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Weekly Info Update

To: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
From: MIKE BENNETT, CITY MANAGER
Date: January 8, 2016
Re: WEEKLY INFO UPDATE

Happy New Year!

The Regular Municipal Election for the City of Fruita will be held on April 5, 2016. There are four Council seats and the Mayor's seat up for election in April. Individuals interested in running for office must be registered voters residing in the Fruita city limits and must file a Nomination Petition with the Fruita City Clerk. Petitions and information packets may be picked up at the City Clerk's office on or after January 5, 2016 and must be filed with the Fruita City Clerk by January 25, 2016. For additional information or to receive a nomination packet, please contact Debra Woods, Deputy City Clerk, at 325 E. Aspen, Fruita, CO (970) 858-3663, e-mail dwoods@fruita.org.

TID BITS:

- The final version of the 2016 Budget document is live on the website at: http://www.fruita.org/sites/default/files/fileattachments/administration/page/251/2016_final_budget.pdf. Printed copies should be available in the next week or two.
- Staff met this week to analyze our Development review process to begin finding ways to simplify and make it easier for businesses to understand the process and move through it quickly.
- I filmed two "why Fruita" videos this week, and will get them on the web as soon as there is a chance to edit and post.
- 168,073 paid customers visited the Community Center in 2015 (482 per day average) and 12,348 visited in December. For the year, we were down in visits by 2,423 compared to 2014, but up in revenue. Full report below.
- 2015 only had 35 housing starts for the year. Full report below.
- Grand Valley Transit is hosting two public open houses to gather feedback on GVT operations, routes and schedules. The flyer with the details is below. You can also take a survey at <http://lscs.com/surveys/gvt2015/gvtcommunity.php>
- Staff is finalizing the terms of the new lease with Dinosaur journey incorporating how portions of the savings in rent is to be set aside for building improvements identified in a joint analysis by city/museum maintenance staff.
- Mesa County is putting together a GIS map that identifies "No Shooting Zones" in the county. They coordinated with our Police and Engineering staff and you can see the map at <http://emap.mesacounty.us/viewer/?maptype=law>. Once in

the map, you can click a zone and access a link to the legal documents that describe them.

- The recent federal budget approved used forfeiture funds to help budget so the future of those funds is currently uncertain.
- We have two employees participating in the Mesa County Leadership Academy that begins this week and lasts six months: Henry Hemphill and Todd Patton.
- Staff held a kick-off meeting with FCI regarding City Shops Phase 2. The project is estimated to take about 6 months and begin Feb. 1.
- We received a complaint regarding a street light being out in south Fruita so staff checked it out and found another 17 and reported them to Excel Energy to have fixed.
- The FCC 5-year celebration event will be held at the FCC on Feb. 1st at 4 pm. Refreshments will be served and some recognitions of our highest frequency patrons.
- 75 Fremont cottonwood trees were planted Tuesday along Little Salt Wash and Snooks Bottom. Through a Tamarisk Coalition grant, we are set to receive up to 140 total and an additional 98 saplings to be planted in our tree farm this year.
- The Nuggets Skills Challenge is this Saturday at the FCC.
- Night at the FCC is next Friday, Jan. 15.
- We received the official notice to proceed with construction of the Little Salt Wash Trail this week from CDOT. Construction is set to begin Feb. 1.
- Although it is a ways away, if you are planning to attend the CML conference in June (June 21-24) lodging room blocks are available for reservation already and they fill up fast, so please contact Deb if you are planning on attending.

FRUITA IN THE NEWS:

- The future of the family farm: <http://www.gjsentinel.com/news/articles/the-future-of-the-family-farm>
- Fruita votes to follow high court's sign rule: <http://www.gjsentinel.com/news/articles/fruita-votes-to-follow-high-courts-sign-rule>
- Hospital partners with Family Medicine Physicians TV spot: <http://www.westernslopenow.com/news/local-news/hospital-partners-with-family-medicine-physicians>
- Sports Commission earns industry award: <http://www.gjsentinel.com/sports/articles/sports-commission-earns-industry-award>

UPCOMING EVENTS *(When an RSVP is required I will include the information. I also ask that you let Deb know if you plan to attend so we can make sure to post if multiple council members plan to attend. Deb would also be happy to RSVP for you.):*

- **Jan. 13** you have been invited by CMU President Tim Foster to attend the grand re-opening of Tomlinson Library. The ribbon cutting ceremony will begin at 4 pm, immediately followed by an open house and tours. Light fare and refreshments will be served. RSVP to Liz Meyer at lmeyer@coloradomesa.edu.
- **Jan. 14** is "A Lasting Legacy" workshop for Farm and Ranch families at the Mesa County Fairground's Community Building. Full details on cost, registration and agenda are below.

- **Jan. 19** at 7:30 am in the Business Incubator space in the upper level of the Civic Center, I will be speaking to the Fruita Business Toolbox group.
- **Jan. 21st** is the Love Where You Live Book Chat at 7pm at Lithic Bookstore and Gallery.
- **Jan. 21st** is also the Chamber's Business After Hours event at Chow Down Pet Supplies on Aspen Ave. from 5:30 – 7:30 pm.
- **Feb. 4th** will be the Municipalities Dinner hosted by the Town of Palisade at 6 pm in the Palisade Civic Center Gymnasium located at 341 West 7th Street, Palisade, 81526. *The Town sent an electronic invite via email to each of us to respond to in order to RSVP. If you have trouble, please let Deb know.*
- **Feb. 6** is the D51Foundation annual White Iced Party. Save the date postcard is below.
- **Feb. 20th** will be the Chamber's annual banquet and awards event—this year in Fruita at our Community Center.
- **Feb. 26th** is the 50th Anniversary Celebration for Strive at the Double Tree hotel from 6:30 – 10 pm (flier below).
- The Fruita Community Calendar is available on the website at: <http://www.fruita.org/calendar>.
- The **2015** Events Information is also available online at: <http://www.fruita.org/parksrec/page/special-events>

CC: Department Directors



A Lasting Legacy

A Workshop for Farm and Ranch Families

Sponsored by Colorado State University Extension

It was a beautiful afternoon in late spring when Bob clutched his hands to his chest and collapsed in the field. He was dead within minutes. No warning. No chance of survival.

His wife and five children were left in utter disbelief. Bob and his family always had intentions to clarify his legacy plans. Now he is gone. His children will not have the opportunity to share his stories, faith, hopes and life experiences. There were no instructions for burial or memorial services.

They don't know to whom he wanted to give his collections of toy cars and silver spurs.

Could Bob's family have done things differently?

How do you pass on the legacy that was your life?

Can you help your family carry on after you are no longer with them?

Leaving a legacy that everyone can love depends on parents and their adult children being able to bridge the communication gap. It's hard to talk about death and what will happen after a loved one dies, but planning for the passing of a lasting legacy from one generation to the next gives families the opportunity to share their most important beliefs, wishes and lessons learned throughout a lifetime.

In this workshop you will learn about

- ✓ Sharing your values and life lessons with future generations.
- ✓ Gifting your personal possessions having emotional value.
- ✓ Planning for important end-of-life issues.
- ✓ Transferring your finances and real estate.

"A Lasting Legacy"

Dates and Locations of a Workshop Near You

December 1st – Alamosa

December 3rd – Pueblo

December 9th – Cheyenne Wells

December 10th – Eads

January 13th – Hayden

January 14th – Grand Junction



*Please join us for these interactive, fun, and educational workshops.
Past participants found the information invaluable as their families
discussed individual legacies and the futures of their farms and ranches.*

Speakers:

- **Jeff Tranel**, Agricultural and Business Management Economist with Colorado State University. Jeff co-authored the “Leaving a Lasting Legacy” course and resource materials. He has spoken and conducted workshops for thousands of farm and ranch families across Colorado and throughout the western United States. Currently, his professional focus pertains to legacy, succession, and estate planning.
- **Norm Dalsted**, Professor and Agricultural and Business Management Economist with Colorado State University. Dr. Dalsted has spent much of his 35-career working with farm and ranch families on the topics of financial management and estate planning.

Workshops:

- 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Lunch and materials will be provided.

Cost:

- \$25 for the first family member
- \$10 for each additional family member



To Register, Contact The Extension Agent in Your Area:

- **Alamosa (December 1st)** at the SLV Water Conservation District Office, 623 Fourth Street
Marvin Reynolds, 719-852-7381 or marvin.reynolds@colostate.edu
- **Pueblo (December 3rd)** at CSU Extension Office, 701 Court Street
Michael Fisher, 719-586-6566 or fisher@co.pueblo.co.us
- **Cheyenne Wells (December 9th)** at the Cheyenne County Fairgrounds, Extension Office
Amy Kelley, 719-767-5716 or amy.kelley@colostate.edu
Jennifer Wells, 719-254-7608 or jennifer.wells@colostate.edu
- **Eads (December 10th)** at the CSU Extension Office, 1305 Goff
Brittany Bowman, 719-438-5321 or brittany.bowman@colostate.edu
Jennifer Wells, 719-254-7608 or jennifer.wells@colostate.edu
- **Hayden (January 13th)** at the Hayden Police Department, 249 Hawthorne Street
Todd Hagenbuch, 970-879-0825 or todd.hagenbuch@colostate.edu
JD Sexton, 970-824-9180 or jsexton@moffatcounty.net
- **Grand Junction (January 14th)** at the Mesa County Fairgrounds, Community Building
Lorie Wuebold, 970-244-1834 or douglas.dean@colostate.edu

Feb 6
save the date



4TH ANNUAL
WHITE ICED PARTY & FUNDRAISER

sponsored by

7-10pm CMU Ballroom

Community Hospital



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COCKTAILS & DESSERTS



for more event details
www.d5lfoundation.org

50TH ANNIVERSARY

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Celebration

IN FEBRUARY 2016, STRIVE WILL BE TURNING 50 YEARS OLD!
PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THIS MOMENTOUS
ACHIEVEMENT WITH A ONE-OF-A-KIND EVENING OF FINE
DINING, AND PROFESSIONAL ENTERTAINMENT THAT WILL HAVE
YOU TAPPIN' YOUR TOES AND TWIRLIN' YOUR SKIRT!

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2016

6:30 - 10 P.M.

AT THE DOUBLETREE HOTEL

743 HORIZON DRIVE

FINE DINING, DRINKS, AND
PROFESSIONAL THEATRE

THIS IS A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME MOMENT,
AND WE WANT TO SHARE IT WITH YOU!
THERE ARE ONLY 140 SEATS AVAILABLE.



\$150 TICKET - INCLUDES DINNER, DRINKS, AND SHOW
OR \$1000 FOR A WHOLE TABLE (SEATS SIX)
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