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COUNCIL HEARS SHORT TERM RENTAL REPORT, CITY MANAGER UNVEILS PLANS FOR GOLF COURSE EATERY

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE--"...Our recording has started and it's 10 o'clock," Mayor Barbara Bynum said, as she welcomed viewers to the Montrose City Council virtual work session of Feb. 16. "Good morning."

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

Joining the City team were Streets Division Workers Joshua Sandoval, Austin Spear, and Derek Herman; as well as Planning Department Community Engagement Specialist Ross Valdez. City Human Resources Director Teri Wilcox welcomed department heads, who introduced the staff members to Council, starting with three new Streets Division Workers.

"We're finally fully staffed," Public Works Manager Jim Scheid said, as each worker



The City of Montrose has voted to vacate a portion of South First Street.

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BOCC PROCLAIMS FEB. 17 AS JIM AUSTIN DAY



The Montrose Mouse sculpture, above, will long serve as a reminder of the late Jim Austin and his fight with the Federal Government over the Dallas Creek Project, Commissioner Roger Rash said Wednesday. The 12-foot high sculpture weighs 800 lbs, was commissioned in 2012 by Developer Matt Miles, and was created by the metal studio of Wayne Brown. Mirror file photo by Dave Bernier.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-The Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) welcomed the public to a regular meeting, held in the Commissioners' Room as well as online, on Wednesday, Feb. 17.

Pastor Buddy Cook of First Church of the Nazarene delivered the invocation, with a message of thanks to all who serve. "...I pray that you give them wisdom, that you give them strength, that you give them guidance," Cook said. "...Lord thank you for the privilege of gathering in this room about the business of the county."

All joined in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

All commissioners were present for the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Addressing the BOCC was John Murray of Olathe. "I am here...about a speeding ticket...I think the speeding limit on one of the county roads is unreasonable."

Murray said that he has traveled the Ida Road every day for the last ten years. "I was given a ticket for going 39 in a 20 mile an hour

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DENVER-February 16, 2021 - Although an avalanche can occur whenever there is snow and a slope to slide on, avalanches most often occur between the months of December and April. It is important for visitors to be equipped with the current avalanche forecast, the proper avalanche rescue equipment, and avalanche training.

Each year, millions of avalanches sweep down mountains across the United States. While most occur naturally and well away from people, sometimes winter sports enthusiasts trigger, get caught, and are killed by avalanches. There have already been 21 fatalities during this 2020-2021 season, which is high compared to the 2019-2020 season total of 23.

With several months remaining in the peak avalanche season, visitors should exercise increased caution when traveling into the backcountry. Visitors can mitigate their avalanche risk by doing the following:

Get the Forecast – access the latest avalanche forecast for your area at avalanche.org. Professional avalanche forecasts provide daily snow and weather observations and highlight the level of risk in an area on a scale from 1-Low, to 5-Extreme.

Get the Gear – Another critical component of avalanche safety is having the appropriate gear. There are three essential pieces of gear: an avalanche beacon, a probe, and a shovel. Additional gear such as avalanche airbag packs are available from many knowledgeable retailers.

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SELECTION OF STATE'S 1ST INDEPENDENT LEGISLATIVE REDISTRICTING COMMISSIONERS EXCLUDES WEST CENTRAL COMMUNITIES

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COLORADO-The first six members of the Colorado Independent Legislative Redistricting Commission were selected.

They are:

Two Democrats:

Gary Horvath, a resident of Broomfield, in the 2nd Congressional District

Robin Schepper, a resident of Steamboat Springs, in the 3rd Congressional District

Two Republicans:

John Barnett, a resident of Denver, in the 1st Congressional District

John Buckley, III, a resident of Colorado Springs, in the 5th Congressional District

Two Unaffiliated:

Kevin Fletcher, a resident of Golden, in the 7th Congressional District

Samuel Greenidge, a resident of Longmont, in the 4th Congressional District

Staff will post bios and photos on the commissions' website as they are available.

The remaining six members of the Colorado Independent Legislative Redistricting Commission will be selected by March 16, 2021.

The commission must have at least one member, and not more than two members, from each of Colorado's seven congressional districts.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

COLORADO PARKS & WILDLIFE COMMISSION TO MEET FEB. 24

Special to the Mirror

DENVER - The Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission will discuss topics related to the the wolf restoration and management planning process including educational sessions, the format of public listening sessions, the application process for the Stakeholder Advisory Group, and the meeting schedule for the remainder of 2021 at a virtual workshop on Wednesday, February 24. The meeting will be streamed live on CPW's YouTube page here.

The workshop is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, February 24 and adjourn at noon.

Additional agenda items include: Director's update on the Request for Proposals to hire a facilitator Director's update on a letter of support and cooperation from U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
A complete agenda along with all materials for public review for this meeting can be found on the CPW website. The public is encouraged to email written comments related to the wolf restoration and management planning process to the commission at wolfcomments@state.co.us. Details on providing public comments for virtual meetings are available on the CPW website.

The commission meets regularly and trav-

els to communities around the state to facilitate public participation. Anyone can listen to commission meetings through the CPW website. This opportunity keeps constituents informed about the development of regulations and how the commission works with Colorado Parks and Wildlife staff to manage the parks, wildlife and outdoor recreation programs administered by the agency.

Find out more about the commission on the CPW website. The next commission meeting will take place on March 17 and 18.



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STATE LABOR DEPT. UPDATE FOR WEEK ENDING FEB. 13: UI CLAIMS AND REEMPLOYMENT SUPPORT

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DENVER-The Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE) has reported that an estimated 12,151 regular initial unemployment claims were filed the week ending February 13th. Since mid-March 2020, an estimated total of 818,005 regular initial unemployment claims have been filed.

There were also 8,000 Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) initial claims filed for the week ending February 13th. (Note: These are reopened claims after a break in weekly continued claim filings, not new PUA claims.)

For the week ending February 6th, a combined total of 184,755 continued claims were filed from the regular UI (69,993), PUA (67,481), and Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) (47,281) programs. CDLE estimates those continued claims were filed by approximately 129,181 individuals (63,459 for regular UI; 39,955 for PUA, and 25,767 for PEUC). ** Weekly initial and continued claims figures can be viewed in the

attached PDF at the bottom of this press release.

Additional data

Benefits paid since March 29, 2020:

Weekly amounts for non regular UI programs can be viewed in the attached PDF at the bottom of this press release.

Regular UI: \$2.67 Billion

Week ending February 13: \$26.3 Million

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance

(gig workers/self-employed): \$1.11 Billion
Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation

(\$600/weekly UI benefits to eligible claimants, CARES Act;

\$300/weekly UI benefits to eligible claimants, CAA): \$2.71 Billion

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Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation

(extends unemployment benefits by up to 13 weeks, CARES Act; extends additional 11 weeks, CAA): \$417.2 Million

State Extended Benefits

(extends unemployment benefits an addi-

tional 13 weeks): \$30.0 Million

Lost Wages Assistance

(\$300/weekly UI benefits to eligible claimants, fall 2020): \$389.2 Million

Total: \$7.33 Billion

Helping Coloradans with Reemployment Support:

CDLE and its partners hold regular, no-cost training that can help unemployed Coloradans get rehired.

There are nearly 80,000 jobs available right now in [ConnectingColorado.com](https://connectingcolorado.com), the state's jobs database. A sampling of events is below and a complete list of events, workshops and training opportunities is available on the [CDLE website](https://cdle.com).

Trainings and Resources for Job Seekers


February 22, 9 - 11: [Emotional Intelligence](#)

February 23, 9 am - 11 am: [Interviewing Part 1](#)

February 24, 10 am - 4 pm: [Statewide Virtual Job Fair](#)

February 25, 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm: [Resumes Part 1](#)

February 26, 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm: [Phone Interviews](#)



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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

HUB COMPATIBILITY WITH SURROUNDING AREA

Editor:

There were good articles in the February 15 Montrose Mirror. Two manifest that HUB, as currently proposed, is obviously non-compatible with the surrounding area.

Ben Bingham's research underscored the enormity of HUB. He found it double the largest complex in Grand Junction. If located in Denver it would be their largest two-story complex. If located in San Antonio it would be the second largest apartment complex there. All these growing cities are much larger than Montrose so they must be building smaller apartment complexes nearer amenities that apartment dwellers want.

How is it justified that Montrose needs an

inarguably huge complex like HUB located in a semi rural area when the typical lure of apartment dwellers is commute efficiency, walking distance to shopping, restaurants etc? In Montrose that means smaller apartment complexes near downtown and core city areas and where the Comprehensive Plan says apartments should be located.

Lee and Gail Dusa described the effect of cars. HUB's 881 off street parking spaces exceed the City Code required 1.5 spaces / unit (750 spaces for HUB). Half of the multifamily apartments have garages. Senior living has no garages. Overall, 166 cars could be garaged so 715 must park outside.

HUB residents are not close to schools,

shopping etc. so residents need cars. The Dept. of Transportation (2017) data says households have 1.88 cars. On this basis HUB would need 940 parking spots versus its 881 so it's 59 parking spaces short and cars will need to be street parked. Since some garages will be used for storage, it's probable the parking shortage is even larger than 59.

Cobble Creek and Spruce Point covenants require garage parking except in a few cases where temporary exceptions were granted. These car free streets contrast dramatically with the predominant HUB outside parking and contribute to the argument that HUB is not compatible with the surrounding area.

Matt Goldasich, Cobble Creek



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zone.”

Of five roads that come off of High Mesa, all but the Ida Road are marked with speed limits of 35 miles per hour, Murray said.

“I’m not here to complain about the ticket,” Murray said. “I am here to draw attention to the speed limit. You can’t go 20 miles an hour down that road, you can’t go 20 miles an hour up that road even with a tractor. Even with farm equipment.” Hansen said she would have County Public Works Director Keith Laube review the speed limit on the Ida Road.

COUNTY MANAGER

County Manager Ken Norris had no changes to the meeting agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda items were unanimously approved.

GENERAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

There was only one General Business item, consideration and possible authorization of the Commissioner’s signatures on a proclamation declaring February 17, 2021 as Jim Austin Day in honor of former City Manager and community member Jim Austin. “Today is a really special day,” Hansen said, before reading the proclamation into the official record. The proclamation notes that Austin, who passed away on Feb. 2 at age 84, served as city manager for the City of Montrose from 1971 to 1980, advocated for the relocation of the Russell Stover Candy Factory to Montrose in 1973, and represented the city during

negotiations for the Tri County Dallas Creek Project in 1977 to build the Ridgway Dam and Reservoir.

“In a lifetime you have a few people that really make a difference in your life,” Hansen said, “Jim Austin was one of those people for me...sometimes people that are contrary and willing to push the envelope help you be a better person.

“I asked for advice when I first became a county commissioner, he told me to be brave and not care what anybody thought.”

BOCC Vice Chair Keith Caddy said, “He was very memorable; if anybody met Jim Austin you knew who he was, because you never forgot him.”

Caddy said he met Austin 30 years ago when he first began working at the Montrose Police Department.

“He left an impression on me...he had a great vision for this valley and this area...from the North Fork to San Miguel County, he wanted this whole area to flourish and bloom and become better than it is...I do appreciate what Jim stood for and what he did for this community.”

Commissioner Roger Rash recalled his own high school years in the mid 1970’s. “Jim was definitely a major player in bringing Russell Stover’s Candy here...we were very poor, on welfare, and that one motion changed our family’s life. Because my mom was able to go to work for Russell Stover’s and actually build a career. She did not have opportunity before that.

“...I can absolutely say he changed my

life, and brought a better life to all of us, to my brothers and my sisters.”

In addition, the Montrose Mouse sculpture will forever stand as a monument to Austin’s fight with the Federal Government on behalf of the Dallas Creek Project, Rash said. “...I am forever grateful to Jim.”

The proclamation was unanimously approved.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Commissioners voted unanimously to approve three Planning & Development items as presented by County Planner Tallmadge Richmond.

Approved were the Lot 34 Heritage Estates proposal to rezone a parcel from General Business to Residential at Heritage Estates Lot 34; the Browning 2 Minor Subdivision proposal to divide a 17.970 parcel into three lots at 60813 Maple Grove Road; and the Sabey House proposal to divide one lot from an 80-acre parcel at 6253 5300 Road.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The BOCC entered Executive Session with County Attorney Marti Whitmore for legal advice pertaining to matters at Montrose Regional Airport and for possible approval or disclaimer or quit claim deed related to litigation by Hutson.

The BOCC entered Executive Session with Deputy County Attorney Julie Andress for legal advice pertaining to matters at Montrose County Road and Bridge.

Following the executive sessions, the meeting was adjourned.

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DELTA HOSPITAL INTRODUCES NEW ROBOTIC-ASSISTED ROSA KNEE SYSTEM

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DELTA-Orthopedic surgeons and the medical staff at Delta County Memorial Hospital (DCMH) have introduced the new Zimmer Biomet's ROSA® Knee, a robotically-assisted surgical system designed to help perform total knee replacement surgery with increased efficiency and easy-to-integrate technology. "I think ROSA Knee is going to be a great advantage to our community to offer a total joint replacement for specialty or difficult joints that are painful and stiff," said Douglas Huene, M.D. for DCMH's Grand Mesa Medical Group Orthopedics and Sports Medicine.

"It will allow us to do a better alignment on the joint and have a better function so patients can return to their activities faster and can have less pain and better long-term outcomes."

As the only ROSA Knee robotically-assisted surgical system available on the Western Slope of Colorado, DCMH gave their staff a sneak peak of the system February 2.

Employees spoke with representatives about the new technology and saw the machine.

"The ROSA System is a great addition to DCMH," said Matt Heyn, President and

Chief Executive Officer for DCMH. "We are modernizing our practice when it comes to robotic-assisted surgeries to give our patients remarkable care in a healing environment that our community can trust."

The ROSA Knee System includes features to assist with bone resections and assessing the state of soft tissues to facilitate implant positioning intraoperatively.

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PUBLISHER'S PERSPECTIVE: A SIT DOWN WITH NEW MONTROSE GOP CHAIR

By Paul Arbogast, Mirror Publisher

MONTROSE-In recent weeks, the Montrose County Republicans held an election and Spencer Hamner was voted in as the new Chairman replacing Ray Langston. I got in touch with Hamner and we set up a time to sit and talk about his leadership philosophy, and what changes may occur within the local party.

When asked about where he came from, he said, "I grew up in a small farming town in Indiana, and these are the kind of values I hope to continue here, I hope that we still have that small town feel."

While we talked a lot about many of the issues that are bitter points of disagreement between the two main parties on a national level, from identity politics to cancel culture to the level of government in our lives, the discussion kept returning to a more local focus.

Hamner said he really wanted to target the county level, as local politics has a bigger and more immediate impact on our quality of life than politics does at a national level. He said he wants to, "put our finger on the pulse of what people really want to change. A lot of times it feels like people get together and say these are our ideals ... but we can also say what kind of

ideals do you want, and you want, let's see what we can pool together and make those resources happen."

His ideas reminded me of the general idea of the great American melting pot, where people from across the world came here and shared their cultures and ideas, and worked to achieve a better life for all. To focus on everybody's strengths to help build a better community is a goal of his, "You don't get the best country in the history of the world ... by fighting and dividing people ... you find that by working together."

Hamner believes in looking forward not backwards, not rehashing what has come before, and not pointing fingers, as none of that leads to positive forward movement in the community.

"I don't care if you are republican or democrat, if you want to help the community, make it better, come on, let's do this," he said.

I asked if he would work with the Montrose County Democratic Party, or even hold joint discussions to focus on solutions to help all of Montrose. He responded, "Absolutely, because I know there are things that, it doesn't matter what kind of politics or where you are brought up, we

can pull together and pool our resources and work together. I am not going to sit there and point the finger of scorn at you and say you are a bad person

just because you believe differently. When you see division and hatred and finger pointing, it just does not make you want to get up in the morning ... it does not inspire people."

He continued, "We live here, we go to school here, we buy clothes here, I mean this is what we do. I just feel like there has got to be something that we can come together and say, you know what, let's reach across the aisle and be brothers and sisters again. Before I am any political party, I am an American and I am a member of the Montrose community."

In summing up his beliefs and goals, Hamner concluded with, "Am I going to change the world, no. Am I going to change the world for one person, yeah I can do that."



Spencer Hamner. Courtesy photo.



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AERIAL SURVEY: THOUGH DECLINING, SPRUCE BEETLE REMAINS MOST DAMAGING FOREST PEST

Special to the Mirror

LAKEWOOD—Forest managers are working together to address continued outbreaks of insects and disease in Colorado's forests, including the spruce beetle, which remains the most damaging forest pest in the state for the ninth consecutive year, based on a 2020 aerial detection survey led by the USDA Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Region, and Colorado State Forest Service.

Every year, the agencies aerially monitor forest health conditions on millions of forested acres across the state. Today, the agencies released the results of last year's aerial survey and survey map.

Due to pandemic safety protocols in 2020, trained aerial observers with the USFS and CSFS only flew over priority areas where there was a likelihood of forest pests causing widespread tree mortality. In total, they monitored 16.3 million acres from the air, compared to 30.2 million acres in 2019. Because of the reduced acreage observed, total numbers of affected acres are not included in the findings or in the forthcoming *2020 Report on the Health of Colorado's Forests* since comparisons between 2020 and other years are not possible.

Impacts from Native Bark Beetles

Despite the modified flights, observers were able to detect and track pests infesting areas of forests that were previously unaffected, including the spruce beetle and Douglas-fir beetle. While the intensity of these two native bark beetles decreased in 2020, they continue to infest and kill previously unaffected stands.

The spruce beetle affects high-elevation Engelmann spruce. Primary



Round headed pine beetle damage on the glade, Dolores County. By David Casey USFS.

areas impacted by this insect include newly infested forests in eastern Gunnison and western Chaffee counties. Both counties are experiencing severe, intense infestations. Spruce beetle populations also increased in Hinsdale, San Juan and La Plata counties. Beetle outbreaks in Huerfano and Custer counties continue to expand as well, though not as rapidly. In Grand County, the intensity of infestations has declined from past years as the beetle continuously depletes large-diameter spruce trees. Since 2000, the spruce beetle has affected at least 1.88 million forested acres in Colorado.

The Douglas-fir beetle continued to invade Douglas-fir trees in central and southern Colorado, particularly in Gunnison, Saguache, Hinsdale and Mineral counties, where infestations are severe.

Spurred by Drought Conditions

Weather continues to play an important role in creating conditions that exacerbate the activity of spruce and Douglas-fir beetles, as well as other forest pests, in Colorado.

The amount of precipitation and daily temperature patterns affect how well trees can ward off pests to remain healthy and resilient. In 2020, winter and spring had average precipitation amounts.

Thereafter, severe and extreme drought conditions across most of the state occurred through the summer and fall, further weakening trees and intensifying infestations of bark beetles and other forest pests.

"Unfortunately, our dry conditions are optimal for insect epidemics and tree diseases in many parts of the Rocky Mountains," said Tammy Angel, Acting Regional Forester for the USDA Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Region.

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OUTSIDE THE BOX...with Twyla Righter

SO WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

With Valentine's day there were some folks asking everyone to fill out fun little quizzes. One of the questions really stumped me. It asked who in the marriage is the better driver?

Well, what do you mean?

If you mean according to our insurance company the answer is me. Me by a mile. Because the guy you all depend on who's on call and ready to sprint to the hospital is constantly monitoring the points on his license. That guy gets speeding tickets. So - I am the winner.

But - if you mean who is better dodging elk on McClure at 2am on black ice at 50 miles an hour? Him. He's going to be the more competent in a high speed, highly technical scenario. If you want to avoid an accident at high speed - I bet he'd do better.

'Good driver' is something we can agree is easy to misconstrue and define in a way that most flatters our favored definition. However, today there are new phrases.

'Do what's right - be considerate.' That quip is thrown around easily - but considerate to whom? Why? What if it's illogical and simply a show? Are we being considerate? Or placating and enabling poor ideas? Worse, perhaps we are empowering some people at the expense of others. What about the way we throw out terms like "science" or "health" or "rights"? There are a lot of people using words to manipulate and cajole and they often mean them in ways I certainly would never mean them.

Lent is upon us. That generally brings to mind sacrifice and suffering. But what do we really mean when we sacrifice? There's a twist to it - the point of lent is sacrifice and suffering - but what if we recognize suffering as a road to happiness? What if we assume that life is better when you lean into the suffer? That by going without and living a bit differently we actually get more out of life. A fullness that only comes from an empty belly.

If you follow Wim Hoff and his freezing baths, or the stoics and their minimalist living you will recognize that thread of logic. From vegetarian Buddhists to kosher Jews to the numerous communities of faith and philosophy that practice fasts and sacrifice, there's a common acceptance that the practice brings great value; a 'sermon on the mount' truth - that less truly is more. So many communities that have tried to find the best way to live and found fasting and sacrifice to be critical to the journey. So, in this season of darkness and doing without I wish you and yours a blessed, rich, and full lenten season. Whatever it is you think that means.



Twyla Righter.
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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

MONTROSE REGIONAL AIRPORT SUFFERS WEEKEND PARTS FAILURE

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-On Saturday, Feb. 20, Montrose Regional Airport posted a notice to the Airport's Facebook site, "There was a part failure with the weather reporting system. The part is coming in tomorrow morning and we anticipate it being up and running in the morning. Please note that due to standard operating procedures most airlines will not land if the weather reporting system is not giving them all the necessary information they require. The Airport is not closed." On Sunday, a notice was posted that read, "A weather system that provides altimeter settings that is owned and operated by the National Weather Service had a parts failure yesterday. Every effort is being made to repair the equipment. The system is scheduled to be up and running by the end of today. We apologize for any inconvenience and delays to our valued customers." Finally, late Sunday night the problem appeared to be fixed. The following notice was posted: "We would firstly like to apologize for the inconvenience. The National Weather Service have just informed us that they have fixed the system malfunction. Montrose Regional Airport will be fully operational tomorrow. Please remember to

check with your airlines regarding your flight schedules. We would like to thank

everyone for their patience and understanding."



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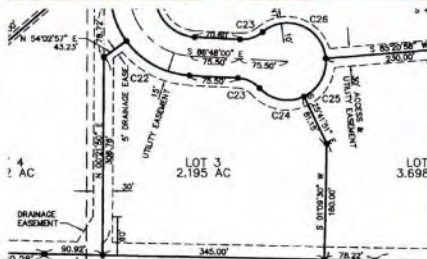
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CITY APPROVES LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER FOR ALTA, HEARS 4TH QUARTER BUDGET REVIEW



By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Montrose Mayor Barbara Bynum welcomed all to the regular, virtual City Council meeting of Tuesday, Feb. 16. Bynum announced that those watching the meeting on Charter Cable Channel 191 would be able to hear but not see the work session due to broadcasting issues, while those on Elevate Channel 970 would be able to see the video and hear the audio too. Still, this reporter was able to see and hear the session on Charter Cable Channel 191 without interruption of service.

All councilors were present for the meeting. Youth City Councilor Gunnison Clamp led all in saying the Pledge of Allegiance, missing not a word.

Joining the City was Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) Chair Sue Hansen, who spoke in support of a joint City and County proclamation recognizing Feb. 17, 2021 to be Jim Austin Day. Austin, who passed away Feb. 2, served as Montrose city manager from 1971 to 1980.

Hansen said, "...I think each of us has a story to tell about Jim Austin...for me he was the mentor that challenged me and I like a challenge...I am really glad we are doing this joint proclamation."

Mayor Bynum read the proclamation into the record.

Councilor Roy Anderson said, "He coached me a lot after I was elected.

When it became my turn to become

mayor, he challenged me a lot, he gave me lots of advice, pointers, and it was coaching that really valuable...he always had a good joke too."

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No comments were heard from the public on non-agenda items.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council voted unanimously to approve minutes of the Feb. 2, 2021 regular City Council meeting and the Feb. 4, 2021 special City Council meeting.

TRANSFER OF FERMENTED MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE

Also approved unanimously was the transfer of a Fermented Malt Beverage license at 938 S. Townsend Avenue from Pester Marketing Company, doing business as Alta #6126, to CF Altitude LLC, doing business as Alta #6126, for consumption off of the licensed premises.

A total 92 locations of the Alta Convenience Store network were acquired by CF Altitude LLC on Jan. 15, including the Montrose location. Pester employees were considered assets and now work for CF Altitude LLC. Pester Vice President Dennis Dirkse is now Vice President of CF Altitude.

As discussed previously in work session, Council voted to approve the upgrade of the Automated Meter Infrastructure (AMI) software to a Software as a Service (SaaS) Purchase Order with National Meter and

Automation (Badger Meter) and the award of the purchase to Mountain States Pipe and Supply in the amount of \$85,663.

STAFF REPORTS

Finance Director Shani Wittenberg presented a Sales, Use and Excise Tax Report as well as the Fourth Quarter Budget Review. Both reports are included in the work session packet.

After reviewing the sales, Use & Excise Tax Report, Wittenberg said, "Just want to remind everybody that we do not collect property taxes; those sales and use taxes are our majority revenue in the General Fund."

The City's four enterprise funds did very well in 2020, she said. "You can see there where the Black Canyon Golf Course is actually up 107.7 percent...they did a great job of bringing people in."

Wittenberg also spoke about the City's new transparency module. "It is definitely easy to use," she said, and used her screen to show the module and its features.

Bynum said, "When you go to the overview...it looks like we spend more than we bring in...we know that's not how it actually works...if I was a citizen looking at this, and I said, help me understand that, how could you give a quick answer to help a citizen?"

The City plans to use its fund balances during budget sessions, Wittenberg said. Also, "If you go back to 2019, it's the opposite."

The policy is to keep six months of operating expenditures in the General Fund, she said. Currently the City's General Fund has reserves to cover approximately ten months of operating expenditures. "We're not borrowing money to fund our operations at the City," Wittenberg said. "We are borrowing money for capital projects...we have the debt service reflected in our expenditures."

Public Works Manager Jim Scheid gave an update on the recent snow accumulation and the efforts of City crews to remove the same.

"I think we've learned we can't trust the weather report," Scheid said. "This one

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CITY APPROVES LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER FOR ALTA

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was a good storm...our snow removal procedures and maps are on our web site."

Crews began late Saturday night to address primary routes, Scheid said. "We also have several priority intersections that we take care of, school zones being part of that and some of our main trails."

Crews also remove large windrows left by plows, he said. "We have used 580 labor hours. That is, almost everybody in public works pitched in and worked a good part of the weekend and nights to get where we are now. We also used a little over 20 tons of sand and salt in that process."

Sand and salt are selectively and strategically applied, he said. Once the priority routes are cleared, crews must clear 200 miles of residential streets.

Public Works can be reached at 970-249-1480 or by using the A Better Montrose App, Scheid said.

Youth Councilor Gunnison Clamp gave an update. "Still working on our drug prevention awareness project...last week actually the Youth Council got a really cool opportunity with a lot of great city staff members...we got to do our mock interviews. I'd just like to say on behalf of the Council how appreciative we are of that. Things like that are big for people like me who shortly will be moving into the business world.

"That was a great experience for all of us, and thanks to everyone that could make it on the city staff for doing that," Clamp said. With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

JUST THE KIND OF THING OUR GOVERNMENTS SHOULD DO

Editor:

About a week ago I called the magic county number for my Covid shot. In a flash I got on the list. My wife Janet got on first but that was ok. She is six months my senior and I always make way for the elderly. Shots are not our favorite activity so we were putting this off as long as we could.

Not only that but we'd seen the pictures of the long lines. Old folks outdoors and cold. We'd heard about all the hoops folks had to jump through, the tests, the delays and worst of all those infernal lines. I had not stood in line for a shot since I got the first flu shot at flight school fifty six years ago. That governmental atrocity had put me (and many others) in bed for a week. So much for confidence in what my government says is OK. Yeah, like agent-orange and the swine flu debacle. But what is in the shot is a story for another day.....

Right now this shot thing is just another line! All over TV. All over the internet. Lines and crowds!

Like a real man I volunteered to take Janet to Friendship Hall and offer her up first. Supposedly to be there for her in case she fainted but in truth to see what was going on. Was I ever in for a good, or do I mean, wonderful surprise. The traffic cones meant to contain the long lines of shivering octogenarians held no one. They were empty. Inside the hall only a uniformed posse man met us and guided us to an awaiting clerk. With chairs for two. We were served immediately and

escorted directly to an inoculator. Darn did that needle look like a pipe with a water pump on the end on the end of it.

Off with the coat, up with the sleeve. So the lady says, "Oh you are a Marine, my husband and my son are Marines." Before I figured out how she knew that I was a Marine, whoosh! The 'evil' deed was done and I was on the way to meet Janet in the 'fifteen minute fainting area.'

It was only then that I got to look around at the hall, full of bright fresh air, tables, chairs and a bustling hive of our neighbors serving their neighbors with energy, accuracy and selflessness. It was not quite as pleasant as the Montrose County Thanksgiving Dinner but it was almost as festive.

Montrose County, another job well done. Congratulations.

Montrose County, the Commissioners,

the Posse, Health and Welfare and all the folks who tirelessly served their community for the covid-19 inoculation effort last Thursday and for all the preparation leading up to that SHOULD BE COMMENDED. Some would say that "it's their job" so they should. That is not what I saw. Yes, they were doing their jobs, each and every one of them fully energized! (That bunny has nothing on Montroseans) Many were volunteers and ALL PUT ON A CHEERFUL FACE AND DEMEANOR for all of us to see and enjoy(?). This I am sure made even the most apprehensive of their victims relax and possibly even enjoy their shot. My thanks to my County government for a service well performed!

Oh yes, 'my shooter' saw the emblem on my shirt.

Bill Bennett, Montrose



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COLORADO PARKS & WILDLIFE TO DISCUSS TOPICS RELATED TO WOLF RESTORATION

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STATEWIDE-The Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission will discuss topics related to the wolf restoration and management planning process including educational sessions, the format of public listening sessions, the application process for the Stakeholder Advisory Group, and the meeting schedule for the remainder of 2021 at a virtual workshop at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 24. The meeting will be streamed live on CPW's YouTube page here. A complete agenda along with all materials for public review for this meeting can be found on the CPW website.



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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

DELTA COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL ANNOUNCES REBRANDING TO DELTA HEALTH, A COUNTY-WIDE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

Special to the Mirror

DELTA-To reflect its evolution into being more than a hospital, Delta County Memorial Hospital (DCMH) is rebranding to Delta Health, a county-wide healthcare system, in a few weeks.

The rebranding will bring noticeable changes over the next 12 to 18 months to the historic hospital and its network of clinics. Changes will be seen digitally and throughout the healthcare system starting March 1.

"We've been saying it for a while, but the fact is that we *are* more than a hospital," said Matt Heyn, President/Chief Executive Officer for DCMH. "We have been in the community for over 100 years and have grown in that time to a 49-bed hospital with 13 clinics throughout Delta County. Our services continue to expand, and we want our name to reflect the entirety of what we are."

At the heart of the new logo are the people and places that represent Delta County and the amazing community that it is. The mountains and rivers, the rich history and the thriving future were all kept in mind and were encompassed in the new logo.

"The entire symbol is a delta and all of the individual pieces come together representing Delta County as a whole," said Jacques Davis, Director of Marketing/

Communications/Public Relations for DCMH. "The darker blue color represents the mountain ranges in Delta County, the light blue represents the two rivers (Uncompahgre and the Gunnison) that come together at the confluence and the green represents the land of the Grand Mesa."

The green is also associated with the idea of "moving forward," and is the only piece of the logo that extends beyond the logo-structure; giving an element of movement. It also represents the idea of remembering Delta Health's history while also moving confidently into the future.

The rebrand isn't just a name and logo change, but a new and refined focus that is exemplified in the company's new mission, vision and values statements.

Delta Health's new mission is to inspire hope by providing remarkable care in a healing environment.

The vision is to provide compassionate quality healthcare that our community will trust, and their values are encompassed in the acronym INSPIRE: Integrity, Nurture, Stewardship, Professionalism, Innovative, Respect, and Empathy.

"In our effort to provide quality and accessible healthcare to the people of Delta County, we realized we had become much more than a hospital, and in fact, had become a county-wide healthcare system,"

said Jean Ceriani, Delta Health Board Chairman. "The 'Delta Health' name came in an effort to unite the organization, and the Delta Health Board of Directors is very proud of the efforts our team of employees has put in to make this happen."

Looking to the future, Delta Health is developing a three-year strategic plan focusing on obtaining a Medicare 5-star rating. "Only seven percent of hospitals across the nation carry this designation and our community hospital is striving to be amongst the most elite hospitals for patient experience, timeliness of care, safety and effectiveness of care," said Heyn.

Delta Health is also now participating in the LeapFrog program and has a goal of obtaining a "LeapFrog Grade A" for patient safety; joining the ranks of 30 percent of nationwide hospitals that boast the coveted score.

"As we begin this exciting new chapter, we'd like to say thank you to our patients, community members and partners," said Heyn.

"Without you, none of this would be possible. We look forward to the future and to continuing to provide remarkable care to the community."

To stay up-to-date with Delta Health in the coming months, follow them on all social media platforms, visit their [website](https://www.deltahospital.com) and [subscribe](#) to their email newsletter.



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CITY MANAGER UNVEILS PLANS FOR GOLF COURSE EATERY From pg 1

briefly discussed his background.

Sandoval was born and raised in Montrose.

"I am happy to be back in my hometown that I grew up in," he said.

Spear was born and raised on the Eastern Plains, though his brother works for the Montrose Police Department. He has worked in oil and gas and has traveled extensively, and now wants to be closer to family. "I am trying to get settled into this area; I know that the Western Slope's the best side," Spear said.

Herman is a 45-year local resident. After several careers, "This was a good opportunity," he said. "And I am actually glad to be able to help serve around the town of Montrose."

City Senior Planner Amy Sharp introduced Valdez, who will serve as community engagement specialist for the planning division. "He has a lot of background in the non-profit sector...he's a perfect fit for this position," Sharp said.

Valdez spent almost six years with the Olympic Committee in Colorado Springs, and a year doing community outreach at Tri County. "Glad to be back on the Western Slope after spending more than a decade in Colorado Springs," Valdez said. "What a great group," Bynum said. "I know they're going to all hit the ground running, because as you all know we're pretty busy here at the City of Montrose."

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Items set for discussion included a Construction Contract Authorization for SHAW Construction. Police Chief Blaine Hall and Public Works Manager Jim Scheid discussed the upcoming request to authorize \$16,212,884 for use in the construction of the Montrose Public Safety Complex (MPSC).

Background-A memo from Scheid to Council states, "The City of Montrose owner's team (which includes Dynamic Project Management, MWL Architecture, Blythe Group and SHAW Construction) has been working through the design process for the new police department (named the Montrose Public Safety Complex). SHAW has participated in the design process from the early stages of project and have helped through the pre-construction process to be

sure the design meets the needs of the community, department operations and stays within budget. The design team is nearing completion of Bid Package 1 and as part of the CM/GC process the construction portion is to be added to SHAWs existing contract. Once bids are competitively procured and evaluated by SHAW and the Owner's Team the totals of the bid packages will be added to SHAW's contract with a Not-to-Exceed amount until the final bid package is received and then a Guaranteed Maximum Price will complete the construction portion of the contract with SHAW. The amount of \$16,212,884 that is being requested for authorization is primarily for the construction costs associated with SHAW's contract but there are other hard construction costs included in that total amount for items like utility undergrounding (costs to be paid to the utility provider), permitting and owners contingency. The description and breakdown of this total estimated amount is included in the attached document "Design Development Budget". The Design Development Budget shows a breakdown of the estimate into the major categories of the construction process. This estimate was provided by SHAW's pre-construction team and is the basis for the funds being authorized as part of this recommendation. This estimate is also where the anticipated hard costs such as utility undergrounding, permitting and contingencies are included."

Present for the discussion were Project Manager Reilly O'Brien of Dynamic Project Management, Ty Withee of Shaw Construction, and Shannon Power of Blythe Group. Withee spoke about market conditions and the fluctuating costs of materials; authorization of the contract will allow the team to streamline acquisition of materials and lock in subcontractors.

Police Chief Blaine Hall noted the importance of a building that will work for the police department, allowing them to better serve the community.

Scheid discussed the steps taken to mitigate risks to the City.

The first bid package, for underground utilities, would be released Feb. 17. Au-

thorization of the contract will come before County in a regular meeting on March 2.

Council also discussed a Right of Way Vacation Ordinance for a portion of South First Street.

Background-A memo from Scheid to Council states, "The subject property is located to the South of the Centennial Plaza on the South side of South 1st St. Through the design process of the new Police Department (Montrose Public Safety Complex – MPSC) it has been determined that the property identified is better suited to be included as part of the MPSC project. The auxiliary building of the MPSC which includes operational support services and training for the Police Department would encroach onto this piece of South 1st St."

Also considered was a contract amendment to a contract with Huddleston-Berry Engineering and Testing, by adding the scope of Construction Material Testing (CMT) to their scope in the amount Not to Exceed \$205,950.

Background-A memo prepared for Council by Scheid states, "Geotech and CMT services were procured together in June of 2020. The RFQP was sent to the four well-regarded Geotech/CMT consultants that serve the area (Huddleston Berry, DOWL, Ground, and Yeh). The RFQP requested a lump sum for Geotech services and hourly/unit rates for CMT and 3rd Party Inspections. With the hourly/unit rates Dynamic Project Management (DPM) created a comparison to level the bids based on a fixed anticipated hourly rate and number of inspections to create an apples-to-apples comparison between the fees for the four candidates including Geotech and CMT. Based on the fee comparison Huddleston Berry was the low bidder of the four."

Council discussed the purchase of one Voge asphalt paving machine from Honnen Equipment in Grand Junction at a cost of \$169,924.

Background- A memo from Scheid to Council states, "The asphalt paving machine (unit 336) that the City owns is a 2008 and was approved for early replacement in the 2021 budget, due to its size and age. A newer and smaller machine

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would better fit the needs of the Streets Division.”

Senior Planner Amy Sharp presented three annexations, all of which will follow the same schedule, she said. Information on all three is in the meeting packet. Annexations included the Valley Ranch North Addition Annexation; Valley Ranch South Addition Annexation; and the Highway 50 Addition Annexation.

City Finance Director Shani Wittenberg gave a report on short term rentals in the City.

Background-A memo from Wittenberg to Council states, “Short term rentals have been actively licensed in the city of Montrose with the assistance of LodgingRevs since early in 2019. The city contracts with LodgingRevs to identify and notify any short-term rentals that advertise on platforms such as Airbnb and VRBO. Once this initial contact has been made, the City’s Sales Tax Accountant follows up to license and collect the sales and excise taxes.”

“In 2019 we had nine licensed, and in 2020 we actually had 50 licensed,” she said. Net taxable sales in 2019 were \$1,138,206. In 2020, net taxable sales were \$476,899.

Wittenberg said, “...Doesn’t quite look like in 2020 our short-term rentals did as well as maybe some other communities, but I don’t think we are a short-term rental destination like Moab, or Breckenridge.”

Mayor Bynum said she is interested in seeing the numbers in future years.

“...Interesting data points but I’m not sure what it really tells us or gives us a full story yet. Kind of looking forward to seeing what that looks like in 2021 and 2022.”

Applying the same tax to short-term rentals as to local hotels is fair, Bynum said.

Police Chief Blaine Hall presented the first 2021 Public Safety Sales Tax 2A Report Card, which is included in the work session packet. In addition to body worn cameras that self-activate when the officer draws his gun or activates his taser, the department has purchased theft investigation technology and technology for crowd control and safety equipment.

“...We all should be prepared to be able to manage incidents that suddenly pop up or

that become violent,” Hall said. “That includes purchasing shields or helmets for our police officers.”

Along with increased outreach on social media platforms, the Police Department is purchasing an online community crime reporting tool. “That doesn’t mean that they can’t talk to a police officer if they request one,” Hall said. “...if a citizen chooses to use this then they (officers) won’t be using their time to do that, it will be more time on the street where hopefully we can be a bit more proactive.”

GENERAL CITY COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

Councilor Dave Frank said that the Colorado Mesa University Advisory Board met. The search is on for a new director for the Montrose Campus and a new president for the university.

“...Our local campus is doing very well, we’re just looking to get past these COVID restrictions on class sizes,” Frank said.

“I can talk a little bit if you want about the progress on the restaurant at the Black Canyon Golf Course,” City Manager Bill Bell said.

“That’d be great!” Bynum said.

“We’ve had a team of the golf pro, the assistant golf pro, Ann and I, as well as OBT, and HR and Finance, trying to get the restaurant ready,” Bell said. “As far as ordering inventory, we had some issues with black mold in the bar itself, there must have been a leak several years ago, so we replaced the entire high-top bar area.

“And some renovations like that that are minor in nature but necessary to re-open,” Bell said. “And our goal is to be up and running by March 15.

“Thanks to the Clerk’s office as well for the liquor license transfer process,” Bell said, “Making that smooth for us and that type of thing.”

At least four hours a week have been dedicated to the details, Bell said. “That’s moving right along.”

After input from community and city staff, the highest-ranking name was chosen, “The Rusty Putter.”

“I think it’s going to be really fun,” Bell said.

“Great,” Bynum said. “Thanks for that update. Appreciate it.”

Councilor Roy Anderson asked about possible patio renovations. “I’ve always enjoyed eating on that patio area.”

Bell said the restaurant seats 50 diners inside and almost 50 outdoors.

Mayor Pro Tem Doug Glaspell asked about hours of operation.

Bell said that hours are based on recommendations of the golf pros.

“We don’t want to release that yet...it’s definitely going to change...we’re taking the hours that Tom and his staff are recommending based on the needs of golfers...one advantage of the City running the restaurant is that we can cater our hours to the needs of the golf community,” Bell said, “not a private business owner or something like that.”

Take and go items will be available; an indoor simulator is being installed, Bell said. “A general guide would be 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week,” he said.

City Councilor Dave Bowman, whose Montrose Summer Music Series has taken place at the Black Canyon Golf Course in years past, also spoke.

“There won’t be any large gatherings at Black Canyon Golf Course this summer,” Bowman said.

“Due to the uncertainty of Covid and us taking over the restaurant...we didn’t feel comfortable hosting a large music venue,” Bell said, citing COVID restrictions.

Bell said that a letter was sent last week (Bell did not say to whom the letter was sent) announcing that the Montrose Summer Music Series will not be held.

“It’s really up in the air,” Bell said.

“We could use some advice, frankly, from council members and the community on how we go ahead and hold events this year under the rules of the space calculator...any advice just give me a call and text me or shoot me an email and let me know what your thoughts are.

“...We would really love to get back into community events.”

Councilor Frank said that Council has no control over the situation.

Mayor Bynum said, “I think I can speak for everyone when I say I miss those large events.”

She reminded all of the regular City Council meeting to be held that evening.

“Thanks everybody.”

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

MISINFORMATION AND LIES. REALLY?

Editor:

Bill Bell's February 17 Montrose Press article regarding housing was enlightening. The Basecamp Subdivision has had little, if any, citizen pushback so he was most likely referring to objections to the HUB Planned Development.

Should understand zoning before home buying? It's useless since each zoning district has many "uses by right" so a property owner could build anything within those uses, neighbor's interests be damned. It's also not clear if a new zoning needs to understand an existing adjacent zoning or if the existing adjacent zoning needs to understand the new zoning. Apparently some believe its the latter - adjacent subdivisions existing before HUB should understand and kowtow to HUB's zoning and developer intent.

That's why the City's Comprehensive Plan is vitally important and which was not mentioned in the article. It shows HUB sitting on land designated "Residential Mixed Density" which allows only single-family homes and attached residential dwellings. So, buyers bought in adjacent subdivisions before HUB was envisioned trusting the City would uphold the tenets of the Comprehensive Plan. That trust was violated and the developer lost credibility when HUB was changed from a Spruce Point type development to 500 apartments.

Adjacent subdivisions never objected to HUB "looking like Spruce Point" but those listening to the HUB Planning Commission hearings or reading the newspapers witnessed overwhelming well-founded citywide objections to the switch to 500 apartments validating that citizen support for HUB, as proposed, is nil. Perhaps the articles "chaos" claim was confused with the avalanche of legitimate objections to a Montrose project.

HUB's non-compliance with the Comprehensive Plan, incompatibility with the surrounding area and huge size (larger than complexes in large cities and on a relatively small parcel of land) is so obvious that any lies and misinformation alluded to would pale in comparison. Besides, Montrose residents are savvy and can sort out fact from fiction. The Planning Commission is also very astute and would have rejected illegitimate attempts to influence their HUB recommendations. Obviously they found citizen objections well founded and respectfully expressed and allowed the developer to build with sensible reductions in project scope.

The article didn't mention transparency: -The "preliminary study" that supposedly defines an immediate need for 250 apartments hasn't been shared. This in contrast for single-family home needs since a predominant driver of Montrose growth is retirees and urban escapees who can work

from their home. Also with low interest rates and down payments mortgages are close to "market rate" rentals.

-No information has been released regarding justification for the unprecedented \$2.35M HUB incentive in the 2021 budget. Disturbingly the budget shows expense exceeding revenue by \$2.7M.

All of the above just touches the myriad reasons why HUB has drawn so many objections.

Overall the article unfortunately adds fuel to the fire as it indicates developer interests supersede the interests and well being of Montrose citizens and implies that some citizens will use any tactic to attack a developer.

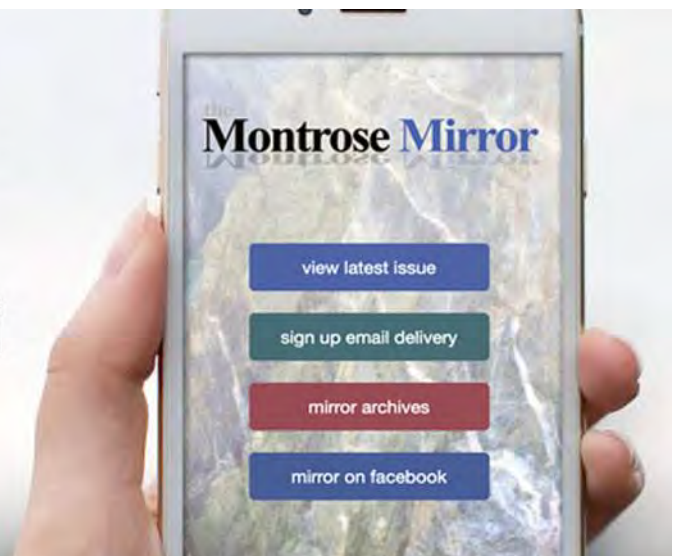
Actually, all this could have been avoided if the City bureaucracy makes clear to all that zoning "use by right" is not the only development approval criteria since, per City Code, the Comprehensive Plan must also be used to make decisions.

It's also obvious that the City zoning districts and "uses by right" within them are so numerous that development management is made difficult at best. They need a complete revision.

Bottom line is that the only misinformation campaign, alluded to in the article, we've seen is the contention that misinformation and lies are being spread... and that's what's very divisive.

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COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

VERNON DUNHAM 1937-2021



VERNON DUNHAM of Montrose, CO

passed away January 27, 2021 at the age of 84. Vernon was born to Virgil and Ethel Dunham in Buena Vista, CO. He attended Delta High School and after graduating in 1954 signed up with the U.S. Army Reserves. In 1958 Vernon married the love of his life. He went active duty and during his career Vernon and his family were stationed in Georgia, France, Germany, Arizona, Texas, Hawaii and Illinois. After serving 26 years as a decorated Army veteran and being deployed during the Korean and Vietnam wars, Vernon retired as a Master Sergeant. Upon his retirement in 1980 the family returned to Montrose, CO where he continued to work various jobs until his passing.

Vernon is survived by Joan, his wife of 62 years, children Paula of Rolla, MO, Wesley (D'Ann) of Olathe, CO, LeEllen (Casey) of Glendale, AZ, Mathew (Karla) of Farming-

ton, NM and Judson (Angie) of Manhattan, KS along with 13 grandchildren and a growing number of great grandchildren. He is also survived by siblings Carl and Pam (Ken) and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, 5 siblings and an infant son.

Vernon was active in his community and church and a long-standing member of the Montrose Lions Club, Montrose Elks Lodge 1053 and United Methodist Men. He loved to golf, travel and spend time with family and friends in his free time.

Private services were held for the family February 20, 2021.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Vernon Dunham's name to any of the following: Montrose Lions Club, Montrose Elks Lodge 1053, Montrose United Methodist Church or The Wounded Warriors Project.

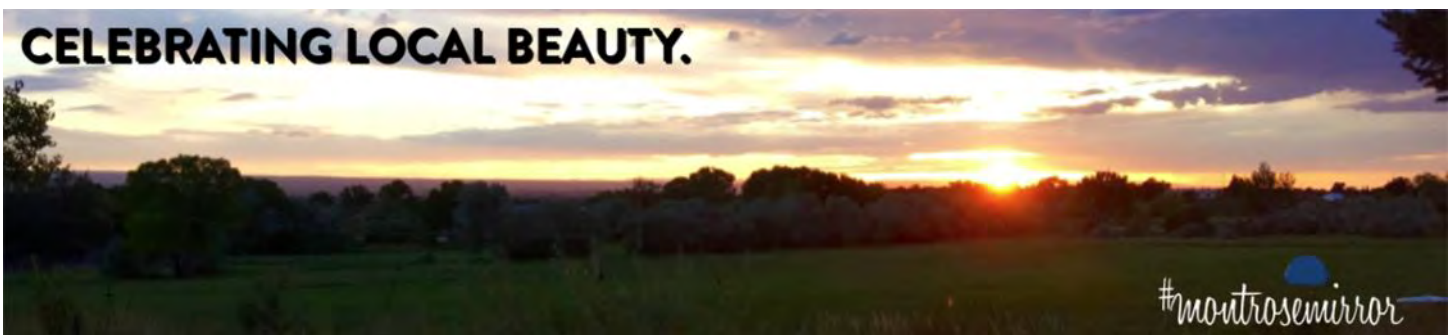
HARVEY LEE "BUCKSHOT" HARRISON August 2, 1932 – January 22, 2021

HARVEY LEE "BUCKSHOT" HARRISON, passed away at the age of 88. on January 22, 2021 at Willow Tree Care Center in Delta, Colorado. He was born on August 2, 1932 in Montrose, Colorado to Louie and Alice O'Neill Harrison. Buckshot spent most of his life working around, and with thoroughbred racehorses.

He traveled from coast to coast working as a jockey, trainer, groomer and exerciser with the racehorses. Buckshot will be missed by many in the horseracing world. He is survived by two sons, and one daughter, a grandson, three great-grandchildren and two great great-grandchildren.

Crippin Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

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COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

JEAN LEE VADER

February 24, 1932 – January 31, 2021



JEAN LEE VADER, 88, peacefully passed away on January 31, 2021 at Valley Manor Nursing Home in Montrose, CO. She was born on February 24, 1932 to John Albert McGregor and La Veta Foreman McGregor. She grew up on the McGregor family

ranch in Powderhorn, attended high school in Gunnison, and married Richard Mark Vader on June 1, 1950.

They bought a ranch on the Cochetopa Creek in Gunnison County where they spent 22 years raising their five children and cattle ranching (Herefords). In 1981, Jean and Mark sold the ranch and took over managing the Gunnison Cemetery together for 16 years. Then in 1999 they moved to Montrose, CO.

Jean enjoyed spending time with her family, going 4-wheeling in the mountains (except on the tippy and steep roads), as well as rock and arrowhead hunting. She was a ham radio operator and became a pilot to fly the small Cessna family ranch plane. She spent many hours helping her children with their many 4-H activities.

After moving to Montrose, Jean joined Montrose Christian Church, participating in the ladies Bible study and the Sunday School class. She especially enjoyed going out to lunch with her friends. Jean was always available when her friends and neighbors needed help or a ride. After her husband Mark passed away, Jean was an

active volunteer for HopeWest for over 10 years.

Jean is survived by her sister Kathleen May McGregor, of Gunnison, CO, daughters Karen (Dave) Israel of Hale, MO, Cindy (Rich) Bray of Montrose, CO, Diane Johnston of Jackson, MS, and Tami Blair of Las Vegas, NV. She also has many grandchildren, great grandchildren and even some great, great grandchildren. Jean was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Mark Vader and their son, Richard John Vader, her parents, John Albert and La Veta Ruth McGregor, her sister Luena Ruth Cadwell, and her brothers John Calvin McGregor and Charles Norman McGregor.

A memorial service will be held in June in Montrose, and a graveside service will be held in Gunnison. An announcement will be posted in the Montrose and Gunnison newspapers as soon as a date is arranged. Donations in honor of Jean Vader can be made to HopeWest at 725 S. 4th St., Montrose, CO 81401, or Senior Community Care PACE at 2377 Robins Way, Montrose, CO 81401.

RUTH EMILY (LEVER) COURVILLE

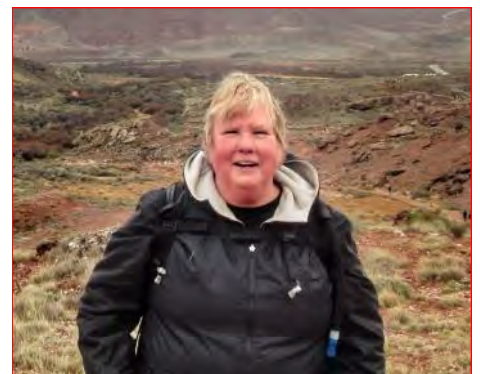
May 17, 1949-December 25, 2020

RUTH EMILY (LEVER) COURVILLE, 71, died on Christmas Day in Montrose, Colorado. She was the widow of Jeffrey Courville, who preceded her in death in 2003 after 33 years of marriage.

Born in Worcester, Massachusetts on May 17, 1949, Ruth was the daughter of John E Lever and Elizabeth A (Cook) Lever. Raised in Shrewsbury, she attended Shrewsbury public schools. Ruth also studied interior design at Chamberlain Junior College in Boston. She spent many years working in commercial greenhouses, and later operated a delivery company with her husband, Jeffrey. Ruth moved from

Shrewsbury to Delta, Colorado in 2008 to be closer to her three grandchildren: Joshua, Luke and Juliana Stagner. She will be fondly remembered for hosting large family gatherings, for her love of gardening, her affection for animals and her caring, straightforward nature.

She is survived by a daughter, Jennifer Stagner of Delta, CO. A son, Christopher Courville of Winchendon, MA. Her brother, Ken (Beth) of Fargo, North Dakota. Step siblings, Lynda Camara, Judy Ivel, and Ted, Jeff, and Phil Johnson. Three grandchildren and numerous family members and friends. Memorial services will be



held at a later date. Donations in Ruth's memory can be made to Hope West Hospice.

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ART & SOL

GIRL SCOUTS ABOUT MUCH MORE THAN COOKIES



Backpacking. Courtesy photo.

By Lynea Schultz-Ela

REGIONAL—Oh yes, we do love Girl Scout cookies...and their annual cookie sale fundraising event is happening right now! But the Girl Scouts are about so much more than cookies. I recently rediscovered *Scouting for Girls*, published by The Girl Scouts, Inc. in 1926, and my interest was piqued to take a look at how girl scouting has evolved and adapted to getting young girls outside in our world today.

Girl Scouts were originally started in England as the Girl Guides. Juliette Low brought the idea to the U.S. and founded

Girl Guides in America, with the first troop in Savannah, Georgia in 1912. The name change to Girl Scouts was made in 1915, at the same time as the establishment of the national headquarters in Washington, D.C. The first national convention was held in 1915 as well, and Juliette Low's Girl Scouts program was introduced and embraced by the public for a "growing army of girls and young women who are learning in the happiest way how to combine patriotism, outdoor activities of every kind, skill in every branch of domestic science, and high standards of community

service". The motto—"Be Prepared"; the slogan-- "Do a Good Turn Daily."

Today's Girl Scouts are very active on Colorado's Western Slope with 30 troops in Mesa County, four in Delta County, and 3 in Montrose County. While the initial motto and slogan is still important to daily life, they have since updated to the more comprehensive mission of "Building girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place." I spoke with Ashley Douglas, Regional Volunteer Support Specialist, to get some insight into girl scouting in our current times. Girls are still organized into troops with an adult troop leader, and they work together and individually towards earning skill-building badges in many areas of interest including one close to *Friends of Youth and Nature's* hearts with outdoor learning experiences. The badges are organized by type of activity and by age group. The age groups range from kindergarteners named the Daisies, through to grade twelve, aptly named the Ambassadors. All the activities are age-appropriate so I took a look at the junior group, consisting of fourth and fifth graders. Within the Outdoor Badge section, the activities are very broad such as Animal Habitats, Gardener, Outdoor Art Explorer, Eco-Camper, Geocacher, and so on. You can dig deeper to learn all about the badges and the requirements at

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www.girlscouts.org. There are requirements for each badge, and troop leaders provide support to learn and experience each requirement. For example, the Junior Eco-Camper badge requires a scout to learn how to protect the environment when going on a camping trip, learn the seven principles of leave no trace, plan meals with the environment in mind, build a minimal impact campsite, and learn how to take a hike with a focus on conservation. Once the badge is earned the Girl Scout will have gained skills that can be applied during their entire life and be passed onto future generation—all while having a wonderful time and sharing in the experience of the great outdoors.

Many Girl Scout troops engage in activities that bring out the whole family, such as a recent outing on skis and snowshoes on the Grand Mesa. Sixty families signed up! Because of concerns due to COVID-19, the girl scouts worked with the Health Department to make certain their activities were safe by taking various precautions such as forming small groups, wearing masks, and being outdoors at safe distances. The coordination for this type of activity falls to a volunteer group, the Western Slope Outdoors Committee, made up of troop leaders and parents. The snowshoe/ski day was a big success for girls and their families due largely to the efforts of these volunteers.

In the foreword of *Scouting for Girls 1926* edition, Robert Baden Powell (the founder of Boy Scouts Association in Britain circa

1908) states that he “used Scouting—that is, wood craft, handiness, and cherry helpfulness—as a means for training young soldiers when they first joined the army.” He would continue to use these training methods as a boon to boys and society in peacetime as well. Soon the girls wanted their own organization, and the Girl Guides were born. Today, as well as in the early days of Girl Scouts, being helpful to others is very much a core belief and behavior. Ashley Douglas, the local Regional Volunteer Support Specialist, said the girls and young women take the idea of community service to the next level with action. The *Take-Action* community service can best be explained with this example: A troop might decide a problem in their community is the proliferation of trash scattered around their favorite park. Community service could be to spend a Saturday afternoon picking up the trash. *Take-Action* is to first identify the root cause of that problem, for instance, it might be that there are not enough trash cans in the park.

The girls could then develop a sustainable solution to the root cause of that problem by going to City Council and asking how they can help get more trash cans in the park. Twenty years ago the *Take-Action* approach to community service was introduced as part of the silver and gold awards.

Now, Girl Scouts of all ages are creating *Take-Action* projects, and it becomes second nature to them as they grow up—



Rock climbing. Courtesy photo.

creating wonderful adult public service thinkers and do’ers.

If you are looking for ways to inspire a young girl to get outdoors, explore Mother Nature, learn and have fun, the Girl Scouts may be a perfect fit. Scouting creates a family that lasts a lifetime and provides experiences to build on for that lifetime as well!

If you are interested in learning more, finding a troop, or volunteering, go to the Colorado website for Girl Scouts, www.girlscoutsofcolorado.org, or reach out directly to Ashley Douglas at 970-628-8009. And meanwhile, support your local troop by enjoying those cookies—it is cookie season!

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COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

TWO NEW NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAYS FOR COLORADO



Clear Creek Falls, on the Silver Thread. Courtesy photo.

Special to Art & Sol

DENVER – Two more of Colorado's Scenic and Historic Byways are now part of the National Scenic Byway System.

Also known as America's Byways®, the state's newest National Scenic Byways are:

Scenic Highway of Legends (Southeastern Colorado – CO. 12/U.S. 160) Features the Spanish Peaks where gold-seeking conquistadors and Comanche, Pueblo and



Spanish peaks near La Veta, on the Scenic Highway of Legends. Courtesy photo.

Tarahumara Indians once traveled. The route links Trinidad, La Veta, Walsenburg and Aguilar. <https://www.codot.gov/travel/scenic-byways/southeast/highway-legends>

Silver Thread (South-Central & Southwestern Colorado – CO 149/U.S. 50) This route allows travelers to roam through wonderfully isolated swatches of the San Juan Mountains and includes both historic main streets and top-of-pass scenic overlooks. It stretches from South Fork, Creede, Lake City, and Blue Mesa Reservoir near Gunnison. <https://www.codot.gov/travel/scenic-byways/south-central/silver-thread>

"These new designations are a tribute to this great state and characterize the breadth of its beautiful landscapes, history and culture," said Colorado Department of Transportation Executive Director Shoshana Lew. "In addition to providing new and

exciting adventures for travelers, our Scenic and Historic Byways help protect these much-valued areas of Colorado."

Designated by the U.S. Department of Transportation, National Scenic Byways are recognized for their outstanding scenic and historic attributes. Colorado has 13 National Byways, more than any other state. "What a remarkable nod to our State's timeless beauty and a well-deserved recognition for the efforts of Colorado citizens to share it with everyone," said Nathan Boyless, chair of Colorado's Scenic and Historic Byways Commission. "The open road beckons, scenic travels!" In addition to providing exploration opportunities, the state's byways are an important asset for economic development. The most recent analysis shows a cumulative statewide economic impact of nearly \$4.8 billion over a six-year period, with the Scenic Highway of Legends providing nearly \$180 million in economic benefit and the Silver Thread more than \$67 million. The Scenic and Historic Byways program was established by CDOT in 1989. In addition to supporting the state's 26 byways, the program also supports two All-American Roads, 10 National Forest Scenic Byways, and two Bureau of Land Management Backcountry Byways. The statewide system is comprised of nearly 2,600 miles of roadway through 48 of Colorado's 64 counties.



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WHO IS YOUR DOCTOR?



It is important to find a doctor to care for your family right away, before anyone gets sick. Then, if you or a family member becomes ill, you can simply **call your doctor** rather than filling out paperwork with a fever.

PREPARE A COVID PLAN NOW:



Create an at-home plan to avoid the spread.

Encourage your household members to maintain everyday preventative actions like washing hands frequently and avoiding touching eyes, nose, & mouth as much as possible.



Know your workplace policy.

Talk with your supervisor to determine the most effective steps necessary if you should become sick, and never go to work when you are feeling ill.

PLAN AHEAD:



Create a sick room.

This will help contain the virus as much as possible and prevent other household members from getting sick. Include basic need items like water and fever-reducing medicine, cleaning supplies, and disposable masks and gloves. Have disposable protective gear available for the caregiver.



Create your COVID Care Team.

Coordinate with your family and friends to provide support to one another if a family member gets sick. Ask for family members or friends to safely deliver groceries to your household so you can effectively quarantine and prevent the spread.



Centralize medical information.

Create a folder with your family's necessary medical information. Have your primary care doctor's phone number on hand.



Mask up. Make good choices now.

Wear masks in communal areas you share with people outside the family to help prevent the spread to household members.

Preparing your household ahead of time will alleviate much of the stress that arises if a family member gets sick with COVID-19. Make a plan and prepare now to keep your family and your community safe and healthy.



For more ways to make a plan, visit www.montrosecountyjic.com



TENGA UN PLAN DE ATENCIÓN PARA COVID

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Es importante estar preparado para cualquier emergencia y nunca es demasiado pronto para prepararse para proteger a su familia en caso de enfermedad. Desde atención médica hasta cuidado de niños, use esta lista de verificación para preparar el plan de atención para COVID de su familia.

¿QUIEN ES TU DOCTOR?

Es importante encontrar un médico que atienda a su familia de inmediato, antes de que alguien se enferme. Luego, si usted o un miembro de su familia se enferma, simplemente puede llamar a su médico en lugar de tener que completar el papeleo con fiebre.

PREPARE UN PLAN CONTRA EL COVID AHORA:



Cree un plan en su casa para evitar la propagación.

Anime a los miembros de su hogar a que mantengan acciones preventivas diarias como lavarse las manos con frecuencia y evitar tocarse los ojos, la nariz y la boca tanto como sea posible.



Conozca la política de su lugar de trabajo.

Hable con su supervisor para determinar los pasos necesarios si se enferma y nunca vaya a trabajar cuando se sienta enfermo.

PREPÁRATE AHORA:



Cree una habitación para enfermos.

Esto ayudará a contener el virus tanto como sea posible y evitará que otros miembros de su casa se enfermen. Incluya artículos de necesidad básica como agua y medicamentos para reducir la fiebre, artículos de limpieza y máscaras y guantes desechables. Tenga equipo protector desechable disponible para el cuidador.



Cree su equipo de atención para COVID.

Coordine con su familia y amigos para apoyarse mutuamente si un miembro de la familia se enferma. Pídale a su familia o amigos que le entreguen alimentos de manera segura en su hogar para que pueda poner en cuarentena de manera efectiva y prevenir la propagación.



Centralizar la información médica.

Cree una carpeta con la información médica necesaria de su familia. Tenga a mano el número de teléfono de su médico de atención primaria.



Usar una máscara. Tome buenas decisiones ahora.

Use máscaras en las áreas comunes que comparte con personas ajenas a la familia para ayudar a prevenir la propagación a los miembros de su casa.

Preparar su casa con anticipación aliviará gran parte del estrés que surge si un miembro de la familia se enferma con COVID-19. Haga un plan y prepárese ahora para mantener a su familia y su comunidad seguras y saludables.

Para más formas de hacer un plan, visite www.montrosecountyjic.com

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

FISCHER PRIZE FINALIST ANN KAISER SET TO READ AT MAR. 2 BARDIC TRAILS ZOOM POETRY SERIES



Ann Kaiser. Courtesy photo.

Special to Art & Sol

TELLURIDE ... Ann Kaiser, slated as featured reader at March's Bardic Trails Zoom poetry webinar Tuesday the Second at 7 p.m., is a translator as well as a poet. She works with Catalan, Georgian, French and Spanish.

Register on-line at the Wilkinson Public Library to get URL & password. Go to telluridelibrary.org/events.

"Kaiser was a finalist in our 2020 Fischer contest," noted Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer, Talking Gourds co-director. "Her poem 'Shape Shift' was honored by Judge

Claire Blotter of California."

Kaiser is the Pushcart Prize nominated author of <glint> and co-winner of the inaugural Milk and Cake Book Prize. Her poem, "Shape Shift," was long-listed for the 2020 Fish Publishing Poetry Prize. Her poem, "The Hunt," is included in Sonora Review's issue on gender-based violence. Poems and photos can also be found in Harbor Review, Lavender Review, NewSquare and The Rumpus.

Anne curated and participated in events for the Sant Jordi 2020 Festival where she did a video of her poem "Horse Behavior" which is translated into several languages. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GaTWaoa68Dc&feature=youtu.be> She has also read as an invited poet in, and curated for, the COMPASS concert series.

Following the featured reader, there will be a short Question and Answer session with co-hosts, Art Goodtimes and Trommer. Then, we're going to try a new system. Instead of continuing to do a Gourd Circle in the same Zoom platform, we're going to end the Bardic Trails Zoom webinar. That should occur around 7:30 p.m.

At 7:45 we're going to start a new Zoom meeting for the Talking Gourds Poetry Club, for Club members and their invitees only. It won't be open to the public. People interested in participating in that private session can join the Poetry Club at the Talking Gourds website. We also ask them to send an email to Goodtimes or

Galaxy Dancer notifying us of their having paid their Club membership fees, and they will be given the Zoom info for the private meeting.

A one-time membership donation of \$25 (or more) gets one on our mailing list permanently and makes one current for the calendar year in which the donation was made. Each calendar year after that, to keep current, there's a \$10 renewal fee – payable by check or online with plastic.

For those who like writing prompts, Marsha West suggests for March "Sea Change."

Club members in good standing receive a monthly pdf copy of the handsome broadsides for each featured reader that Daiva Chesonis creates. Those pdfs can be printed for free at the Wilkinson. Chesonis will also have copies available for purchase at her Between the Covers Bookstore.

Our future Bardic Trails dates are April 6 with V. Penelope Pelizzon of Connecticut, May 4 with Julie Bloemeke of Georgia, June 1 with Melissa Studdard of Texas, July 6 with Partridge Boswell of Vermont, Aug. 3 with Jane Lunin Perel of Rhode Island, Sept. 7 with Anna Scotti of California, Oct. 5 with Renee Podunovich of Cortez (CO), Nov. 2 with Debby Brody of New Mexico, and Dec. 7 with Al Zolynas of California.

All Bardic Trails first Tuesday Zoom webinars begin at 7 p.m., MST.

For more info, visit tellurideinstitute.org/talking-gourds



INTERNATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

SARAH MCQUAID RELEASES NEW ST BURYAN SESSIONS SINGLES



Sarah McQuaid. Courtesy photo.

Special to Art & Sol

CORNWALL-For the second and third singles of her new album and video series *The St Buryan Sessions*, Cornwall-based singer-songwriter Sarah McQuaid delves deep into her back catalog to resurrect “Charlie’s Gone Home”, the first original song she ever recorded as a solo artist, then jumps forward again with “The Day Of Wrath, That Day”, a powerful instrumental composition for electric guitar.

Originally recorded on her 1997 debut album *When Two Lovers Meet*, “Charlie’s Gone Home” wasn’t a brand new song even then, Sarah recalls. “I’d actually written it back when I was still living in Philadelphia, so it would have been the late 1980s or early 90s. I can remember very clearly the day I wrote it – back in those days I was still thinking of myself not as a songwriter but as a folksinger who happened to write an occasional song when inspiration struck, so to speak.

“I remember reading an interview with some poet whose name I can’t remember, where she said that when she felt a new poem starting to arrive it was like an oncoming train, and she had to rush to her desk to be there ready with pen and paper when the train pulled in to the station.

“Well, this song hit me exactly like an oncoming train, only one that was barreling along at full steam with whistles blaring. It really knocked me for six, and I remember just sitting on the sofa crying and trying to wipe the tears off my guitar so they didn’t mark the finish – not because it was a sad song but just from the overwhelming emotional impact of writing it.

“It’s been kind of a special song for me ever since, and a lot of people have told me it’s a special song for them, too – at least two different people said ‘Well, I hope “Charlie’s Gone Home” is going to be on it’ as soon as I told them about the project.”

Released on Friday Feb. 19, “Charlie’s Gone Home (The St Buryan Sessions)” will be followed on Friday March 12 with a new live interpretation of “The Day Of Wrath, That Day”, a track that only achieved its finished form on the day she recorded it for her landmark Michael Chapman-produced 2018 album *If We Dig Any Deeper It Could Get Dangerous*.

“Before that album, I’d never played electric guitar – it wasn’t something that would even have occurred to me,” Sarah admits. “It was totally down to Michael. We were staying at his house during one of my tours, and he produced this lovely red Ibanez Artist, plugged it into an amp and said ‘Try playing this.’

“And you know, if anybody else but Michael Chapman had handed me an electric and told me to play it, I’d have said ‘Nah, I’m really more of an acoustic guitar type.’ But when it’s one of your heroes handing you one of his own instruments and you’re a guest in his house, you say yes, so I took the guitar and started playing it, and almost immediately I was blown away by all the different sounds I could get out of it – sounds that wouldn’t have been achievable with an acoustic. I was totally and utterly entranced, and I just sat there cross-legged on the rug beside the amp, playing and playing for ages while Michael sat back on the sofa drinking wine and smiling to himself.

“But then we went off the next day and continued on the tour, and I guess if I thought anything it was something like ‘Well, maybe someday if I can ever afford it I should think about buying an electric guitar.’ So it was a total bolt from the blue when Michael phoned me up months later, after we’d started talking about him producing my next album, and said ‘I need you to give me your address so I can UPS

you that red guitar you played the last time you visited. I want you to write some songs for the new album on it.’

Filmed and recorded in the lovely church of St Buryan, parts of which date back to the 11th century, *The St Buryan Sessions* had its genesis last spring, when Sarah’s gigs and tours were cancelled due to COVID-19. Rather than risk the technical pitfalls of live-streaming, she used crowdfunding to finance a beautifully recorded and filmed album and video series that would capture the essence of a live performance even without an audience.

“We set her up as if it were a regular gig,” explains Sarah’s longtime manager and sound engineer, Martin Stansbury, who produced, recorded and mixed the project. “No flash studio mics, just the same touring PA and monitors she’d walked onstage to a thousand times, so it would be truly home territory.”

“I’m totally thrilled with the result,” says Sarah, “and I’m so glad that we were able to do it in a place that’s been so special to me on a personal level – plus, the church itself had a huge impact on the overall sound, as well as on the visuals. I’m really grateful to Canon Vanda Perrett and the St Buryan Parish Council, and to the St Buryan Male Voice Choir for letting me use their lovely grand piano, and most of all to the 184 individuals who contributed to the FundRazr campaign. We couldn’t have done it without them.”

“Charlie’s Gone Home (The St Buryan Sessions)” and “The Day Of Wrath, That Day (The St Buryan Sessions)” will be available for streaming and download via Spotify, iTunes/Apple Music, Bandcamp and other services from February 19 and March 12, respectively.

Videos of each song will be premiered the day after release in live “watch party” events on Sarah’s [YouTube channel](#), with Sarah on hand in the chat to answer questions and respond to feedback. The roll-out of singles and videos will continue throughout the year, and Sarah hopes to release the full 15-track, 72-minute album on CD and double LP in late summer.

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CRAWFORD-Kindergarteners at North Fork Montessori at Crawford may soon be riding bikes in their PE classes.

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Strider® 14x Bikes, Pedal Conversion Kits, fully-adjustable helmets, and a five-year support plan.

Launched in March 2018, there are already 271 schools in 38 states with All

Kids Bike Kindergarten PE Programs.

North Fork Montessori at Crawford Board Member Anne Wilcox said, "Our kids love to bike! The Nature Connection, a state-funded recreation program to connect kids with the outdoors, brings bikes and striders to our school for bike clinics at least once a year. But they take their bikes away with them, so kids can't build on what they learn."

The Kindergarten PE Program is designed for children of all abilities and hopes to instill healthy habits at a young age. "One of the best ways to get kids active is to get them excited about bicycles," says All Kids Bike board member Ryan McFarland, "It's a skill that is going to serve them in life."

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FAITH COLUMN: DEACON SPEAKIN' WITH DWIGHT HARP



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MONTROSE—My boss's suggestion for a new topic challenged me. I asked for something to give my mind "something to chew on." Chew it has been doing for more than a week now and I'm no closer to a solution for this suggestion: "...need of humans to congregate—groups breaking bread together at local eateries—gatherings—How can we find solo solace in the midst of this virus?"

I long ago learned that decisions can't be made without information. That information has to be "true." Now comes the sticking point to this whole discussion. What is the truth?

In the beginning we were told masks weren't totally necessary. A few months later we were told that they'd help (remember flattening the curve?). Next we were told they were critical. Now we have been told that we need two or three of them at the same time.

What about the virus itself? "COVID 19" now holds a prominent place in our lexicon. Seasoned citizens (65 years or older), I am one, get IT more than others! Kids don't get IT hardly at all. Well, my doctor got IT. Three families of our church got IT. My step-daughter got IT.

Do you self quarantine if you bump into someone who later tests positive? If you are in assisted living/hospital environments will you be allowed to interact with anyone? How do you cope with not just the information overload but the consequences of your choices based on that

information? COVID SOCIAL ISOLATION creeps into our conversations now. It wasn't there last year. How do you deal with it?

What about schools? My granddaughter doesn't have the tools to homeschool her kids. We're starting to talk about the lost kids of 2020. Will they recoup? How long will it take?

Have we handicapped an entire generation of

our youngsters? How far beyond learning does that potential handicap go?

I've seen families split because of differing views on vaccines, masks, social distancing, shaking hands and more. News reports carry stories of abuse and depression and all sorts of inappropriate behavior due to COVID ISOLATION. Mental health issues, to include suicide, fill newspaper columns. Children's suicide is not unheard of now.

We got a vaccine for IT in absolutely record time. Some say that's good. Some say that's good but you really don't need it. Smart people now say IT is mutating (other smart people say that was to be expected). Are we protected? Some say the vaccine is 95% effective. Some are now saying that the vaccine isn't that effective. Some have fatal responses to IT.

I just read that the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) has either for a long time or just recently infiltrated our (primarily social) media with mis/dis information about this pandemic.

So, what/who do you believe?

The flatlanders made their decisions on the science of their time. By the way, the world isn't flat.

What is true?

Our neighbors and friends and families make their decisions on their perception of truth. These decisions can have lasting effects.

I researched heavily the subjects of loneliness and depression and quarantine.

Suffice it to say that really smart people are not in complete agreement on these subjects either.

The world is a scary place right now. People across the world pinch pennies to make rent and support families. Everyone everywhere stays away from social situations.

Take heart, even in isolation, we're still connected. Even though we cancel weddings and proms and coffee with friends we can't cancel Empathy, Kindness, Our Faith in Humanity and Our Faith in God.

Here are some ways to prioritize your mental health if you're feeling anxious and lonely:

Reach out for help. There are numerous Crisis Counselors waiting to visit with you. Use the search engine of your choice to pick one or two.

Get some fresh air. Go for a walk! Take a hike! Do some outdoor exercise! The natural world is calling your name. Go enjoy while socially distant.

Do some mental work other than your school work or telework. Start journaling. Write a poem. (What rhymes with 'goat'?) Write a 'real' (pen and ink) letter to someone. They will love it.

If you telework, schedule a face-time for lunch with your pals. Include folks you really like even if they aren't engaged in your office project.

If you school online, check in with your classmates. Try a virtual study session to cheer each other on as you learn.

I hope those might help, but--

Here's where I get a little preachy. I can't find a truer path than following God's teaching. We all find ourselves at a fork in our spiritual road at times. One may be 'Pleasing God' because if I do then maybe these bad things will go away. The other says 'Trust in God.'

I've done this, have you? Try to perform for God, try to keep Him pleased with me, while feeling like He's getting farther and farther away as we continue to struggle.

Pleasing God sounds like a good motivation. How's that working?

There's an incredible phrase in Hebrews 11:6- "Without faith it is impossible to

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please God." The word 'faith' is the noun form of the word 'believe' or 'trust. Thus, the issue of pleasing God is tightly bound to trusting Him. When our primary motive becomes trusting God, we discover there is nothing in the world that pleases Him more!

In the middle of this pandemic do I really know the truth that GOD IS STILL IN CONTROL? I continually pray to grow into that knowledge more and more.

In the middle of Psalm 23 it states, "...I will fear no evil, for thou art with me..." Isaiah 41:10 ends with "...I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

What does His teaching say about quar-

antines and mental health? There are numerous stories of quarantine in the Bible when people were told by God to stay safe at home during plagues and disease.

Psalm 34:7-The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him, and He delivers them.

Isaiah 26: 20-21- Go, my people, enter your rooms and shut the doors behind you; hide yourselves for a little while until his wrath has passed by.

I choose to trust in God and expect His grace and mercy.

The mind is a servant, either to your spirit or to your flesh.

The Bible teachings describe the mind as

a ship looking for harbor. You cannot keep bad ships from sailing back and forth on the ocean, but you can refuse them from docking privileges in the harbor of your mind.

Renewing of the mind happens when we celebrate small victories and focus on what God is doing.

Remember, what God started, He is faithful to finish (Philippians 1:6) He is not done with any of us yet.

Expect His awesome greatness.

Expectations are a breeding place for His miracles.

What is truth? The truth is God is always faithful!

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

GREEN THUMB GARDENING - SMALL TREES & FRUIT TREES

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-Have you ever wanted to take up gardening, but weren't sure where to start? Join us for our new virtual program, Green Thumb Gardening, for guidance from experts!

Our first event will cover small trees and fruit trees. This presentation will cover useful information such as:

- The optimum time to plant fruit trees and small trees
- General care and maintenance
- How to get the most from your fruit trees

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SAVE THE DATE! UPCOMING REGIONAL EVENTS

ONGOING-

MONTROSE FARMERS' MARKET is a gathering of vendors selling local fruit, vegetables, meat, crafts, and more. **Date and time:** Alternate Saturdays from 10 am-1 pm—every other weekend starting Jan. 9th 2021

Location: Montrose Centennial Plaza and Centennial Meeting Room, 15-99 S Uncompahgre Ave, Montrose, CO 81401

Cost: Free to attend. Curbside service is still available in the winter season!

COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY-Every Wednesday beginning Sept. 2, 2020, through April, 2021 - Community Bible Study live virtual meetings mornings and evenings: gospel of John. Classes for women and children. Call 720-635-0091 for more information or to register.

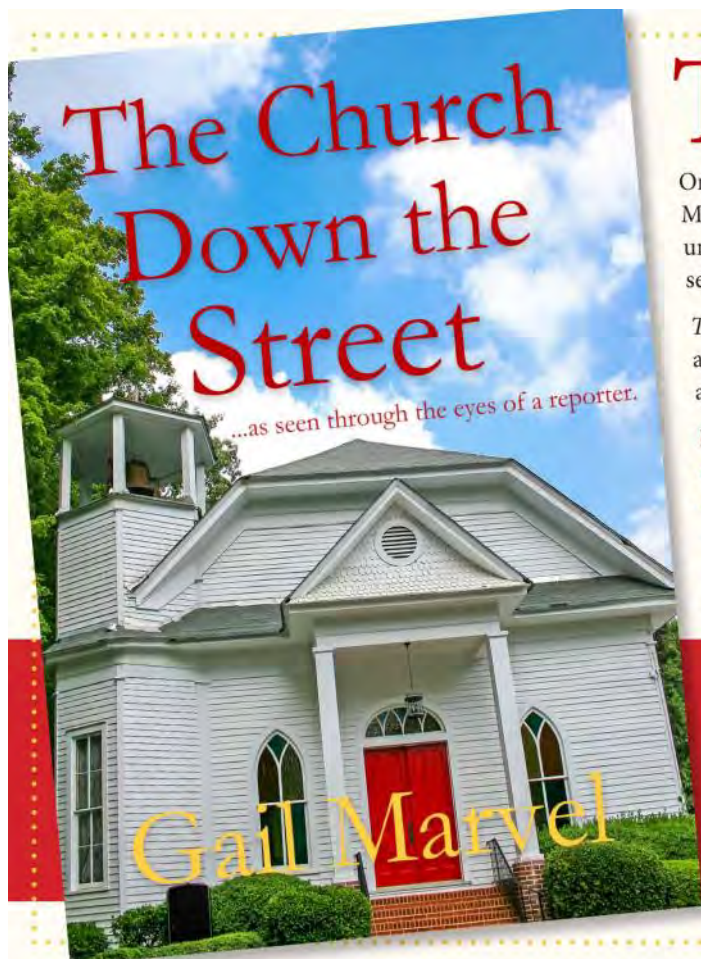
MONTROSE ALTRUSA-1st Tuesday of the month Program meeting; 2nd Tuesday of the month committee meeting; 3rd Tuesday of the month Business meeting. Meetings are held at the Hampton Inn conference room at Noon.

MONTHLY

Feb. 24-The Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission will discuss topics related to the wolf restoration and management planning process including educational sessions, the format of public listening sessions, the application process for the Stakeholder Advisory Group, and the meeting schedule for the remainder of 2021 at a virtual workshop at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 24. The meeting will be streamed live on CPW's YouTube page here. A complete agenda along with all materials for public review for this meeting can be found on the CPW website.

Mar. 2 -Talking Gourds Bardic Trails Zoom poetry series-Ann Kaiser, slated as featured reader at March's Bardic Trails Zoom poetry webinar Tuesday the Second at 7 p.m., is a translator as well as a poet. She works with Catalan, Georgian, French and Spanish. Register on-line at the Wilkinson Public Library to get URL & password. Go to telluridelibrary.org/events.

March 9-Have you ever wanted to take up gardening, but weren't sure where to start? Join Montrose Regional Library for our new virtual program, Green Thumb Gardening, for guidance from experts! Our first event will cover small trees and fruit trees, and will be presented by Susan Carter, a Horticulture and Natural Resources Agent for CSU Extension in the Tri River Area. Susan has degrees in Ornamental Horticulture and Landscape Architecture, as well as numerous certifications in horticulture and gardening. Email Taylor at tevans@montroselibrary.org to join this virtual event on Tuesday, March 9th at 6:30pm



The *Church Down the Street*, published pre-COVID, peers into the worship services of more than 70 churches, some of which have a weekly attendance of less than 10.

Organized in a topical format (Hospitality, Program & Source Material, Music, Meditations & Invitations, and The Message), the author uses an unbiased approach to allow readers to experience the worship service as seen through the eyes of a reporter.

The Church Down the Street contains anecdotes and stories from the actual worship services and asks thought-provoking questions that allow readers to draw their own conclusions.

Readers will:

- See strengths and weaknesses in the worship service
- Re-evaluate hospitality toward visitors
- Become more aware of source material used in the worship service
- Compare and contrast music presentations and selections
- Discern the value and content of the sermon.

Gail Marvel's book, *The Church Down the Street*, is available online at Amazon.com and wingedpublications.com.

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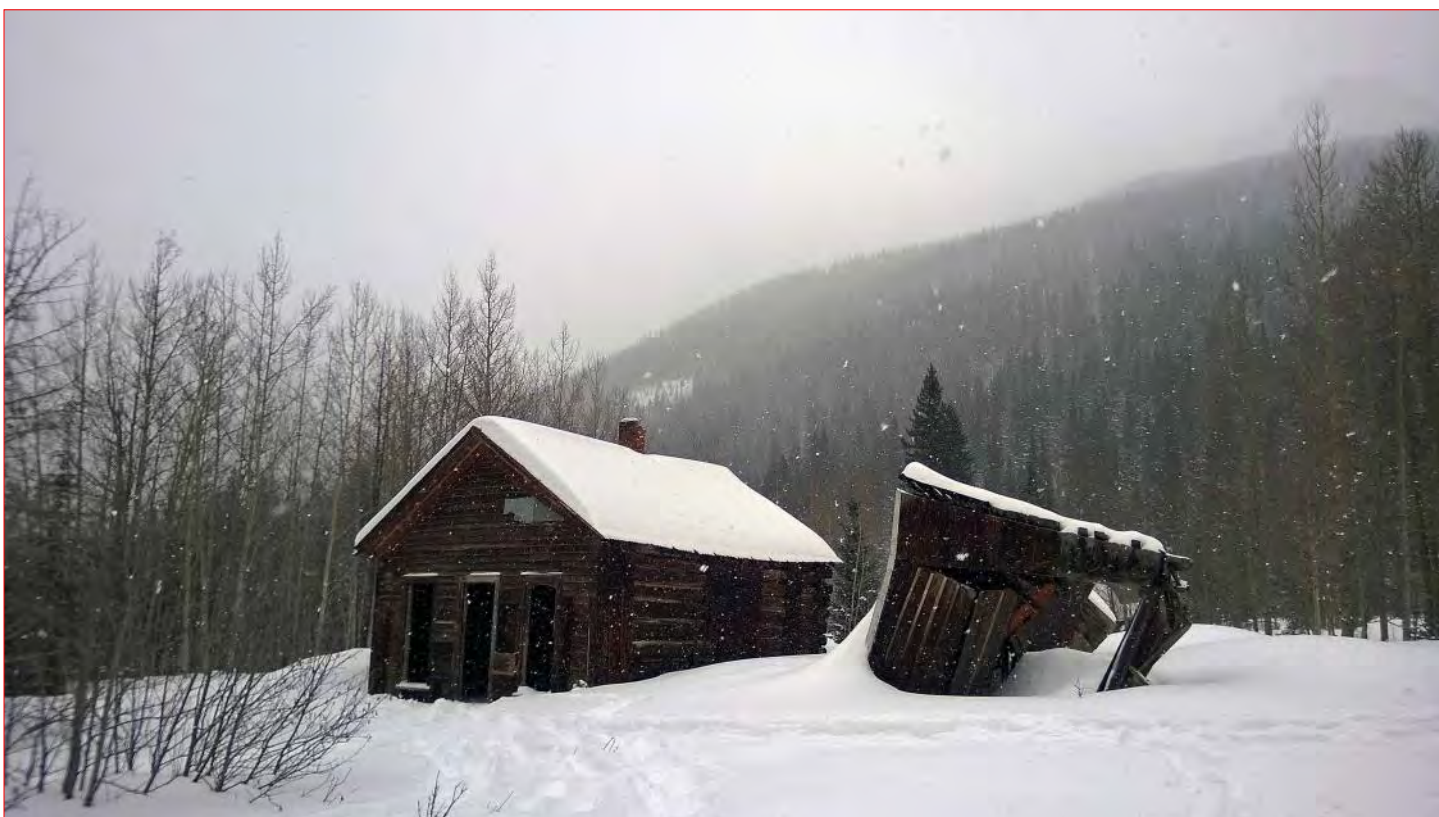
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A log cabin engulfed in snowflakes on Red Mountain.



THE STARS HAVE ALIGNED...FOR BUSINESS SELLERS, BUYERS & LENDERS! *Federal Relief Expected to Re-Ignite Urgency and Demand*

The CARES Act Debt Relief Program, which allows business buyers to take advantage of an SBA loan, has been extended under the Consolidated Appropriations Act. Keep reading to learn why this extension is great news for entrepreneurs looking to buy or sell a business.

Prospective buyers have even more leverage with an SBA loan:

- ★ **6 months of SBA loan payment forgiveness** for loans closed after February 1, 2021. This includes principal and interest up to a maximum of \$9,000 per month.
- ★ **The SBA is waiving the guaranty fee charged to lenders** and passed on to borrowers. This fee is typically around 3% and is now zero for loans closed after February 1, 2021.
- ★ **The SBA is increasing the loan guarantee to lenders** from 75% to 90%, which decreases risk to lenders. Along with new wording allowing lenders to adjust for temporary COVID-19 downturns, lenders should be able to take on additional risk. It is important to note the minimum buyer down payment of 10% remains unchanged.

Business owners considering selling their business benefit from the current market conditions:

- ★ **There are many more buyers than sellers.** Buyer activity is at record levels, according to BizBuySell's Insight Report, while supply is limited. With this dynamic, businesses are selling at record prices, exceeding pre-pandemic levels.
- ★ **SBA-financed buyers are able to take advantage** of significant benefits and are likely to outbid cash buyers seeking discounted prices.
- ★ **Further guidance** for PPP loan forgiveness and tax reporting has been released so the seller does not need to worry about a PPP loan liability. The loan forgiveness process for first draw and second draw PPP loans less than \$150,000 is greatly simplified and provides full tax deductibility of business expenses on forgiven PPP loans.

In addition to the benefits for business buyers and sellers, the stars have also aligned for SBA lenders!

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