per year) show no increase and even a very, very slight decrease in the rate of change (Global Cooling) essentially flat. If the earth were really warming every year it would melt more ice than the previous year and the rate would increase. This hasn't happened to very high precision.

Carbon dioxide is required for plant life to exist and we require plant life or we can't live. The gold standard that Climate Change scientists depend on is the UN International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) they calculate that since 1750 to 2007 (4th Assessment) that the Co2, one molecule out of 10,000, man has added to the atmosphere could raise the temperature by a little more than half a degree F (0.1% rise). But as pointed out above even these theoretical calculations of a very tiny effect are not verified by actual measurement. No Global warming, no Global Cooling, no Climate Change.

But it seems no one considers the positive effects of reversing the natural decline in Co2. Additional Co2 is used by commercial greenhouses (at 10 times the amount we have added since 1750) to double plant growth.

Additionally, Non existent Climate Change is the primary justification for the war on coal and energy independence doing huge damage to this country both economically and Militarily. Call me Mr. Quad and if you are the scientist you claim to be, I'll show you where to get the raw, untampered with, satellite data for both temperature and radar altimetry of sea level change and you can see for yourself the results of actual data. Then you can apologize instead of ignorantly insulting county commissioners that are spot on.

Mike Mason, Cedaredge

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HUMAN REMAINS FOUND IN MESA COUNTY DESERT

Special to the Mirror

MESA COUNTY- The Mesa County Sheriff's Office is currently investigating human remains found in the north desert of Mesa County.

Last Tuesday hikers found skeletal remains near 16 Road and the desert on BLM land. The Sheriff's Office is working closely with the Coroner's Office to positively identify the remains that are believed to belong to an adult.

Investigators are currently reviewing missing person cases to see if the remains may be related.

The circumstances surrounding the human remains will continue to be under investigation.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

DEE LAIRD EXPLAINS OPPOSITION TO 3A MIL LEVY INCREASE

Dear Editor:

A scant two years ago, the Montrose School District sought a \$14.5 million mil levy override that failed, with the voters widely against any new taxes by over 60%. Now, the District is back once again in full court press, seeking a Gold Package \$21.3 million bond mil levy increase, that will result in higher taxes for individuals, businesses, farms, and ranches over a 20 year period.

The purpose of the bond mil levy increase is for the proposed new Columbine School, that we are told will cost \$33.7 million. No matter the issue, proponents of new taxes emphasize the dire need for the particular project, downplay the cost to taxpayers as "just a paltry sum" that we will hardly notice, while touting the economic impact of our additional tax dollars on the community.

The City, County, MEDC, Colorado Mesa, the teacher's union, and other groups have all jumped on the band wagon for higher taxes for Columbine. And, as usual, there is another side of the question that is never mentioned. Voters who choose to be as informed as possible, should consider several important factors before deciding on their vote for a 20 year tax increase.

THE PRICE TAG:

At \$33.7 million, the square foot price tag is \$410. Grand Junction just completed the new R5 High School at \$300 per square foot. Many taxpayers are questioning the substantial 37% cost differential between the two buildings. Much has been made of the \$12.4 million Best Grant award. Unfortunately that award is tied directly to LEED, which mandates "green energy" requirements, further inflating the cost to taxpayers by \$1 million. Unmentioned to date is the consideration to roll \$4.5+ million remaining on Johnson Elementary into this proposed new bond.

The County's just published pamphlet on the 3 A question, makes it clear that the ultimate cost of a new Columbine School is much more than just the \$33.7 million

that is being sold. With the cost of interest added in, the total new school cost is over \$47 million, or \$590 per square foot, twice the cost of the new R5 School.

THE MONTROSE ECONOMY:

Over the last eight years, Montrose has seen multiple business closings, such as Jeans Westerner, Sports Authority, Whitfields Dairy, and Hastings, among others. Many local businesses still struggle to remain viable.

Thanks to Obama and the EPA's war on coal, Wild Earth Guardians has forced the closing of the Nucla power plant and the New Horizon Mine. The west end is on fast track for major economic decline, with an estimated loss of \$14.6 million in annual payroll. Estimated property tax losses to the county could be as high as \$2 million annually. Any guesses as to how that deficit will be made up? More taxes?

Montrose County has plans for an arena at the fairgrounds with one estimate at \$18 million [the County is estimating \$9 million in their budget presentation], and a new Road & Bridge shop budgeted at \$10 million. Taxes will certainly cover those capital costs.

In the worst economic recovery since the Great Depression, unemployment / underemployment remains high in Montrose. Household income has fallen, as has investment income and home equity. All, while basic costs of living steadily increase. If assessed real estate values rise, higher taxes locally are a certainty.

REC DISTRICT TAXES: Only City residents were allowed a vote on the question of raising taxes for a new Rec Center. The end result? Only 15% of Rec District taxpayers heavily encumbered us all for the next 25 years. County residents within the District were disenfranchised by being denied an opportunity to vote. Since passage, Rec District property taxes immediately rose 13.5%, and are budgeted to rise 1% annually through the 25 year period.

As a result of passage, sales taxes increased by 4% with over \$30 million scheduled to accrue to the new Rec Cen-

ter. Over that period over \$4 million will be paid in Specific Ownership taxes.

UNCERTAINTY IN THE NOVEMBER ELECTION: a- If Hillary Clinton is elected in November, we will have at least four more years like the last eight, with the certainty of higher taxes, more deficit spending and debt, more business closures, higher unemployment, and even lower household income, that will financially strain the majority of Montrose households.

b- If Amendment 69 passes, all businesses, farms, ranches and individuals will be hit with higher taxes. Even retirement, pension, and social security incomes will be greatly affected. With an initial \$25 billion price tag, "free" health insurance costs will double the state budget, and raise taxes on all annually by an estimated \$12,500 per family.

c- If Amendment 70 passes, the Colorado minimum wage will increase to \$12/hr, causing the cost of goods and services for all to rise by increasing business operational costs, and certainly leading to higher unemployment for unskilled workers.

d- Front range voter monopoly will insure that anything and everything will have just a wee tax, like The Colorado Paint Recycling law just in effect, that taxes every ounce of paint for environmental groups seeking forced recycling.

e- Amendment 72 on the ballot, calls for a 200% tax increase on tobacco, a \$315 million tax.

OTHER TAXING DISTRICTS:

Most taxpayers are not aware of the fact that there are 32 different taxing districts in Montrose County. Of all real taxes collected in Montrose County, 67% goes to those districts. It is common knowledge that the Montrose Library District is in financial distress. At some point, they too will be seeking more tax dollars. What about the Fire District? Tri County Water District? All the other small districts? Considering the tax commitments by which we are already encumbered for many years to come, as well as those that could very well pass in November by the vast

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DEE LAIRD EXPLAINS OPPOSITION TO 3A MIL LEVY INCREASE

majority of voters on the front range, Montrose voters will have a serious task before them in November on the question of still higher taxes for Columbine School for the next 20 years.

The staggering dollar amount of new taxes that may be levied against every household, business, and farm/ranch should be of serious concern. Senior citizens, the underemployed, and struggling families will be hard pressed to cope.

Once taxes are enacted there is no turning back, or any chance of financial reprieve. Each Montrose voter will have to decide if the bond issue is premature, if a roll of the dice on Columbine is a smart financial move for them personally in the face of an uncertain economic future, and a high pressure sales pitch for higher school taxes.

Dee Laird, Montrose

SUPPORTS LUCERO FOR BOCC DISTRICT THREE

Dear Editor:

'Economic development' has been a constant issue of discussion in Montrose County since I moved here in the 1980's, yet to my knowledge the Montrose County Board of Commissioners has never had the benefit of having a member who is highly schooled specifically in the subject of economics. The budgetary priorities of Montrose County have also been a frequent topic of conversation for many. Most currently notable, many Republican friends have expressed strong reservations about the massive expenditures slated to occur over many years for a new event center at the Montrose County Fairgrounds. Beatrice Lucero, candidate for Montrose County Commissioner in District 3, is a highly unique candidate in that she has extensive education and work experience that our county government needs. She holds a PhD in Ag & Resource Economics and an MA in Economics from CSU and a BBA in Finance from MSC. Her work experience includes forecasting and tracking state revenues for the governor and preparing fiscal impact reports on proposed legislation for the legislature; analyzing state capital and operating budgets; valuing public goods for the federal government; researching economic, business, and legal issues as a self-employed economist for expert witnesses; grant writing and administration; and commercial banking. As a Republican voter who is very concerned about fiscal responsibility and logical, responsible economic development, Beatrice Lucero offers to me a level of expertise that our county government is in great need of in order to best address the economic development and spending issues it is facing. For anyone, regardless of party affiliation, who also shares these economic development and budget priority concerns, Beatrice Lucero is hands down the best qualified candidate to vote for in this year's election.

Barb Bernhardt, Montrose

PLEASE TELL YOUR NEIGHBORS ABOUT DMEA'S ELEVATE FIBER!

Dear Editor:

On Oct. 12, 2016 I went with Centennial Middle School to the DMEA Power Plant as a field trip. While I was there we were shown safety precautions and other things involving power, hydro power, etc. But what caught my eye the most was the Fiber Internet Connection they were talking about. "It's going to be much faster than any other company in town," one of the men showing us the demonstration said. He passed around a little cable with various types of wire showing, and everyone looked at it. They talked about how Fiber was a much better source of WIFI than the current format the Internet companies in town were using now, and as a teenager who commonly uses the internet I became very interested. "It's going to give you about a Gig of Wireless internet," he said, showing off the router. "How many of you play Video Games and experience interruptions during your game or when browsing the internet?" Most people raised their hands and then he said there would be absolutely no interruptions during the time we use the internet if we sign up for the DMEA fiber connection. "It's a powerful resource most people would love to have since a lot of people work on the web nowadays." The DMEA "Elevate" project became a thing three years ago when some people at DMEA thought it would be beneficial if they came out with a new form of WIFI connection for the citizens of Montrose who work on the Internet or for Schools or workplaces they thought could use the speed. They are covering their first area in four weeks, and whoever signed up for the plan will be getting it faster, as long as most of their neighbors signed up for it too because DMEA is covering the areas with the most people who signed up first. Be sure to tell your neighbors about the DMEA Elevate project!!

Jack Switzer, 13, Montrose

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

DMEA TO EXPERIENCE WHOLESALE POWER COST INCREASE, PROPOSES 2017 RATE

Special to the Mirror

REGIONAL - In January 2017, Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) is set to receive a 4.3 percent increase in wholesale power costs from Tri-State Generation and Transmission. This increase, coupled with the need to accurately recover the cooperative's fixed costs, has resulted in the need to increase electric rates in the New Year.

"We cannot ignore the jump in wholesale power costs. Some years, we are able to absorb these increases, but if we hold rates steady for too long, we would be forced to introduce a large increase down the road.

This would be a huge burden on our membership," said DMEA CEO, Jasen Bronec.

As a not-for-profit electric cooperative, DMEA's rates are designed to recover the cost of doing business.

The energy charge-the rate per kilowatt hour-covers the costs of purchasing wholesale energy from Tri-State and the generation of local ener-

gy. The access fee, also known as the base charge, covers the cost of operating the cooperative and delivering power. These are considered fixed costs or costs that DMEA would experience regardless of the number of kilowatt hours used by members each month. Fixed costs include items such as system maintenance, bill processing, equipment, and employee wages.

"The proposed increases reflect our need to pass on Tri-State's increase and more accurately collect the amount of revenue needed from each rate class.

As a cooperative, it is important that we collect the correct amount of revenue from each rate class in order to cover the fixed costs associated with serving each rate class," said Bronec.

Overall, the changes amount to an approximate 3.61 percent increase. DMEA's Board of Directors will take comment on the following proposed rates at their regularly scheduled November board meeting on Nov. 15, 2016 at 3 p.m. They will also

vote on the proposed rates at this time.

Member comments can be mailed to the cooperative at DMEA - Rate Comments, PO Box 910, Montrose, CO 81402 or sent electronically to

rates@dmea.com or <mailto:rates@dmea.com>. Comments must be received at least one day prior to the board meeting. Members can also comment in person by attending the rate hearing.

If you have questions about how the proposed changes will affect your account, please contact DMEA's energy services team at 877-687-3632.

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.



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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

SMPA TO HOLD PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS ON WHOLESALE POWER RATE INCREASE & REVIEW OF SMPA ACCESS CHARGE

Special to the Mirror

REGIONAL-San Miguel Power Association Inc. will be holding three public meetings to discuss the impact of a recent wholesale rate increase of 4.2 percent beginning in 2017.

The increase will impact the largest segment of SMPA's expenses. (The cost of wholesale power accounts for more than 56 percent of the total.) Other costs are increasing as well. Under the circumstances, an increase in revenue is certainly needed in order for the cooperative to continue operating safely and to continue its mission of providing safe, reliable, affordable and environmentally responsible energy in one of the most geographically challenging regions in the country.

Due to this need, the democratically-elected Board sought to analyze the current billing rates and fees in order to determine the most fair and practical way to increase revenues to cover costs. This led the Board to retain the services of Power System Engineering, Inc., (PSE) one of the

industry's most respected consulting firms.

PSE provided a cost of service study that addressed three different elements of the power bill: 1) the access charge, which every member must pay regardless of how much energy they use, 2) the energy rate, which is charged for every kiloWatt-hour (kWh) they use and 3) the demand rate which only impacts members who fit a certain load profile. (See www.smpa.com→Account Services→Understanding Your Bill for a more detailed explanation.)

The study highlighted the fact that SMPA's current access charge of \$16.00/mo. is not enough to cover the fixed costs that it is supposed to cover.

Furthermore, the Board noted that while SMPA's energy charge is one of the highest in the western slope, its access charge is one of the lowest. These are only a few of the reasons that the Board is considering an increase to the access charge. Of course the Board and staff of SMPA

would not be considering increasing the burden on the membership without looking internally first. Through attrition, automation and promoting from within, the management has been able to pare down the size of SMPA from 63 employees in 2010 to just 53 employees today.

SMPA is also aggregating purchases, using local power generation, and extending the life of its existing assets in order to save money and relieve upward pressure on monthly electric bills.

SMPA will be giving more details and taking member feedback at three public meetings this month: The first meeting will be at the **Wilkinson Library in Telluride on Monday, October 17.**

The next will be at the **Ouray School Multi-purpose room on Tuesday, October 18** and the final meeting will be at the **Naturita Public Library on Wednesday, October 19.** All meetings will be from **6 pm to 8 pm.** All SMPA members are invited to attend, hear more and to provide feedback.



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ARREST MADE IN 1989 MESA COUNTY MURDER CASE



Rafael Garcia.
Courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror

GRAND JUNCTION-A suspect wanted in a 1989 murder in Mesa County was taken into custody last week in Denver.

Rafael Aguilar Garcia, 67, was arrested by Denver Police Officers Monday on a charge of Murder in the First Degree. Charles Porter was shot and killed July 4, 1989 on the 3600 block of F Road in Palisade. A witness at the time identified Garcia as the shooter. In 2009, the case was handed over to Mexican Authorities where Garcia was tried.

Officers with the Denver Police Department made contact with Garcia and arrested him on the Mesa County warrant still outstanding related to the case.

Garcia was transported to the Mesa County Detention Facility where he is currently being held without bond.

The Mesa County Sheriff's Office is now working with the Mesa County District Attorney's Office on how to proceed with his case.

District Attorney Dan Rubinstein was notified of Garcia's arrest on October 12. "I am told of a prior unsuccessful prosecution that occurred in Mexico for the same murder, but have not personally reviewed any documents or fully gathered the information about what occurred with that effort," said Rubinstein.

Under Article 4 of the Mexican Federal Penal Code, the Mexican authorities may prosecute crimes that occurred in other countries under circumstances where (1) the accused is in Mexico; (2) the accused has not been tried in the country where he committed the crime, and; (3) the crime is one that is also a crime in Mexico.

"The information I have now received is that Mexico had previously refused to extradite Mr. Garcia because he was a

Mexican citizen, but that Mexican authorities prosecuted him for the murder in Mesa County with the cooperation of the Mesa County Sheriff's Office," said Rubinstein. "While it is my belief, based on the limited information I have at this time, that the law does not prohibit my office from prosecuting Mr. Garcia for the murder on U.S. Soil. However, because I did not participate in the decision to cooperate with the Mexican authorities in their efforts and have not received the documentation on it, I do not know if some other agreement that we would not prosecute was made in that respect by another local official."

"Given the nature of the offense, the Twenty First Judicial District Attorney's Office intends to pursue every legal avenue to prosecute Mr. Garcia here in Mesa County," said Rubinstein. For updated bond amounts on any inmate currently in our jail, visit our [Inmate Inquiry System webpage](#).

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BOCC CANDIDATES SHARE VIEWS, IDEAS @ LWV FORUM



A handful of interested citizens chose to attend a League of Women Voters BOCC Candidate Forum last Thursday at the Montrose Pavilion.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—Citizens who showed up to hear from Montrose Board of County Commissioners candidates Thursday had the chance to ask a variety of questions, and learn more about those who hope to represent them at the County level.

Candidates for Montrose County Commissioner seats one and three were at the Montrose Pavilion for a forum hosted by the Montrose-Delta League of Women Voters. Competing for the District One seat are Home Depot clerk Derrick Ferguson (D) and Montrose Police Officer Keith Caddy (R). Competing for the chance to represent the citizens of Montrose County in District Three are (self-employed) Beatrice Lucero (D) and Roger Rash, who currently serves the Colorado Department of Transportation as a Civil Engineer Project Manager.

Moderator Gretchen Nicholoff allowed candidates to make three-minute opening statements, and asked them questions submitted by the audience.

"I was born and bred on the Western Slope...I really love this place and want to see it get better," said Ferguson, who began his presentation by talking about the importance of increasing funding for and building a better school district and attracting good teachers.

"I want to make smart business decisions and take care of the people...before pet projects." He chastised BOCC Chair Glen Davis for not submitting the planned Fairgrounds arena events center to a public vote.

"A lot of people think this county is run by three kings," Ferguson sneered. "I can't say they're not right."

Caddy spoke of investing his own life in the community as a police officer, and of having family in the Uncompahgre Valley for more than a century. "I want to bring in my leadership ability; I would like to put an end to the animosity and build trust," he said. "We need to change some things; we need to get back to listening to what the people want." He cited a lack of public involvement in local government.

"We have a great county, and we can make it even better," he said, "with the involvement of all of you."

Also a lifelong local, Lucero said that she was running because of economic concerns and the need for better job opportunities. "I am an economist...I have unique ideas for economic development.

"I am passionate about the issues; I think about them all the time."

Rash, a 1980 graduate of Montrose High School and a veteran, has spent 23 years as a civil engineer with Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT).

"My training is in problem solving," he said, "it's what I do for a living, and there are a lot of issues out there. Our Board of County Commissioners has worked hard, and we need to continue doing that, but we need to open up some transparency."

Rash also spoke of the need for more citizen involvement.

"We need to get the public more involved in government," he said, "because we are here to serve the public."

While Ferguson, Caddy and Lucero all expressed enthusiasm for a question that asked about the possibility of combining County and City Road & Bridge departments, CDOT veteran Rash voiced doubt. "I wouldn't commit to that," he said, pointing out that State statutes may apply. "Do we work together? Heck yeah. But I don't believe combining forces is a good thing; a lot of issues are brought up with that. Collaboration, yes. But to combine forces and assets—I am not even sure it is legal."

The forum covered a variety of subjects,

including how candidates would supporting existing local businesses, their approaches to economic development, as well as their thoughts on ColoradoCare, climate change and the proposed County arena project.

One question asked candidates to discuss two industries that could lead to job growth over the next ten years. "We need to look at all industries," Caddy said, "and what fits our community—even heavy manufacturing with good jobs. We need to look at every option before we decide what's best for Montrose."

Rash suggested further development of the manufacturing industry, "We need to look at all clean industries."

While the County is not responsible for attracting new businesses, "We could look at possible tax breaks or incentives."

He also suggested continued development of Montrose Regional Airport, a stronger focus on the educational system and working closely with Colorado Mesa University.

"I would love to work with other boards of county commissioners and see what they have done," Rash said.

Lucero said that there are tremendous opportunities in agriculture, specifically hemp. "CVC (sic), the medical component of marijuana, can be isolated," she said, also noting that the field of aquaponics has potential, as do, "wine and beer makers, they need to grow the hops, the fruit, the grapes or whatever.

"There's a lot of growth markets that we need to explore."

Ferguson stressed the importance of manufacturing, "that's going to be a big one we should really support," and retail. It's important that the business community is not "hamstrung" with extra taxes, he said.

ColoradoCare Amendment 69, though endorsed by the Montrose-Delta League of Women Voters, received verbal support at the Forum from just one candidate, Lucero, who expressed that she "supports it wholeheartedly...the system is broken." Ferguson called the amendment too "vague," Rash referred to it as "a bad deal...horrible..." and Caddy stated the measure is "not good for the State of Colorado or small business in Colorado."

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

CAN A HOMEOWNER IN AN HOA PLACE POLITICAL SIGNS IN THEIR YARD OR AT THEIR CONDOMINIUM?

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Yes, there are laws that protect a homeowner's right in a common interest community (commonly known as an HOA) to place political signs on their property, notes the Division of Real Estate at the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA).

With election day ahead on Tuesday, Nov. 8, homeowners have already been posting political signs in their neighborhoods. Homeowner Associations need to follow the Colorado statutory conditions allowing homeowners to express their political expression during this election season.

The Colorado Common Interest Ownership Act (CCIOA), addresses this issue in Section 38-33.3-106.5, C.R.S., entitled "Prohibitions contrary to public policy - patriotic and political expression...". A political sign is defined in this statute as "a sign that carries a message intended to influence the outcome of an election, including supporting or opposing the election of a candidate, the recall of a public

official, or the passage of a ballot issue."

In summary, this law states that notwithstanding any provision in the declaration, bylaws, or rules and regulations of the association to the contrary, an association shall not prohibit the display of a political sign by the owner or occupant of a unit on property within the boundaries of the unit or in a window of the unit; however, the association may prohibit the display of political signs earlier than forty-five (45) days before the day of an election and later than seven (7) days after an election day.

In addition, the association may regulate the size and number of political signs. Those regulations allow the HOA to only permit at least one (1) political sign per political office or ballot issue that is contested in a pending election.

Also, the HOA can set the maximum dimensions of each sign, which may be limited to the lesser of the maximum size allowed by any applicable city, town, or county ordinance that regulates the size of political signs on residential property, or

thirty-six (36) inches by forty-eight (48) inches.

For more information about living in an HOA and your rights as homeowners, please visit the Division of Real Estate's HOA Information and Resource Center website at dora.colorado.gov/dre.

The HOA Office registers and collects information concerning HOAs, including an HOA's contact information, and handles consumer inquiries and complaints from homeowners. The HOA Office provides assistance and information to homeowners, HOA boards, declarants and other interested parties concerning their rights and responsibilities pursuant to the Colorado Common Interest Ownership Act ("CCIOA").

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WHAT DOES THAT WEATHER WARNING MEAN?

By Jim Pringle

National Weather Service

GRAND JUNCTION-When a warning is issued during the winter season, will you know what it means, and will you know how to respond? During this Colorado Winter Weather Preparedness Week, please become familiar with our list of potentially life-saving winter weather products.

This statement contains warning and advisory criteria for Colorado west of the continental divide. Criteria east of the divide will be provided today in a separate issuance by the Boulder forecast office.

OUTLOOKS

A Hazardous Weather Outlook is issued daily by each National Weather Service office serving Colorado. The outlook provides information on potentially hazardous weather out to 7 days into the future. Also, the Weather Story, a graphic of expected hazardous weather, is posted daily on National Weather Service web sites serving Colorado.

WATCHES AND WARNINGS

A Winter Storm Watch is issued when hazardous winter storm conditions are possible within the next 3 to 4 days, but the timing, intensity, or occurrence may still be uncertain.

In contrast, a Winter Storm Warning is issued for potentially life-threatening winter storm conditions, such as heavy snowfall or a combination of snowfall and blowing snow, which are likely to occur within the next 1 to 2 days.

Warning criteria for heavy snow is defined by the following amounts. Mountains...12 inches or more per storm event. Lower Elevations...6 inches or more per storm event. Or an early season or late season snowfall event having a significant impact but not meeting the above criteria A Blizzard Warning is issued when the following conditions are expected to occur for at least 3 hours: Sustained winds of 35 mph or greater, and considerable falling and/or drifting snow with visibilities frequently less than 1/4 mile. A High Wind Warning is issued for the following conditions: Moun-

tains...sustained winds 50 mph or more, or gusts of at least 75 mph. Lower Elevations...sustained winds of 40 mph or more, or gusts of at least 58 mph. A Wind Chill Warning will be issued for the following wind chill temperatures... Mountains...minus 35 degrees Fahrenheit or colder. Lower Elevations...minus 25 degrees Fahrenheit or colder. A Dust Storm Warning will be issued for the following conditions: Visibility reduced to 1/4 mile or less in blowing dust, and sustained winds of 25 mph or greater for at least one hour.

ADVISORIES

Advisories for winter weather are issued for potentially hazardous conditions which are considered more of a nuisance than a life-threatening situation. However, if caution is not taken the advisory events could become life-threatening.

Winter Weather Preparedness Week in Colorado will continue through Saturday. Additional Public Information Statements will be issued throughout the remainder of this week to help you know how to respond when hazardous winter weather threatens.



Dear Montrose Community,

Sharing Ministries Food Bank is celebrating our 20th Anniversary of serving our friends and neighbors and we have a lot to celebrate, as well as, a lot of work to do.

The community's new food bank is near completion and will be completed by the end of this year. We are committed to obtaining the freshest food possible from various sources and distributing it at no cost to those who need food assistance in Montrose, Delta, Gunnison, Ouray and San Miguel Counties.

About Sharing Ministries Food Bank

To qualify for services, income is based on National Poverty Level Standards. On the first visit be sure to bring a picture ID, proof of income, and a Social Security card if possible.

2015 Facts

- 6th largest food bank in Colorado
- Served an average of 5,500 people a month
- 919,897 pounds of food was distributed to over 70,000 client visits
- Approximately 40 non-profits organizations in 5 counties benefited from Sharing Ministries Food Bank
- 100% of our customers are at or below poverty level
- Over 150 registered volunteers contributed over 20,000 hours of service
- Open 5 days a week from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.

End Of The Year Help Needed

- 1) The holiday season is fast approaching and many families will need additional help to supplement their tables during Thanksgiving and Christmas. *(Turkeys & Hams Are Always Welcome)*
- 2) There is an increased need during the winter months due to a reduction in seasonal jobs. *(Cash To Purchase Additional Food Is Always Needed)*
- 3) Continued need from non-profit organizations we support such as; Christ's Kitchen, Sheppard's Hand, Vista Charter School, Food Pantries, Children's Organizations, Senior Centers, and many more.
- 4) With our new warehouse we will be able to distribute food more efficiently and keep up with the growing demand in our community. However, the warehouse is being built on a minimal budget to ensure your donated dollars are being used as effectively as possible. Funds are still needed to complete the project to purchase shelving, additional refrigeration, furniture, and supplies.

Ground breaking for the new warehouse took place in June 2016.



Join us for Member Appreciation Days as we celebrate what truly makes us great—you! Stop by our offices for delicious pastries, warm drinks, great conversation, and tons of door prizes.

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE BY SENATOR ELLEN ROBERTS

A DECADE IN GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN A PRIVILEGE

As of last week, my work on the wildfire matters and the water interim committees concluded and, for many legislators, the focus shifts to the elections and the next legislative session, beginning in January, 2017.

There are a significant number of senators who are term-limited this year and a good number of current House members are running to fill those seats. Ironically, before term limits took effect at Colorado's state legislature, senators served, on average, fewer years than the 8 years allowed under the limits.

I've served 6 years in the Senate and 4 years in the Colorado House, totaling a decade in all. Being able to represent a large area of Southwest Colorado during that time has been an incredible privilege. I've been stimulated by the continual on-the-job learning and the opportunity to meet many people from across my district to hear what issues are important to them and to better understand how our state government could be improved for its citizens.

However, the time has come for me to move on after 10 years of what has been

for me a very positive and productive experience as your public servant. I'm resigning from my senate seat as of December 31st, 2016, and a new senator will be appointed by the Senate District 6 Republican vacancy committee to fill the remainder of my term until a regular election takes place in 2018.

It's been my honor to serve as Senate President Pro Tem for the past two years with President Bill Cadman and Majority Leader Mark Scheffel, two strong conservative leaders who bucked the usual trend of Front Range leadership team domination, by supporting a Western Slope, centrist Republican woman to be a key member of their leadership team to foster a more statewide perspective on the key issues we considered in the Senate.

I've been contemplating this change for over a year and have talked it over with my family, friends and colleagues during that time, so it's not a result of the rather tumultuous election year we find ourselves in. I'm confident that the vacancy committee will find a strong successor for our region to represent us in the senate

for the remainder of my term and, to the extent desired, I'll be a resource to whoever that successor will be.

For now, though, I am looking forward to new work possibilities that will build on my past legal practice and my legislative experience and that will allow me to spend more time at home, with my family and friends, in the best area of the great state of Colorado that a person could live in.

I appreciate the trust and support that I've received by so many over the years, both in my district and at the Denver Capitol. Public service isn't for everyone, but it was instilled in me by my father, a proud World War II veteran and a dedicated teacher, sports coach and community volunteer. While he died long before I was elected to office, I know his spirit was with me each and every day of this journey.

Finally, but most significantly, my husband, Rick, my children Caitlin and Ben, and my terrific campaign teams have provided me invaluable support and encouragement all along the way, and, for that, I'm deeply grateful.

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APPLE RECOGNIZES COLUMBINE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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SENIOR CENTER OFFERS RESOURCES FOR INDEPENDENCE!

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Here are some of the upcoming Colorado Retirement Services Program at the Montrose Pavilion Senior Center: \$3 Lunch and Learn on Thursday Nov. 10, 1 pm: Understanding the changes to Medicare for 2017; 'Having the right questions will give you the right answers;' Prescription Drug Coverage support with Marilyn Huseby of Senior Awareness Programs. Program is free. Reservations required for lunch (252-7787) \$5

Lunch and Learn on Thursday, Nov. 17th. 1 p.m. "Tai Chi Chih," presented by Dan Mohr.

Monday Nov. 21, 1p.m. Thanksgiving stories with Allen Beck.



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HEALTH CARE OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD BEGINS NOV. 1

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE- What is an Open Enrollment Period?

An Open Enrollment Period is the period of time when you have the opportunity to sign up for a health plan. There is one open enrollment period every year for Connect for Health Colorado. The current open enrollment period is from Nov. 1, 2015 to January 31, 2016. In order to enroll in coverage outside of the open enrollment period, you must qualify for a special enrollment period through a qualified life change event. Call Volunteers of America for an appointment 252-0660 M-F.

Am I eligible for subsidies (financial assistance) to help pay for health insurance?

Individuals who apply for health insurance coverage through the Marketplace may be eligible for financial assistance to help pay for the health plan they select. Examples of financial assistance programs include: Medicaid, Advanced Premium Tax Credits, and Cost Sharing Reductions. In order to be eligible for financial assistance to help pay for health insurance, individuals must:

- (1) Be eligible to purchase insurance through the Marketplace.
- (2) Meet the income requirements based on their household size (estimate your potential savings). Whether or not you are eligible for and/or enrolled in other coverage may also affect your eligibility for financial assistance. You can determine

what financial assistance programs you and your family are eligible for by completing financial assistance application, or by calling Volunteers of America 970-252-0660. It's a free service to assist Montrose and Delta Counties.

Am I required to have health insurance?

Starting January 1, 2014, the federal government is requiring most Americans to have health insurance, or pay a penalty at the end of the year through the filing of an individual's federal tax return. This means all individuals must have health insurance coverage which meets the "minimum essential coverage" standard. This requirement is what is commonly referred to as the "individual mandate." The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is responsible for enforcing this requirement. For individuals who fail to have insurance in 2016, the penalty will be the greater of \$695 or 2.5% of your income. Certain exemptions from this general rule may apply. For more information about whether you might qualify for an exemption, please contact the customer service center, or your tax professional. Amongst other qualifying exemptions, listed below are examples of certain "hardship exemptions" for which you might qualify:

- You were homeless.
- You were evicted in the past 6 months or were facing eviction or foreclosure.
- You received a shut-off notice from a utility company.

You recently experienced domestic violence.

You recently experienced the death of a close family member.

You experienced a fire, flood, or other natural or human-caused disaster that caused substantial damage to your property.

You filed for bankruptcy in the last 6 months.

You had medical expenses you couldn't pay in the last 24 months, that resulted in substantial debt.

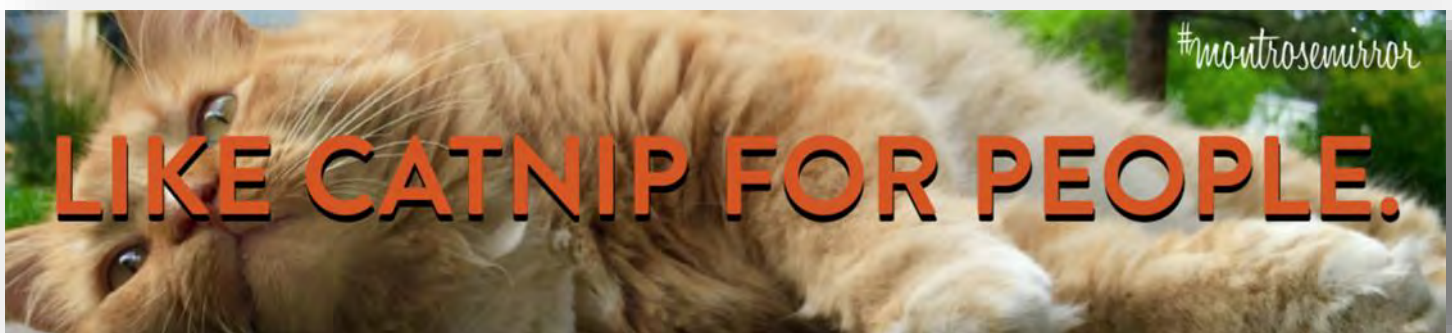
You experienced unexpected increases in necessary expenses due to caring for an ill, disabled, or aging family member.

You expect to claim a child as a tax dependent who's been denied coverage in Medicaid and CHIP, and another person is required by court order to give medical support to the child.

As a result of an eligibility appeals decision, you're eligible for enrollment in a qualified health plan (QHP) through the Marketplace, lower costs on your monthly premiums, or cost-sharing reductions for a time period when you weren't enrolled in a QHP through the Marketplace.

You were determined ineligible for Medicaid because your state didn't expand eligibility for Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act.

Your individual market coverage was cancelled, and you consider the other plans are unaffordable.



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ART & SOL

KAFM ZOMBIE PROM WILL BE FUN EVEN FOR THE LIVING!

Mirror Staff Report

GRAND JUNCTION-If it seems that the Undead have been noticeably missing from Montrose's Main Street these days, it could be that they are busy dressing for prom. The Eighth Annual KAFM Zombie Prom, that is! Scheduled for Oct. 22 beginning at 8 p.m., the fund raising event could also be described as "hair-raising," especially when the King and Queen of the 2016 Zombie Prom take to the stage. The packed evening will also feature a best dead musician costume contest, keepsake portraits, and more.

"Obviously, it seems appropriate to have a big dance party where we get to dress up," KAFM Operations Manager Betty Ries said. "And we're back at the Mesa Theater this year, which is just perfect, and its right Downtown."

As always, the dress code is "Dress to Distress." According to an event news release, KAFM's Zombie Prom grew out of the impromptu dance parties that DJ Stringfellow used to organize during KAFM's membership drives.

"Evening shows had a hard time raising money live, so we decided to throw a party and invite the community. After a couple years we needed a theme and bigger space, so that's how we ended up at the Mesa Theater, which really amplified the event."

Along with the Undead community, the Zombie Prom always draws an enthusiastic crowd of locals willing to help support community radio, Ries said. "More than 500 turned attended the last one," she said. Mesa Theater donates the space, and the event is sponsored by The Raw Canvas, The Mesa Theater and Mad Margaret's.

"It's fun for everybody," Ries said. "We'll have two stages with DJ's, and lots of things going on at once. We keep the lights low, and it helps keeps our station afloat."

Tickets and more information is available online at www.kafmradio.org or at the station located at 1310 Ute Ave; Ticket outlets include Pablo's Pizza, Raw Canvas, and Mad Margaret's.

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SCOTTY'S IMAGES...NEIL YOUNG IN TELLURIDE!



Music legend Neil Young played a historic concert in Telluride earlier this month. Photos by Scotty Kenton Photography.



MIRROR IMAGES: PUMPKINS @THE COVERED BRIDGE!



Covered Bridge Ranch (at right) is open through Oct. 31. Hours are Wednesday through Sunday 10 am to 5:30 pm. Admission is \$7 per person and includes a variety of family friendly activities ranging from hay rides and a marshmallow roast to a hay bale maze. School field trips and group rates are available by appointment. For more information, call (917) 224-5313. The ranch is located at 17249 6250 Road. Photos clockwise from below left: Pumpkins adorn a cart at the Pumpkins at the Covered Bridge in Montrose County this weekend; A decorative gourd or "ghost pumpkin" brings mystery to Halloween and fall decoration sets; A corn stalk stands proud above the field of pumpkins at the Covered Bridge Ranch; A llama greets guests as part of the petting zoo.



Photos by Mirror Staff!



COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & CULTURE

SIGN UP TODAY TO PARTICIPATE IN POETRY OUT LOUD: NATIONAL RECITATION CONTEST AND YOUR SCHOOL COULD WIN FUNDING FOR POETRY BOOKS AND THE SCHOOL LIBRARY!

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COLORADO-Poetry Out Loud is a program that encourages high school students to learn about great poetry through memorization, performance, and competition.

Teachers are encouraged to host classroom and/or school-wide contests for their students who would then advance to a state competition on March 6, 2017.

State champions will advance to the National Finals, to take place on April 25-26, 2017 in Washington, D.C.

High school teachers who are interested in participating in Poetry Out Loud should

know that the program may be incorporated with existing poetry units.

High schools that wish to be part of the official Poetry Out Loud program must contact Colorado Creative Industries to participate. Visit <http://www.coloradocreativeindustries.org/schools/poetry-out-loud>.

Poetry Out Loud awards Students who participate in the official Poetry Out Loud program may be eligible to compete in the state and National Finals in 2017. Each state champion will receive \$200 and an all-expenses-paid trip

to Washington, D.C., to compete for the national championship.

The state champion's school will receive a \$500 stipend for the purchase of poetry books.

The first runner-up in each state will receive \$100, with \$200 for his or her school library. Poetry Out Loud will award a total of \$50,000 in cash and school stipends at the National Finals, including a \$20,000 award for the Poetry Out Loud National Champion.

For further information on Poetry Out Loud, visit poetryoutloud.org.

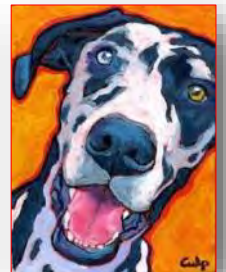
PAINT YOUR PET IN MONTROSE!

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MONTROSE-Painting a picture of your pet can be one of the most interesting and fun paintings you will ever do. Instructor Allison Wofford brings a fun, casual atmosphere to the evening. For the first time painter or the novice this evening is going to be Colorado casual. All of the supplies are included in the fee and all you have to do is come! Remember to bring a photograph or a print out picture of your pet to paint! You can also bring a black and white photo copy of your pet to use as well so you can incorporate it into your final piece.

This is for Wednesday night, Oct. 19th from 6 pm to 8 pm at Precedence Music Academy in Montrose (513 E. Main Street, Montrose). Cost is \$30 and includes all materials. All supplies are covered in the this class. However, students are asked to come with a photo of your pet and a black and white photo copy. At the end of the night, you'll go home with your own "masterpiece"!

Come play in paint with us! Space is limited to only 10 students so sign up early to guarantee a spot. Ms. Allison's classes fill up fast so sign up today.



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MIRROR IMAGES...TELLURIDE HORROR SHOW!



Telluride Horror Show (Oct. 17-18) banner over Colorado Avenue; Gargoyle outside of Nugget Theater; Wolfman statue in the Sheridan Opera House (Photos by Caleb Christiansen). Caleb with the Gargoyle outside the Nugget Theater (Photo by Claire Clemens).

ASK THE MASTER CARPENTER...LET THE SUN SHINE!

By Christopher Larsen

SILVERTON-Let's talk about solar energy and how simple a system actually is and easy it is to set up! I love science, technology and especially love electricity. Especially when the Federal government will rebate 30 percent of your investment in the form of [a tax credit](#) you can spread out over time if need be to use the entire 30 percent.

The [State of Colorado](#) has allocated even more funds :<http://pacepartners.com/resources/rebates-incentives>. Furthermore, there are wonderful financing options available that keep your payments around the size of your current electricity bill!

Let's begin! First start with your current electrical bill. DMEA has a wonderful website/app available to its customers called smarthub. This network-based billing and metering system actually keeps track of your electrical bill hour by hour and can pinpoint spikes on almost a real time basis. You can obtain this technology free of charge by following this link, <https://dmea.smarthub.coop/>. This system is sensitive enough to see when a client turns on a clothes dryer. Many public utilities across the nation have upgraded to this network based metering—the point is you can determine with astounding accuracy how much electricity you need now and the parameters of your peak usage.

According to the [U.S energy information administration](#), the average family used on average 911 kwh per month. So let's round up slightly to 1,000 and add fifty percent which turns into our magical number of 1,500 kwh per month. There the math is done! That wasn't so hard! Let's base our numbers on a system capable of producing 1,500 kilowatt hours per month.

I have chosen as an example the 11.7 kW Grid Tied Battery Backup Solar System with Outback Radian and 45x Astronergy 260 Panels offered by the company Wholesale Solar out of northern California. This revolutionary system not only meets our requirements almost exactly but its design uses battery back up if the grid goes offline. This system goes for \$37,322 and hooking it up to the utility service for your home should fall in the \$1500 to \$2000 range. Stop the press some of you cry! I can't afford that type of cheese! What if I told you it isn't as unattainable as you thought. <http://www.wholesalesolar.com/1891010/wholesale-solar/complete-systems/11.7-kw-grid-tied-battery-backup-solar-system-with-outback-radian-and-45x-astronergy-260-panels>

Now here is the best part, if you account in your design for 50 percent more than your peak power consumption you can sell the net gain back to the electrical grid



during peak hours.

With [net-metering](#), customers receive credits for any additional power their solar panels produce during the day. At night or on cloudy days, customers can use these credits to power their homes. Colorado is also one of the few States that requires utilities to pay you for the net excess solar power that your panels produce over the course of a year. This means if you reduce your electric usage during the year and you have solar, the utility has to cut you a check at the end of the year for any extra solar power you've produced and put onto the grid.

As stated before I have chosen to go through the "Wholesale Solar" website to establish my array size and complexity. Based on your requirements, the program, backed up by real live people, will guide you to the most appropriate array for your needs.

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & CULTURE

ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW COMES TO THE WRIGHT OCT. 28

Special to Art & Sol

OURAY-The most infamous shadow cast on the Western Slope of the cult classic is back this October at the Wright Opera House... dust off the drag because it's time for Rocky Horror Picture Show with returning DJ Funk Deluxe to host a dance party post movie. Due to the show's popularity, we are limiting seating to 150 per show. 10 p.m., Wright Opera House, 472 Main Street, Ouray.

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & CULTURE

MONTROSE WOMAN'S CLUB TO HOST ANNUAL BAZAAR NOV. 4-5

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-Montrose Woman's Club is a service club that was established in 1949 and it continues to earn monies through two large fundraising events at Friendship Hall, Montrose County Fair Grounds, 1001 N. 2nd St., Montrose, CO. Our upcoming annual Hobby and Craft Bazaar is set for Nov. 4 and 5, 2016 and it is the largest and longest running Bazaar in Montrose. All monies are raised by selling vendor spaces and the monies earned are in turn given back to local community charitable non-profit organizations that are voted on by the Club's members. In 2015 we gave back \$7000 to the Montrose community; in 2016 we gave back \$8000 and in 2017 we are now planning a greater increase!

This year's event will host vendors from Montrose, Eckert, Gunnison, Grand Junction and even Bayfield! The vendors will be offering Christmas items, decorations, antiques, fine collectables, jewelry, soap, candles, knitted items..... Hours for the public are 10 am to 6 pm on Friday, November 4th and 9 am to 3 pm on Saturday, Nov. 5. Monthly luncheon meetings of the Montrose Woman's Club are held at noon on the third Monday of each month, September through May, at the Lion's Park Clubhouse, 602 N. Nevada Ave., Montrose, CO. All Montrose area women are invited to attend. For more information about our Club or the upcoming Bazaar, please call Lexy Stevenson at 970-275-3336

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NOTES FOR THE JOURNEY...

Exploring Classical Music With Rob Brethouwer

BUILDING A STRONG FOUNDATION WITH MUSIC THEORY...

It is once again time for some more music theory. This will be a mental exercise that does not require that you know how to read music but will require an ability to count to five and to visualize a pattern in your head. When learning to read music and learning to recognize key signatures by sight, it is important to have a strong foundation from which to build. Think of this foundation as multiplication tables or a simple periodic table of the elements. This foundation is where everything begins. In music theory, this foundation is called the circle of fifths.

Visualize a circle with a vertical line at the top 12 o'clock position. This will be our starting point. At the top of this vertical line we place a large capital C. A capital letter indicates that we are working in a major key. Next to this C we will make a small notation indicating no flat-s or sharps. The first step in our project is now completed. Before we begin with our next step it needs to be mentioned that when counting musical notes we only the first seven letters of the alphabet and A always follows G. If we start on the note B then we count forward C-D-E-F-G-A and then back to B. This rule remains consistent. We will now move in a clockwise direction and count five notes from our initial C. To do this we will include C as #1 and count up 5 notes to G. #1-#2-#3-#4-#5/C-D-E-F-G.

Since we are working on a circle of fifths chart, we know that we are at our next note after we count up five notes. The right half of the circle than we are now on will be devoted to key signatures containing sharps. Since we began with no sharps at all, we now know that G will have one sharp. We make a notation of one sharp next to the G. Knowing the order of sharps from a previous article; this first sharp to be used is F. G major has one sharp (F) in its key signature.

Before moving on, it should be remembered that we are basically building our own cheat sheet from the ground up. Knowing a starting point, a pattern, and

simple counting allows us to have a vast amount of information at our fingertips with little effort. As long as the pattern is followed we cannot get lost or lose our place. If confusion sets in, simply go back to the top of the chart where we started and begin counting once again.

Let's keep moving around our circle so that we have established a baseline for the overall chart. We last settled on G, which we now know has one sharp. From G we count five notes once again, beginning on and continuing to A-B-C-D. Counting up five, we land on D. Our last stop had one sharp so we know that D will have two sharps. After writing D we make a notation that it has two sharps. D-E-F-G-A. Moving on from D and counting five we now land on A. From two sharps we move to three, make our notation, and move once again clockwise. A-B-C-D-E which brings us to four sharps, a quick notation, and up by five once again from E to B. A notation indicating five sharps and we move on. At this point we have five sharps, which take up the majority of the notes that we are using. This is important to remember as we count up by five from B to C-D-E-F. We must note that we are not at F# major since F was sharpened way back in G major. Six sharps for F# are notated, and we move up by five for the final time F-G-A-B-C. Once again we know that we are at C# major since the C was sharpened back in D major (two sharps) and we cannot use a regular C twice.

Using this simple system, we can now see what major keys have how many sharps. Zero sharps for C major up to seven sharps for C# major.

We must now whip our focus back to our starting point at the top of the circle. From this initial C we will now be moving counter-clockwise and dealing with the major scales containing flats.

Our pattern has not changed and will not change as we move through the development of our circle of fifths. Only seven letters are being used and we move by a count of five each time. When dealing

with key signatures containing flats we must however count backwards by five. Remember that the pattern only contains seven letters and repeats after G by returning to A. The best example that can be provided is to just jump in and see how it works. From our top of the circle C we move to the left by a count of five but we do it backwards. C-B-A-G-F. Our first major scale that contains the first flat is F major.

Again we make our notation of one flat and prepare to move on. Before doing so, a quick side note. In the world of music theory there are many tips and tricks that students can use to figure things out by using shortcuts and by recognizing patterns within the rules. One rule that you just have to know cold and that offers no shortcuts is that F major has one flat and that flat is B. Knowing this outright makes it easy to once again find a pattern within the notes. Counting backwards from our stopping point. F-E-D-C-B, we know that the first flat in a major scale is B, so this stopping point on B must be B-flat. It cannot be a simple B as we used that on the sharp side in the major scale containing five sharps.

Every note that we land on from here to the end of the discussion will have a flat symbol after the letter. Backwards five from B-A-G-F-E. E-flat major with a notation on our chart that it contains three flats. Our pattern is firmly chiseled into our minds so we can quickly move forward. E-D-C-B-A. A-flat major has four flats. A-G-G-E-D. Five flats in D-flat major. D-C-B-A-G. Six flats in G-flat major and now finally G-F-E-D-C. We once again on a Capital C, now C-flat, and the pattern take us to seven flats. We now know how many sharps and flats are in all of the major key signatures.

The circle of fifths we have developed looks quite complex to the untrained eye but it can be used in such a simple way. It is only half complete because it must now be used to determine the relative minors of our major scales. This will be explained in the next article.

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & CULTURE!

FRIENDSHIP FORCE CLUBS HOST PEAKS TO PLAINS TRAVEL EXCHANGE

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Six Friendship Force Clubs in the Rocky Mountain Region hosted 21 Ambassadors (guests) from US, Canada and New Zealand in the month of September.

The Peaks to Plains Travel Exchange was designed to show our guests "The Best of the Best" in Wyoming, Colorado and Utah. The visitors enjoyed history of the West on the plains of Wyoming; hiking in Rocky Mountain National Park; tour of the State Capitol and LODO; a view of Pikes Peak; rafting on the Colorado River; and exploring the majestic red stone monuments in Western Colorado and Utah.

The Ambassadors enjoyed food, wine and home hosting by club members throughout their journey.

Other activities included: a working ranch tour; sculpt park in Loveland; USAF

Academy; Kids Aid volunteer opportunity in Grand Junction and a bus tour of beautiful downtown Salt Lake City.

The Friendship Force is an international organization that fosters understanding and friendships between people of different countries and cultures around the world.

We host and participate in 'Exchanges' between clubs in different parts of the world to learn about different cultures and encourage understanding of the wide varieties of what is normal in various countries.

One benefit of participating in exchanges is that you will never see the world in the same way.

Living with a host in the country you visit will give you insights into the daily life and culture of a country that you will never experience on a normal tour.



Kids Aid Volunteers. Courtesy photo.

An added plus is that you can make a friend for life.

If you are interested in learning more about the Friendship Force, please contact Sue Palmer, membership chairman, at 970-260-4653 or e-mail: alfshouse12@hotmail.com.

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & CULTURE!

'A ROCKIN' ALICE IN WONDERLAND' KICKS OFF IN RIDGWAY THIS WEEK!

Special to Art & Sol

RIDGWAY-Weehawken Creative Arts will be offering a young people's theater experience called *A Rockin' Alice in Wonderland* in November. This special opportunity will be led and directed by teaching artist, Kathleen O'Mara, who has more than 20 years' experience in the production of youth theater programs from coast to coast. The program will be held weekly, Monday through Thursday at the Sherbino Theater in Ridgway, beginning Oct. 17. Classes will take place from 1 pm

until 4 pm with opportunities for students to arrange for shorter schedules if needed. Using the original text from Carroll's most famous work, students design their performance based on their favorite characters taken from the literary classic. This adaptation will be customized for the participating students and we will have the opportunity to enhance the story telling by including song and dance to the performance. Through a workshop process, students will have curriculum in improvisation, stage presence, character develop-

ment and voice. Participating students will partake in an audition and then a rehearsal process in this workshop (all will have a role), culminating in a fully produced production for the community on Nov. 18, 19 & 20 at the Sherbino Theater. The cost for this experience is \$250 with a \$25 performance fee. This breaks down to under \$7/hour for class time. Additionally, some needs-based and work-trade scholarships are also available through Weehawken. Call 970.318.0150 for details.

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & CULTURE

KIDS CELEBRATE NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY AT LOST LAKE CAMPGROUND!

Special to Art & Sol

DELTA—Ms. Chloe Leisure asked Miss Zaccardi's 4th grade students, "Why do artists have a need to paint the wilderness? Why do poets feel compelled to write poetry about areas like these?" The students shouted, "To remember and to share it!" Leisure, the 2014 Poet Laureate of Fort Collins, gave some of the 115, local fourth-graders an opportunity to find words to remember and share their experience while they attended a National Public Lands Day event at Lost Lake Campground. The outing offered recreational opportunities; a hands-on learning experience outside of the classroom; and promoted environmental stewardship.

Students also participated in a hike up to Lost Lake and built bluebird houses which will be placed in the national forest for habitat restoration.

The event was hosted by the U.S. Forest

Service, The Nature Connection and the Western Slope Conservation Center. A grant from the National Environmental Education Foundation helped transport students from Paonia and Hotchkiss elementary as well as the North Fork School of Integrated Studies and Crawford Montessori School. Although the field trip was one of 2,500 registered events held across the country to celebrate National Public Lands Day, the U.S. Forest Service, designated this event as a "Signature Site" because of the program's commitment to conservation stewardship for local youth; developing partnerships with government agencies and community organizations—such as the BLM, Interpretative Association of Western Colorado, Great Outdoors Colorado; and the promotion of the 'Every Kid in a Park' initiative.

'Every Kid in a Park' is a national campaign that provides free access to our

public lands and national parks for fourth grade students and their families. "Each student who attended will receive an Every Kid pass," explained Paul Kimpling of the U.S. Forest Service. Any fourth grader who has not received a pass may visit www.everykidinapark.gov to register and print a paper voucher that provides benefits. The paper voucher can be used alone or exchanged for a durable plastic pass at any Forest Service office. It also can be used to obtain a free Christmas tree permit for the fourth-grade student and his/her family.

This is the second year classrooms have been invited to Lost Lake for National Public Lands Day.

Kimpling went on to explain that it is the sponsors' hopes that experiences like this will leave lasting impressions and encourage our youth to explore public lands with their families.



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MIRROR IMAGES... CONGRATULATIONS RUSNAKS!



Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Erik and Janine Rusnak, Oct. 15, 2016! Top right, Val Barnica of Y Bar Hitch...the happy couple leaving the Chapel @ Museum of the Mountain West...friends capture the moment with cameras and cell phones.



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WEAVERS CELEBRATE 39 YEARS AT THEIR ANNUAL SALE!



At left, Evelyn Roseberry, left, helps a young girl learn to weave, as Cheri Howard, right, prepares to demonstrate felting at the 2015 San Juan Weavers Guild annual Show & Sale. Above, Heather Hernandez, left, and Cheri Howard, center, demonstrate wool carding as a mom and her daughter try it out, at last year's San Juan Weavers Guild Show & Sale. Courtesy photos.

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-Thread by thread and row by row, members of the San Juan Weavers Guild are weaving the fabric of their 39th annual Show and Sale. The one-day event is Saturday, November 19, at the Holiday Inn Express in Montrose, 1391 S. Townsend Ave., from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free, and all are encouraged to attend.

A vast selection of handwoven, hand-spun, and felted items made by guild members will be offered for sale. The sale always features many dozens of towels and scarves, plus rugs, clothing, holiday ornaments and décor, toys for children and pets, and gifts and accessories of all kinds. Items are arranged by category, and there is a central checkout table.

Members work throughout the year to create inventory, and the quality of their finished goods reflects the high standards of the guild. Numerous fiber arts are represented, particularly weaving and spinning; all crocheted and knitted items are made only with handspun yarn. This year, tating may be featured for the first time, to encourage the revival of this traditional and disappearing craft. Handspun yarn and fiber prepared for spinning are included, along with baskets.

"We never know exactly what we will be

offering for sale until inventory is checked in the day before and set out for display," explains Bobbie

Irwin, who with Evelyn Roseberry is in charge of this year's Show & Sale. "We are among our own best customers, and we are constantly amazed and enthralled at the creativity of our members. This is always a classy show, and you can find wonderful shopping temptations here that are not typical of other holiday craft fairs." Traditionally, some items sell out quickly, and many experienced customers show up early. However, the selection remains good throughout the day, in a wide range of prices to suit anyone's budget.

Baskets created by a sister guild in Kenya, which is supported by the San Juan Weavers Guild, have been a popular feature in recent years and are expected to be included again this year. Sales of these exquisite fair-trade baskets help the African artisans support their families.

Education is always an important part of the event, and this year is no exception. Results of the annual guild challenge project will be on display. These optional projects encourage creativity by members, pushing them to address a theme while, perhaps, trying a new technique.

The 2016 design challenge is "Inspired by

the Black Canyon." Come see the many different ways the guild has interpreted the theme in a special exhibit that is particularly suitable for the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service. Another display this year will feature textiles from Central America, including colorful weavings from Guatemala.

Hands-on opportunities for children and adults, always a popular feature, will again be part of the guild's educational outreach. Guild members will also demonstrate a variety of fiber arts during the day.

Information about the guild and upcoming workshops, including a weekend class for beginning weavers, will be available. The San Juan Weavers Guild meets most months of the school year in Montrose and always welcomes visitors and new members.

A spinners' group meets monthly, year-round, in Delta. Members from throughout western Colorado and as far away as the Front Range participate in the sale. For information, see www.sanjuanweavers.org or call Bobbie Irwin, (970) 249-2981, in Montrose.

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & CULTURE

OCT. 26 WEEHAWKEN ART BAR: MALTS AND MONOPRINTS WITH ANN CHEEKS @ THE SHERBINO

Special to Art & Sol

RIDGWAY-At Weehawken and Sherbino's ARTbar, they strive to provide a positive, creative outlet in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. "The hope is to inspire the community to discover their imaginative side and cross the bar into other dimensions of creativity" said Executive Director Ashley King. She continued, "The classes we offer require no experience, and of course, liquid inspiration will also be available!" The Oct. 26th Art Bar will focus on Monoprints or Monotypes. Monoprints/Monotypes include a combination of painting, stenciling and print making all rolled up into one experience.

Working on a hard surface (the plate), you'll use water soluble inks to create an image using a variety of techniques such as painting & wiping away. After you're happy with your image, paper is placed on top of the plate, rubbed to transfer the image and - viola! - you've got a print.

"This is very loose, experimental and a whole lot of fun. It's full of color, texture, shape and can be bold, subtle or anywhere in between" encouraged teaching artist, Ann Cheeks.

\$35 includes all supplies and one drink at the bar. Further, you can expect to go home with your very own masterpiece. Preregistration is not required, but is highly encouraged through Weehawken Creative Arts at www.weehawkenarts.org or by calling 970-318-0150. More information is available at www.weehawkenarts.org or [facebook.com/weehawkenarts](https://www.facebook.com/weehawkenarts) or by calling 970-318-0150.



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KAFM PLANS RIBBON CUTTING FOR NEW PALISADE TRANSLATOR NOV. 1!

Special to Art & Sol

GRAND JUNCTION-KAFM is proud to announce the official ribbon cutting ceremony for the Palisade Translator on Nov. 1, 2016 at 4 PM in the Palisade town council chambers. You are invited!

As the executive director of KAFM Community Radio, I am excited to announce the installation of our new Palisade Translator at 96.9FM to improve the KAFM signal into the Palisade listening area. We have many supporters and friends in Palisade and we are happy to extend KAFM music and programming to them. We are grateful to all the supporters that made this possible, in particular the Grand Junction Lions Club for their \$2500 donation, to FCI for their donation and the many people who made direct donations or who participated in the many 50-50 raffles we did in Palisade this summer to raise money.

We are very happy to celebrate the official dedication of the Palisade Translator with a ribbon cutting on November 1st at 4 PM at the Palisade Town Council Chambers, located at 341 West 7th Street and at Palisade Fire Station. We would love to have your presence for this celebration with champagne and light refreshments.

For more than 17 years KAFM has served as an essential source of music, culture, and local community information and discussion not otherwise available on FM radio.

Every day, KAFM provides free public service announcements and public affairs

programming. More than 120 local nonprofit organizations have used KAFM airwaves to talk about their missions, and promote their events.

Thanks to the dedication of volunteer programmers, the station offers a wide variety of genres, including jazz, folk, bluegrass, blues, Broadway musicals, big band, Celtic, Americana, and more. There's something for everyone!

We're getting young people involved with the station in various ways. Kids of all ages learn to record by participating in our "Words" and "Stories" programs. Additionally, both children and adults participate in KAFM's "Poetry in the Air" feature, a collaboration with the Western Colorado Writers Forum. Local students and the John McConnell Math and Science Center work collaboratively with KAFM to produce the "Ask a Scientist" series.

KAFM's Radio Room offers an affordable venue for live music and other cultural events, organizational meetings and an ongoing gallery exhibit by local artists.

While KAFM has a loyal membership that has grown over the years, this important community asset needs to expand its audience.

By reaching out to the Palisade area, the increased coverage will help us grow our

membership and make us stronger financially.

The total cost of the project was \$10,500 and we have only \$1500 to go to completely finance this project. The translator was installed on September 20, this year at the Palisade Fire department with the help of Fire Chief Richard Rupp, the firemen and the use of their ladder truck. The town of Palisade has been wonderful in their support and willingness to help make this project a reality.

Currently the signal, 96.9 on your FM dial, is still in testing mode at lower wattage. A ribbon cutting in Palisade will be scheduled after the completion of our Fall member drive. We are excited to welcome new listeners and members to our KAFM family!



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

FREE 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-

Oct. 18-Representatives from the Western Colorado Congress and Great Old Broads for Wilderness will offer a comment-writing workshop on an important public lands document at the Ouray County 4-H Center Tuesday, Oct. 18 at 6 p.m. The 4-H Center is located at 22739 US-550, Ridgway. For more information, contact Emily Hornback, emily@wccongress.org.

Oct. 19-The Chipeta Archaeology Society presents Douglass Scott discussing Battlefield and Conflict Archaeology - Some New Insights into Custer's Last Stand, on Wednesday on

Oct. 19 @ 7 pm United Methodist Church, Baldrige Hall, South 1st and Park Avenue, Montrose

Oct. 19-7 p.m. @ 2 Rascals Brewery, Montrose: Citizens' Climate Lobby presents Green World Rising by Leonardo DiCaprio Foundation, free [970-765-9095](tel:9707659095).

Oct. 19-Seventh annual CMU Chili Cook Off, Wednesday, Oct. 19th, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. \$1 for tasting, \$3 bowl, Montrose Library Atrium. Proceeds support CMU Montrose Student Nurses Public Welcome.

Oct. 20 CMU Campus Blood Drive for Breast Cancer, St. Mary's Blood Mobile @ S. 3rd and S. Cascade Ave, Thursday, Oct. 20th, 1-3 p.m. Call 249-7009 for donation spot.

Oct. 20-Screening of "Dolores River of Sorrows:" Thursday Oct. 20th at 6pm, Community Spirit UCC Church, 2900 Sunnyside Rd. Produced by Western Colorado's own Rig to Flip, this film shines a spotlight on the many perspectives community members have on the Dolores River and the subsequent challenges of managing this public resource. Movie will be followed by a short informational presentation about the BLM Resource Management Plan and how members of the public can act to protect the Dolores River through the RMP process.

Oct. 21-Colorado Connect for Health, Get Covered Health Fair, Westminster Hall in Delta, 145 East Fourth Street, 9 a.m. to Noon.

Oct. 22-Seventh Annual Spiritual Awareness Center Great Community Giveaway. Donations may be brought to Lions Park starting at 7 am on the 22nd and the doors will open to the public from 10 am to 1 pm. Good, clean items are welcomed. No large furniture items, electronics or televisions. Large items may be described and posted on the Giveaway Bulletin Board at the event along with the name and telephone number to call to pick up. Everything is free. No dealers please. For more information or to volunteer, call 252-0908.

Oct. 24-Montrose Public Lands Action Hour. Representatives from the Western Colorado Congress and the Uncompahgre Valley Association host a comment writing workshop for the Resource Management Plan of the BLM's Uncompahgre Field Office. Monday, Oct 24th at 6:30 p.m., the Centennial Room, 433 S 1st Street, Montrose. (For more information, contact Emily Hornbeck, emily@wccongress.org.)

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 28-29-The Montrose County Historical Museum takes a walk on the Spook Side with tales of ghost stories. The museum's ghost authority intertwines history and legend on a walk down Montrose's shadowy Main Street and dark alleyways. Armed with flashlights, patrons will hear mysterious tales of the town's eerie history of paranormal activity and perhaps have their own experiences to share afterward! Montrose County Historical Museum is the starting point for the tour which starts at 6 pm and lasts till about 7:30 p.m.. The cost is \$8/person please RSVP space is limited at [970-249-2085](tel:9702492085).

Oct. 28-Rocky Horror Picture Show @ Wright Opera House in Ouray, 10 p.m. 472 Main Street.

Oct. 29-Connect for Health Colorado, 9 a.m. to Noon, Get Covered Health Fair in Montrose, Centennial Room (former City Council Chambers) @ 422 South First Street.

Oct. 29-514 Duo @ Healthy Rhythm Gallery, 68 South Grand Avenue, 7 to 10 p.m.

Oct. 31-Rosemont Baptist Church Free Fall Festival 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 3-Blood Drive Rosemont Baptist Church with St. Mary's Bloodmobile Thurs, Nov. 3rd 9am - 12 pm. ONE donation SAVES up to THREE lives! Photo Id required. Stay Hydrated. Eat a healthy meal before donating. (16 yr - 17yr olds must have parental consent). Sign-up to be a donor at [970\) 249-4887](tel:9702494887). <http://www.stmarygj.org/services-and-departments/blood-donor-center/who-can-donate/>

Nov. 4-5-Montrose Woman's Club annual Hobby and Craft Bazaar is set for Nov. 4 and 5, 2016 and it is the largest and longest running Bazaar in Montrose. This year's event will host vendors from Montrose, Eckert, Gunnison, Grand Junction and even Bayfield! The vendors will be offering Christmas items, decorations, antiques, fine collectables, jewelry, soap, candles, knitted items. Hours for the public are 10 am to 6 pm on Friday, November 4th and 9 am to 3 pm on Saturday, Nov. 5. For more information about our Club or the upcoming Bazaar, please call Lexy Stevenson at 970-275-3336.

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

Nov. 12-Ridgway Moonwalk Film Fest, 6 to 9 p.m. @ the historic Sherbino Theater.

Nov. 12-My Name is Pacomio, Montrose author Steven Baker book signing at Barnes & Noble, Grand Junction. 2 p.m.

Nov. 18-The 2016 Crab Crack benefiting Black Canyon Boys & Girls Club will be Friday, Nov. 18, from 6 pm - 9 pm @ the Montrose Pavilion Event Center, 1800 Pavilion Drive. Enjoy dinner and live music. Price: \$50 to \$5,000 —\$50 General Admission, private & sponsor tables available This second annual event is the Montrose version of a Southern crab boil that features Dungeness Crab, Giant Shrimp, Sausage, Potatoes and Corn served up low country boil style. Dinner is followed by a special dessert and dancing to a live band. Unique fundraising opportunities will be available .TICKETS ON SALE NOW bcgbc.org/tickets or [\(970\)249-5168](tel:9702495168).

Nov. 25-26-42nd Annual Basement Boutique Craft Show & Sale @ the Montrose Pavilion. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, 8 a.m. to 4c p.m. Saturday.

Dec. 1-Holiday Craft Fair at Homestead of Montrose, 1819 Pavilion Drive, 1 to 7 p.m!

Dec. 11-Free Christmas Concert — Montrose Community Band...Get ready for Christmas with a heart-warming selection of Christmas songs.

Dec. 28-Ari Hest Holiday Concert @ Healthy Rhythm Gallery, 68 Grand Avenue. 7to 11 p.m.

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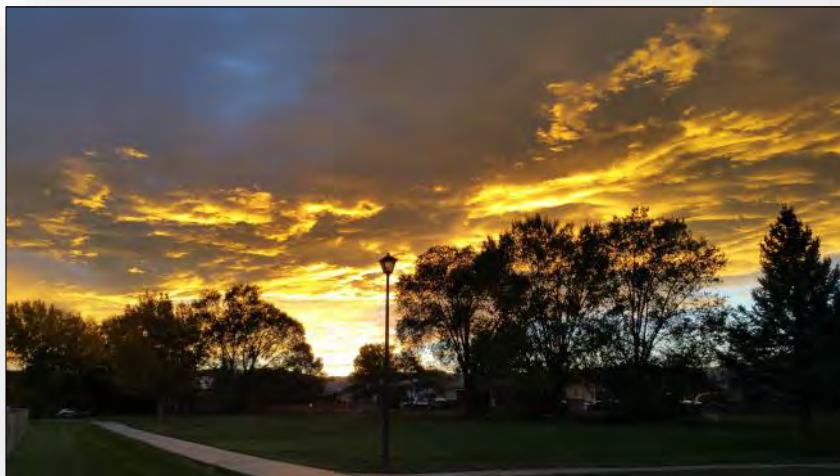
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