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COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES PLANS TO RE-OPEN ROGERS MESA AG RESEARCH SITE



Courtesy photo Colorado State University.

By Caitlin Switzer

REDLANDS MESA-A longtime West Slope dream has come to fruition with the announcement that Colorado State University (CSU) will re-open the Rogers Mesa Research station on Hwy 92 outside of Hotchkiss for the benefit of the region's producers and growers.

"Colorado State University has a strong commitment to Western Slope agriculture, but we would not have been able to take this step without the staunch advocacy of Rep. Millie Hamner and the leadership of the Delta County Commissioners," said CSU President and CSU System Chancellor Tony Frank. "We are enormously grateful for their support and willingness to think in innovative ways

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CITY DECLINES APPRAISAL IN SALE OF BANNER ROAD AG ACREAGE, AUDITOR POINTS TO GOLF COURSE NET LOSS OF \$348,000

By Gail Marvel

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING (Executive Session) was held on Tuesday, July 18, 2017, at 5 p.m., just prior to the regular council meeting. The executive session broke at 6 p.m. in order to convene the regular city council meeting. After adjourning the regular meeting, the council reconvened the executive session at approximately 8 p.m.

The agenda for the executive session read:

1. Call to order by Mayor Judy Ann Files
2. Roll Call
3. An executive session for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(e); to discuss the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer, or sale of real, personal, or other property



Citizens interested in the proposed high-density Miami Road Farm Addition attended the council meeting on July 18. Also in the audience is CPA Timothy Mayberry (front left) who was available to give city council the findings of the 2016 Audit. Photo by Gail Marvel.

The agenda for the executive session read:

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GAIL MARVEL'S HOUSES OF WORSHIP: CANYON VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH

"You can do whatever you want to do, but you are going to pay..."

By Gail Marvel

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

MONTROSE-On Sunday, July 16, 2017, about 25 people assembled for worship at Canyon View Baptist Church. With only one entrance into the small auditorium the large center aisle is well suited for meeting everyone who comes and goes. Members were quick to give a handshake and say, "Nice to have you here."

A baby grand piano, guitar and flute accompanied music director David Ryburn's booming voice as traditional hymns ricocheted off the walls allowing even those who can't carry a tune to sound great. Selections included, "Standing on the Promises," "Great is Thy Faithfulness" and "At The Cross."

Pastor Michael Childers introduced guests and gave announcements about the upcoming Eighth Anniversary Sunday which will be combined with a week-long revival starting on July 23rd. Childers said, "Some people say, 'Oh preacher, a week is too much.' But you can't get enough of God...one week is not going to kill you!" Monday through Friday the revival will start at 7 p.m.

The pastor's message on desire was prefaced with, "If people just knew how much better it is with Jesus in their life. Some people desire wealth and good health, but there is a thought in the Bible about real Christian desire." The pastor asked everyone to turn to a verse spoken by Jesus, "Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours" (Mark 11:24 NIV). Then in rapid fire succession the pastor referenced and quoted more than two



dozen Scriptures pertaining to desire(s).

Comparing God to an earthly father Childers said, "God is no different in wanting to give you your desires. There are a lot of good desires in the world, but there are as many bad desires also. Our desire as a church is to see people saved."

Describing the sinful nature Childers said, "God has given us free will and we can choose to do right, or we can choose to do wrong. God isn't hog tying anyone to do right, or to do wrong."

Using a personal example, the pastor said, "I had a bad father. My dad was a drunkard and a whoremonger, but my destiny was not to be like my father. I wanted to be the right kind of father to my kids." Driving home the point of free will the pastor said, "You can do whatever you want to do. You can murder, do dope and cheat on your wife. You can do what you want to do...but you are going to pay the consequences!"

Childers rejected the idea that you can blame your situation in life on your up-

bringing.

"Don't blame anyone but yourself...you chose to do right, or you chose to do wrong. When you stand before the Lord [Judgment Seat] you're not going to be able to blame Satan and say it was all his fault. You need to hold up a mirror and see that you are the one to blame."

Childers noted that you won't find God in a bar or a pot shop and if you simply resist the devil he will flee from you (James 4:7). "Resist means to say NO. Say no to the devil, fight him off, do whatever it takes. He will run away if you just say no. Even my dumb dog knows the word no! Submitting to God's desires is not hard...It's not hard to follow someone who loves you."

Contact Information:

Canyon View Baptist Church
32 N. Cedar Ave.

Montrose, CO 81401

Pastor Michael Childers

970-275-5270

Sunday worship 10:30 a.m.



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Mirror Staff Report

MONTROSE-Neighbors in the East Montrose (EMO) neighborhood near Main Street and the San Juan Bypass last night were treated to a volley of loud aerial fireworks around 10:30 p.m. Sunday night, followed by sirens and activity at the Phillips 66 Station at 1301 East Main Street. According to Montrose Police Sgt. Michelle Berry, the aerial fireworks were followed by a report of theft at the service station.

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MONTROSE REGIONAL CRIME STOPPERS ALERT

Montrose Regional Crimestoppers Update

MONTROSE-Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers and the Montrose Police Department are seeking the help of citizens to identify and locate the suspect(s) in a [burglary at Area Best Pawn and Loan](#) located in the 900 Block of E. Main Street. On July 5, 2017, at approximately 3:30 am, an unknown male broke the glass door at the business and stole four handguns prior to the arrival of Montrose police officers. Surveillance video from inside the store captured the incident as is being made available to the public. Anyone with information about this or any other crime may call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 970-249-8500, use the mobile app P3 Tips, or provide information via P3tips.com. Crime Stoppers wants your Information, not your identity. If the Tip results in an arrest, the caller may receive a cash award.

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about how best to use this facility to really serve producers and the community."

The re-opening of Rogers Mesa also highlights the growing importance of Western Slope agriculture and agritourism to the state.

"The reopening of, and new investments into, the Rogers Mesa Research Center mean that we will have another location on the Western Slope where CSU can connect researchers and extension agents with the local community," said Ajay Menon, dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences and director of the Colorado Agricultural Experiment Station.

"In addition to infrastructure improvements and renovations at the site, we anticipate offering programs that will address the needs of farmers, ranchers, growers, and community members who want to learn more about organic farming, horticulture, and traditional farming practices," Menon said. "We envision developing an Agricultural Incubator and Training Center which will address local and regional issues related to conventional and organic production systems as well as offer business and scientific training to help new and existing farmers overcome the barriers to entering farming.

"CSU remains committed to supporting agriculture on the Western Slope, and the redevelopment of this facility will allow us to enhance and expand our research, extension, and engagement activities."

First opened in 1961 and closed in 2011 in response to budget cuts, the station has for the past several years been the focus of community groups and others, who worked to keep CSU from selling the 83-acre site.

Delta County Commissioner Mark Roeber said, "We were encouraging CSU to stay involved all along. We are glad they are keeping a presence in the County and on the Western Slope; they are the land grant university for the state, and they need to keep a presence here. "We are very excited about this."

The *Delta County Independent* reported on July 19 that Rep. Millie Hamner had initially approached a CSU liaison, and then worked with the state's Joint Budget Committee to allocate about \$875,000 through the budget process.

For Hamner, the opportunities that the re-opening will bring to the Western Slope are well worth the effort.

"I am so pleased to see that this wonderful asset in Delta County will be able to come alive again to support research, education, and local agriculture throughout the area," she said.

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6TH ANNUAL PEA GREEN PEDAL ON SEPT. 9



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PEA GREEN-The Delta County Memorial Hospital Foundation invites everyone to participate in the sixth annual Pea Green Pedal on Saturday, September 9 at Lion's Club Pavilion at Confluence Park.

There is an 18 or 40-mile bike ride or a 5K Fun Run/Walk around the lake. Registration cost is \$40 for the 5K or the bike ride prior to August 28th, and lunch and a t-shirt are included with early registration. Costs go up after August 28th to \$45 for the 5K and the bike ride. This year the lunch will be grilled hamburgers, and brats donated by Homestead Meats, fruit, pasta salad, ice cream and free beer, and there will be drawings.

The 40-mile bike riders start at 8 a.m., 18 mile bike riders begin at 9:30 a.m. and the 5K Fun Run/walkers start at 10:30 a.m. at Lion's Pavilion at Confluence Park.

All funds raised from the Pea Green Pedal are dedicated to Delta County Memorial Hospital programs, services and equipment and educational scholarships.

For additional details including registration and, bike maps, contact Patti A. Kalahar, Foundation Liaison and Manager, Education/Marketing for Delta County Memorial Hospital at 874-2291 or pkalahar@deltahospital.org or go to dcmhfoundation.org.

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GMUG NFS ANNOUNCES THE PUBLIC OPEN HOUSES FOR FOREST PLAN REVISION

Special to the Mirror

RIDGWAY — This summer, the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests and Ouray County are co-hosting a public open house in Ridgway to talk about the Forest Plan Revision.

The open house will be held in the evening, on August 1 at 4H Center, 22739 US-550, Ridgway. The public open house will be meeting at Mt. Sneffels Room (South Room) from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The Forest Plan Revision starts with an assessment of current conditions on the Forests. At the open houses, the GMUG planning team will share initial assessment work and early ideas about needs for change in the Forest Plan, while inviting the public to contribute their ideas.

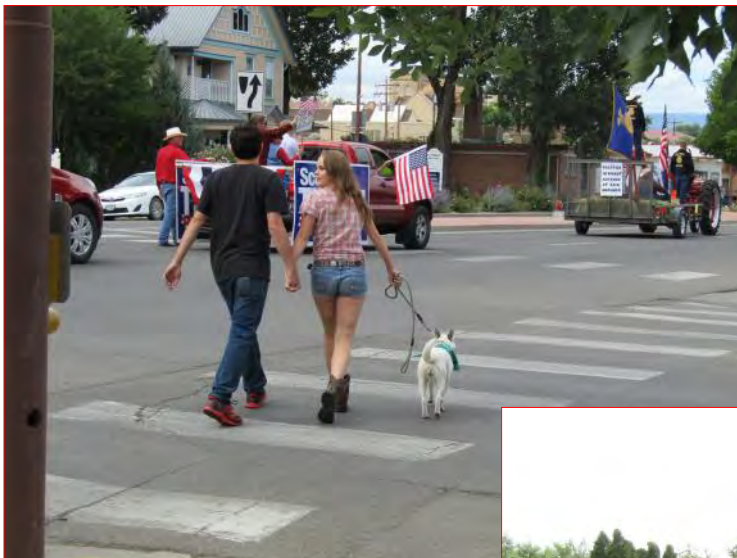
According to Samantha Staley, Forest Planner, "We've started to build a comprehensive snapshot of what's going on in the Forests today, but we hope the open houses are an opportunity to widen the lens: what has the public noticed? What concerns do our stakeholders have about the state of the Forests?" The assessment relies on existing information, including best available science, and invites interested stakeholders to provide additional information. The assessment will cover the broad array of resources and programs on the Forests, from wildlife to livestock grazing, timber to mining, ecosystems and recreation. The end result of the assessment is to identify changes that should be made in the new Forest Plan, including

changes identified by stakeholders.

In order to keep interested stakeholders informed, the GMUG is utilizing of a variety of communication tools, including open houses, webinars, posting information and updates on the website and through email.

The series of public open houses mentioned above are designed to help citizens understand the assessment process, review preliminary assessment information with resource specialists, and afford the opportunity to provide early input. For specific information about the public open houses such as location and times, please reference "Get Involved" on the GMUG NFs' website at: www.fs.usda.gov/goto/ForestPlan.

MONTROSE COUNTY FAIR & RODEO PARADE 2017



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MONTROSE-The Montrose County Fair & Rodeo Parade took place at 10 a.m. Saturday July 22, Downtown.



WEEHAWKEN DANCE FALL 2017

MONTROSE SCHEDULE

MONDAYS:

WEEHAWKEN MONTROSE

- 10am-10:45 Pre-Ballet with Miss Leeann (ages 2.5-5)
 10:45-11:15 Story Book Ballet with Miss Leeann (ages 2.5-5)
 4:00-5:00 Beginning Hip-Hop and Jazz with Miss Caila (ages 5-7)
 5:00-6:00 Intermediate Hip-Hop A with Miss Caila (ages 8-11, All may sign up for this class, Miss Val will class assist the first 4 weeks)
 6:00-7:00 Intermediate Hip-Hop B with Miss Valerie (ages 8-11, May sign up with approval from Miss Val Only)
 7:00-8:15 Advanced Hip Hop with Miss Valerie (ages 12+, teacher approval required)

TUESDAYS:

MONTROSE - @ PRECEDENCE ON MAIN

- 4:00-5:00 Wee little Hip Hop with Miss Leeann (ages 2.5-5)
 5:00-5:45 Pre-Ballet with Miss Leeann (ages 3-5)

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- 4:00-5:30 Ballet 3/4 with Miss Pang (ages 9+)
 5:30-6:00 Pre-Pointe/Pointe for ballet level 3/4 with Miss Pang (instructor approval)
 6:00-8:00 Ballet 5/6 with Miss Pang \ (with instructor approval, includes pointe)

WEDNESDAYS:

MONTROSE @ PRECEDENCE ON MAIN

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

WEEHAWKEN MONTROSE

- 3:00-4:00 Pom Jazz with Miss Valerie (ages 9+)
 4:00-5:00 Jr Jazz and Mix it up! with Miss Natasha (6-8th grade, see additional info on website for weekly teacher and dance style schedule)
 5:00-6:15 Sr Jazz and Mix it up! w/ Miss Natasha (grades 9-12, or with instructor approval, see additional info on website for weekly teacher and dance style schedule)

MONTROSE - BLACK CANYON GYMNASTICS

- 6:45-7:45 Year 1 Aerial Dance A with Natasha (6 week session, non-performing. Ages 10+)
 7:45-8:45 Year 1 Aerial Dance B with Natasha (6 week session, non-performing. Ages 10+)

THURSDAYS:

MONTROSE @ PRECEDENCE ON MAIN

- 3:45-4:30 Pre-Ballet with Miss Leeann (ages 2.5-5)
 4:30-5:15 Primary ballet Miss Leeann (ages 5-7)
 5:15-6:15 Tap 1 with Miss Caila (ages 5-7)

MONTROSE- REC FIELD HOUSE

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

WEEHAWKEN MONTROSE

- 4:00-5:30 Ballet 3/4 with Miss Caroline (ages 10 and up with instructor approval)
 5:30-7:30 Ballet 4/5 with Miss Caroline (with instructor approval)
 7:30-8:30 Teen Jazz and Lyrical with Miss Caila (ages 13 and up)

FRIDAYS:

WEEHAWKEN MONTROSE

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

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MONTROSE COUNTY PARTNERS ON NEW COLORADO PUBLIC HEALTH CAMPAIGN THAT TAKES ON MENTAL HEALTH STIGMA

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Montrose County is working with a coalition of partner organizations on a new public health campaign called "Let's Talk Colorado." The campaign spotlights the stigma around mental illness so that the people who need this type of help are more likely to seek it.

"I'd like to see the momentum from this campaign propel mental health issues into our daily conversations," said Commissioner Glen Davis. "This is something that is being talked about at the state level and I'm glad that we can send the message that it is important to Montrose County as well."

"Mental health is an important part to

overall wellness," said Montrose County Health Educator Danace Arthur. "The goal of this campaign is to build positive associations with mental health conditions and mental health resources."

The campaign, officially proclaimed "Mental Health Awareness and Stigma Reduction Week" by the Montrose Board of County Commissioners at their July 19th meeting, urges everyone to talk openly about mental health issues and to talk with people who are impacted by mental illness. One in five people struggle with a mental health condition. In fact, people with mental health challenges like anxiety, depression or eating disorders are as common as silver cars.

Let's Talk Colorado includes a web site, www.LetsTalkCO.org, that includes ideas on how to talk about mental illness, a toolkit of resources including a video, mental health stigma presentation, fliers and a newsletter article. The materials, created after a series of focus groups, draw from an award-winning campaign from Minnesota called www.MakeltOK.org.

People who need immediate support due to a mental health crisis should contact, or have a family member or friend contact, [Colorado Crisis Services](http://ColoradoCrisisServices.org) at **1.844.493.TALK(8255)**. This agency has trained counselors who are available 24/7/365 to work with persons in crisis and the people supporting them.

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interest under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4) (a); and the following additional details are provided for identification purposes: contract negotiations with High Mesa Spirits; real estate matter

4. Reconvenment and Adjournment

Call For Public Comment For Non-Agenda Items:

Approximately 20 citizens interested in Ordinance 2425, the Miami Road Farm Addition, were in attendance. With the prospect of the ordinance being tabled, Mayor Judy Ann Files invited citizens to speak to the issue during call for public comment.

Concern citizens have been attending meetings since May 24 to express concern over the proposed high-density development. Four residents addressed the council with specific concerns over lack of infrastructure (roads and sidewalks), lack of communication between the developer and residents, increased traffic, narrow roads and safety.

The developer committed to holding publicized meeting with citizens to answer questions.

2016 Audit Presentation – Finance Director Shani Wittenberg and Tim Mayberry.

Mayberry, Principal of Holscher, Mayberry & Company, LLC (CPA), said, “There are no real issues. Everything went well and hasn’t changed from years past. The golf course transfer was higher this year than last year.”

The city has a lot of funds, and while the audit presentation focused on the larger funds Mayberry said there are no concerns with the small funds. Speaking about the larger fund Mayberry said, “You don’t have a lot of carry-over remaining in your Capital Improvement Fund. The Water Fund has a very healthy carry forward. The Sewer Fund, on a cash basis, you’re just fine, you have a carry forward there.”

Mayberry reported that the Trash & Recycle is getting better, but that the golf course has a net loss of \$348,000. He said, “It’s very hard to operate and break even. As a council you need to ask [yourselves], how much do we want to put into it?”

Each of the last three city audits from Holscher, Mayberry & Company, LLC

(2014, 2015 and 2016) state: “The City’s expenditures exceeded appropriations in the Capital Improvement Fund and Black Canyon Golf Course Fund, which may be a violation of Colorado statutes.” Approved unanimously.

Ordinance 2425 (second reading) - Senior Planner Garry Baker.

Miami Road Farm Addition - Applicant requested this item to be tabled.

Ordinance 2426 (second reading) - Senior Planner Garry Baker.

Annexation of Panorama View Addition which is located southeast of 6700 Rd and Miami. The property is 8.6 acres in size. Approved unanimously.

Ordinance 2427 (first reading) - Senior Planner Garry Baker.

Zoning of Panorama View Addition (mentioned previously) to “R-1A,” large estate district. The 8.05 acres and is slated for one single family residence; however, the property can be subdivided into ½ acre lots. Approved unanimously.

Ordinance 2428 (first reading) - Senior Planner Garry Baker.

Baker said, “The Redevelopment, or REDO ordinance, was adopted in 2008 and has been tweaked over the years. In some ways this is a housekeeping item.”

Amending the boundary of the REDO Overlay Zoning District corrects an oversight and matches the REDO district expansion with the 1911 map. Approved unanimously.

Ordinance 2429 (first reading) - Senior Planner Garry Baker.

Expands the boundary for curb-cut angle parking within the REDO Overlay Zone and allows for right-of-way parking. Baker said, “Angle parking is not allowed on minor arterial streets (i.e.) Main, Townsend, Park Ave. and South 9th.” Angle parking downtown, which was a Downtown Development Authority (DDA) initiative, is an exception. Approved unanimously.

Ordinance 2430 (first reading) – City Manager Bill Bell.

The 457-acre city owned Banner Road property located in Olathe was once the city waste water disposal site. The property is currently leased for agriculture and this ordinance authorizes the sale of the

property. Bell said, “We no longer have a need for this site and we’ve been approached several times to sell the property.”

The property was originally purchased from the Sewer Fund and Bell indicated that if sold, the original purchase price would go back into the Sewer Fund. However, the city manager made no mention of any profit over and above the original purchase price, or how those funds would be earmarked.

The *Mirror* asked if an appraisal had been done on the property. City Attorney Stephen Alcorn indicated that it was premature to have an appraisal, but when that time came the city would look at previous appraisals and fair market value. Council’s approval of this ordinance authorizes selling the property. Approved unanimously.

Resolution 2017-10 - Police Chief Tom Chinn.

This resolution authorizes the Police Department to apply for the \$28,000 Victim Assistance Law Enforcement (VALE) Grant. Chinn said, “I think we’ve gotten this grant right at 20 years now, since 1997. The grant pays 51 percent of our Victim Advocate salary.” Approved unanimously.

Resolution 2017-11 – City Engineer Scott Murphy.

Application for 2017 Connect Initiative Grant from the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) is in partnership with the Montrose Recreation District. The grant will be used to build a 10-foot-wide trail giving the community north-south connectivity. Murphy said “The trail will run from the rec center to the Justice Center. We’re asking for \$2 M, but it is a \$3.5 M project. If we get the award likely construction is in 2019.” Approved unanimously.

West Side Arterial Phase II Design Change Order – Public Works Director John Harris.

Harris requested a change order in the amount of \$15,000 to Jacobs Engineering for technical support associated with construction of Phase II of the West Side Arterial Project. The city is eligible for a \$12,000 reimbursement from the federal transportation grant. Approved unanimously.

CITY DECLINES APPRAISAL IN SALE OF BANNER ROAD ACREAGE From pg 16

Staff Reports:

Sales, Use and Excise Tax Report - Finance Director Shani Wittenberg. Wittenberg said, "It is a very good report, but not as good as it was in April." YTD total collected Sales and Use Tax \$6,151,889. YTD collected for the recreation district (0.3%) \$614,961. YTD collected for Retail Enhancement Program \$122,539.

Public Information Officer – City Manager Bill Bell. City Clerk Lisa DelPiccolo gave the

timeline for filling the city council seat vacated by Rex Swanson. Applications will be received until July 26, interviews will be held at the council work session on July 31 and the appointment will be made at the regular council meeting on Aug. 1. DelPiccolo said, "If anyone wants an application or has any questions they can call me at 970-240-1422." Assistant City Manager Rob Joseph promoted FUNC Fest activities and the \$3,000 in prizes to give away.

City Council Comments-Councilman Dave Bowman promoted FUNC Fest, the DDA Pocket Park activities and music concerts. He said, "I'm glad to see the golf course in better shape [greened up]." Councilman Roy Anderson praised the work done for the 4th of July events. Youth Council reported on an upcoming food drive and school supply drive.

Meeting Adjourned and council returned to their executive session.

LIKE OBT SUBARU, PURCHASE OF CITY MANAGER'S NEW SUBURBAN DID NOT REQUIRE APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE- A tip from a reader led the *Mirror* to inquire about Montrose City Manager Bill Bell's new city vehicle. The city manager's previous vehicle, which was slated to be replaced in January 2018, was a 2013 five-passenger Chevy Tahoe, with approximately 105,000 miles.

The Tahoe was recently traded in for a 2016, seven-passenger, Chevy Suburban. According to the city staff, "After a \$22,000 trade-in value was offered and Interfund Lease contributions of \$40,105 from the city manager's budget were considered, the net new expense to the City of Montrose was \$6,470." It is unclear if the entire purchase price came from the city manager's budget. The city council has given City Manager Bill Bell authority to approve single expenditures under \$50,000 without getting their approval. Similar to Bell's recent purchase of the new \$30,100 Subaru for the Office of Business and Tourism (OBT), the purchase of



The City of Montrose recently purchased this 2016 Chevy Suburban for City Manager Bill Bell. Photo by Gail Marvel.

the Suburban did not go before city council. City fleet vehicles, such as the new truck purchased for Public Works Director John Harris, go out to bid and are ap-

proved by city council. The *Mirror* obtained information on the purchase of the Suburban through a CORA (Colorado Open Records Act) request to the city.



PASSAGE CHARTER SCHOOL CLOSED AFTER 19 YEARS

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—Over the past 19 years, 120 teen parents who otherwise might have had a difficult time finishing school were able to complete their educations at Passage Charter School. Passage Charter school was founded in the 1990's, in response to a rising teen pregnancy rate in local schools. A group of community leaders helped to create the alternative school with child care on-site and a flexible schedule that allowed pregnant and parenting teens to work part-time and complete their high school educations. However, Passage Charter School was closed at the end of the 2016-2017 school year, due to declining enrollment.

"We didn't want to close, but we couldn't afford to stay open with our revenue based on (per pupil) funding," Passage Charter School Board President Dr. Louis Winkler said.

When Passage Charter School first opened, there were 25 students who enrolled immediately and there was a waiting list as well.

"Over the years, we think and hope that the teen pregnancy rate has declined," Winkler said. "We thought our last year would be two years ago, but it wasn't."

At the close of this past school year there were 10 students attending Passage, and eight graduated, he said.

"There were only two coming back in the Fall, and we had to make a tough decision."

Winkler said that he had a discussion about the Passage closure with Re-1J Superintendent Stephen Schiell last week.

"They are going to use our building to serve students age 18-21 who have disabilities," Winkler said. "Those students are at Montrose High School until they are 18,



Passage Charter School has closed, and the facility, above, will now be used for the school district's STEP UP Program. Photo by Gail Marvel.

and the program helps them integrate into society for another three years. The program has been at Zion Lutheran Church, and will move into the Passage Building now, which is a perfect use for it. It is bigger than the facility they have, and it is accessible to people who have disabilities."

According to *Mirror* reporter Gail Marvel, Montrose RE-1J School District has a 25-year contract with the City of Montrose for the Passage Charter School building, which is located at the south end of Archmont Park.

While the school board oversees the charter school, the building sits on city property. The school district would like ownership of the property; however, council preferred to retain ownership of the land and rewrite the terms of the lease agreement to accommodate the new program.

RE-1J Superintendent Stephen Schiell

expressed satisfaction with the arrangement.

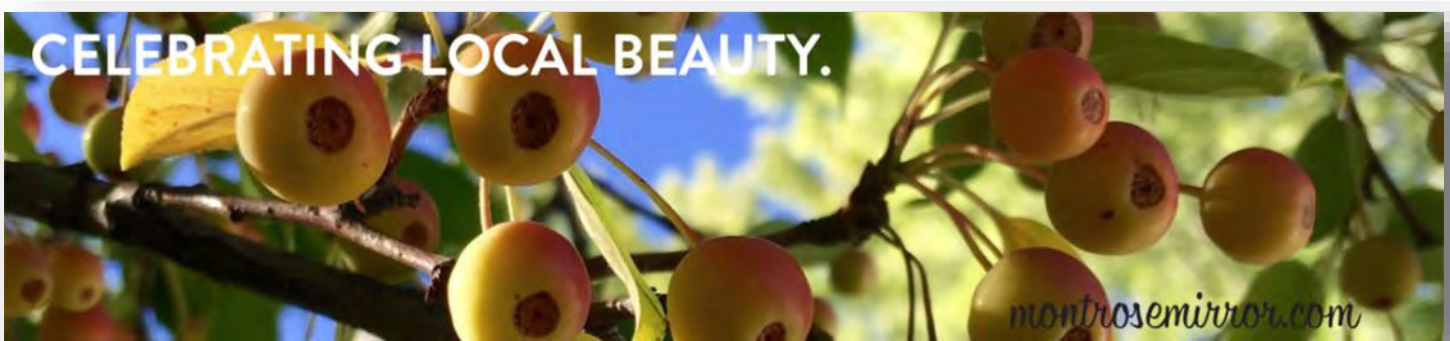
"Our STEP UP program will be moving into that building now," Schiell said. "They are very excited about it, and we are excited to have them in one of our facilities versus the basement of a church."

Finally, though the needs of the former Passage Charter School student demographic are now well served by RE-1J's Vista Charter School and Peak Academy, there is one aspect of the Passage program that is not being replicated elsewhere.

"The biggest loss will be the daycare," Winkler said.

"We are happy that we are no longer needed, and that there are alternatives for our students' academic needs, which can be met by other schools within the district.

"We really regret that there is no substitute for the day care."



REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

NEW WOMEN'S CANCER SUPPORT GROUP BEGINS IN DELTA

By Danielle Gallegos, Oncology Nurse Navigator, Grand Mesa Oncology & Infusion Center, DCMH

DELTA-A vibrant group of women is launching a women's cancer support group starting on Tuesday, Aug. 8 at 11:30 a.m. at the Grand Mesa Oncology Center in the Crag Crest Classroom. Bring a lunch to enjoy.

These young women come from different walks of life with one thing in common, cancer. Each woman received treatment at Grand Mesa Oncology, each with a unique set of circumstances and life situations. They found themselves having to fight for their life, throwing them onto the biggest roller coaster ride of their lives. They endured the physical component of fighting cancer, but were left with emotional trauma. They all found themselves anxious after treatment ended and felt like their security blanket had been lifted. Each woman found their own way over time, but strongly feel the need to fill the gap between cancer treatments into survivorship.

It is with great excitement that this women's cancer support group begins. This group welcomes all women who have had or currently have any type of cancer. The next support group meeting will be on Tuesday Aug. 8 at 11:30 at the Grand Mesa Oncology Center in the Crag Crest Classroom. Bring a lunch to enjoy.

Another longstanding, tremendous support group led by Dorothy Hunt, welcomes all cancer patients including both men and women to attend. She has been leading this support group for years. The support group meets the last Friday of every month at 11:30 a.m. in the Mesa Lake Classroom. Bring a sack lunch. For North Fork patients, The North Fork Cancer Support Group meets the first Saturday of every month at 11 am in the Paonia Public Library. This group also welcomes all cancer patients including both men and women.

If you have any questions please contact Danielle Gallegos, Oncology Nurse Navigator at 970-874-6429.



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STRUGGLING FAMILIES CAN FIND RESOURCES & HELP @ HILLTOP

Mirror Staff Report

COLORADO--Just months ago, the Colorado Children's Campaign released the Kids Count data for 2017, providing a snapshot of child well-being both in Montrose County and across the State of Colorado. In some ways, the picture is bleaker here. In the State of Colorado, 14.8 percent of children under the age of 18 live in poverty. In Montrose County, that percentage rises to 25.2 percent—more than a quarter of all local kids.

As of Fall 2016, a full 49 percent of kids in Montrose County qualified for free and reduced lunches, compared to 42.1 percent statewide.

The median household income in Montrose is just \$46,860, while in Colorado as a whole the median household income is \$63,945. Still, Montrose is among those Colorado home-rule cities that does not exempt food purchased for home consumption from sales tax, making it more expensive to feed a family without public assistance. Affordable, safe housing is increasingly scarce across the state.

And when it comes to reported instances of child abuse and neglect, Montrose County sees 13.3 instances per 1,000 individuals. Colorado sees 7.8 instances per 1,000 individuals statewide.

One place that struggling Montrose families can turn to for help is Hilltop Community Resources.

"We had a summer camp that was free to participants, and the kids absolutely loved it," Hilltop Children and Family Children and Family Coordinator Penelope Powell.



Hilltop Community Resources is located at 540 South First Street in Montrose.

"There is a huge demand for healthy summer activities."

Starting again in September is the group Wellness 360, which is for youth ages 12 to 18, Powell said. The group starts meeting on Thursdays at 4 p.m. on Sept. 7, at the Hilltop facility at 540 South First Street. "They start with educational wellness, and do a healthy activity," Powell said. "The numbers have really grown, because people tell their friends, and their friends join. At one meeting, they made a full meal together—they talked about nutrition in the beginning and then they all sat down and ate together."

Also in great demand are mentors, such as those provided through Partners Mentoring, Powell said. "The kids all really seem to love Partners, and I know they don't always have enough volunteers to meet demand," she said. "Senior partners

are in high demand, and it is a really great opportunity for the kids."

Programs available through Hilltop Community Resources now include domestic violence case management for children, "to support them after the experience of witnessing domestic violence in their homes," Powell said. "They do therapeutic activities as a way of expressing feelings and identifying feelings."

Parents As Teachers is also offered for parents of kids ages 0 to five, to help parents become their child's first educator. "They focus on readiness and early assessment, and we stress that parents our children's first teachers." Two curriculums are available, for age groups 0 to two and three to five. For those who wish to make a difference for local kids programming, non-profit Hilltop Community Resources accepts donations.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

BLACK HILLS ENERGY SEEKS INCREASE TO RESIDENTIAL MONTHLY MINIMUM CHARGE

Special to the Mirror

DENVER - The [Colorado Office of Consumer Counsel](#) (OCC), which advises and advocates on behalf of consumers regarding state regulated utility costs, is advising consumers to be aware of a request by Black Hills Energy to increase the monthly minimum charge to some of its residential customers in southern Colorado. Black Hills serves Colorado communities in Cañon City, Florence, Pueblo, Rocky Ford and Westcliffe. Under the rate design proposed by Black Hills, the minimum monthly residential Customer Charge (also known as the Service and Facilities Charge) would be increased by \$3.24. Some residential customers would see a charge of \$20.13 instead of the current rate of \$16.89 depending on their monthly energy usage. This charge is intended to recover customer-related costs, such as the customer's meter and connection to the Black Hills electric system, as well as the provision of customer service.

Background- The [Colorado Public Utilities Commission](#) (PUC) regulates Black Hills Energy in Colorado. As required by the PUC, Black Hills filed its "Phase II" electric rate case on Friday, July 7 in order to implement the PUC's decision, issued on December 19, 2016, which lowered Black Hills' proposed rate increase of approximately \$8.5 million to \$636,267. In the current rate case, known as the rate design phase, Black Hills is required to divide the approved rate increase between its residential and business customers. New rates, based upon the approved increase, began being charged on January 1, 2017, on a temporary basis and were based on the existing rate design. However, the

current phase may result in a new rate design that may change the temporary rates charged to residential and business customers. The PUC must approve Black Hills' proposed rate design or may order modifications to it. Proposed Tiered Energy Usage Rate -For residential customers, Black Hills is proposing a two-tiered energy usage rate structure, known as an inclining block rate structure, whereby rates increase if a customer uses more electricity in any given month. For residential customers using 500 kWh or less, there would be no rate increase. However, if a customer were to use more than 500 kWh per month, the amount used over and above 500 kWh would be charged a higher rate. Black Hills states that an average residential customer uses approximately 624 kWh per month, and for a customer using 600 kWh per month, the rates would increase by \$2.41 or 2.48 percent.

Finally, for a customer using 1200 kWh per month, rates would increase by \$16.85, or 9.57 percent. Black Hills recommends an inclining block rate structure because it states that such a rates structure benefits lower usage customers and creates a conservation incentive for higher usage customers to reduce their energy consumption. Black Hills proposes a medical exemption for qualified customers that retains a uniform flat rate regardless of the amount of electricity consumed. For residential, net metered solar customers, Black Hills proposes a monthly Service and Facilities Charge of \$25.45 primarily to recover the cost of the second meter (production meter) and a higher energy charge resulting in an overall increase of approximately 50 percent. Black Hills

states that since its last "Phase II" electric rate case in 2012, the number of net metered customers has increased by 400 percent and that its cost to serve these customers has increased by 140 percent. Quick facts about [Black Hills Energy](#):

95,000 customers
More than 140 employees
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CITY AGREES TO CONSTRUCT PARKING AREAS FOR RIVER VALLEY HEALTH CENTER WITH GENERAL FUND DOLLARS

By Gail Marvel

Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Applicant Interviews:

The DDA, which is allowed an 11-member board, currently has five openings. Applicants interviewed were: Kirk Hartman, Alexander Parker, Scott Riba, Chaynne Carter and Julie Otto. Council will vote on appointments to the DDA board at their August 1st meeting.

Discussion Items:

School District Contract for Passage Charter School – Mayor Judy Ann Files.

Montrose RE-1J School District has a 25-year contract with the City of Montrose for the Passage Charter School, which is located at the south end of Archmont Park. The school board oversees the charter school; however, their building sits on city property.

According to School Superintendent Stephen Schiell the Charter Passage School is scheduled for closure and the school district would like to use the building for a special education program for 18-20 year-olds. The special education group currently meets in the basement of a church that the school district rents for \$2,000 a month.

City Attorney Stephen Alcorn described the situation as, “A political decision for council.” The school district would like ownership of the property, but council prefers to retain ownership of the land and rewrite the terms of the lease agreement to accommodate the new program. Council turned the matter over to the city manager to work out the details.

Columbine Middle School Access Land Transfer – Mayor Judy Ann Files.

In the second phase of development for the Rotary Park parking area City Manager Bill Bell asked for input from council on a transfer of land currently owned by the school district. After the completion of Columbine School, the school district would prefer not to maintain the approximately 2.8 acres of land located in the northeast corner of South 12th and Mesa Ave. and has asked the city to take it over



Downtown Development Authority (DDA) board applicants (front row, L to R) Alexander Parker, Chaynne Carter, Julie Otto, (back row) Scott Riba and Kirk Hartman. Photo by Gail Marvel.

for development.

The school district also requested the city make the current driveway behind the old Columbine School, into a street. The school district would construct York Street, but the city would take ownership and maintain the street. Public Works Director John Harris said, “We all agree it’s a great project. I’m willing to take on a new project if there is funding. It costs \$600-\$700 a lane mile to maintain streets now.”

Other discussion included maintenance of parking lots. The city staff will look into a shared service agreement with the school district that is similar to the one with the recreation district. The old Columbine School will not be torn down until May of 2018; however, decisions on land issues and maintenance need to be made by the second week of August in order to accommodate the budget process for both the city and the school district.

Street Improvement Project and Major Street Maintenance Financing Options, South Hillcrest Extension (Sanitary Sewer CIP’s 1 and 2), Miami/Hillcrest Roundabout – Public Works Director John Harris, City Engineer Scott Murphy.

Harris said, “We need to know about capital improvement projects for 2018.”

After discussion, council determined they want to proceed with the Hillcrest Extension, and because it is a matter of timing, to include the sewer project which goes under Hillcrest. The sewer project will not help with the back-ups experienced in English Gardens 1 and 2, but rather is part of the master plan that helps with future development of the Bridges and Brown Ranch.

The Miami/Hillcrest Roundabout is on hold because of land acquisition issues.

Council expressed concern that once completed the extension of Hillcrest would increase traffic in subdivisions as drivers try to avoid congestion on South Townsend Ave. Councilman Roy Anderson requested city staff continue to work on gaining right-away for the Woodgate extension.

In the area of Major Street Maintenance Financing Options city staff recommends using Certificates of Participation (COP) as the best option. Bell said, “We can do it for maintenance and the COP doesn’t raise taxes.” The staff is looking at the \$15M to \$20M option with most of the work contracted out rather than done in-house. Bell said, “We need to do both, capital improvements and maintenance.”

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CITY AGREES TO CONSTRUCT PARKING AREAS From previous page

River Valley Health Site Development Incentives - Public Works Director John Harris, City Engineer Scott Murphy.

The River Valley Family Health requested assistance from the city to construct parking areas. The eastern parking lot is estimated to cost \$44,000 and the western lot \$140,000. Bell said, "We talked about this several years ago [a different council]. It is a community wide benefit to clean up the property." The property, which is the old MAC building located on Rio Grande and Apollo Road, serves as a gateway to Riverbottom Park.

Funding for the parking lot(s) would come from the General Fund and while the council wants to honor the commitment from a previous council they were unsure about funding both parking lots. Council requested that representatives of River Valley Family Health come to a work session.

Taviwach Pond Put-In Ramp - Public Works Director John Harris.

Work was slated to install a put-in ramp at Taviwach Pond at a later date; however, after witnessing firsthand the difficulty of citizens getting in and out of the pond because of slick soil and a two-foot drop Harris recommended, "Putting in the ramp sooner rather than later." The cost of the put-in ramp is \$18,000.

US 550 Access Control Plan - Public Works Director John Harris, City Engineer Scott Murphy.

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) requested the city participate in an access control plan for traffic on US 550. Being a participant in the study (\$15,000) will insure that the city has a seat at the table and a voice when looking at the access points on US 550.

Cerro Summit Reservoir Pedestrian Bridge Project - Public Works Director John Harris, City Engineer Scott Murphy.



Montrose School District RE-1J requested the city extend York Street into Columbine School property and take over ownership and maintenance of 2.8 acres of land in the northeast corner of South 12th and Mesa Ave. Photo by Gail Marvel.

The Bostwick Water Conservation District requested the city install a pedestrian bridge over the canal on Cerro Summit. The current path brings recreationalists in close proximity to the conservation district's equipment. Cost of the bridge is \$10,5000.

GOCO Connect Grant Resolution - Director of Innovation and Citizen Engagement Virgil Turner, City Engineer Scott Murphy.

The City of Montrose and the recreation district applied for a \$2M grant to help fund the \$3.5M project to extend the bike path from the recreation center to Colorado Outdoors. Montrose is one of fourteen applicants to submit concept papers and out of those only nine projects will be funded.

FUNC Fest Liquor Permit Approval - City Clerk Lisa DelPiccolo.

The Chamber of Commerce is not able to serve the 2017 FUNC Fest; however, the Elks Club has stepped-up and will serve liquor at the event.

Mobile Vendor Permit Revisions - City

Attorney Stephen Alcorn.

Due to time constraints this item was moved to the Aug. 14 meeting.

Council Seat Vacancy - City Clerk Lisa DelPiccolo.

According to the City Charter the council has 30 days to fill the District II council seat vacated by Rex Swanson. Swanson's resignation, dated July 11, requires the seat to be filled by Aug. 10. Council determined applications will be accepted through July 26th, interviews held on July 31st and the council vote on Aug. 1st.

Councilman Dave Bowman, who currently holds the At-Large seat, lives in District II and is thereby eligible to apply for the District II seat. Bowman would have to resign his At-Large seat prior to being appointed to the District II seat. If Bowman resigns from the At-Large seat it becomes open and can be filled by a qualified applicant from any district.

The terms for both the District II seat and the At-Large seat expire in April 2018, as does the District I seat.

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BOCC HEARS FROM CITIZENS, LENDS SUPPORT TO MENTAL HEALTH EFFORT



Wally Smith spoke during the time for public comment at the BOCC meeting of July 19.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—Two members of the public spoke during the time for public comment at the Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) [regular meeting of July 19](#).

Citizen Wally Smith talked about the recent closure of the clean-burning coal power plant in Nucla. "...God gave us the Earth to take care of," Smith said, "...we also have respect for the people who live on the Earth, especially when it comes to burning clean coal...our forests are treated the same way...disease infected and with jobs eliminated. Most of all we have eliminated peoples' livelihoods. We no longer manage our forests, we just burn them down. We as a state and county have let the environmental movement use the judicial system to eliminate the power of the voter."

The closure of the Nucla plant was about greed, power and money, Smith said, and "not about the environment and definitely not about the people of the West End. "...we the people have got to take back our country."

Citizen Dennis Olmstead spoke about the County's ongoing event center project at the Montrose County Fairgrounds.

"Construction is active again...How is financing evolving? Cost terms etc.?" Olmstead asked.

"The private property adjacent to the event center was to have appraisals made to negotiate with owners. If I owned that property I would expect at least a four-times increase in value from a

year ago."

Olmstead questioned the most recent cost and benefit analysis for the event center project. "I trust there is a more current version in the works."

Most hotel rooms in Montrose are full during vacation season, he said, and called the events scheduled on the County Fairgrounds calendar for 2017-2019 "a bit alarming."

After noting that the existing facilities would accommodate any of the scheduled events, "Show me again why we are building a multi-million dollar event center at the fairgrounds," Olmstead said.

Following approval of [Consent Agenda items](#), commissioners voted unanimously to approve Resolutions 29-2017 and 30-2017. Resolution 29-2017 declares as surplus a six-acre parcel of land near the Justice Center on Grand Avenue. Resolution 30-2017 supports environmental remediation of real property located at 11948 and 11938 6300 Road and Tract II of the Amended Replat of the Ben Casias Exemption.

Sue Wheeler, Montrose Regional Airport property and contracts manager, presented four items to the BOCC, three of which concern Hopkins Field Airport in Nucla, and one on behalf of Montrose Regional Airport:

- Award of Airport Improvement Project No. 3-08-0044-011-2017 Rehabilitate Runway 5/23 at Hopkins Field in Nucla went to Mountain Valley Contracting, who submitted the lowest responsive, responsible bid in the amount of \$4,376,320.46;

- A grant agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for Federal funding in the amount of \$4,721,146 for Airport Improvement Project No. 3-08-0044-011-2017 at Hopkins Field in Nucla. The project includes: Reconstruct Runway 5/23; Extend Runway 5/23; Construct Turnaround Taxiways; install Precision Approach Path Indicators (PAPIs) and Runway End Identifier Lights (REILs) on Runway 5 and Runway 23;

- A grant agreement with the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) Energy

% Mineral Impact Assistance Fund (EIAF) for \$472,222.00 for the Hopkins Field Airport Runway 5/23 Project; and
 -A Grant Agreement with the FAA for Airport Improvement Project No. 3-08-0043-049-2017 at Montrose Regional Airport for the project Reconstruct Taxiway (C&D) Fillets); Expand terminal apron (design); in the amount of \$107,715.00; with a State contribution of \$5,984.16 and a County match of \$5,984.16.

"...this project should make life better for people in the West End," Wheeler said as she introduced the first item, "and will create greater awareness for pilots and others of the region." All four projects, General Business & Administrative items D 3,4,5 and 6 were approved unanimously. "We just spent about \$6 million in taxpayer money," Commissioner Glen Davis said. "And most of it didn't come from Montrose County."

Commissioners heard from Danace Arthur of Health & Human Services, who read a proclamation declaring July 16-23 as Mental Health Awareness and Stigma Reduction Week.

"I appreciate you bringing this forward; it touches all of our families," Commissioner Roger Rash said.

Commissioner Keith Caddy said, "The State of Colorado has neglected its duties in addressing this matter; the County of Montrose needs to step up and do something about this."

Commissioner Davis also spoke, noting the lack of a mental health hospital in the region. "We are fast dictating to our jails and hospitals that they need to become mental wards," he said. "In moving forward, we have a great need in Western Colorado for a mental health facility...we don't have that facility--we don't have rooms and we don't have beds--so they either go on a waiting list or are confined places that they shouldn't be."

To Arthur, Davis said, "Thank you for bringing this forward, and you have our support to push this as long and hard as you want to."

Commissioners heard two Planning & Development items as well. Old Business

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BOCC HEARS FROM CITIZENS, LENDS SUPPORT TO MENTAL HEALTH EFFORT

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No 19 – 2017) to vacate a portion of Mailbox Park Road and dedication of a new easement located on property owned by Thomas Flynn, Jr.

Presented by Montrose County Government Affairs Director Jon Waschbusch on behalf of Planning & Development, the item was back before the BOCC because, while a 14-foot wide roadway had been approved, “the actual road is 12 feet in width,” Waschbusch said. The road is a

“native surface, un-maintained road,” he said.

Commissioner Davis said. “The road was 14 feet and now it is 12 feet; I would hate to see this become a habit.”

Commissioner Rash pointed out the road in question is “basically a dirt track road,” and that prior to re-alignment, “the existing road was a mess...hard to travel.

“My feeling is, as the road progresses, it’s a 12-foot road; and as it is maintained

it will probably be a 14-foot road in the end.”

Commissioners unanimously approved a motion for vacation and realignment.

In other P&D business, Commissioner unanimously approved Item No. 2, the amended Hepner/Keep Replat to remove the plat note that indicates that no further subdivision of the property can take place without the construction of a County road.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

2ND ROUND OF STATE BROADBAND GRANTS AVAILABLE

Special to the Mirror

COLORADO-The Broadband Deployment Board (Board), which manages the [Colorado Broadband Fund](#) within the [Depart-](#)

[ment of Regulatory Agencies](#) (DORA), announced that it is accepting applications for broadband infrastructure grants, now through Sept. 12, 2017. “The objective is

to coordinate the funding provided by the Board with other state agencies, local communities, and the private sector to achieve the goal of 100-percent rural coverage by 2020,” said Tony Neal-Graves, Executive Director, [Colorado Broadband Office](#). The Board has made \$9.4 million available for broadband infrastructure grants in its second application cycle. The funds, held by the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) but awarded by the Board, are allocated for rural broadband by the Colorado Legislature. The new allocation will increase the state’s investment in rural Broadband Fund grants to more than \$11.5 million since 2016. Projects funded in the 2016 grant cycle are slated to provide broadband access to over 4,700 households and 175 businesses in Eagle, Cheyenne, Kiowa, Lake, Mesa, Montrose, Ouray, Prowers, Sedgwick and Weld counties.

“The additional \$9.4 million in grant funds made possible by the legislature and the PUC will allow the Board to make significant progress in bringing broadband access to our rural communities,” said DORA’s Broadband Deployment Director Jordan Beezley.

Applications are now available on the Board’s website, colorado.gov/dora-broadband-fund, and must be submitted by Sept. 12, 2017.



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Special to Art & Sol

RIDGWAY—The beautiful town of Ridgway is known for spectacular scenery, railroads, ranching, recreation and of course: the Ridgway Rendezvous Arts and Crafts Festival held every year in August for the past 32 years.

In its 33rd year, Weehawken Creative Arts will welcome more than 140 juried artists and vendors from across the United States on August 12 and 13 in the Town of Ridgway's historic park. The 2017 Rendezvous is sure to be the biggest and best Rendezvous yet, with an abundance of new artists and craftsmen's work to enjoy.

All types of fine arts and original crafts will be represented at this show. Additionally, there will be a diverse assortment of food concessions offering everything from bar-b-que to Gyros. This year's event will also feature the delicious brews from regional breweries and will also feature signature drinks such as margaritas and bloody marys as well as wine at the event.

This two-day festival offers plenty for you to enjoy all day long throughout each day. The entertainment on the Main

Stage runs continuously on both days of the show with music ranging from bluegrass to magic shows and rock and roll. Watch art transpire as demonstrations of all types are scheduled by the vendors throughout each day.

These events are perfect for all ages; having plenty of extra special things for families and kids to do – even just playing in the incredible park or walking on the gorgeous river trail between events! On Saturday and Sunday, children will enjoy riding the Ridgway Fire Department train, a magic show, face painting, a free arts and crafts booth, and several kids' booths including sand art and more.

This annual show is located at the junction of Highways 550 and 62 in Southwest Colorado, Gateway to the beautiful San Juan Mountains. The show runs on Saturday from 9 am until 5 pm and on Sunday from 10 am until 5 pm. Admission to the Ridgway Rendezvous on Saturday and Sunday is FREE, so make plans to bring your whole family and a car load of friends for a



The Annual Arts & Crafts Rendezvous takes place in Ridgway, Colorado—Gateway to the beautiful San Juan Mountains. Courtesy photo.

fun weekend in Ridgway Colorado!

For more information, contact Weehawken Creative Arts at questions@weehawkenarts.org or call [970-318-0150](tel:970-318-0150). This event is sponsored by Weehawken Creative arts and is a fundraiser for the children's arts programming offered through Weehawken.

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NEW MEXICO NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & CULTURE

DWIGHT YOAKAM & THE MAVERICKS TO PERFORM IN TAOS, JULY 29

Special to Art & Sol

TAOS, N.M.-Country music superstar Dwight Yoakam, best known for smash country hits like "Ain't That Lonely Yet," and "I'm a Honkey-Tonk Man," will be joining The Mavericks for a Kit Carson Park performance in Taos on Saturday, July 29. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with opening act The Last Bandoleros taking the stage at 6:00 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$52 for adults and \$9 for children 12 and under. They can be purchased by calling (505) 886-1251 or by visiting <https://holdmyticket.com/event/279635>.

Yoakam is a country and bluegrass singer-songwriter who has earned multiple music awards and nominations throughout the years, including two Grammy Awards for Best Male Country Vocal Performance and Best Country Collaboration With Vocals, as well as New Male Vocalist of the Year and the Clifflie Stone Pioneer Award from the Academy of Country Music Awards. Yoakam has 12 certified gold albums, nine platinum or multi-platinum albums and has sold more than 25 million albums worldwide.

The Mavericks, known for the hits "There Goes My Heart" and "All You Ever Do Is Bring Me Down," have also earned a stash of coveted awards including Top New Vocal Group and Top Vocal Group by the Academy of Country Music Awards, Vocal Group of the Year by the Country Music Association Awards and a Grammy Award for Best Country Performance by a Duo or Group With Vocal in 1995. The Mavericks have cultivated a unique sound that blends rock, Latino, folk, blues and country and they have built a 30-year fan base that is both large and loyal.

The Last Bandoleros will be opening the show as part of their Crooked Little Halo Tour after coming fresh off of a European swing with Sting.

This double-bill performance is one of many music events coming to Taos this year. Ozomatli recently played a free concert on July 4 and Michael Franti & Spearhead will join The Wailers and Supaman for another Kit Carson Park performance on Sept. 30.

"We are very excited to have Dwight Yoakam and The Mavericks on our lineup of summer music this year," said Karina Armijo, Director of Marketing and Tourism for the Town of Taos. "It's always an honor to host incredible performers and welcome music lovers from near and far to our town."

For more information, visit <https://holdmyticket.com/event/279635>.

More about the Town of Taos...

Located just 135 miles from Albuquerque's International Sunport and a short, 90-minute drive from Santa Fe, Taos is home to the country's oldest continuously inhabited pueblo community, the state's newest national monument, and the highest peak in New Mexico.

World-class skiing, hiking, camping, whitewater rafting, kayaking, fishing, and mountain biking can all be found nearby. Motorists enjoy the region's celebrat-

ed scenic drives, including the Enchanted Circle and the High Road from Santa Fe to Taos.

The area also boasts ample four-wheeling and off road trails that crisscross the backcountry. Golf Digest's four-star-rated Taos Country Club championship golf course offers players spectacular scenery and panoramic mountain views.

Other hidden Taos travel gems include cultural sites like the San Francisco de Asis Church, the downtown plaza, "El Corazon de Taos," as well as museums and galleries, weekend music and art festivals, and even llama trekking adventures.

Finally, most Taos travelers find that their getaways are not complete without indulging in the local New Mexico cuisine and its famous red and green chile options that infiltrate everything from breakfast burritos to pizza.

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & RECREATION

EIGHTH ANNUAL GRAND MESA MOOSE DAY CELEBRATION JULY 29



Special to the Mirror

GRAND JUNCTION-Colorado's abundant and varied wildlife is one of the best things about living in the state, but no animal gets the public's attention more than moose.

To celebrate the state's largest, most charismatic species, CPW will host the Eighth Annual Grand Mesa Moose Day, July 29 at the U.S. Forest Service Visitor Center atop the Grand Mesa.

With the Grand Mesa moose population estimated at over 400 and statewide numbers exceeding 3,000, CPW says now's the time to learn about the giant ungulates, including where they live, what they like to eat, how they are managed and most importantly, how to watch them safely.

"Colorado has healthy and growing moose populations, including our local population on the Grand Mesa," said CPW's Northwest Region Watchable Wildlife Coordinator Trina Romero. "They really are fascinating animals and many people have a tremendous interest in seeing them and learning more about them. One of the most important things you can do if you love moose, and all wildlife, is learn all

you can about them. Moose are extraordinary animals. The more you know, the more interesting and enjoyable the species becomes."

State wildlife managers first brought moose to Colorado's North Park area in 1978, followed by several additional transplant projects over the next 30 years. The Grand Mesa relocation effort began in 2005, concluding two-years later after wildlife managers transplanted a total of 91 moose from Utah and existing herds in Colorado. The phenomenal growth in their population makes the transplant project one of the most successful wildlife management efforts in the state, and the country.

"We've held this event for eight years now, and interest is still very high," said Romero. "Kids especially have a great time with the various activities, including a scavenger hunt, guided hikes and a variety of arts and crafts, all to celebrate moose."

Romero adds other activities for kids and adults include presentations about moose biology and how biologists transplant, collar and track moose. In addition, kids can hike with a wildlife officer and try their hand at wildlife tracking using radio telemetry. There will also be a fly casting lesson taught by CPW staff and personnel from Cabela's.

This year, the U.S. Forest Service is offering a new way to learn with the unveiling of their 'Agents of Discovery' application on July 29. Similar to the popular Pokemon Go, the new app is an interactive, location-based reality game, giving kids an electronic alternative to learn about wildlife habitat on the Grand Mesa.

"Kids today have so many options to explore and learn," said Romero. "This app should be popular. Thanks to the Forest Service for providing this great learning tool."

Forest Service personnel will be on hand to explain the app, teach everyone how to use it and take users on a guided hike around Cobbett Lake. There are 15 challenge questions on this trail and will be 15 along Island Lake Trail. After successfully navigating all of the various stops, players can redeem a Smokey Bear bandana at the visitor center.

Grand Mesa Moose Day partners include Colorado Parks and Wildlife, U.S. Forest Service, The Moose 92.3, Cabela's and the Grand Mesa Scenic & Historic Byway.

Take Highway 65 from Interstate 70 by Plateau Creek or drive up Highway 50 from nearby Delta and follow it up to the U.S. Forest Visitor's Center.

Anyone heading to the event is reminded to be attentive as it is increasingly likely to catch a glimpse of a moose.

Who: Colorado Parks and Wildlife, U.S.

Forest Service, Moose 92.3, Cabela's, and the Grand Mesa Scenic & Historic Byway

What: Grand Mesa Moose Day

When: Saturday, July 29, 10 a.m.- 3 p.m.

Where: U.S. Forest Visitor's Center - 20090

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Grand Mesa Contact: Trina Romero at 970

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about watching wildlife, including moose.

[Go here](#) for more information about the moose transplant projects.

[Go here](#) for more information the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forest.

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

DAVID STARR BRINGS 2017 HEAD & HEART TOUR TO MONTROSE



David Starr. Courtesy image.

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE- Healthy Rhythm Music Services (HRMS) Presents "David Starr: The Head & Heart Tour 2017" • Live In Concert at Healthy Rhythm Community Art Gallery, Montrose, Colorado • Saturday evening, July 29, 2017. David's Special Guest will be Nathan McEuen. Healthy Rhythm Music Services' owner, Ken Vail, said, "David Starr is a world-class musician. His newest album, 'The Head and Heart,' is a compilation of songs that address and invoke a complex range of human emotions from first chord to last. Starr's songwriting is some of the best I have ever heard. His voice and vocal range soothe the soul and exemplify a seasoned artist who you'll want to listen to over and over again. And his skill/ability with a range of guitars and other instruments is of the highest quality. David Starr's concert is a musical experience you won't want to miss!"

Advance Studio and Main Gallery Reserved Seating is \$15 and \$20 when purchased at the Gallery. Online purchase is also available at www.healthyrhythm.net. Seats are \$3 more Night of Show.

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & CULTURE

57TH ANNUAL ARTISTS' ALPINE HOLIDAY OPENS IN OURAY JULY 27

Special to Art & Sol

OURAY-The 57th Artists' Alpine Holiday Annual Art Show takes place July 27-Aug. 5 at the Ouray Community Center, 320 6th Ave., in Ouray, CO. The public is invited. Go to ourayarts.org for details.

Nearly 300 artists enter the Artists' Alpine Holiday each year bringing more than 400 works of art, including sculpture and photography, and there is a special category for students. The show is generally attended by close to 2,000 visitors from foreign countries and more than 30 states. Approximately 10 percent or more of the art is sold during the show's run each year. Proceeds from percentage of sales, as well as monies received from entry fees, memberships, and cash donations, are used to support ongoing shows, including the awarding of prizes and payment of the show's judge. All of those involved in the planning and operation of

shows are volunteers – including the officers and committee chairpersons.

The Association encourages student artists and offers scholarships to deserving seniors in Ouray and Ridgway schools.

The Ouray County Arts Association was initiated in 1960 as the brainchild of Joyce Jorgensen, former owner and Editor of the *Ouray County Plaindealer*. Joyce, being an artist herself, thought there should be a local show for local artists. Others agreed. The Artists' Alpine Holiday began that year, and the rest is history.

The Association has presented a judged art show, the Artists' Alpine Holiday, each year since that time. The show is open to any artist's work, and over the years it has attracted artists from many states, but most of those contributing are from Colorado and surrounding states. It is one of the oldest juried art shows in Colorado and runs for nine days each August.



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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & NON-PROFITS

SAN JUAN CANCER PATIENTS RECEIVE CARE BAGS



Care bags with inspirational writing. Care bags were crafted by youth at a local 4H retreat and delivered to the San Juan Cancer Center, where they will be distributed to cancer patients. Courtesy photo.

Kyle Cohick (left) and Morgan Brack (right) present a care bag to a patient at the San Juan Cancer Center. The care bags were crafted by youth at a local 4H retreat. Courtesy photo.

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MONTROSE--At a recent District 10 4H retreat, about sixty 4H youth gave their time to make care bags for San Juan Cancer Center patients.

The event includes 4H children from Montrose, Delta, Gunnison, Grand Junction and San Miguel counties. State-level 4H personnel come to support the event, which is designed to expose 4H youth to

life skills and teambuilding. Various workshops covered topics far and wide, but a few children chose to do something special with their time and make a difference.

Morgan Brack (age 13) and Kyle Cohick (age 12) are two young 4H participants who chose to make care bags for cancer patients over more exciting activities, like kickboxing.

"Giving back to the community was a higher priority than the other options," said Morgan, who has participated in 4H for four years.

"I thought it was better to help people with cancer," said Kyle.

The bags support cancer patients and have useful items inside such as lotion, chapstick, candy, and writing pads. Positive messages are written on the outside of the bags—such as, "Pain is temporary, hope can last forever," "Be strong, be smart, be kind, be humble," and "Be strong, because things will get better. It may be stormy now, but it never rains forever."

The youth indicated they felt fulfilled being able to help. "We knew they were going to cancer patients and had the chance to make them smile and cheer them up," said Morgan.

"We're super proud of our 4H kids for helping our community. It really shows what 4H is all about—we like to be involved in the community and show we care," said Nicole Goza, who helped with the District 10 retreat.

A joint effort between Montrose Memorial Hospital, San Juan Radiation Oncology and St. Mary's Hospital, the San Juan Cancer Center opened its doors on April 3, 2006 to provide cancer care closer to home for residents of the seven county area in southwestern Colorado. A full range of treatment options is offered including consultation and examination, chemotherapy, radiation therapy, cancer counseling and coordination of care.

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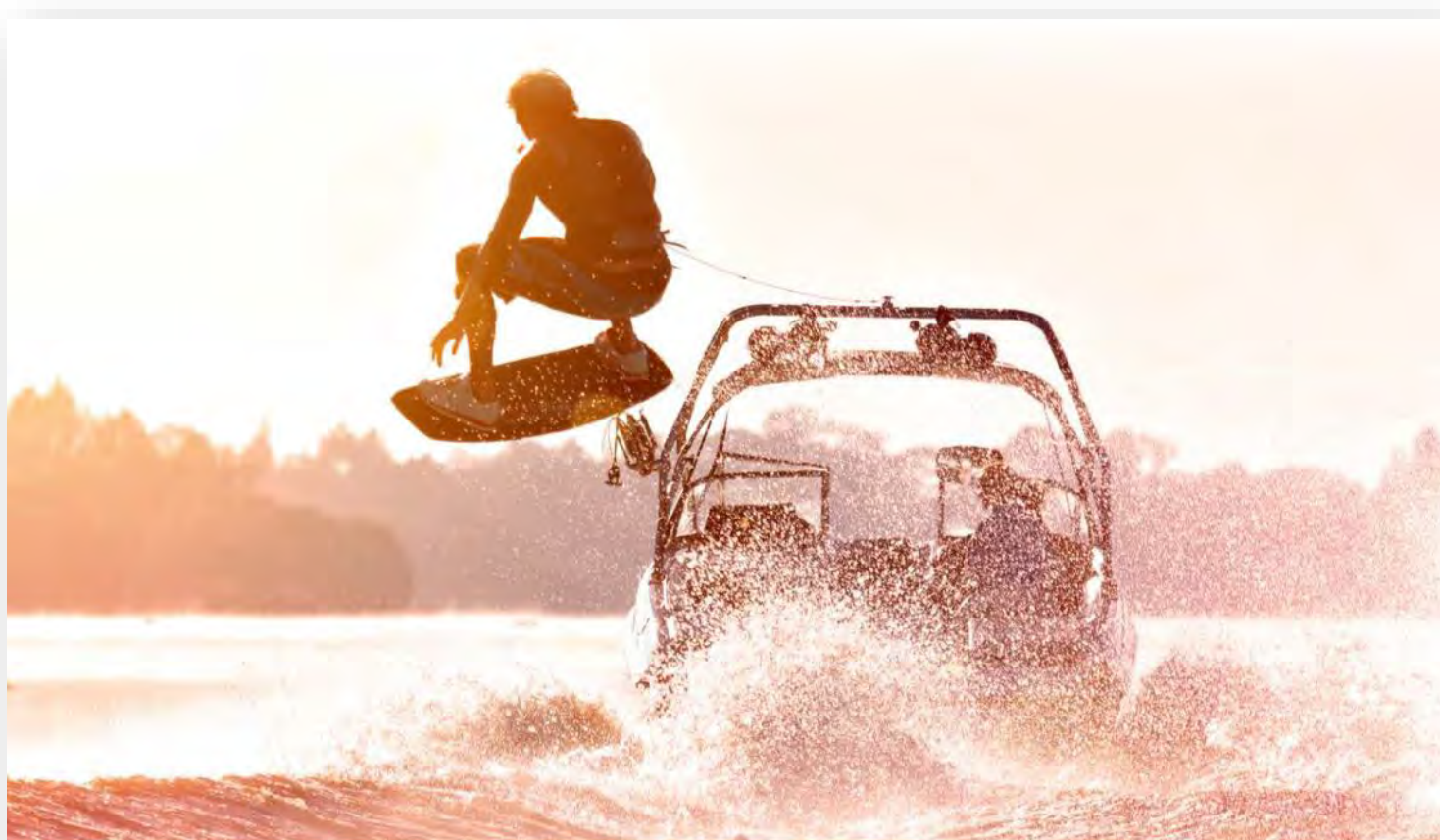
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NOTES FOR THE JOURNEY...

Exploring Classical Music With Rob Brethouwer

CHASING A SECRET TO PARIS...THE DRAMA CONTINUES

Arrival in Paris came only after 11 hours and a layover in Copenhagen.

Purchasing a ticket at the last minute can make for difficult travel. Olivia had eased through customs with her virgin passport and was briskly walking towards ground transportation, as she had no checked luggage. The queue for a cab was long and was going to take some time. Olivia took this unavoidable down time to mentally review the events of the last few days and to make a plan of action. A not-yet-identified entity was making bold attempts to derail her search for a musical document that is somehow connected to a sexual and/or religious scandal. Olivia found it odd that she arrived in New York City to simply take part in an opportunity at the Metropolitan Opera's Library and was pushed into her current quagmire. It was as if one side was helping her and another side was putting up barriers at every turn. The next step was to focus on what she knew and move down the path she found herself on while in New York. The line had shortened and she used her rudimentary graduate school French to tell the driver her destination. The Palais Garnier in central Paris. The more than famous Paris Opera House.

Olivia was met in the main lobby by Music Librarian Sylvan Didier, who welcomed her with flawlessly accented English as he gave her a brief tour of the main floor. Olivia declined a full tour of the opera house until a later time and asked to be taken directly to the library so that she could fully explain why she was there and what she hoped to have access to during her visit. M. Didier listened intently as Olivia recapped what had transpired in New York and how she came to be in Paris. The Met Librarian had gone above and beyond in arranging her time in Paris and she was provided full access to the library collection and was even offered an intern of her own to help her navigate the collection. The library at the Met was vast, but the collection now before her in Paris was

easily three times the size. Olivia had no idea where or how to begin. She was informed by the Intern, Max Macron, that the majority of the collection was open to all of the library staff while two sections could only be accessed by the library Director, M. Didier, and the current Music Director, whoever she or he may be. The only place to begin was the place where she had left off in New York, the orchestral score for the *Symphonie Fantastique* by Hector Berlioz. The only tangible information had come from the margins of this score and it only made sense that the next steps may also be found within its pages. Olivia knew that the manuscript that she had been researching at Harvard and prior to her arrival in New York City was made up of only a few known facts and a vast number of unknowns. So far, what was known about the piece was lining up perfectly with the themes found in the work by Berlioz, madness, ecstasy, obsession, sex, the occult, and drug use. Any one of these items was capable of instigating a full fledged scandal, especially during the time the piece was first written and performed, the late 1820's and early 1830's. Her research was focused on a manuscript produced two or even three hundred years prior to this but the similarities could not be a coincidence.

The shelves of the opera house contained 11 full copies of the Berlioz symphony and some contained multiple parts for each player, showing different bow markings, brass parts in different keys, and even parts that were used when different conductors were on the podium. Knowing that it would take at least two days to carefully go through each and every part, scanning the margins for small or even previously erased clues, Olivia made Max her own and instructed him on what to look for. It was late afternoon on day two when Max and Olivia returned from a prolonged lunch over a bottle of wine....or two. Two full copies remained to be examined and Olivia's hopes of finding any-



Harriet Smithson, above, was reported to be the obsession and inspiration of Hector Berlioz. Courtesy image.

thing useful were slowly dwindling. They divided up the task and sat down once again to work. Nearing the end of Olivia's copy, the only thing of any consequence was a series of six letters and numbers found in the lower right corner of a second viola part. The numbers read 8C2XQ5. Thinking this was nothing; she showed the figures to Max. Looking at them his eyes grew wide and his jaw dropped. He told Olivia that this was a catalog number that was used in the library's collection of rare manuscripts. Quickly turning to a computer, a search of the database showed that this catalog number was tied to the French Renaissance composer Jean Mailard, and the specific piece was a motet written for the French Royal Court in 1547. A composer of both sacred and secular works, he most likely lived in Paris as he disappeared from the city for unknown reasons in 1570. Access to the special collections would have to wait for 48 hours until the collections Curator could be on hand to supervise access. Olivia accepted the invitation from Max to stay at his nearby apartment. Some time away from her current lodgings at a drafty hostel sounded very good to Olivia. The offer of a personal guide to Paris sounded even better. The search for a music manuscript that was layered with sex and scandal led Olivia to think that perhaps it was time for her to pursue her own carnal whims and make some scandal of her own with an Intern named Max.

HOMESTEAD RESIDENTS PAY A VISIT TO SOM SHOE FACTORY



Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-The Homestead at Montrose went on an outing to the SOM shoe factory/outlet store this week in Montrose. The tour was excellent, the staff was very friendly, helpful and explained the details of their shoe production. The group left with a couple of pairs of quality shoes and they offered to make one resident a pair in two different sizes! <https://www.somfootwear.com/> | <http://www.homesteadatmontrose.org>



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MONTROSE-Top, the Black Canyon Quilt Show took place at the Montrose Pavilion this past weekend. Pictured are Paula Straw's prize winning quilt, 'Ole Scrap Iron; A quilt made by Carolyn Casey and quilted by Glenda Davis, called My Kaleidoscope of Stars; a prize quilt donated by Lady Bigs Quilts and Yard.

Middle, a ground squirrel in Cerise Park.

Below left, a fur baby and parent head for the opening of the Montrose Dog Park Saturday.

MIRROR IMAGES...WEEKEND FUN (& FUNC)!



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MONTROSE-Clockwise from top left, contestants gather before the freestyle kayak and surf contest during the third Annual FUNC Festival at Riverbottom Park July 22; a disk golfer named Rik warms up for a tournament at Cerise Park July 22; pets and people mingle at the Montrose Water Sports Park; the Peaks and Valleys Disk Gold tournament was held at Cerise Park; disk golfers Tyler and Jeff.

1st Annual Women's Leadership Circle Luncheon

featuring



Carrie Morgridge
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\$50 Registration Fee

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Carrie Morgridge currently serves as the Morgridge Family Foundation's Vice President and Chief Disruptor. Carrie is the award winning author of *Every Gift Matters - How Your Passion Can Change the World*. Carrie currently serves as the CO CEO for Share Fair Nation - a non-profit she founded. Over the past few years, Carrie and her husband John have defined the philanthropic focus of the foundation on transformative gifts in education, conservation, the arts and health and wellness.

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & FILMMAKING

RIDGWAY MOONWALK SERIES TO SHOWCASE INDEPENDENT FILMMAKERS

Special to Art & Sol

RIDGWAY-The Ridgway Creative District and Weehawken Creative Arts, in collaboration with the Four Corners Film Office, will be showcasing the work and creativity of Colorado independent filmmakers during the Ridgway MoonWalk series. We are calling to filmmakers to enter short films for a free public showing on Saturday, Nov. 4, 2017, from 6 – 9 PM at the historic Sherbino Theater in Ridgway.

Films should be no more than 20 minutes in length and appropriate for family viewing. Films will be juried for selection to be shown at the three-hour event. (Out-of-state filmmakers will be considered for films with Colorado subject matter.) Selected filmmakers should be prepared to give a five-minute presentation about the inspiration for the film and anecdotes in the making of the film. Films must be submitted by Friday, Oct. 6, 2017 at 5 PM. An entry form, available at ridgwaycreativedistrict.com, must accompany your film. Please submit entries to Diedra Silbert, dsilbert@town.ridgway.co.us, or mail it to Town of Ridgway Creative District, PO Box 10, Ridgway, CO 81432. Entries are accepted in these formats: YouTube, Vimeo, or other online video hosting site, flash drive or DVD.

The well-attended Ridgway MoonWalk Art Outings series began in July 2013 to support creative individuals and highlight their work. Ridgway is a rural Western Slope small town in a beautiful setting beneath the San Juan Mountains. The Ridgway Creative District is a Colorado Certified Creative District.



Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes

PEATLANDS ARE LIBRARIES OF PAST CLIMATE



Interpretive sign at Sven's Fen in Prospect Basin (photo by Art Goodtimes).

FENS ... Dr. David Cooper, who grew up on the Western Slope, is an international expert on wetlands. He's not only a senior research scientist at Colorado State University, but also affiliated with universities in Canada, Peru, and China. He is the principal researcher or co-lead on 213 science projects around the globe, and he's been awarded over \$13 million in grants ... I met David at a poetry reading in Boulder in 1979. We've been friends ever since. But his involvement with Telluride reaches back to 1971, when he used to come and work as a carpenter in the nascent ski resort and stayed with a buddy in a Down-valley trailer behind the old Blue Jay ... Since then, he's worked in Telluride on lots of projects, but most famously the protection of the five Prospect Basin fens during the Ski Area expansion in 1999, and before that the restoration of the 13 wetlands destroyed in the original construction of the Mountain Village Golf Course ... Last week he was in town at the behest of the Telluride Institute's Fen Advisory project, Telluride Ski & Golf Resort, Sheep Mountain Alliance and the San Miguel Watershed Coalition to talk about those two projects. Also presenting were Telski's Jeff Proteau and local environmental consultant Chris Hazen ... Both projects have national significance, with the golf course restoration being cited by the EPA as a model for how to do wetlands restoration the right way. All three gentlemen, along with Pat Drew, deserve kudos (as does Ron Allred) for turning the black eye of wetlands destruction into a shining example of how to make things right and bring



Dr. David Cooper explaining a rare cottongrass plant associated with one of the Prospect Basin fens on the Ski Area in the Mountain Village to a group who toured the fens last week (photo by Art Goodtimes).

wetlands back after being damaged ... For more info, visit the Telluride Institute website and search their TIES program for more on wetlands, fens and why they are so important locally and nationally.

A TALE OF TWO SHERIFFS ... Joe Arpaio, who called himself the "toughest sheriff in America," lost his Maricopa County, Arizona, election in 2016, after only 24 years in office. And now he is facing racial profiling charges in federal court. That guarantees he makes national headlines ... San Miguel County's Bill Masters is planning to run for re-election in 2018 after almost 40 years on the job. But a recent newspaper story by Regan Tuttle may be the only media waves he makes for a while. Why? He's no softie. He upholds the law. But he does it by following the ethic of a "peace officer" – one who keeps the peace ... While some accuse the media of fake news, I don't agree. There's precious little of that in this country, except for the tweets and PR machines of various media-conscious entities. But I think it's easier for the third estate in America to play up the bad things that are going on rather than

focus on what's working ... I'm just proud to have Masters as my sheriff, and I'll vote for him as many times as he runs ... And if ever there was an argument against term limits, Masters is it.

WRITE THE ROCKIES ... I got to participate in a panel discussion at Gunnison's Western State Colorado University last week-end for the 18th edition of this prestigious national literary conference run by David Rothman, who also moonlights as the current Western Slope Poet Laureate. Our topic was "Why Homer and Virgil Still Matter" ... Classical scholars Frederick Turner??? and Tyson Hausdoerffer did a great job explicating the history of the Homeric tales as well as epics in general ... As a performing poet who prizes the bardic function of poetry, arising from the storytelling tradition, which is older than recorded history, I got to focus on translation and how today many poets still practice the ancient task of telling the story of place. It was fun hearing all these different perspectives. And especially as a former Latin teacher for the Telluride Mountain School ... *Forsan et haec olim meminisse juvabit* -- one of my favorite Virgil quotes of all time. I still use it in certain situations. Look it up. It's a great one.

WEEKLY QUOTA ... "Until well into my adolescence, I was unaware of the concept of translation. I was brought up in two languages, English and German, and the passage of one into the other was not, in my childhood, an attempt to convey the same meaning from one language to another but simply another form of address, depending on whom I was speaking to." – Alberto Manguel, *Curiosity* (Yale University Press, 2015)

POETA ... Priscilla Baca y Candelaria is a wonderful poet friend of mine from an Hispanic neighborhood in Burque (as the locals call Albuquerque). I'm sharing one of her poems this week in Spanish. And next week we'll run the English translation ... We had to alter her layout to fit our space constraints, but we tried not to otherwise change her piece.

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Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes

THE TALKING GOURD

Dreamers Dream

¡Malegueña Salerosa!
Canta la guitarra una triste canción

Canción Antigua española
¿De donde vienes te conozco, pero por qué?
Ojos claros como Rios Viejos

Herencia, Yo, hija de un borreguro
Casa antigua guarda este humilde corazón
Bailas en mis sueños ya por años

Sueños apasionados sin cumplir
La danza del día fue feliz
El polvo de la Madre de Maíz una benediction
Nicho benedición
Poesía, vino y la guitarra
Y lo mujer

Escuchando tu propio corazón
Dando le tiempo a la guitarra
Un momento tan cariñoso
Las tres bailamos el mismo baile
Dando con las misma fuerza que recibiste

¡Intenso, Eléctrico, Inolvidable, Delicioso!

¿Quien eres, te conozco pero por qué?
Tú del los Norteños
Yo de los llanos donde mis suénos
Bailan con el viento

No pensar en mañana
en los que pudiera ser
No lamenter en lo pasado
En lo que no fue

Gozar del presente por qué
Mañana no es de nadie

Besar tus labios quisiera
Besar tus labious quisiera
Malagueña Salerosa

-Priscilla Baca y Candelaria
El Pueblo del Atrisco

Hold the Date! Upcoming Business and Cultural Events

ONGOING-

CRAFTERNOON AT THE LIBRARY: June 13th-Aug. 1st, Tuesday afternoons from 1-3 p.m. Library Meeting Room. Free event. Knit or crochet items to donate to charity. We provide tools, yarn, and instructions. You choose your craft from many different projects. Open to all teens and also ages 10 through 12 with an adult.

OURAY MUSEUM-The Ouray County Historical Society Museum is now Open. Further inquiries please contact 970-325-4576, Email: ochs@ouraynet.com or visit our website: ouraycountyhistoricalsociety.org.

MONTROSE SENIOR CENTER LUNCH & LEARN: \$3 lunch & Learn, admission to program, is free. Lunch \$5. Lunch @ Noon, program @ 1 p.m.

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

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

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

MONTHLY-

July 7-30-Small Mouth Bass Tournament, Ridgway State Park. \$8,000 in prizes! Call 970-626-5822 or 252-6000 for information. No entry fee required.

July 26-Bruce Hayes and Mel @ SkyBar at Chipeta in Ridgway. 6-9 pm.

July 27-Aug. 5-The 57th Artists' Alpine Holiday Annual Art Show. Thurs. 7/27 - Fri. 7/28 10-7 pm, Sat. 7/29 - Sun. 7/30 10-6pm, Mon. 7/31 - Sat. 8/5 10-5pm, Ouray Community Center, 320 6th Ave., Ouray, CO. The public is invited. Go to ourayarts.org for details.

July 27-The RADIO ROOM proudly presents Moors & McCumber July 27 at 7:30 PM. James Moors and Kort McCumber are an acoustic duo specializing in Americana, folk, melody, and stories. Tickets are \$18 in advance and \$20 at the door and may be purchased by calling (970) 241-8801. Ext 211 or online at www.kafmradio.org. The Radio Room is located at 1310 Ute Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501. Doors open at 7 p.m.

July 28-31-The Wright Opera House and UpstART Theater present a No Holds Bard production of Shakespeare's The Tempest Magic, shipwreck, love, vengeance, justice, and mercy, performed with the energy, intensity, and delight that Shakespeare intended. Performances Friday through Monday July 28, 29, and 31 at 7:30 p.m., July 30 at 4 p.m. Tickets \$15 in advance (by July 27); \$20 at door theWrightOperaHouse.org.

July 28-Steve Felberg @ SkyBar at Chipeta in Ridgway. 6-9pm.

July 29-Cedaredge celebrates the 28th Annual Pie & Ice Cream Social on July 29 from 11-3 pm. at the Stolte Shed, with games, entertainment, pie eating contest and more.

July 30-Jerry Nelson in concert! Plan to be surprised. This is not your "typical" piano concert. A tasteful blend of solos, touches of humor, audience participation and sharing a wealth of life experiences is further enhanced by a continuous stream of professional video keeping the senses totally engaged. Sunday, July 30th at 6pm. At Rosemont Baptist Church 1598 E Niagara Montrose. (A free will offering will be received) www.RosemontBaptist.org.

Aug. 1-10-In Ridgway Yogini Circus camp runs Aug. 1 to 10 from 1 to 5 p.m. Sign up for one or both sessions. Click [here](#) to register for Yogini. There will be TWO performances this year. Email us for more info. This year's theme is Peace.

Aug. 5-Olathe Sweet Corn Festival, Olathe Sweet Corn Park.

Aug. 7-Montrose Giving Club at the Bridges of Montrose, 5:30 p.m. Quarterly Giving Club meetings are open and inclusive to all. For more information contact Hansen @ sue@suehansenspeaks.com or Benziger @ phebenator@hotmail.com.

Aug. 8-13-44th Annual Telluride Chamber Music Festival, Telluride. For tickets and information, 970-417-0116.

Aug. 9-Celebrate Smokey's Birthday – August 9 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. at the Montrose Public Lands Center, 2505 S Townsend Road. The birthday party will include games, arts and crafts, cake and a visit from the guest of honor- Smokey! This is a free event. No reservations required.

Aug. 11-MMH Women's Leadership Circle Luncheon, Adventures in Philanthropy, Holiday Inn Express Montrose. For reservations call 970-252-2744.

Aug. 12-Youth Appreciation Day in Montrose! Free activities begin at 8 a.m.

Aug. 12-33rd Annual Ridgway Arts & Crafts Rendezvous, Hartwell Park in Ridgway 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Aug. 17- 7:30 p.m. – SAN JUAN CHAMBER MUSICFEST CLASSICAL CAFE at Ouray County 4-H Event Center in Ridgway. Opening event of the 2017 San Juan Chamber MusicFest. Gather up a group of friends and enjoy this informal concert with seating at cafe tables. Featuring Max Levinson, piano; Nurit Pacht, violin; Allison Eldredge, cello; Rami Vamos, classical guitar; and more! Program includes a variety of classical selections from around the world. Premium ticket holders are invited to attend a catered reception prior to the concert at 5:30 p.m. Presented by the Ouray County Performing Arts Guild. Tickets \$40 premium, \$25 standard at www.ocpag.org. Part of the 2017 Dave and Mary Wood Classical Concert Series.

Aug. 18-7:30 p.m. – SAN JUAN CHAMBER MUSICFEST FESTIVAL CONCERT: "Fame and Obscurity" at Wright Opera House, Ouray. Join the world-class musicians of the San Juan Chamber MusicFest for a stunning festival concert featuring Max Levinson, piano; Nurit Pacht, violin; Allison Eldredge, cello; Rami Vamos, classical guitar; and more! Program includes Beethoven "Archduke" Trio, solo piano music by Schubert, and a trio for guitar and strings by Aracieli. Tickets, \$25 at www.ocpag.org or at the door. Part of the 2017 Dave and Mary Wood Classical Concert Series.

Aug. 20-3 p.m. – SAN JUAN CHAMBER MUSICFEST AFTERNOON SALON CONCERT. Chamber music as it was meant to be experienced! This memorable concert offers an exquisite program of chamber music performed by the world class musicians of the 2017 San Juan Chamber MusicFest, afternoon tea catered by Secret Garden Catering, and amiable conversation with friends and neighbors, all in an intimate setting at a private home at Cobble Creek in Montrose. Featuring Max Levinson, piano; Nurit Pacht, violin; Allison Eldredge, cello; Rami Vamos, classical guitar; and more. Program, "Singing with Instruments", features Faure's G minor Piano Quartet and Schubert's "Arpeggione" Sonata (violin and guitar arrangement). Presented by the Ouray County Performing Arts Guild. Tickets must purchase in advance by calling [970-626-2970](tel:970-626-2970).

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MONTROSE-People and pets of all sizes turned out for the grand opening of the Montrose Dog Park at Cerise Park on Saturday July 22. Montrose County Sheriffs Office Sgt. Keith Sanders greeted guests, above, while K9 Oxx (not shown) rested after an early morning soccer match.



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