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FRESH NEWS FOR BUSY PEOPLE...WEEKLY ON MONDAYS!

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BOCC SIGNS HOSPITAL LITIGATION SETTLEMENT DOCS, HONORS DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN RICH JAKINO



Montrose County Commissioners present Rich Jakino with a Distinguished Citizen award. Courtesy photo.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-The Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) set aside time to honor a distinguished citizen with a proclamation at the regular meeting Nov. 8 ([General Business Item 1](#)).

Citizen Rich Jakino, chair of the Uncompahgre Valley Trail Riders (UVTR) Club, was recognized for a life of public service and volunteerism. A lifetime member of the Montrose Chamber of Commerce Redcoats, Jakino oversees the annual County Fair Community Night Dinner for as many as 600 people. As chair of the UVTR Club, Jakino has "created a culture of fun and public service," Montrose County Media Relations Director Katie Yergensen said. "He worked with the club to obtain grants to purchase snow grooming machines valued at \$150,000. The club now grooms 95 miles of public trails after every snowfall on the Uncompahgre

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CITY APPROVES MIAMI FARM ADDITION ANNEXATION OVER CITIZEN PROTESTS; MORTGAGES PAVILION & CITY HALL IN 'EMERGENCY' ORDINANCE

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-Mayor Pro-Tem Roy Anderson facilitated the Nov. 7 Montrose City Council meeting, replacing Mayor Judy Ann Files who was on vacation.

World Pancreatic Cancer Day Proclamation

The council made a formal proclamation declaring Nov. 16, 2017 as World Pancreatic Cancer Day.

National Hospice and Palliative Care Month Proclamation

The council made a formal proclamation declaring November as National Hospice and Palliative Care Month.

Call for Public Comment for Non-Agenda Items:



On Election Day, Nov. 7, citizens packed council chambers to show their interest in a number of agenda items. Photo By Gail Marvel.

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GAIL MARVEL'S HOUSES OF WORSHIP: COLONA COMMUNITY CHURCH

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-Even if a visitor accidentally slipped passed the Welcome Ministry at Colona Community Church, other members are right there to introduce themselves and greet guests with a handshake. On Oct. 8, 2017 Jim was quick to start a conversation and I learned he is an Episcopalian and his wife, Karla, is a Methodist. "When we first moved to the area we alternated between the two

[denominations]. Then someone invited us to this non-denominational church and we've attended here ever since." Among the 30 attendees was former Colona Pastor Dean Freed, who retired a year ago.

In his opening statement Pastor Steve Collins said, "Welcome to the house of the Lord this morning!" The call to worship reading was Isaiah 26:1-9.

Accompaniment for congregational singing was an old upright piano and song selections from hymnals included, "Praise Him! Praise Him," "Take the Name of Jesus With You," and "Just a Closer Walk With Thee."

When it came to announcements Potluck Sunday was a priority, "Everyone is welcome even if you forgot to bring a dish." Other announcements included the Wednesday Bible study beginning a new series and the location of the Operation Christmas Child donation box in the back of the auditorium.

During the collection of tithes and offerings one usher, with a twinkle in his eye, tried to encourage additional contributions from the back row as he passed the offering plate...and then tried to pass it again.

Praises and prayer request were taken from the floor and people freely shared



their burdens, joys and grief. In praise a man rejoiced at being cancer free for 10-years, one woman's visitors fixed her outside faucet and another woman expressed gratitude for her elderly mother-in-law. Prayer needs included a daughter's recurrence of cancer, a man in the audience was in pain after breaking a rib earlier in the week, and for a 17-year-old Durango boy who, only after being hospitalized because of an auto accident, was diagnosed with a brain tumor.

The sermon, "Opt for Truth" based on Philippians 4:4-9, was the fourth installment in a series of five about transformation of your mind. Collins said, "We win the battle for our minds by choosing to believe the truth. The truth of Scripture that we must adhere to. If we first focus on Christ, the things of the world will not drag us down."

Collins avoided illustrations, examples, jokes and antidotes and simply went through the text, verse by verse, while also including other supporting Scripture. "God is love; he is the instigator of love. Avoid anxiousness, because he knows what we need. Be diligent in your work and open a line of communication [to

God] with everything in prayer. Let your request be made known. Prayer and petition must be joined with thanksgiving. He wants to hear from us."

Collins said, "Everything we do is a product of our mind. As a general rule we don't do anything without thinking. Why is it not enough to just think good thoughts? Because he has told us we must be doers of the Word. Don't be just hearers of the Word. Our actions are a product of our thoughts. Keep our minds steady on Jehovah. God is not going to do your thinking for you. That choice is ours and we must choose truth as the only option."

False and deceptive information draws people away from the truth. Collins said, "We are to make every thought captive to Christ." With heartfelt concern for future generations Collins said, "We need to pray for parents. Pray that they teach their children what is coming and bring them up in the Word."

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Colona Community Church

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Pastor Steve Collins 970-249-1494

Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.



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SAN JUAN MOUNTAIN RUNNERS HOST THANKSGIVING TURKET TROT!

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-The San Juan Mountain Runners are once again sponsoring this year's TURKEY TROT on Thanksgiving morning. Both the 2-mile and 4-mile races start promptly at 9 a.m. at Oak Grove School in Montrose, but get there early to register for the event and door prizes. Registration starts at 8 a.m. The cost is only \$5/person, \$15/family. Strollers and well-behaved dogs on leashes are welcome. It is the most fun you will have all holiday season!! For more info, contact Jan at jbridgetway@msn.com.

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AWESOME SUMMER ADVENTURES AWAIT: APPLY NOW FOR DMEA'S YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS



Courtesy photo DMEA.

Special to the Mirror

REGIONAL – Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) is now accepting applications for their 2018 summer youth leadership programs. DMEA will sponsor one student to attend the National Rural Electric Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. and three students to attend the Colorado Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp near Steamboat Springs, CO. Each program is all-expenses-paid. Current high school students between the ages of 16 and 18, as of June 2018, are encouraged to apply.

The National Rural Electric Youth Tour will take place June 7 – 14, 2018 in Washington, D.C. The week of activities begins in Denver where students from around the state visit the state capitol and are introduced to the electric cooperative industry with a presentation from Tri-State Generation and Transmission. The students then head to Washington D.C. with more than 1,000 of their peers for a week of learning and exploring. They will visit the Arlington National Cemetery, stroll through the Smithsonian museums, tour historic monuments, meet elected officials, and learn about the role of electric cooperatives in today's world. The Colorado Cooperative Youth Leadership camp will take place July 14 - 19, 2018. This weeklong adventure brings together more than 100 students from Colorado, Kansas, Wyoming, and Oklahoma at the Glen Eden resort in the mountains north of Steamboat Springs, CO. The primary objective of the camp is to teach students about the cooperative model and how it works. The students will be asked to form

their own cooperative, electing board members and voting on issues. DMEA covers all costs to participate in either program, including travel, lodging, and food. Each program is all-expenses-paid, with the only costs to the students being spending money for souvenirs or extra snacks. Applicants must be current high school students, between the ages of 16 and 18 as of June 1, 2018, and be dependents of a DMEA member.

Interested students must complete an application form and a 500-word essay. Applications are available

online at www.dmea.com. Students can also pick up application forms from their high school guidance counselors. Applications must be received by DMEA on or before Monday, Jan. 8, 2018. Mail your application to: Delta-Montrose Electric Association. Attn: Phil Sanchez PO Box 910 Montrose, CO. Applications can also be dropped off in person at one of DMEA's local offices: Montrose – 1711925 6300 Road; Read – 21191 H75 Road. For more information visit www.dmea.com and look for youth tour and leadership camp information under the Community tab, or contact Phil at (970) 240-1207 or phil.sanchez@dmea.com.

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RE-1J STUDENTS TO ONCE AGAIN BE NOTIFIED OF LUNCH ARREARAGES, WILL GET HAM AND CHEESE SANDWICH AFTER OWING \$8 OR 3 LUNCH CHARGES



Students at the high school level are responsible enough to be informed of lunch arrearages, MHS lunchroom manager Laurie Kroschel believes. "It is not the same as talking to a second grader."

By Caitlin Switzer

REGIONAL-A student who comes home with a \$100 lunchroom debt is generally not bringing home welcome news. For parents on a budget, discoveries like this can come as a shock—but that's what happened in recent months for families

whose students' lunch accounts were in arrears. A district-wide policy of not telling students about meal arrearages was well-intended, but resulted in a lack of communication and ultimately sticker shock in some cases. That policy has been updated.

RE-1J Director of Nutritional Services Hannah Grady said that now, if a student owes more than \$8 or three lunch charges in arrears, they will receive a no-cost, healthy meal of a ham and cheese sandwich, carrots, apples and milk.

"We never tell students at the elementary school level that they owe money," Grady said, "because they get very upset. There are automated calls every Sunday, and we also try work with the school secretaries; it is site-specific, and some of them will send letters home with the kids.

"In middle and high school, we try not to embarrass them, and just hand them a note," she said.

Prior to the policy update, school lunch servers could not say anything to a student about arrearages.

"It was a huge change in policy," notes Laurie Kroschel, manager of Montrose High School's lunchroom. "All of the managers agreed, but after the school year started, we had to rethink it, and I finally started telling kids."

Students at the high school level are responsible enough to know of lunch arrearages, she noted. "It is not the same as talking to a second grader."

Perhaps most surprising for some parents has been the discovery that, though they are sending lunches from home with their student, the student also eats a school lunch—or two.

"We re-did our menus this year, and we do have some pretty good choices," Grady said. "We do have students who pack a lunch, eat it, and they still eat the school lunch too."

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GREG MOBERG ONLY PLANNING COMMISSION APPLICANT TO SHOW FOR INTERVIEWS

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-For the Nov. 6, 2017 City Council Work Session Mayor Pro-Tem Roy Anderson filled in for Mayor Judy Ann Files, who was on vacation.

Planning Commission Application Interviews Applicants - Vince Fandel, Carol Mc Bride and Greg Moberg. Moberg was the only candidate present to be interviewed. Councilman David Romero asked about Moberg's involvement with economic development and he said, "In Grand Junction we chose to do economic gardening and in terms of planning that should be looked at more. The Chamber [as opposed to the Planning Commission] is responsible to bring in business." Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson asked Moberg his thoughts on the City's Master Plan and he said, "I see that you are reviewing and updating it rather than leaving it on the shelf." Moberg compared Grand Junction to Montrose, "Grand Junction would love to do some of the same things, they just can't get it done."

Councilman Dave Bowman expressed concern about development paying its own way, "...so the city isn't on tap for stuff." Moberg said, "It's a very tenuous balancing act allowing developers and planners to do their best, but also take care of the city."

Following the interview Anderson wanted council to give some thought to increasing the number on the planning commission from five to seven members, or to appoint one applicant and have two alternates. Anderson would like to hear from the other two applicants before the council makes an appointment.

Discussion Items:

Cedar View Subdivision Planned Development Amendment – Assistant City Attorney Andrew Boyko.

In 2010 there was an agreement between the city and the Cedar View Subdivision development to install a bridge. Boyko said, "This is releasing them from the requirement of building a bridge. Neither they, nor the city, need the bridge. All five landowners agree and this is a consensual act." Senior Planner Garry Baker said, "The mobility you get out of a bridge is pretty small."

Recalde Addition Annexation – Senior Planner Garry Baker.

The property is located off West Main (north of the trail head) and is needed for the planned development of the river. Baker said, "In working with the landowner it came to light

that part of the property is not in the city limits." The property is almost completely surrounded by the city and the process calls for annexation before zoning.

Intergovernmental Agreement – Connecting the People to Their Parks and Recreation Project – Grant Coordinator Kendall Cramer and City Manager Bill Bell.

The city has obtained a \$2 M grant for a 2.25-mile trail from the recreation center on the south of town, to the Justice Center on the north. Bell said, "In order to receive the grant we have to have an intergovernmental agreement. This is the next phase of implementation."

Botanical Society Planning Grant Resolution of Support – Grant Coordinator Kendall Cramer. In order for the Botanical Society to receive grant funds (\$23,500) the city has to be the applicant. Bell said, "The resolution needs to be in effect, we are just supporting." Kendall said, "There is no financial requirement for the city, but I will be administering the grant."

Options for Sworn Police Officer Retirement – City Manager Bill Bell.

The Police Department (PD) approached city administration with changes to their retirement package. The proposed plan affects only sworn officers. Police Chief Tom Chinn said, "There are some officers who could stay with the State if they want. Probably the biggest part is that those hired after August will be defined by this plan.

The benefit package would allow officers



Greg Moberg (far right) was the only applicant for the Planning Commission to attend the interviews held during the city council work session on Nov. 6, 2017. Photo by Gail Marvel.

to retire at age 55 and Romero asked if this would encourage officers to retire earlier. Chinn said, "We think this will be a good tool for recruitment and retention. Law enforcement is a young man's career." Chinn joked that he is likely the oldest and longest-serving city employee. Following a survey of PD, it appears that the benefit package has 100 percent support from officers.

General City Council Discussion:

Chief Chinn was asked about the recent reports of a 233 percent increase in juvenile crime. Chinn said, "At this time in 2016 there were six juvenile arrests; we've had 20 so far [this year]. There is an ebb and flow. I don't think we have an epidemic of juvenile crime. We have some gang-wanna-bes, but not an organized group."

Chinn continued, "Burglaries are up 142 percent and that's huge. There are a lot of storage units broken into. We have a lot of drug activity and a lot of people trying to support their drug habit. There are a small number of individuals causing the problems." Romero said, "There are a handful of people, the same people, it's like a revolving door." Chinn said, "This is not unique to Montrose, or to the State, but it has increased since we legalized marijuana. Juvenile crime is vandalism, shoplifting and disorderly conduct. They have to outgrow the crime. If they haven't done so by age 40 they have already been in prison a couple of times."

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

MOUNTAIN VILLAGE PILE BURNING PLANNED

Special to the Mirror

NORWOOD-In an ongoing effort, the Norwood Ranger District of the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests plans to burn several large piles resulting from a 2015 forest health demonstration project which lies within the ski area. The piles are located south of Mountain Village town limits on the Double Cabins trail just west of Lift 10 and below Run Away Train ski trail on National Forest System lands.

Extensive planning for this project occurred in 2015. Forest staff developed a detailed burn plan to provide for safe and effective operations. The burn plans are in

place and ready for use under favorable conditions.

Fire officials anticipate a burning window within the next two weeks, as weather and snow conditions permit. According to the burn plan, these piles will be burned when adequate (minimum of one inch) snow cover is present. Smoke dispersal and ground conditions will be within prescribed parameters to safely burn the piles.

Firefighter and public safety is of primary concern. Conditions must be consistent with the prescribed burn plans and meet the requirements of smoke permits issued by the State of Colorado. Burning will

occur only if weather, staffing, and smoke dispersal conditions are compliant.

Notice of plans to ignite the piles will be issued to local contacts the day of the burn.

Additionally, the Forest Service will place notification signs on main access routes where burning occurs to alert residents and travelers in the area. Notifications and updates will also be posted on Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests social media sites.

Prescribed fire smoke may affect your health. For more information visit:

<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/wood-smoke-and-health>

OLATHE SHOOTER 'CLEARLY UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF SOME KIND OF DRUG'

Mirror staff report

OLATHE-Accused murderer Joseph Saur of Olathe, 19, was set for advisement in the Montrose County Court Nov. 8. Allegedly, Saur killed Patience Stewart of Olathe on Nov. 5. He was arrested Nov. 6 by the Olathe Police Department, according to the Office of the 7th Judicial District Attorney. An affidavit in support of warrantless arrest was released to media last week by the Seventh Judicial District Attorney's Office. The affidavit reports that Saur went to the Olathe Police Department on Nov. 5, stating he had "just shot his father and was upset and very agitated." Saur did not remember where the shooting took place. According to the affidavit, "While talking Joseph is clearly under the influence of some kind of drug." The shooting actually took place at 205 SW 4th Street in Olathe. The weapon used in the shooting, a Hi Point 9mm Model C9 semiautomatic handgun, was located and seized. Though Stewart died of multiple gunshot wounds to the face, nothing in her small camper pointed to an altercation, according to the affidavit, which states, "Joseph said he shot Patience because he thought was Patience was going to grab the gun." Saur faces charges of first degree murder in the shooting.



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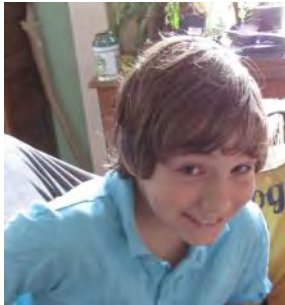
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A FRESH POINT OF VIEW...FROM THE HALLWAYS OF MHS!



Jack Switzer, MHS freshman.

By Jack Switzer
MONTROSE HIGH SCHOOL-
The bell rings, and I sling my backpack over my shoulders. I speed walk out of the classroom and to the nearest set of cold, grey stairs that are already

filling up with teenagers with the same goal as me: Get to the lunch line before I have to wait 20 minutes for a slice of pizza and some fries.

High school lunch lines are what make any high schooler run faster than they could in any gym class. The lines are slow, noisy, and unless you have a friend with

you, unbearable. And most of the time you have no time to look for your best friend while you're dashing through the crowded halls for 5th place in the lunch line. And I'm one of the smaller kids in school, making it harder seeing that most of the kids here are 5 foot 6. I have to dodge elbows, slide between those annoying girls who walk in practical walls in the hallway. Sorry Stacy, but you can move.

If you don't make it in time, it's usually a pretty long wait. I'd say 15-20 minutes. And by then lunch is almost over and you have to go back to class. Which gives you five minutes to scarf down your lunch and dash to your next class. Which is pretty inconvenient because you come to class still chewing your pizza crust looking pretty ridiculous.

I feel bad for the kids who have classes

all the way across the school right before lunch, because they either have to go faster than the speed of light, or spend their lunch in a line stooped over with aching feet from the 20-minute wait.

To fix the lunch lines, you either need: Lunch ladies with hands faster than than a private jet, or a more organized system that's easy to use.

One suggestion of mine is having two lunch ladies. As of now Montrose High School has only one person serving lunches while the other sits at the other line, which serves things like Gatorade, cookies and such. Which you have to have actual cash for, and can't use lunch money. Making it less popular. Replacing this and moving the snack bar elsewhere would be a good idea. You would serve people their pizza and hot wings twice as fast, and cut down the lines faster and more efficiently.

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STACEY VOIGT JOINS DCED AS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



New DCED Director Stacey Voigt. Courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror

DELTA-Delta County Economic Development, Inc (DCED) is announcing the selection of Stacy Voigt as its new Executive Director filling the position created by the departure of Trish Thibodo. DCED is a 501 (c) 3 not-for-profit membership organization working in a public/private partnership to strengthen and diversify the econ-

omy of Delta County, Colorado. The selection was made after an extensive search and selection process which included candidates from local, regional, and statewide sources.

"Stacey comes to us from the Loveland Downtown Partnership & Development Authority where she served as a project coordinator on a variety of public/private initiatives," reported John Gavan, DCED Board President. "The executive committee is very pleased to announce the hiring of Stacey Voigt as our new Executive Director. We feel she will be a great addition to DCED and help to advance DCED's contributions to the community." Gavan pointed out that Voigt brings experience with renewal authorities and tax increment financing similar to the process going on in the City of Delta.

Voigt's first official day on the job will be Nov. 15 and she will meet with DCED board the following day.

Voigt is married and mother of two elementary age boys and the family will be making Delta County home. She grew up in a small farm community in eastern Washington.

Voigt's resume includes experience working with public/private partnerships, grant writing, business retention and ex-

pansion, as well as administration of non-profit organizations. She is master's prepared in Urban and Regional Planning from University of Colorado, Denver as well as an undergraduate degree in Design Studies from the University of Colorado, Boulder. Voigt serves as the Vice President Parks, Recreations, Historic Preservation, & Arts Advisory Board for the City of Edgewater, where she has been involved with a number of committees for the local school district including Citizen 4 Jeffco Schools and Jefferson County Open School Garden Committee.

Voigt expressed her excitement about joining DCED as the new Executive Director, "I am extremely honored to be welcomed into the community of Delta County. The county has done a great job of building its core strengths, values of entrepreneurship, and leveraging its local assets, helping to create a synergy of economic vitality in the County. This new energy is ready to be harnessed and I am excited to roll up my shirtsleeves and get to work with the community to help them achieve their greatest economic potential. I think this is an amazing time for me to join DCED and I am looking forward to the opportunity to lead the County into an even more prosperous future."

UNOFFICIAL LOCAL ELECTION RESULTS

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MONTROSE COUNTY-Montrose County Board of Education:

Director for District A-Jeff Bachmann

6,361 votes; Director for District B-Jacob H. Suppes 6,578 votes; Director for District C-Gayle Johnson 6,417 votes;

Director for District E-Sarah Fishing

4,911 votes, defeated A.J. Smith 3,180 votes; Director for District G-No candidates.

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CITY MAKES CHANGE TO SEWER BACKUP FEE OUTSIDE PUBLIC MEETING

By Gail Marvel

In April of 2015 the city council imposed a 25-cent per month sewer back-up fee on utility billing statements. The stated purpose of the fee was to help residents with clean-up expenses if they experienced a sewer back-up. The maximum reimbursement per claim, based on receipts and invoices provided to the city, is \$2,500.

During the June 19 City Council work session Councilman David Romero asked for discussion on the fund balance, which at

that time was \$42,000. City Manager Bill Bell said, "The original intent, when we had a lot of [sewer] back-ups, was a customer assistance fund." Because there was a significant amount in the fund Bell was to research other insurance options.

Since that time there has been no discussion, nor has the item appeared on a work session agenda. However, the recent City Beat Newsletter (under fee changes) states, "At the same time, we have built enough reserve in our "Emergency Sewer

Backup – Customer assistance Fund" to eliminate the \$0.25/month surcharge beginning January 1, 2018. The result is a net increase to our residential sewer customers of \$0.34/month, beginning April 2018." This policy change appears to have been made outside the public view.

As of Sept. 30, 2017 the sewer fund has generated \$55,851.15. Eight claims totaling \$3,966.31 have been paid, leaving a current fund balance of \$51,884.84. Two claims are currently pending.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

PHASE II OF GRAND AVENUE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT COMPLETED

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE – The City of Montrose is pleased to announce that construction of Grand Avenue from South First Street to South Third Street is complete and the roadway is now open to the public. The project was completed on schedule, below budget, and injury-free. Elements of the

project included replacement of an aging waterline, construction of a stormwater collection and treatment system, installation of fiber-optic conduits, street lights, concrete sidewalk, curb, gutter, paving, and landscaping. The project was funded using federal grant dollars administered through the Colorado Department of

Transportation. The city would like to express special thanks to Rundle Construction for helping to make the project a success and to the residents of Montrose for their patience throughout construction. For more information contact City Engineer Scott Murphy, [970-901-1792](tel:970-901-1792) or smurphy@ci.montrose.co.us.



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Background: More than 80 residents attended the Planning Commission meeting on Oct. 11, where only three commissioners were present to hear public comment on the Miami Road Farm **zoning**. The commissioners took public comment, voted and approved a zoning recommendation which was sent to city council. Planning Commission Chair Doug Glaspell encouraged citizens to attend the Montrose City Council meeting on Nov. 7 and express their concerns. As opposed to city council members who are elected to their positions, members of the Planning Commission are appointed to their positions by the council.

Prior to the Call for Public Comment Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson stated that public comment would not be accepted on agenda item number 10, the Miami Farm **zoning** ordinance (Ordinance 2436-first reading), by the act of the Planning Commission. However, public comment would be allowed on agenda item number nine, the **annexation** of the Miami Road Farm Addition (Ordinance 2425 second reading).

Public Comment (citizens are allowed three minutes each to give comments):

Randall Farhney asked how many police officers work for the city and how many work during the day. Normally staff and council do not respond during call-to-public comments; however, Commander Gene Lillard said, "We have 42 officers, three to four may work during the day." Farhney said, "We call North Park Avenue the autobahn...and Townsend. North Townsend is really bad and Park Avenue is really bad. I'd like to see some improvement." City attorney Stephen Alcorn asked Farhney to clarify what he meant by "bad" and Farhney said, "speed!"

Janet Eckerdt said, "I respectfully recommend you review the zoning procedure and allow public comment during the zoning process."

Lori Webb said, "The zoning issue, every time it comes to you, you pull it again [off the agenda] and no public comment is taken." Concerned citizen have been going

to meetings on the Miami Farm Road zoning and annexation since May 24.

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

Concerning the **annexation** of the Miami Road Farm Addition Baker said, "This has been on the table for a few months. It meets all the criteria for annexation [impact reports, State mandates]." Public comment was accepted.

Local developer Tom Cheney said, "We've built 202 homes serviced by Miami Road [over the last 10 years]. Miami Road will be one of the main arterials. I've lived in Montrose 51 years and there have been no substantive changes to Miami Road. One of the criteria for annexation is to provide service. Miami Road cannot handle much more traffic. When is Miami Road going to be improved?"

Lori Webb compared the Miami Farm addition (165 acres) on the east side of town, to Mayfly (150 acres) in the Urban Renewal Authority on the west side of town. "Streets are already going up. Is there any reason nothing has been started on this [Miami Farm infrastructure]? The Master Plan called for 6700 Road to be punched through 20 years ago. It's still not done. Who is going to get taxed on roads? I haven't smelled any asphalt on the roads for a long time. Consider annexation and what you are doing to that end of town without infrastructure."

Note: The current groundbreaking activity at Mayfly is private business construction and not streets as stated by Webb. However, in early January the public infrastructure in the Urban Renewal Authority (URA), which includes streets for Mayfly, will begin. To Webb's point, there are no current plans for infrastructure (streets, curbs, gutter, sidewalks) on the proposed development for the east side of town.

Ron Abbott commented on the previously proposed roundabout slated for Miami and Hillcrest, which is no longer a priority. Abbott said, "I looked at 2018 [budget]. It's not in there either. So when is it going to happen?"

Doug Reece commented about the inter-

section at 6700 Road and Hwy 50, "That intersection has high speeds. There is a considerable chance there could be an accident. It's a really serious situation with growth in that area."

Councilwoman Barbara Bynum asked the city manager to discuss the Miami/Hillcrest Roundabout. City Manager Bill Bell said, "It was never planned to do the Miami/Hillcrest Roundabout in 2018. We put as a higher priority the Hillcrest Extension. It's something we can actually get done in 2018. We don't own all the property around Hillcrest and Miami. Nine months for negotiations will be needed."

Bell addressed the 6700 Road connectivity, "It is a multi-million-dollar project and there is a house in the center. The homeowner is asking triple the price for that property." Bell estimated that if the budgeted Hillcrest extension and the proposed Woodgate extension were done together it would be \$5 to \$6 M project.

Bynum said, "Which comes first, the development or the road?" Bell said, "There is no right way, you balance that out." With the Hillcrest extension the city's plan is to build the road and then study the impact. Bell said, "I can understand the concerns. It's on our radar screen so we need to budget for that."

Under her breath an audience member said, "This was a waste of time." Approved unanimously by four councilmembers, Mayor Judy Ann Files absent.

Ordinance 2436 (first reading) - Senior Planner Garry Baker.

This ordinance provides zoning of the Miami Road Farm Addition as a "R-3" Medium Density District and a "B-4" Neighborhood Shopping District. Rather than voting to approve the ordinance, the recommendation to council from the staff was "...making a motion to ratify the Planning Commission recommendation."

Baker went through the timeline of the Miami Road Farm Addition, the public meetings, and the Master Plan. It was noted that this project is phased-in and during those phases development needs to account for the impact.

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Councilman Dave Bowman called for an executive session to meet with the city attorney for legal advice. The executive session lasted about 10 minutes and when council returned to the dais the regular meeting was put back in session. Prior to making a motion on the ordinance Councilman Dave Bowman said, "I want to make it really clear that council understands [this zoning] is for single family and duplexes and not for triplexes and multi-family homes." Ratified unanimously by four councilmembers, Mayor Judy Ann Files absent.

Ordinance 2437 (emergency) – Finance Director Shani Wittenberg.

Background:

The city council will secure a \$10 M direct bank loan to build infrastructure for the Urban Renewal Authority (URA) and for deferred street maintenance. The loosely stated ordinance gives the city staff flexibility as to which projects they choose to undertake by stating, "financing of various capital improvements."

During a work session conference call on Oct. 16 with Brandon DeBenedet of D.A. Davidson & Co., it appeared that Vectra had the best package. This ordinance authorizes and approves a lease purchase transaction with ZB, N.A., a subsidiary of Vectra Bank. The city council will use City Hall and The Pavilion as collateral for the loan, which appears in the document as a lease.

This ordinance is deemed an emergency in order for council to lock in quoted financing rates by the end of November, "... it is hereby declared that an emergency exists, that this Ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public property, health, peace and safety, and that this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council." Unlike a normal ordinance that requires two public readings, an emergency ordinance requires only one reading.

An excerpt from the ordinance reads:

"Section 3. Base Rentals and Related Terms and Parameters. The City Council hereby approves the lease-back of the Leased Property by the City from the Lend-

er for combined aggregate Base Rentals not to exceed \$650,000 each year in the first five years and not to exceed \$875,000 annually thereafter. Such Base Rentals have been determined on the basis of an interest rate of 2.72 percent for the Pavilion Lease Purchase Agreement and, for the City Hall Lease Purchase Agreement, an interest rate of 1.91 percent for the initial five-year period, resetting every five years thereafter based upon an indexed formula with a capped interest rate of 10 percent. The term of the Site Leases and renewal terms of the Lease Purchase Agreements shall not extend beyond Dec. 31, 2037. The City hereby designates the Lease Purchase Agreements as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" for purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended."

The hearing was opened and public comments taken:

Former mayor and county commissioner David White had a number of questions, but first asked if he would be limited to three minutes, to which Anderson said, "Yes."

White questioned the loan re-set every five years, "Basically we are selling City Hall and the Pavilion to Zion Bank and at 20 years it will come back." City Manager Bell said, "Our goal is to pay off the loan. It's not selling City Hall...that's poor terminology."

White questioned whether, because of previous City Hall historical grants and leases to the Senior Center at the Pavilion, there were any restrictions on City Hall or the Pavilion that would preclude the lease/purchase of the facilities.

City Attorney Stephen Alcorn said, "They [seniors] don't own any part of the Pavilion. We own the building. Yes, there is a lease with the seniors." The current lease with Golden Circle expires on June 2022.

White expressed concern about the lack of default provision in the loan, how the loan could be paid off early, obligating future councils and the lack of documentation in the council's packets. Bell said, "If the URA doesn't pay it off we would use general fund dollars to pay it off." Alcorn

said, "The ordinance is not a standalone document."

Wittenberg said the document is unlikely to change because it has already been signed by the bank.

Having gone over the three-minute time limit and Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson said to White, "We'd like to ask you to sit down now." Approved unanimously by four councilmembers, Mayor Judy Ann Files absent.

Ordinance 2438 (first reading) – Finance Director Shani Wittenberg.

Citing the number of meetings on the 2018 budget that have already taken place, as well as the documentation available to the public on the city web site, Wittenberg asked council if they wanted her to go through the entire 30-minute PowerPoint presentation. The full presentation was not given.

In public comment White questioned how often the city had borrowed from an enterprise fund to pay for other things. Wittenberg said, "This is the first time we've used a promissory note to borrow from an enterprise fund." Approved unanimously by four councilmembers, Mayor Judy Ann Files absent.

Ordinance 2439 (first reading) – Senior Planner Garry Baker.

This ordinance vacates a portion of North Stough Avenue and allows for an exchange of property between the city and the county. The exchange will give the county better access to the new events center. Approved unanimously by four councilmembers, Mayor Judy Ann Files absent.

New Lodging and Entertainment Liquor License – City Attorney Stephen Alcorn.

The Montrose Elks Club requested a new liquor license which will allow the club to serve liquor for special events (weddings) without making a separate application for each event. Approved unanimously by four councilmembers, Mayor Judy Ann Files absent.

New Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License – City Attorney Stephen Alcorn.

A transfer of a new Hotel and Restaurant liquor license at 647 E. Main Street for Café Kranzler LLC, d.b.a. Ginger & Gin.

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This establishment is located in the former Two Sisters facility. The owner described the facility as serving New World Americano food to order and specialty cocktails, with or without spirits. Approved unanimously by four councilmembers, Mayor Judy Ann Files absent.

Resolution 2017-14 – City Engineer Scott Murphy.

This resolution approves minor modification for the Colorado Outdoors Urban Renewal Project Plan. A previously county owned six-acre parcel and a small city owned triangle piece of property will become eligible to be included in the URA. Approved unanimously by four councilmembers, Mayor Judy Ann Files absent.

Resolution 2017-15 – Grant Coordinator Kendall Cramer.

This resolution supports the grant application for a Local Parks and Outdoor Recreation Grant from the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund and the completion of the Montrose Botanic Gardens Phase III Master Plan.

There is no financial obligation to the city other than the time Cramer will spend as the administrator. Approved unanimously by four councilmembers, Mayor Judy Ann Files absent.

Centennial Room Renovation Project Bid – Facilities Manager Mark Armstrong.

Two bids were received for this project. The local bid, even with preference points, exceeded the estimated cost of the project.

Staff recommended awarding the contract for the project to Ford Construction

Co., Inc., of Grand Junction not to exceed \$216,118.10. This project will be funded through the 2018 capital improvement budget.

The city attorney noted that while the contract will be awarded to Ford Construction in Grand Junction, the company will use local subcontractors. Approved unanimously by four councilmembers, Mayor Judy Ann Files absent.

Staff Reports:

Public Information Report - City Manager Bill Bell. Bell reported on upcoming events – The city presentation at Heidi's Forum, the opening of Grand Avenue and city hall closure on Thursday, Nov. 9, in honor of Veteran's Day.

City Council Comments: No comments or discussion.



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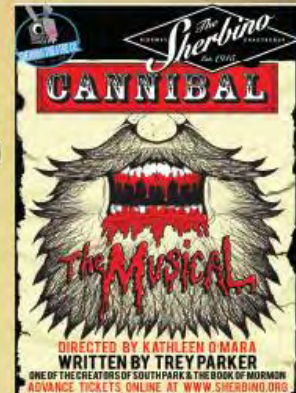
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Tuesday
Nov. 14



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Thursday
Nov. 16

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Nov.
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Nov. 30



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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

MAN OR WOMAN, DON'T PUT YOURSELF IN A DANGEROUS SITUATION

Editor:

There are several things that come to mind when considering one's safety. Man or woman, don't put yourself in a dangerous situation.

If some old turd asks a nice young lady up to his room for drinks and discussions on work, right or wrong should you not ask yourself, Is this a smart thing to do or am I putting myself at risk.

Maybe a little risk assessment should be taught. I don't believe any of us would walk into a crime ridden area in the middle of the night, why do you let your guard down in other situation be it the work place or out with friends.

Is it fair, hell no, but it is a fact of life and if you look at the history of the human race it has been going on since mankind came to be. We could live in a Muslim country where you have no rights and could be traded or sold without concern.

I'm old but I still take a second look when an attractive young lady goes by, at this age I don't remember why I do it, just habit I guess.

In my career I have had many managers male, female, minorities of all kinds. I have managed many male, female and minorities and always gave them the same kind of respect I wanted and had received at work.

Maybe it had something to do with the way my parents raised me to show respect for others. And many of those lessons had a Christian foundation and we seem to be moving away from them in our society today.

Many of the comments about my recent article I fully agree with, but others may be less than rational, even if they are correct. There are many things in society and its views that need to be changed.

Aggression, bullying, you owe me, and

the list goes on and on.

But no one should keep silent about being a victim, and opening up may be as painful or more so than being silent, but in time change can come but it never comes as a gift; it has to churn its way up the old ladder of past cultures.

I would encourage anyone that is interested in this subject to go to Ted.com and pull up the speech by Gretchen Carlson, it is great and points out what needs to be done and she covers many of the things that she has experienced in her career and many were not positive and almost unbelievable. Sometimes I think I may have been living in a bubble when I see and hear about experiences others have had in the work place.

Just more babble from the far side of life and my experiences that cause one's opinions.

Doug Glaspell, Montrose



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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

PRESCRIBED BURN PLANNED ON UNCOMPAGHGRE PLATEAU

Special to the Mirror

REGIONAL-Fire officials for the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests are planning to conduct the Cottonwood Prescribed Burn possibly beginning Monday, Nov. 13 through Wednesday, November 15th in the vicinity of Dillard and Iron Springs Mesas 25 miles southwest of Delta. Members of the public should be aware that burning operations will be taking place adjacent to Forest Service Roads (FSR) 501, 502, 504, and 507 along with sections of the Cabin Bench trail and access to these areas will be limited. Up to 2,153 acres could be treated given proper conditions. This project is a combination of activities designed to reduce hazardous vegetation in the area and to burn the forest under-

story emulating natural processes that increase forest health, and aid in tree reproduction. Reduction of hazardous vegetation and understory burning will also enhance wildlife habitat and limit the potential damage by large, catastrophic fires.

Significant planning for the Cottonwood Prescribed Burn has occurred and a smoke permit has been issued by the State of Colorado. Ignition of the burn is dependent upon available staffing, weather and fuel criteria that must be met to help ensure control of the burn as well as to minimize the potential smoke impacts to local communities. The most important factor in any prescribed burn is safety; safety of the firefighters, the public, and property.

For information on prescribed burns, wildfires and fire restrictions on National For-

est System lands and other areas, call the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests Fire Information line at 970.874.6602, visit the GMUG Forest website: (www.fs.usda.gov/gmug);

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Prescribed fire smoke may affect your health. For more information see:

www.colorado.gov/cdphe/wood-smoke-and-health

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OURAY COUNCIL CAUGHT BETWEEN HOT WATER AND ICE

By Carole Ann McKelvey

Ouray Bureau reporter

OURAY-On Nov. 6, Ouray's city council debated making hot water and ice. Ouray's famous hot springs has been getting a bad rap since the normally year-round pool closed a year ago for a \$9 million renovation. Though it reopened in May with refurbished hot pools, sadly the hot water from which the pools get their name has not met goals. Monday the council debated possible solutions. For the city this is a huge deal as the pool brings in thousands of tourist dollars; and the economy is bound to suffer if the pool gets a bad reputation.

The other big deal for the city is the annual Ouray Ice Park, which the city is about to take over as operators. Monday the city council appointed a citizen committee to work on future plans for the ice park.

Already, those in the business and community are complaining that people are canceling their reservations regarding the pool heating problems. People coming from as far away as other states are making plans to go elsewhere, the council heard.

Since the problem surfaced, the city, designer and construction companies have said they are working diligently to correct the problem.

At Monday night's city council meeting, Mayor Pam Larson said the pool's designer, Cloward H2O, "has come up with different scenarios that they think can change the pool in such a way that can get the

maximum amount of heat."

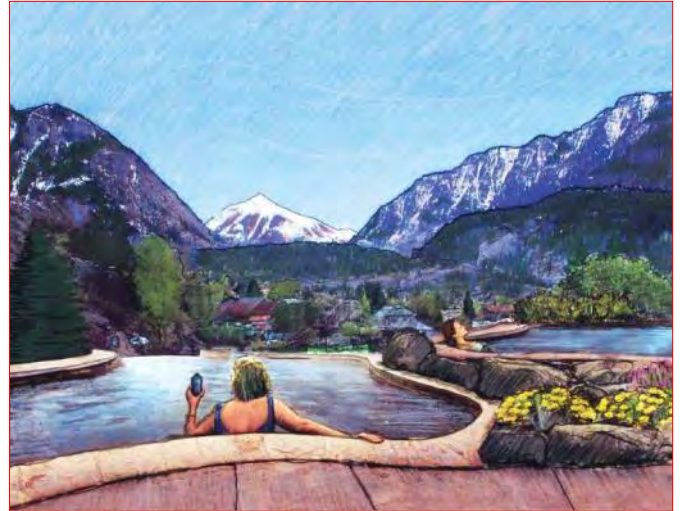
Larson made it clear the city isn't paying for the solutions to the problems, that they have not yet signed off on accepting the renovated pools.

On Monday and Tuesday the Hot Springs Pool will be closed while The Pool Company is on site making modifications to the piping configuration inside the Filtration Building and increasing the size of the main pump that feeds geothermal water to the swimming pools.

City Resource Director Rick Noll said "Increasing the size of the pump will allow all of the available geothermal water to be delivered to the pools. This work is being completed by the project contractor at no additional cost to the City of Ouray." Noll added that "The City Council approved an expenditure to purchase thermal blankets for installation on the geothermal pools. These blankets are custom made for the Ouray Hot Springs and will take several weeks for fabrication. Once the blankets are in use there should be a noticeable improvement in consistency in the water temperature.

"Thermal blankets were used successfully on the old pools," he said.

Noll said he wants to assure people that



The renovated Ouray Hot Springs Pool. Courtesy image.

the city administration, the pool staff, the designer and the construction firm, are all collaborating and working diligently to remedy the situation.

The hot springs pool has been in operation since 1927. It is a sulfur-free mineral pool open year round. Since opening the pool has been an affordable option for families looking to have fun.

The newly-renovated pools feature a curved design because it allows people to feel they are not in such a crowded pool. The idea, say pool designers, was to increase the square footage and to also increase the bench space (edge space).

The new hot pool will hold 357 people in 3565 square feet holding 80,000 gallons, compared to the old pool hot section holding approx. 30,000 gallons.

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BOCC SIGNS HOSPITAL LITIGATION SETTLEMENT DOCS, HONORS DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN RICH JAKINO FROM PG 1

Plateau and Cimarron area to facilitate public access.”

Jakino was instrumental in assisting with the development of the 160-mile Rimrock Trail, and has been a member of the Montrosel Elks Lodge for 53 years.

All three commissioners spoke about Jakino’s service and dedication to the community.

“I am absolutely speechless,” Jakino said. “I’ve been worried all week about this. Thank you! I very much appreciate it; I am totally flabbergasted.”

Commissioners unanimously approved Consent Agenda items, as well as General Business Item No. 2., proposed settlement agreements and documents to end longstanding litigation with the Montrose Memorial Hospital and Board of Trustees.

The settlement document itself is lengthy, Commissioner Glen Davis noted, but will be made available.

BOCC Chair Keith Caddy gave much of the credit for the proposed settlement to the [County’s Hospital Board of Trustees](#). “We were on the sidelines watching what our board of trustees was doing for us. They did a great job.

“This is a big thing. Our board of trustees and the [hospital’s board](#) (MMHI) have done a good job to come to a conclusion with this,” Caddy said.

Commissioner Rash echoed the sentiment.

“The way I looked at this was, both sides didn’t get what they wanted, but by golly we got we needed, to end this thing, to end the litigation, to end the spending on attorney fees that was just eating up the county coffers.” Rash said. “... the three boards will actually have the chance to work as a team to make our Montrose Memorial Hospital the best in the region; that’s my goal and I hope that’s their goal—I know it is.”

He thanked the board of trustees for putting in “countless hours” of work to-

ward a resolution that “works for both sides.”

“I’m so proud of our folks for doing that; it’s just an outstanding job.”

Commissioner Glen Davis thanked all parties to the settlement and noted, “I am extremely grateful...This will be the first time since 2008...that the County is not involved in a lawsuit either at the airport or the hospital.

“And Mr. Chairman, it’s been millions of dollars.”

“It’s millions of dollars, and it has been millions of dollars; and hopefully we can cut the bleeding off,” Caddy said.

“Because we have used and spent a lot of taxpayer money on this and it’s time to put an end to it.”

Commissioners approved on second reading Ordinance No. 2016-4, repealing and replacing Ordinance No. 2013-01, “Banning the Commercial Growth and Sale of Recreational Marijuana in the County,” and Resolution No. 60-2012, “A Temporary Moratorium on Marijuana.”

“Once marijuana was voted into our state we affected our legal system,” Davis said.

“...maybe it will give us a little better handle, or give us a little more enforceable authority to control this substance.” He thanked the BOCC and the legal system.

“Coming out of law enforcement, I have seen the affects of drugs and the combination of drugs and alcohol on peoples’ lives and the lives of their family and I know that it’s not good,” Caddy said.

“...it’s not in my opinion for recreation... we don’t need to add another legalized substance that’s going to affect the fabric of our country and our community.”

Commissioner Rash thanked the District Attorney’s Office for working with the County on the updated ordinance.

“They did a fantastic job on getting this out to us.”

Commissioners approved Resolution 47-

2017, regarding the cancellation of [three property tax liens](#), and resolution 48-2017 regarding the cancellation of [uncollectable property taxes](#) that total (with fees and interest) 54,967.74.

Commissioners voted to approve the signing of [an MOU between Montrose County and the Region 10 League for Economic Assistance and Planning and an MOU and Indefeasible Right of Use \(IRU\) between Montrose County and the City of Montrose](#).

According to the meeting agenda, “Montrose County is partnering with Region 10 supporting the broadband initiative and extending the fiber network to various County locations as well as Oak Grove school, the two fire stations West and South of town and support obtaining fiber from Montrose to Nucla.

“The County, through this partnership with Region 10, will provide \$350,000 in support.”

“We will upgrade the network that interconnects all county facilities,” said Don Varey of the County’s IT Department, noting that partnering with Region 10 was the most economical solution.

“This is a win-win-win.”

In other business, the BOCC voted to approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Montrose County and the Cascabel Club for the Seasonal Storage of Equipment in Norwood; a Settlement and Compliance Agreement between Montrose County and Spencer Ryland; and an amendment to a 2013 agreement between Pictometry International Corporation and Montrose County, extending aerial imagery services through 2024 and adding change detection software, a 2018 budgeted expense item of \$85,682.64.

Commissioners also approved [a proposal to divide 35 acres of the Cornforth Minor Subdivision](#) into two lots and [a proposal to divide ten acres of the Rice Minor Subdivision](#) into three lots.



RIDGWAY CHAUTAUQUA ACQUIRES MAGPIE SPACE



Special to Art & Sol

RIDGWAY—The Ridgway Chautauqua Society is thrilled to announce the acquisition of another historic property in Downtown Ridgway. Plans call for conserving the historic nature of the space with an eye towards adaptive reuse. Purchase of the property was completed Nov. 8.

The Ridgway Chautauqua Society is ambitious in its plans for the future. The extra

space accommodates the organization's growing needs and advances its programming options—both crucial to its future plans.

The acquisition of 610 Clinton Street (formerly Magpie Antiques located immediately to the west of the Sherbino's doors) not only secures a key piece of real estate for RCS, it also helps activate additional creative space in the center of town. This acquisition moves RCS closer to aligning with the town's vision of a vibrant Main Street and Creative District. RCS, along with its sister organization Weehawken Creative Arts, will be relocating its administrative office and box office into the new building as early as possible in 2018 to better serve the community.

With the completion of the RAMP Up Ridgway project and the significant beautification of the downtown area, the stage is set for a vibrant and walkable creative downtown district.

RCS looks forward to collaborating with the town's Space to Create project to create the synergy needed for a healthy commercial district.

RCS plans to refresh the front of the Sherbino and the 610 Clinton building as

soon as possible, as well as open a gift shop and gallery or exhibition space showcasing local artists.

Capital fundraising is underway to support the acquisition of this asset. A fundraising campaign is also in place to help RCS make immediate improvements to the existing Sherbino. Immediate improvements will address comfort issues for audiences, aesthetic improvements, operational upgrades, and visible messaging to convey the RCS mission.

Additionally, a master plan will be initiated to develop the design for integrating and ultimately connecting the 610 Clinton Street property with the Sherbino.

The Ridgway Chautauqua Society owns the Sherbino and its new next door property. The RCS mission is to embody the Chautauqua tradition by producing programs celebrating lifelong learning, the arts, culture and community. Its vision is to exemplify both innovation and history in vibrant community gathering places while advancing the creative and economic vitality of the region.

The Ridgway Chautauqua Society is a 501 (c)3 organization and was incorporated in 2012.



MONTROSE ELKS LODGE: ELK TRACKS!



Montrose Elks Lodge

MONTROSE-Welcome to Elk Tracks, a periodic update of what is taking place at our local Montrose Elks Lodge, located at 801 So. Hillcrest, Montrose CO 81401. Public is welcome at all events listed.

Bingo Nov. 14, 2017 6:30 PM

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

LEARN & GROW WITH COLORADO MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-Colorado State University Extension in the Tri River Area (Mesa, Delta, E. Montrose Counties) is seeking applicants interested in becoming Colorado Master Gardeners or Colorado Certified Gardeners. The Colorado Master Gardener Program is designed to help county or area Extension offices meet the increasing demands by the gardening public for unbiased, research-based information. It enlists volunteers, trained by professional staff, to help educate and assist local residents through direct contact, classes and a variety of other methods, representing the Tri River Area Extension Offices. Current employees of the Horticultural Industry can also participate in these classes for continuing education for a higher fee without the time commitment of volunteer hours. The Colorado Certified Gardener certificate can be used on resumes and advertised. Colorado Master Gardeners are members of the local community who have an interest in horticulture. They

are enthusiastic, willing to learn, have a desire to help others and are able to communicate relevant research-based knowledge to a diverse audience. What really sets them apart from other home gardeners is the special training they've received in horticulture and the time spent working through their local Extension office to provide horticulture-related information to their community. The classes will be held at the Mesa County Fairgrounds using live speakers with the exception of online class for two sections (Woody Plants and How to be a Master Gardener). Classes include demonstrations and hands-on exercises. Part of the educational process consists of 50 hours spent as an apprentice in the Tri River Area Extension Offices during the growing season, from April to October. Master Gardener applicants must also be able to attend 80 percent of the sessions of the training program and all of the homework and fulfill the 50 hours of apprentice time during weekday office hours. Prior educa-

tion or experience in gardening is not necessary but will be considered. Because of the time commitment involved, those who are employed must make special arrangements to participate in the program or may take it at full price and earn the CGC. Applications can be picked up at the Mesa County Extension Office at the fairgrounds, or are available electronically and must be returned no later than Friday, Dec. 8. For those wanting to take the course, but cannot give the required volunteer time back to the program, this course is also available for a higher registration fee. Fees for Master Gardener volunteers will be \$170 plus 50 hours of volunteer service; Gardener Certificate students' fees will be \$530 (with no volunteer commitment). Optional textbook is available for additional fee or online for free.

Classes begin on Jan. 18 and are every Thursday through March 29, 2018. For more information, contact Susan Honea, Horticulture Program Coordinator at the extension office at 970-244-1834.

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MIRROR IMAGES: CMS VETERANS' DAY ASSEMBLY



Mirror Staff Report

MONTROSE-Montrose High School NJROTC students presented the colors, the Montrose High School Choir sang, and the Centennial Middle School Eighth Grade band played as Centennial students and staff hosted the 22nd Annual Veterans' Day Assembly on Nov. 9, to an appreciative crowd of students, veterans and members of the community.

Retired Marine Corps Major Bill Bennett gave a moving talk on military service, and how his own service shaped his life and that of his family. After enlisting in 1962, Bennett said that his father told him, "Bill, finish what you start." Bennett and his wife Janet married in 1964; in his 20 years as a Marine, Bennett and his family moved 19 times. "We too were a team," He said. "A family team. And we still are."

Among other experiences, Bennett recalled being responsible for loading eight ships, including the S.S. Montrose, whose bell can be seen downtown today.

"Did I like being a Marine? You bet," Bennett said. "No matter the rank, once a Marine, always a Marine."

He still feels that service in the United States Marine Corps is the highest honor an American could achieve.

"Those who shed blood with me shall forever be my brothers," Bennett said.

Veterans in attendance at the Centennial Assembly were recognized, and invited to place a flag on a map of the world indicating where they had been stationed during their years of service.



COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: HONORS & RECOGNITION

STARR BORDERS WINS COLORADO MAKE IT WOOL CONTEST JUNIOR DIVISION

Special to Art & Sol

COLORADO—On Saturday, Nov. 4, Starr Borders of Montrose won the 2017 Colorado Make It With Wool Contest (13-16 age division) and qualified for the national competition with her three-piece ensemble.

“Last year, I was the runner up and my goal was to win the Colorado title this year, because I enjoy sewing and it’s a great opportunity to represent my state at the 2018 national contest in San Antonio, TX,” said Borders.

Competing in the 2016 Colorado Make It With Wool Contest inspired Borders to make a three-piece wool ensemble that she also exhibited for her fifth year 4-H Clothing Construction project. She made a camel colored, fitted wool jacket that is entirely lined and features bound button holes, princess seams and pleats. She discovered the cozy, thick fabric needed bound button holes, an advanced technique, because her sewing machine wouldn’t sew nice buttonholes through the thick layers of fabric.

Borders won orange wool fabric during the 2016 Make It With Wool Contest and decided it would make a gorgeous fitted top. The raised neckline peeks out above the jacket. She learned to insert an invisible zipper into the shirt, and it also features front princess seams and a narrow hem.

Finally, Borders completed the outfit with a semi-fitted, lined, tapered pants that have a shaped waistband, back welt pockets and a fly zipper with a hook closure. Each piece of fabric used for the competition was at least 60 percent wool per the contest rules.

Borders plans to wear the outfit during her freshman year of high school where she enjoys swimming, volleyball, track and 4-H. As a seventh year 4-H member, Starr made and donated blankets to the Linus Project, helped teach junior members to sew and also showed her horse and market lambs.

Each Make It With Wool participant re-



Starr Borders of Montrose, above, won the 2017 Colorado Make It With Wool Contest (13-16 age division) and qualified for the national competition with her three-piece ensemble. Courtesy photo.

ceived a gift bag, flowers and their choice of wool fabric. Additionally, the winners in the junior and senior age divisions receive an all-expense paid trip to the 2018 national competition. Borders also received a new sewing machine, flowers, certificate and an assortment of gifts.

“I really appreciate all of the sponsors

who help make the contest possible,” said Borders. “Additionally, Gloria Cundall is the Colorado State Director and she does a phenomenal job of planning and executing the Colorado contest.”

To learn more about the Colorado Make It With Wool Contest, go to <http://co-miww.wixsite.com/miww-colorado>.

CLASSIFIEDS: REQUESTS FOR PROPOSAL

INSPIRED: ART AT WORK – REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS!

Special to Art & Sol

PAONIA-Elsewhere Studios has been awarded a grant from the Arts in Society Program for a project, *INSPIRED: Art at Work*, which will bring two artists to Paonia, CO, in summer 2018 for a two-month fully funded residency, and will provide a stipend and materials for one local artist. Working closely with five local partner organizations (Citizens for a Healthy Community, Western Slope Conservation Cen-

ter, Farm and Food Alliance, Solar Energy International, and the North Fork Valley Creative Coalition), scientists, and policy makers, they will create socially-engaged artworks that address issues stemming from the impacts of legacy coal mining, such as: preservation of culture and environment, creation of a resilient economy in rural Colorado, pressures created by oil and gas development, and loss of jobs. These collaborations and a final

symposium are designed to broadly engage the community and promote dialog about concerns vital to the future of this rural area.

Open to visual artists, writers, composers, and performance artists. Application deadline is November 15, 2017

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

PLEASE DONATE TO OURAY COUNTY CARES THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

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RIDGWAY—For more than forty years, Ridgway Community Pride has coordinated community giving through the Ouray County Cares program to help families in need during the holiday season. The effort starts with soliciting tax-deductible cash donations from the community, people “adopting an angel” from a local angel tree and purchasing a specific gift item, people adopting an entire family and providing for their holiday needs, and—finally—helping to sort and box up donations for holiday delivery.

Families in need are identified by local social services, schools, churches, law enforcement agencies, and more. Identities of these families are confidential. All donors remain anonymous, as well.

Ouray County Cares has also provided funds throughout the year to help with dental work, school physicals, utilities, and other critical needs. Unfortunately, it’s impossible for Ouray County Cares to predict whether funding will be adequate each year. We need your help! Please share your kindness with others this holiday season and consider helping Ouray County Cares in its mission to make the holidays a bit brighter for those in need. Ouray County Cares provides care packages for approximately forty families each year. In addition to gift cards or modest gifts for family members, each family receives a generous supply of nonperishable food, personal hygiene supplies, and gift cards. Other families receive gifts of toys or clothing. In 2016, half of the forty families served were from Ouray, the other half from Ridgway. View our free website at

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

MONTROSE ASSOCIATION OF CHURCHES TO HOST COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE NOV. 19

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-The Association of Montrose Churches is sponsoring a Community Thanksgiving Worship Service on Sunday evening Nov. 19. The service will be held at All Saints Anglican Church on 2057 South Townsend Avenue. This will be an

opportunity for the Body of Christ in Montrose to come together to give thanks for God's blessings to us. We will also receive an offering to support the Rent and Utilities Assistance Fund of the AMC. This offering goes to help individuals who have received eviction notices

and/or shut off notices to stay in their homes and keep the lights on. Our goal is not to subsidize rent but rather to help those individuals who have come upon a "rough spot" in life. We invite you to join us for this evening of thanksgiving and praise.

COMMUNITY INVITED TO ATTEND HOPEWEST'S HOLIDAY EVENT, LIGHT UP A LIFE

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-HopeWest invites friends, family and neighbors to join us for our annual Light Up a Life event to celebrate the spirit of community this holiday season Thursday, Dec. 7. This evening allows you to gather in recognition of the mean-

ing of the season while reflecting on the cherished memories of loved ones we all hold close to our hearts. The event will begin with a welcome by Judy Ann Files, Montrose Mayor, followed by a holiday message, candle lighting ceremony and beautiful holiday lights with music and

singing. 5:30 p.m. • Holiday Inn Express 1391 S. Townsend Avenue This event is free and open to the public. For event information call 970-240-7734. For other Light Up a Life events near you visit <https://www.hopewestco.org/light-life-2017/>



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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & OUTDOORS

PUBLIC COMMENTS INVITED ON DEER MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR GMUS 53, 63

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE,— A proposed deer management plan for Game Management Units 53 and 63 is now available for public comment. Colorado Parks and Wildlife is requesting that hunters, landowners and others interested in mule deer in this area to provide comments on the proposal.

These hunting units are located in an area between Gunnison, Montrose and Delta in western Colorado and comprise the big-game management unit known as the North Fork-Gunnison River Mule Deer Herd. Every 10 years CPW biologists develop new management plans for specific areas throughout the state that guide how many hunting licenses are issued.

The plans are based on hunter harvest, habitat conditions, agricultural conflicts, public perception, comments from land-management agencies, land owners and stakeholder surveys.



The draft plan for GMUs 53 and 63 proposes a deer population of 7,500–9,500 mule deer, with a ratio of 33–38 bucks per 100 does.

To read the full proposal, go on-line to: <http://cpw.state.co.us/thingstodo/Pages/HerdManagementPlans.aspx>. A link to the plan is posted on the

right side of the page. "Your input is important for big-game management planning," said Evan Phillips, a CPW biologist located in Montrose. Anyone who has comments should e-mail them to Phillips at: evan.phillips@state.co.us.

They can also be sent to him at Colorado Parks and Wildlife, 2300 S. Townsend Ave., Montrose, CO, 81401. Comments must be submitted by Nov. 30.

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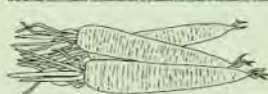
Tri River Area is now accepting applications for the Colorado Master Gardener & Colorado Garden Certificate (Professional) Classes.

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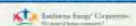


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NOTES FOR THE JOURNEY...

Exploring Classical Music With Rob Brethouwer

TO CELEBRATE, TO HONOR, AND TO LEAVE SOMETHING OR SOMEONE BEHIND...

I. Requiem Aeternam

Soft sounds from the percussion and then low woodwinds make the listener strain to hear. Just as you are starting to hear something the chorus enters as if they were rising up from within the tones of the woodwinds. Male and female voices are distinct yet joined as the overall volume increases gradually. The feel of this first section takes a turn to a sacred sound when the harp plays gentle notes in the background. The ominous feeling disappears for a few dozen bars and then once again makes itself known. It is then that a clear and distinct line appears from the chorus. A feeling of coming awake and being hopeful rises and falls with the orchestra underneath. A roll from the tympani once again changes the tone and the orchestra and chorus become more forceful, pushing forward together to form a common statement. A brief melody from the low strings pushes this just a bit further. The female and male voices trade off with a common melodic line accompanied by the woodwinds in the orchestra. Ethereal is the basic sound but too loose of a description for what is being heard. This sacred tone being performed is much tighter and more proficient than anything that simply sounds as if it comes from the heavens. The melody continues to be traded and tossed back and forth as the first section concludes with a long tone from the flutes.

II. Out of the Deep

A solo from the cello that begins down on the C string opens this second section. Male voices from the choir are heard, accompanied by the ongoing solo from the cello. The two melodies intertwine, each taking a turn at being the prominent sound. The opening measures truly give a feeling of being between something and working your way toward the service. Once you think the solo has come to its conclusion it makes its appearance once again, beginning the in out process with the chorus. Two kinds of waves coming together in a slowly swirling melody. There is no rush as the section continues with the higher male voices taking over;

the horns and trombones provide a foundation that supports the choir but does not take over in any way. A summit is reached in both sound and volume before falling away once again to the solo cello and the chorus. The section concludes as it began with the solo cello and the slowly diminishing sound of the choir.

III. Pie Jesu

The opening melody builds from the low brass up to through the orchestra to the strings. This section features a solo female voice that is accompanied only delicately by the orchestra. The more evident accompaniment is from other voices within the chorus. A clarinet comes out of the orchestra repeating the melody sung by the soloist. Horns briefly carry the melody before it is taken over by the chorus. Straightforward with no purpose other than to deliver its message, this third section finds its conclusion with a high clear note from the soprano soloist.

IV. Sanctus

The first few notes of this section sound too much like a cheesy and too-often heard Christmas carol. Plink, plink, plink, and plink. The quality of the next few dozen majors make it clear that this is no Hallmark store holiday diddy. Open sections of orchestra lead to a profound and forceful melody from the chorus. Just as the sound is becoming comfortable in your ears it abruptly ends. A clear musical punctuation mark with the body of the entire work.

V. Agnus Dei

Haunting is the best way to describe the opening of this fifth section. Low strings and low woodwinds accompany the bass voices of the chorus. Another layer is added with a simple line from the chorus, featuring a tone that is somewhat dense and very melancholy in its presentation. The low sections from within the orchestra continue the accompaniment. This is the solemn and mournful feel you expect to hear from a Requiem. Bereft of anything resembling light and joy, this is the sound you picture as the sun falls in the sky and something once joyful comes to an end. The middle section relies heavily on the repetition of the words "Agnus Dei"

with a somber fanfare coming from the low brass and low strings. A flute enters with a solo that does nothing to lighten the mood. This statement is brief and softly disappears within the sound of the chorus only to rise up once again as if struggling to free itself from the depths and oppression of the melody. This fight is in vain as the section ends where it began with a strong sense of melancholy and even remorse.

VI. The Lord is My Shepherd

A sense of awakening is the first thing that comes to mind in the opening notes of this final section. Something blooming and starting over in a process that brings hope and optimism. The conclusion of a journey that brings memories but no remorse. That which is lost has been let go and only the good prevails. Orchestra and chorus both have a feel of renewal as the final vocal statements are made. The orchestra does not get in the way, as it is the presentation of the words that brings the message of the composer and that of the traditional structure of a Requiem.

VII. The final section is sung in English and it takes just a few seconds for the ear to become aware that it is no longer hearing Latin. For this listener, the use of English actually takes away from the depth and feeling of the overall piece. This section once again offers a soprano soloist who makes a melodic statement as if it was something out of a Broadway musical. High and bright, the upper register of the soprano brings forth a feeling of conclusion and is if something has made its statement and is now moving on. This is the only feeling that this section presents that makes one feel as if they are hearing the concluding notes of a large work. The section and the piece end as it began, this time with notes and voices fading out and not fading in. A fitting conclusion to a contemporary Requiem that honors that which has been lost while celebrating the memories that are forever left in the mind of the listener. This is the true purpose of a Requiem, to celebrate, to honor, and to leave something or someone behind while carrying memories forever forward.

Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes

AUTUMN ODYSSEY

HOMER ... Most Euramerican poets claim lineage (if lineage is a thing they have reason to claim) from this ancient Greek poet. I read bits of it in the original Archaic, although Attic Greek was what I studied for three years in high school. *Odyssey* was the sung-story bardic sequel to the *Iliad*, and chronicled the ten-year journey of Odysseus (Ulysses for the Romans) on his way home to Ithaca after the fall of Troy. The word *odyssey* has come to mean any long journey on a quest for something ... In this case, my odyssey lasted three weeks. Longer than I was used to when I was working. A long time to be away from Cloud Acre, my dog Simba and the unnamed barn cats who guard my land from hantavirus-infected mice ... Last week I described the first half of that trip. Here's the second leg. The third leg next week.

THEATER ... My dad was an actor. He aspired to be one all his life, and by the end he was doing semi-professional gigs. Community theater leads. Voiceovers. Commercials ... So, when I'm in the City, going to a play is one of my favorite things to do. I've seen some great plays in San Francisco. And I had just experienced Shakespeare as it was meant to be experienced at Ashland. So, my daughter and I decided to catch a local production my last night in town. We chose Fort Mason's Magic Theatre – a 50-year-old company I hadn't seen a production at since the 1970s, when I enjoyed a wild Michael McClure play the company did. This time they were featuring three plays in one – the premiere of Irish playwright Barbara Hammond's *The Eva Trilogy*. Nothing is more satisfying for me than a brilliant theater production. Here the acting was excellent. But the play was challenging. And the production had problems ... The first act/play's long one-person Molly Bloom-like soliloquy was strong. Julia McNeal was very convincing as a small-town Irish black sheep gal who'd left home and only came back at her sister's urging to care for her pious dying mom. If that act/play had stood alone, I might have enjoyed the piece more than I did ... The second act/play was sort of an inquiry into the mercy killing of

the mom by the heroine, as told by others and performed as a kind of choreographed interactive vignettes. It sort of worked and sort of didn't.

Lise Anne Porter was convincing as the sister, and Rod Gnapp was especially good as her husband. But it was the hospice nurse Amy Nowak who really impressed me in the second act/play. I didn't think the marching around worked that well. It was kind of dance, but not. Kind of a scene at a inquiry, and not ... And the third act/play did not stand on its own at all, and was even more confusing than the second – it's years later and the wayward sister, post-jail, has found a hideaway on Corsica where she lives in the wild. A potent metaphor perhaps, but the conceit was too -fetched, the staging unconvincing. McNeal was good in her role, her foil – a young hiker – less so. But what didn't work were the episodic scene switches, going from vignette to vignette, with little blackouts but actors visible, as they moved around to new postures to start. The conceit failed me ... And yet ironically, the use of a lighted backdrop like illuminated tree leaves where phantom images played across them as in a screen was visibly intriguing ... Unhappily, a mish-mash of good and not-so-good writing, good and not-so-good staging, and good acting without a convincing directorial hand. While interesting and challenging, in the end it did not gel for me. More jello than a rich custard.

CALIFORNIA ZEPHYR ... I was better prepared for Amtrak on my ride home from Emeryville in the East Bay to Grand Junction. Iris had given me two cushy pillows. I found a seat with extra-large leg room away from the noisy compartment doors. I brought my own snacks. Put most of my belongings into my checked baggage ... Still it wasn't easy sleeping on the reclining



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seats. But better than my Coast Starlight experience. I got a lot done organizing my computer files, since they didn't have wifi for coach class.

BIRD FIRST ... Perhaps my favorite sight from the train was going past some wetlands on the north side of Suisun Bay and seeing an egret rookery – dozens of the elusive (usually solitary) white marsh birds with their young chicks.

BEAVERS ... My dear poet friend Wendy Vidlock picked me up at the station and took me back to my car that I'd left with another poet friend in Fruita, Danny Rosen. He has an on-going battle with beaver at his creekside property where he built a lovely landing for his yurt alongside a cattail pond -- only to have the beaver seasonally flood the landing with their dams. So Danny has been ripping out dams for several years now. He rips them out. The beaver rebuild. It's become a kind of Sisyphean meta-game where neither side appears willing to ever give in. I had to get an AAA jump to start my long-idled car, so while I waited I ripped out the beaver dam. Danny was away back east, and the yurt was close to flooding. Not sure my de-damming worked for long. But it seemed a good way to keep Danny's half of the game going.

THIRD LEG ... After a sojourn in Palisade, I made it over to the Center of the American West at CU Boulder where I gave my annual talk on politics as a guest speaker for Patricia Limerick, and then stayed another day to participate in a symposium on Belle Turnbull. More on that next week.

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

15 SPACES OPEN FOR WRITING WORKSHOP IN RIDGWAY

Special to Art & Sol

RIDGWAY-Visiting Weehawken instructor Alissa Johnson wants to help people write. "The desire to write a book runs deep, yet there are so many ways to get stuck or overwhelmed," she said. "What's the right way to do it? How do you stay organized? Not to mention, how do you stay motivated for the long haul?"

In "The Clear, Focused Book Writer," Johnson provides the tools you need to feel clear and focused as a writer. She says of the class, "In this presentation, you'll get new ideas to help you approach your book in a way that feels fun, helps you get and stay organized, and go from thinking about your book to writing it. If you think about your book more than you write, feel overwhelmed by the work before you, or just feel curious about writing a book this workshop is for you."

Johnson is a nationally-published and

award-winning writer whose work has appeared in The Wall Street Journal, Dirt Rag Magazine, and the Aifé literary magazine among other publications. Her first short story publication is forthcoming in The Master's Review. She is associate editor at the Crested Butte News and her writing has won awards from the Colorado Press Association and FundsForWriters. She holds an MFA in Creative and Professional Writing from Western Connecticut State University (WCSU). You can read more about her more at www.writingstrides.com.

Join Weehawken November 17 from 5-6:15 pm at the Weehawken Ridgway in the Old Schoolhouse Building (1075 Sherman St.). This presentation includes lecture, discussion, and some writing time.

Weehawken and Alissa Johnson have partnered to offer this workshop at no cost. Space is limited to 15 participants, so pre-registration is encouraged. For more information, visit Weehawken Creative Arts at www.weehawkenarts.org or visit facebook at facebook.com/weehawkenarts - or call them at [970.318.0150](tel:970.318.0150).

OURAY NAMES 11 TO ICE PARK SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

By Carole Ann McKelvey

Ouray Bureau Reporter

OURAY-Ouray's city council Monday named 11 citizens to the Ice Park Sustainability Committee. The committee will advise the council on continuing operations of the ice park. The selected members are: Logan Tyler; Heidi Pankow; Matt Wade; Bill Leo; Betty Wolfe; Sam Rushing; Steve Berwanger; Dolgio Nergui; Frank Robertson; John Wood; Kevin Koprak.

Don Batchelder was chosen to be the facilitator for the committee meetings; Councilor Dawn Glanc was named as one of two city council liaisons (the other will be chosen when the election is over); and Hannah Hollenbeck will be the scribe for the meetings. The council made it clear the sustainability committee will report their findings to the city council that will make policy.



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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: OUTDOORS

GMUG NATIONAL FORESTS COMPLETE PEARSON PURCHASE

Special to Art & Sol

DELTA-The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests, has completed the purchase of 132 acres of land owned by Mark Pearson of Durango, Colorado.

The land includes sections of the Continental Divide Trail. "I'm happy to have the Forest Service's stewardship of these properties for the long term. Should help guarantee the wonderful recreation and

scenery assets of the Continental Divide Trail will remain unimpaired." Pearson stated.

Included in the purchase were:

- six lode claims totaling 86 acres east of Stony Pass along the Continental Divide Trail in San Juan County within the Rio Grande National Forest;

- two lode claims and a millsite totaling 26 acres along the Cuba Gulch trail, which provides access to the Continental Divide

Trail, in Hinsdale County within the Uncompahgre National Forest;

- two lode claims in Yankee Boy Basin and one lode claim in Governor Basin totaling 20 acres in Ouray County within the Uncompahgre National Forest.

Forest Supervisor Scott Armentrout said, "I am pleased to acquire land along both the Continental Divide Trail and the Colorado Trail to protect them from future development."

RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN WILDFLOWERS, POLLINATORS SUBJECT OF NOV. 16 PRESENTATION AT HEDDLES

Special to Art & Sol

DELTA-Climate change has become one of the most controversial issues of this present century. While few now doubt it is actually occurring, there is considerable debate on the causes. Dr. David Inouye, Professor Emeritus from the Biology Department at the University of Maryland, has been studying the relationship between wildflowers and their pollinators, such as bumble bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds, since 1971 at the Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory in Gothic, above Crested Butte.

Dr. Inouye, a nationally-recognized expert on the interactions between wildflower and pollinators, will give a presentation on his research at the Bill Heddles Recreation Center in Delta on Nov. 16. He will also discuss his conclusions on what impact climate change is having on these interactions. The program is set to begin at 7 pm and is being sponsored by the Black Canyon Chapter of the Audubon Society. The program is open to the public and there is no charge.



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MAMA, THAT'S A GREAT PIZZA!

Okay pizza heads, Pahgre's is right here in Montrose and it's really good. Read the reviews beyond this one. Pahgre's is a full-service, locally owned/operated restaurant in Montrose, which prides itself on its award-winning pizza.

But pizza is only part of the equation. While Pahgre's specializes in hand-tossed, stone-baked pizza, and calzones with gourmet toppings, it also serves a variety of pasta dishes, panini sandwiches, salads, and desserts. There is an extensive menu, with locals and tourists entertained by cleverly-named dishes after local and regional mountains, rivers, passes, and other geographical features. In keeping with this theme, the dining room at Pahgre's displays pictures of our beautiful Colorado.

Add to this their wine list featuring local wines. Me, I'll take the Merlot please, Michael his normal Pinot Grigio. Now, let's order.

Salads or pizza or calzone?

Wow – make your own choices or pick from their colorful offerings:

Paradox Pepperoni

Mt. Shavano Shrimp and Garlic
Ridgway Rustler
Blue Mesa
Precipise Peak Pesto
Grand Mesa Mediterranean
Yankee Boy
The Motherload

Buckhorn Barbecue Chicken
Lizard Head Luau

Ummmm, tonight I felt like pizza; my boy, pasta.

I chose the Grand Mesa Mediterranean, small please; Michael, he couldn't pass up the lovely fettucine. Now, in the past I've had the Mountain Mushroom Ravioli and it was fabulous. The pizza also very, very good and satisfied that little pizza place we all have. Can I have a little honey to drizzle on my crust please? Ah, that's perfect. The fettucine was delish also! Of course, we can't leave Italian without having a cannoli. Holey Cannoli that is.

So much to choose from here:

You have panini's:

Courthouse Mountain Cowboy

Unawep Canyon

The Motherload Calzone



The Umcompahgre
etc., etc.

Salad:

My Big Fat Greek Salad

Cimmaron Ceasar

Coxscomb Cobb

Popeye's Passion

Mesa Verde

As delicious as the names are delightful.

Then if there is any room left, don't you dare miss the Holey Cannoli, or maybe the Black Canyon Mud Pie? Or?

Pahgre's is well worth the stop at the south end of Montrose. Prepare to be stuffed, happily.

Pahgre's is located at 1541 Oxbow Drive, Montrose, CO. Phone 970-249-6440. Prices are reasonable: Salads, \$7-11; Paninis, \$9-10; Pizzas, \$8-24; Calzones, \$10-21; Pastas, \$11-13; Dessert, \$5-6; Kids, \$3-5.

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Weehawken Fall Programs



October 14: The Business of Art: How to Grow Your Business Online with John Clark in Ridgway

October 16: The Hobbit Youth Musical Theater 5 Week Program Begins in Ridgway



October 23: ARTbar: Culinary & Cocktails with Amie Minnick at Provisions in Ridgway

November 4: Intro to Line Drawing with John Mitchell in Montrose



November 4 & 5: Introduction to Silversmithing with Tracey Belt in Ridgway

November 11: Watercolor & Value: Creating a Mood Painting Workshop with Peggy Morgan Stenmark



November 18: Kiln-formed Glass Ornament Design and Production with Diane Quarles in Montrose

December 2: Beyond Paint: Acrylic Art Techniques with Kellie Day in Ridgway



February 3: Contemporary Mosaic Art with Carol Newman in Ridgway

Plus....mark your calendars!

December 2: Gingerbread House Workshops in Ridgway

December 9 & 10: The Nutcracker Performance at Montrose Pavilion

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

SENIOR COMMUNITY MEALS THANKS US BANK FOR THREE YEARS OF VOLUNTEER MEAL DELIVERY SERVICE

Special to Art & Sol

DELTA-Volunteers of America and Senior CommUnity Meals (SCM) honored US Bank Delta branch for their past three years of volunteer service delivering hot meals to homebound older adults in Delta who are enrolled in the Meals on Wheels program. Joe Walker, SCM Program Director, presented Sharon Lovato, US Bank Branch Manager, with a plaque and personalized cake made by their talented lead cook, Victor Quezada, at the bank's office on Hwy 92 in Delta.

Lovato along with employees Susan Underwood, Sales and Service Manager, Shannon Mansker, Teller Coordinator, and Shellie Sandburg, Personal Banker have alternated delivering meals to homebound, frail older adults in Delta during their lunch hour twice a week for the past three years. The Senior CommUnity Meals (SCM) program estimates US Bank has delivered 2,300 total meals over the past three years.

"Each meal delivery represents a safety check and social interaction. For some recipients, the volunteer drivers are the only people they see during the week," Walker said.

"We are thrilled to present this recognition plaque to US Bank and the volunteer team," Walker said. "We have a great respect for this organization who has given their valuable time to serve our older adults in Delta."

Lovato said, "We love being volunteers for the meals program and have grown very fond of the seniors on our route." Last year, SCM provided over 15,000 meals to homebound individuals in Delta, Montrose and San Miguel counties. The majority of home bound recipients reside in Delta County, are frail and at the national poverty level.

Walker said, "The senior nutrition program provides savings to the healthcare system as a whole. Providing proper nutrition to older adults reduces hospital stays,

emergency room visits, nursing home use and decreases Medicare reimbursements, all of which save tax payers money."

The program is in need of volunteer drivers and encourages more businesses to join US Bank in allowing employees the flexibility to deliver meals during working hours.

"Even if a business or individual can only commit to helping for a half hour once per week or once per month, we would be very grateful for their help," Walker said. "We have several delivery routes for which we have no delivery volunteers."

Earlier this year, Alpine Bank Delta branch also began to deliver meals. "Having the support of Alpine Bank and US Bank has been a blessing. The great aspect of having offices or businesses covering a delivery route is that when an employee is off work or on vacation, others in their office are able to step in and help us continue to get nutritious meals to those we serve," Walker said.

Potential drivers are screened with a background check, which SCM pays for, and are given orientation and training on how to make deliveries. The initial process can take a week or two, after which a volunteer can begin to deliver meals and enhance the well-being of older adults in the community.

The process to begin receiving home delivered meals is simple. Anyone 60 years of age or older and homebound may qualify. Contact the SCM office at 970-874-7661 and the staff will do an assessment over



Joe Walker, SCM Program Director, presented Sharon Lovato, US Bank Branch Manager, with a plaque and personalized cake made by their talented lead cook, Victor Quezada, at the bank's office on Hwy 92 in Delta. Courtesy photo.

the phone. Most individuals can start to receive meals within 24 to 48 hours of completing the assessment.

There is no cost to receive homebound meals. The program has a suggested donation per meal, but no qualifying individuals are turned away for inability or unwillingness to make a donation. The delivery of meals can be cancelled or put on hold with a 24-hour notice in the event the recipient will be out of the home for any reason. Service can resume with a call to the office.

SCM is supported mainly by Region 10, Area Agency on Aging. Eva Veitch, Community Living Services Director, who oversees the funds given to SCM through the Older Americans Act, was also present to recognize and thank US Bank.

Anyone interested in supporting the non-profit organization with a donation can mail checks to 350 Stafford Lane, Suite 3511, Delta, Colorado 81416 or make a secure on line donation at www.coloradogives.org/seniorcommunitymeals.

JEN'S IMAGES... SCOTTY KENTON'S BIRTHDAY@INTRINZIK



Scotty Kenton snaps photos at his birthday party, above. The band is Barefoot Companion. Photos by Jennifer McClanahan.

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

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

Nov. 13-Montrose Senior Center, \$3 lunch and learn. Senior Awareness Programs: Find the right drug plan, get extra Medicare help. Reserve a seat 970-964-3419. Lunch @ Noon, Program @ 1 p.m.

Nov. 16-Friendship Force of Western Colorado, is a non-profit Travel/Cultural Adventure Club. Please join us for the November meeting on Thursday, November 16 at 6:15 pm in the basement of the First Baptist Church located at 720 Grand AVE in Grand Junction. A brand new informational video about Friendship Force International will be shown.

Nov. 16-Dr. David Inouye, Professor Emeritus from the Biology Department at the University of Maryland, and a nationally-recognized expert on the interactions between wildflower and pollinators, will give a presentation on his research at the Bill Heddles Recreation Center in Delta on Nov. 16. The program is set to begin at 7 pm and is being sponsored by the Black Canyon Chapter of the Audubon Society. The program is open to the public and there is no charge.

Nov. 17-Please join us at Black Canyon Gymnastics for Rhythm and Rhyme! 4:15 to 6:15 p.m. We will be exploring rhythm & sounds, making some instruments and participating in an interactive rhythm and rhyme story. Then stay for some extra fun in the gym with our Bouncing Buddies group. For Ages 0-5 (0-3 must be accompanied by an adult) Register in the office or call us at 970-249-7264 Cost is \$15. (covers both Rhythm-n-Rhyme & Bouncing Buddies) Space is limited to 24 kids.

Nov. 17-Join Weehawken Nov. 17 from 5-6:15 pm at the Weehawken Ridgway in the Old Schoolhouse Building (1075 Sherman St.) for a free writing workshop. This presentation includes lecture, discussion, and some writing time. Weehawken and Alissa Johnson have partnered to offer this workshop at no cost. Space is limited to 15 participants, so pre-registration is encouraged. For more information, visit Weehawken Creative Arts at www.weehawkenarts.org or visit facebook at facebook.com/weehawkenarts - or call them at 970.318.0150.

Nov. 17-Colorado Blues Society winning artist A.J. Fullerton live @ Intrinzik. \$10 cover, 8 p.m.

Nov. 17-The Black Canyon Boys and Girls Club's annual Crab Crack event is back for the third year. On Nov. 17 at 6 p.m. at the Montrose Pavilion, indulge in an all you can eat crab and shrimp menu with all the fixings. Music by Jedi George, a beer/wine tasting garden, and more. Raffle tickets are still available by e-mailing Bud Taylor at btaylor@bcbgc.org, texting tickets to 970-209-6814, or by calling 970-249-5168. For Crab Crack ticket and sponsorship information, please visit www.bcbgc.org/tickets.

Nov. 18-San Juan Weavers Guild 40th anniversary show & sale will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at the Holiday Inn Express, 1391 S. Townsend Ave. in Montrose (next to Safeway). Admission is free.

Nov. 18-Del-Rose Chorus joined by the members of the Grand Mesa Chorus, Delta H.S. Show Choir, Anna St Peters, and Al Smith – KSAI Radio Show Host presents "KSAI IS ON THE AIR," *Bringing you the very best of old-time radio, A-Capella, Barbershop Style!* on Nov. 18 @ 3 pm only @ Delta Christian Church. Ticket Outlets:

Tickets : Delta Chamber of Commerce Adult \$10; Heirlooms for Hospice in Delta Senior/Students \$8; Heirlooms for Hospice in Montrose \$2.00 more at the door; Gazebo Florist and Boutique Children 6 & Under are free; Members of the Del-Rose Chorus.

Nov. 18-Montrose Elks Lodge Charity Ball. Come and dance to the Williams Brothers Band. 7:30 p.m. \$25 per couple, \$15 single.

Nov. 19-The Association of Montrose Churches is sponsoring a Community Thanksgiving Worship Service on Sunday evening Nov. 19. The service will be held at All Saints Anglican Church on 2057 South Townsend Avenue. We invite you to join us for this evening of thanksgiving and praise.

Nov. 23-The San Juan Mountain Runners are once again sponsoring this year's **TURKEY TROT** on Thanksgiving morning. Both the 2-mile and 4-mile races start promptly at 9 a.m. at Oak Grove School in Montrose, but get there early to register for the event and door prizes. Registration starts at 8 a.m. The cost is only \$5/person, \$15/family. Strollers and well-behaved dogs on leashes are welcome. It is the most fun you will have all holiday season!! For more info, contact Jan at jbridgway@msn.com.

Nov. 23-Montrose Community Dinners Thanksgiving at Friendship Hall Noon to 3 p.m.

Nov. 24-25-43rd Annual Basement Boutique Craft Show @ the Montrose Pavilion. Locally handcrafted gifts for all ages! 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Nov. 24-25-Lavender Emporium Open House, 230 South Second Street, Noon to 6 p.m. Free gift with purchase, lavender inspired refreshments.

Nov. 25-Please join us for the annual Chili Bowl Fundraiser benefiting Art Partners on Saturday, Nov. 25, hosted by The Lark & Sparrow Historic Venue 511 East Main Street from 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. it's a tasty, fun, and unique way to support Partners kids. Purchase a bottomless bowl of chili from 11 am – 1:30 pm. The bowl is yours to keep! Bowls starting at \$15 and vegetarian chili will be available.

Nov. 25-Delta's Fort Uncompahgre celebrates Christmas at the Fort, 7 to 9 p.m. following the Delta Parade of Lights. Admission is \$2, kids under 12 are free. Bring a canned good for our annual food drive, and admission is free. 970-874-8349 for info.

Dec. 1--The Radio Room proudly presents Harbor and Home on Dec. 1, 2017 7 pm Doors--7:30 pm Show. Tickets \$12 in advance \$15 at the door. The Radio Room is located at 1310 Ute Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501. Doors at 7 pm Show at 7:30 pm. 970-241-8801 or kafmradio.org.

Dec. 1-Join us for music, wine and holiday merriment as Cimarron Song Gallery celebrates its second annual Holiday Show, 5 to 8 p.m. Admission is free. The exhibit will feature the works of Julie Hutchinson and Gregory Packard. It's the perfect opportunity to find a one-of-a-kind gift for your someone special! www.cimarronsonggallery.

Dec. 1—Cobble Creek 6th Annual Watercolor Show. Reception Friday 4 –7 pm. Show runs Saturday 10-3. Upstairs at the Cobble Creek Clubhouse. 699 Cobble Drive. 249-5645 for more information.

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Celebrating the passage of the Montrose Library Ballot Issue Nov. 7 at 2Rascals Brewing Company are: left, Caroline Evans, co-coordinator of library election committee, middle, Paul Paladino, executive director Montrose Regional Library District; and right is Emily Schneider, co-coordinator of library election committee. Courtesy photo by Casey Corrigan.



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