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Big name performers may be coming to Juab County fairgrounds next summer

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A big name performer concert at the Juab County Fairgrounds in the arena could become reality next summer.

Rick Carlton, Juab County commissioner, said he was in a small restaurant in Salt Lake City waiting to have lunch with a judge when a man came in and indicated to the hostess that he did not want to sit by a politician. That comment caused Carlton to strike up a conversation which lead the person, Pat Melfi, to offer to help stage a concert in Nephi at the county arena which would feature a big star in the music world.

Melfi was in Salt Lake because he is developing the MuZArt World Foundation which will present an inspirational concert event to launch its global initiative to reinvest music and arts education into the public school systems at the LDS Conference Center on November 9, 2013.

"He had no idea where Juab County was," said Carlton.

However, Carlton said Melfi had pulled off quite a feat in getting permission from LDS church officials to hold a concert in the LDS Conference Center in Salt Lake.

Highlighting that show will be multi-platinum child prodigy Jackie Evancho and a global Virtual String Orchestra conducted by, and starring Mark Wood, founder of the world renowned, multi-platinum Trans-Siberian Orchestra.

Other featured artists will include Sheila Raye Charles, Michael Martin Murphey, Champaign, Deborah Allen, William Joseph, Nathan Osmond, Lexi Walker, Rebecca Lopez, Heston Warr and 6-year-old artistic prodigy Aelita Andre, along with special potential vignette appearances by superstar artists such as Donny and Marie Osmond, Carmine Appice, Bon

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LABOR DAY FUN AT YUBA • Yuba Reservoir was, like many areas in Juab County, very popular this past weekend even considering the rain. Above, boaters were taking advantage of the morning sun on Monday morning to get one more boat and Wave Runner ride on the last big weekend of summer. The reservoir is only 25% full after the summer draw-down and judging by the high water marks on the island in the background about 20 feet or so from the full mark.

Mona Irrigation Company hopes an error is the cause of high natural gas billing

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It is hoped that an error has occurred in a billing of the Mona Irrigation Company for natural gas.

Gordon Young, representing the irrigation company, met with Mona City Council members to protest the increase in cost of the utility.

The utility is used to run the pumps used by the irrigation company.

Young said there had been a great increase in the price charged and there had been no forewarning that there would be.

Last year, the cost was .74017 and this year it is .75672. The rate is expressed in dollars per therm (.74 would be 74 cents per

therm).

The irrigation rate is set by the Juab Rural Development Agency (JRDA). The board of that agency has representatives from Mona, Levan, Nephi, and Juab County.

"Why is the irrigation price so much different from last year?" asked Young.

In the past, the irrigation company had actually paid less per therm than residential customers.

"We give a 30 percent discount on half," said Michelle Dalton, city secretary.

The city, however, does not set the rate. As was mentioned, that rate is set by the JRDA board. Dalton said that she is given the price per therm by Tony Ferguson, Superintendent of Nephi City Power and Natural Gas Systems.

Ferguson sent a list of the agreed upon rates to each of the utility member communities.

"If we shut off the pumps," said Young, "you would see what an impact that would have on the culinary system in the city."

Electricity is billed in kilowatt hours (kWh) and natural gas in therms. Since natural gas meters measure volume and not energy content, a therm factor is used by natural gas companies to convert the volume of gas used to its heat equivalent, and thus calculate the actual energy use.

"Overall, the price quoted ends up being about a 15 percent increase," said Everd Squire, city finance director. "I think there is some mistake."

Jeff Hearty, council member, said that he had also been unaware of the rate increase for

the irrigation company. He is on the board designed to review the rates for the year.

"To my knowledge, no meetings have been held," he said.

Doran Kay, resident, said that when he had been a council member, there had been an annual meeting held with the JRDA advisory board for the utility where proposed rates were reviewed.

"Each year, a meeting was held to determine the rates for the year," said Kay.

Several communities are tied together in the utility.

In 1991 a new natural gas system was installed in east Juab County.

Twenty six miles of 8-inch

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MATHESON VISITS STUDENTS AT JHS • Last Thursday, Utah 4th District Congressman Jim Matheson visited two JHS history classes and fielded some questions about our government, current issues, and concerns students have with our world today. Questions ranged from the the U.S.'s involvement in Syria to what was his most embarrassing moment. Matheson was very impressed with students' knowledge of current issues and pleased by the wide range of questions asked.

Mona City to meet with CIB to review application for a grant

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Mona's mayor and a council member will meet with the Community Impact Board (CIB) to review an application for a grant for a water master plan for the city.

Jesse Ralphs, representing Sunrise Engineering, told Mona Council members that the meeting was set and that their appointment was made.

"With master plans," said Ralphs, "there is typically not a lot of discussion."

Jeff Hearty, council member, and Bill Mills, mayor, will attend the meeting with Ralphs who will be there to help if needed.

The CIB Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 5, in the Department of Environmental Quality Board Room at the Multi-Agency State Office Building located at, 195 North

1950 West, Salt Lake City. The meeting will start at 8 a.m. with the staff briefing for the CIB commencing at 8:30 a.m.

The action portion of the CIB meeting will start after the completion of the staff briefing.

"I will meet you at 6:45 a.m. at the Mona City Hall and we can car pool," said Ralphs.

Ralphs said the board may ask Mills and Hearty why the city needs a water master plan and the two council representatives should be prepared to answer the question.

"We are number four on the agenda," said Ralphs. "We could wait for our turn for one-half to one hour."

The Permanent Community Impact Fund Board (CIB) is a program of the state of Utah which provides loans and/or grants to state agencies and subdivisions of

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