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## BOARD OF EDUCATION HEARS ASBESTOS ABATEMENT UPDATE; FINAL QUALIFIED REQUEST FOR 1986 RETIREMENT BONUS PROGRAM

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-The Montrose County School District RE-1J Board of Education met for a regular work session at district offices on Tuesday, Feb. 23. All directors were present except for District D Director Shawn Carroll.

### NEW BUSINESS

A long-term milestone was reached when the Board of Education voted to approve the retirement bonus request of a career educator. The resolution states, "Be it resolved that the Board of Education of Montrose County School District RE-1J hereby establishes an addition to the cash reserve pledged irrevocably and held for payment in future fiscal years of retirement bonuses in

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Superintendent Carrie Stephenson listens as Property Services Manager Philip Bailey and Safety and Security Director James Pavlich discuss asbestos remediation.

## YURT CO PRESENTS EXPANSION PROJECT; CITY TO CONSIDER LIQUOR LICENSE FOR 'THE RUSTY PUTTER'



An expansion proposal before Montrose City Council Monday on behalf of Colorado Yurt Company states that the plan would add 37 to 60+ employees in three years, increasing the average salary of employees from approximately \$39,638 to \$50,000 by 2023. The company would move from its current location at Water Avenue and South Fourth Street, above, to the Colorado Outdoors Project.

Mirror staff report

MONTROSE-The Montrose City Council will hold a virtual work session at 10 a.m. on March 1 and a virtual regular city council meeting at 6 p.m. on March 2.

### WORK SESSION

The work session agenda states, "Due to the COVID-19 emergency, this meeting will be held electronically via Zoom and can be accessed at: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_sGuCBUSXTI6SBXS5FW1NiQ...](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_sGuCBUSXTI6SBXS5FW1NiQ...) This meeting can also be viewed live on the City of Montrose website, [www.cityofmontrose.org](http://www.cityofmontrose.org), on Channel 191, and on Channel 970."

### Discussion Items include:

Montrose Recreation District Comprehensive Master and Strategic Plan Partnership Request. Partnership Request is for \$30,000 and active City representation in the process;  
Business Development Presentation - Colorado Yurt Company

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### CITY OF MONTROSE PARKS DEPT. TO BEGIN MEDIAN WORK MARCH 1

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE — The City of Montrose Parks Division will begin work on two South Townsend Avenue medians on the southern edge of town, aimed at reducing the city's water usage on the medians. Motorists are urged to use caution when traveling through the area when work begins on March 1.

The sod on both medians will be replaced with cobble rock and a tree drip irrigation system. This project, when completed, will substantially reduce potable water usage and maintenance of the medians. During construction, one lane will be closed on South Townsend Avenue, Monday through Thursday, starting March 1. The lane closure is expected to last till March 26.

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### REGION 10 CLS HOSTS NAMI SUPPORT GROUP FOR FAMILY MEMBERS OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH A MENTAL ILLNESS

#### Mirror staff report

MONTROSE-For the families and loved ones of people living with a mental illness, coping with the symptoms and issues brought on by the disease can be tough. Talking about mental illness and finding support has never been easy. On March 17, the National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI) will host a local support group based in Montrose. The group will empower people to share their feelings with others who have dealt with similar challenges, organizer Eva Veitch of Region 10 Community Living Services said. "We're not meant to get through difficult stuff alone," Veitch said. "We all know someone who is dealing with some kind of mental health issue." Whether an illness is diagnosed or undiagnosed, "We tend not to talk about it; if we do, people often seem to be uncomfortable," she said.

The new group will facilitate conversations. "It's really designed to support family members," Veitch said. "It's not to rehash things, or to 'fix' loved ones; hopefully, it will help with healing.

"We all know someone who is dealing with some kind of mental health issue," Veitch said. "We have to make it safe to talk so we can overcome the stigma. Talking about what you feel and what you are going through is a way to support one another." One goal of the group is to help families feel that they are not alone, she said. "All of us collectively can help everybody leave with some coping skills."



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The group is held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of each Month at the Pic Place.

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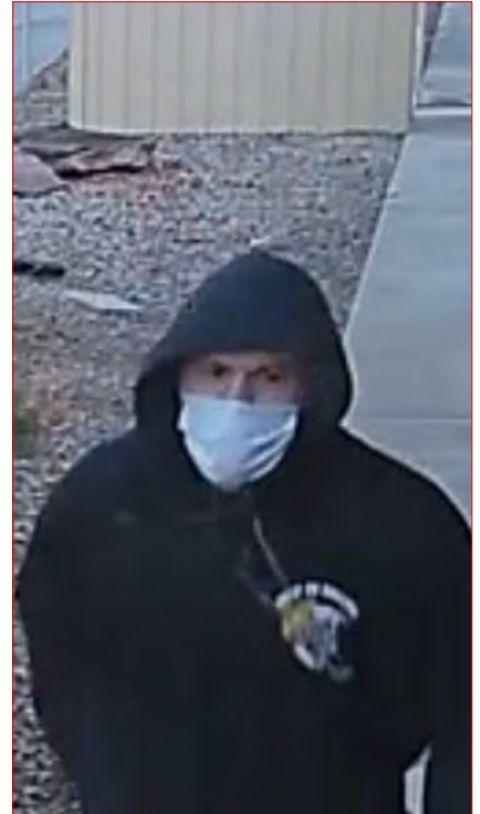
## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### MONTROSE REGIONAL CRIME STOPPERS ALERT

#### Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers

MONTROSE-The Montrose Police Department and Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers are seeking the help of community members to identify and locate the involved person(s) involved in a Felony Assault on a juvenile that occurred on Feb. 13, 2021 at approx. 4:23 pm in the 1100 block of South Cascade Ave.

The mother of the Victim, a 14-year-old middle schooler, called to report the assault on her child by an unknown male. V opened door to three unknown males. After a brief verbal exchange, one male punched the V in the face, causing bleeding inside the mouth, knocking back the V's top row of teeth and causing serious bodily injury. The three males then left



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the location. A photo of one of the male subjects is attached.

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## COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

### CONSUMER ADVISORY: INSURANCE TIPS ON BURST PIPES CLAIMS *Cold weather will continue to impact Colorado homeowners and renters*

*Special to the Mirror*

DENVER - Colorado has experienced some frigid temperatures recently, and another snowstorm has blanketed many parts of the state. And as Coloradans, we know to expect still more snow and cold as we head into the spring.

With cold weather comes the common problem of frozen and burst pipes. If people experienced this during the last cold snap, they're probably already working with their insurance companies. Others could be dealing with this issue now, or even in the coming weeks. Because of this, the Colorado Division of Insurance

(DOI), part of the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA), offers some general tips about homeowners and renters' insurance when submitting claims in these situations.

Burst pipes - and resulting water damage to the property (such as flooring or cabinets) and the contents of your home - generally are covered under homeowners and renters' insurance policies.

If you can't live in your home because of the water damage from burst pipes - in insurance-speak, your home is uninhabitable as a result of a covered loss - then Additional Living Expenses (ALE) could be

claimed on your homeowners / renters' insurance to cover the additional costs associated with staying in a hotel or other residence. If this happens, be sure to keep receipts and other records.

The problems Texas suffered are still very much in the news, so know that if there is an extended power outage due to ice storms or other weather, you may be able to make a claim for food spoilage, and if the home becomes uninhabitable, maybe ALE.

The Division often sees claims get delayed or become problematic when the homeowner or renter neglects to include an inventory of damaged property when submitting the claim. It's important to provide all the information as soon as possible so that the claim can be processed quickly. Providing information in bits and pieces will slow things down.

Homeowners and renters should contact their insurance company as soon as possible after the damaging event occurs. While you need to mitigate any further damage, you should get additional instructions from the company before making any repairs.

One more word of caution, but that is not related to insurance and claims, but is about safety. With some of the deep snow seen recently, and which can be common throughout Colorado, it's important to recognize that the vents of your house can get blocked, trapping gases like carbon monoxide inside. After a big storm, make sure the snow (and anything else) is not blocking the outside vents or stacks for your stove, dryer, furnace and fireplace. Colorado consumers should contact the Division of Insurance if they're having trouble with their claims moving forward, are concerned about the information they are receiving from their company, a poor level of customer service or are experiencing any kind of problems or delays with their claims. In these cases, it's time to ask questions, and maybe even file a complaint. Contact the Consumer Services Team of the Colorado Division of Insurance at 303-894-7490 / 800-930-3745 / [DORA\\_Insurance@state.co.us](mailto:DORA_Insurance@state.co.us)

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## COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

### SELECTION OF FINAL COLORADO INDEPENDENT CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING COMMISSIONERS

#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE—The applicant review panel of retired judges will announce their final six commissioner selections for the Colorado Independent Congressional Redistricting Commission at a brief virtual hearing on Monday, March 1, 2021, at 2:00 PM. The meeting will be available to watch or listen to online. Public viewing will also be available in Hearing Room B in the Legislative Services Building, 200 E. 14th Ave in Denver.

The judges have reviewed four lists of ten finalists submitted by the Majority and Minority Leaders of the State Senate and State House of Representatives and will select one commissioner from each list. They will also select two commissioners from the pool of qualified unaffiliated applicants.

The first six commissioners, previously announced, were selected by random drawing:

Jolie Brawner (U, Denver), CD-1;

Paula Espinoza (D, Roxborough Park), CD-4;

Bill Leone (R, Westminster), CD-7;

Danny Moore (R, Centennial), CD-6;

Lori Schell (U, Durango), CD-3; and

Lisa Wilkes (D, Colorado Springs), CD-5.

The full 12-member commission will be made up of 4 Democrats, 4 Republicans, and 4 unaffiliated voters and must have at least one member, and not more than two members, from each of Colorado's seven congressional districts.

### TRAILHEAD PARKING AREA TO CLOSE FOR CONSTRUCTION

#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE— Contractors will be temporarily closing the gravel trailhead parking area at the western end of Tributary Street starting this week. The closure is expected to last into fall 2021.

This closure is needed to extend utilities required for new commercial construction in the area. A detour route for pedestrians will be established around the work area and parking remains open at the nearby North 9th Street Trailhead.

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## OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

### BURY THE RUSTY PUTTER, AND THE LIQUOR LICENSE THAT GOES WITH IT

Editor:

At a time when so many are hurting, are we to build a larger governmental empire with tax payer dollars and liability to boot? "Rusty Putter" is a great name. Old. Used. Unpolished. Perfect description. Bad idea. More debt. Check the deficit in this year's budget.

Our city government is now competing with local restaurants and entrepreneurs in an industry that has been slammed by Covid? Track records of previous efforts at the city golf course are littered with economic failure. If the most successful operator walked away, why on earth would our city consider tax dollars running through the same bottomless gutter?

Our city has no business being in the restaurant and bar business. What's next? Free lunch on the patio tables and sitting rocks blocking South 1st Street?

Kind of reminds me of our past Chamber selling hot dogs bought at Kroger to raise money. Didn't support local businesses, though the dues collected from members were based on just that notion!

Bury the Rusty Putter, and the liquor license that goes with it. Check out the council meeting agenda this week for approval. I believe our city has higher priorities and greater responsibilities to our community with taxpayer dollars.

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### MONTROSE REGIONAL CRIME STOPPERS ALERT

#### Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers

MONTROSE-The Montrose Police Department and Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers are seeking the help of community members to identify and locate the person involved in a Felony Burglary case that occurred on September 23, 2020 at Co. West Tool Sport & Pawn, 517 E. Main St.



On 9/23/2020, an unknown figure threw two large river rocks at front entrance shattering front window of Colorado West Tool Sport and Pawn, upon entry into store moved to the gun case at back of store where figure proceeded to break the glass with his/her right fist and take several firearms. Duration of burglary less than 15 seconds. Three firearms all handguns stolen – Smith and Wesson Shield 9mm [\$495]; Smith & Wesson M&P semiautomatic [\$499] and Para Ordinance C7 .45 caliber [\$550]. Suspect wearing dark jeans, a royal blue hoodie, black rain poncho, tan or grey hiking shoes and a multi-colored drawstring-style backpack. The suspect was wearing a pair of hiking shoes, possibly Columbia brand. Suspect potentially injured himself/herself on the broken glass during this burglary. Photos of the involved person is on the second page of this Alert.

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## OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

### MR. BELL IS REPRESENTING THE DEVELOPER INSTEAD OF RESIDENTS

To the Montrose City Council.

I would like to respond to the recent article from our City Manager, Bill Bell.

Mr. Bell incorrectly stated that there was a "misinformation campaign designed to create chaos based on fear and speculation" That is simply false. The community residents who have raised legitimate concerns about this project, consistently have focused on the size, density, adherence to the city's own Comprehensive Plan, impact on traffic, and use of tax payer money to subsidize this project, to name a few. These are facts, not misinformation.

Mr. Bell further says the potential buyers of property should review existing zoning to understand potential development. Well, if I am not mistaken, many buyers rely on the city's Comprehensive Plan for development which defines the vision

of development and creates a picture of what residents can expect. The HUB project does NOT follow the city's Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Bell rightfully says that growth is coming, and we need to manage that growth. Absolutely agree. And one of the keys to managing growth, is to have a Comprehensive Plan which in fact we have. So let's follow it.

Mr. Bell also states that property owners have the right to "maximize the use of his or her property". I would note that when Spruce Point was approved, the city imposed density restrictions much greater than what is currently proposed for the HUB. That seems that, that the city's historical actions are in conflict with Mr. Bell's position.

Mr. Bell seems to suggest that land use


issues can be divisive within a community. While that may be true in some situations, that is not the case with the HUB project. What I have observed from all the letters as well as hours of comments being made in the Planning Committee's hearings, is a near united voice opposing this project. I do not see divisiveness between residents, but instead between the concerned residents and the developer and city staff.

The last I knew, Mr. Bell is hired by the City Council, whose members are elected by Montrose residents.


Thus I would think the city manager has some obligation to listen to Montrose residents. It appears that Mr. Bell is representing the developer, instead of the residents.

Thank you.

Mike Weber, Montrose



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### GMUG WELCOMES FAMILIAR FACE AS NEW STAFF OFFICER

*Special to the Mirror*

DELTA- The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests welcome the recent arrival of Tammy Randall-Parker as the new Public Services Staff Officer.

Tammy joins the GMUG from the Inyo National Forest where she served as the Forest Supervisor for two years.

"I am extremely excited to be returning to the Western Slope and even more excited to be rejoining the GMUG. I really missed the mountains and the great people that call the Western Slope their home" said Randall-Parker.

Randall-Parker previously worked for the GMUG for 13 years as the Ouray District

Ranger and was instrumental in a variety of major projects including the Uncompahgre Collaborative Forest Restoration Project, sale of the Ice Park to the City of Ouray, balancing rangeland issues in the San Juan Mountains to protect bighorn sheep habitat and mentoring over 30 students from Montrose High School through the Forestry Intern Program.

"We are very excited to have Tammy join the GMUG team again. Tammy's collaborative mindset and emphasis on partnerships is vital to her new role and her enthusiastic personality and collaborative nature will be a great addition to GMUG's leadership" said Chad Stewart, GMUG Forest Supervisor.



*Tammy Randall-Parker. Courtesy photo.*



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### CSP TROOPER TIPS: REGISTRATION, DRIVER'S LICENSES, AND INSURANCE

*By Master Trooper Gary Cutler*

Ask a Trooper about how to drive safer on the roadway and you better take seat because it could be a while before the Trooper finishes. I have plenty to say about driving, the hardest part is picking a single topic among the myriad number of laws to talk about. But, if you are interested in more, try out the Colorado State Patrol YouTube channel and watch our podcast on driving in Colorado. We go more in-depth on a lot of the topics I hit on each month and have a little fun with it as well. With that said, let's hit on being up to date on your driver's license, vehicle plates, and insurance. Last year the pandemic put a crimp in our ability to continue our lives the way we used to. One of those items that we lost control of is our vehicles.

When the Department of Motor Vehicles, and county buildings shut down around the state, it put the world of driving in chaos. Law enforcement took notice and backed off stopping vehicles for expired

registration and driver's licenses. That was then, and this is now. There seems to be two elements happening now. One is people that are not sure if they can get their registration and licenses renewed and the other is a group that is trying to manipulate the system. Law enforcement is now enforcing things that have expired.

A lot of renewals can be and are being handled over the internet. This is allowing drivers to get registered so they can be legal. We know the system is still backed up and sometimes a little slow. If you can't get it done over the internet and are required to go in person it could take a little time to get your appointment. To solve the problem of being ticketed for expired items, make sure you print out your appointment date and time. That shows you are doing your due diligence when it comes to trying to stay within the law.

When it comes to insurance, make sure you have an updated card in your vehicle.

It is a law that you need to be able to present proof of insurance to law enforcement when requested. This can be either a printed piece of paper or a digital copy from your insurance company. If you do have it on your phone please make sure you can access it in a reasonable amount of time. Law enforcement can't wait forever for you to find the information and if it takes too long they may write the ticket for no proof of insurance.

So, there's a few tips on keeping your vehicle information up to date so you won't be surprised with a ticket.

As always, safe travels!



**Master Trooper Gary Cutler.** Courtesy photo.

## OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

### CONCERNS OVER CITY MANAGER'S ADVOCACY OF HUB PROJECT

**Editor:**

Based on statements made by the City Manager, Mr. Bell, in his Letter to Editor of the Montrose Daily Press on 17 Feb 2021, I am concerned about the ability of the City Council to make fair and unbiased judgement on the approval/disapproval of the HUB Project. I find it difficult to conceive that the Members of the City Council would condone, let alone publish, such an article in the press. An article that accuses our Cobble Creek and Spruce Point residents of lying and trying to sabotage the HUB Project.

In essence, Mr. Bell is acting as an advocate, cheerleader, judge, and juror in this process. The letter reflects the City Manager's anger and frustration with getting this project approved without changes. How can the residents of Montrose trust the City to make important decisions on developments and planning of Montrose's future, if they use such tactics to get their way?

Mr. Bell should state what "lies" he sees promulgated by our community. People have different opinions, study results can

be disputed, facts can be misunderstood, trust can be lost based on previous actions by the contractor and city. But these differences are not lies.

One key difference in opinion is that the City Manager states that "a developer has the right to maximize his investment and profit," (no matter what the impacts on the surrounding community?) If so, the contractor could build shoddy, unattractive, even dangerous structures to lower his costs and increase profit. He has asked for variances from the standard R3-A Multi-Resident development rules and standards. As such, the project is subject to review and approval.

There are no statements in the governing documents or goals of the City Master Plan that imply that the developer has a right to maximize his profit and investment. Where does the City Manager find such justification?

Lastly, there is a misunderstanding about whether this project is low-cost housing. Clearly now it is not. But initially labeling the project using the phrase "1890 Homestead Act", confused people as to

the intent and type of development.

The City Manager suggests that people should check the surrounding area zoning before purchasing homes. When most people bought homes in the area, this land was zoned agricultural. Then rezoned to R-3A Multi Resident. The contractor stated at that time it "would not be practical to build apartments on this property", so people went along with this change.

Now he claims it is practical and plans to make a large profit on HUB. This tactic is sometimes called "Bait & Switch" which gave residents false security. This situation is not a lack of residents checking out zoning but reflects tactics by a developer to mislead the public. Make no mistake about the developer's original intent. If I were the City Council, I would ask Mr. Bell to recuse himself from any discussions and decisions about the HUB project – at a minimum. And consider asking for his resignation given his lack of judgement in publishing such statements and showing such bias.

*Donald Peterson, Montrose*



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# ***YURT CO PRESENTS EXPANSION PROJECT*** From pg 1

*Yurt Company Headquarters Expansion Project.* The proposal states that the project would add 37 employees to 60+ employees in three years, increasing the average salary of employees from approximately \$39,638 to \$50,000 by 2023. Potential incentives include:-Estimated City of Montrose Building Permit Fee Waivers \$105,000 (City Manager Approved); Estimated "Made in Montrose, Colorado" Marketing Assistance \$30,000 over three years (Office of Business & Tourism); Estimated Water and Sewer Connection Fee Abatements \$29,065 (Pending City Council Approval); Estimated Horizontal Infrastructure/Non-Building Site Improvements approximately \$918,935 (TIF Anticipatory Borrowing to be repaid to MURA and City through property taxes generated by the project).

*Award of a contract to Ridgway Valley Enterprises in the amount of \$89,062.60 for construction of the North 9th Sidewalk Extension Project.*

*Award of a contract for construction to Kuboske Construction in the amount of \$106,726 for the La Raza Sports Court Project Contract Award;*

*Stover Minor Subdivision Right of Way Vacation Ordinance; and Appointment of Alternate Planning Commission Member.*

## **Upcoming:**

Items scheduled for upcoming city meetings and work sessions include:

- March 15-Special Meeting/Executive Session - City Manager and City Attorney Evaluations

- March 16-RDMJK Woodgate Project Replat; Planning Commission Appointment –

- April 6-Selection of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem; New Tavern Liquor License Application - Wild Horse Wine & Whiskey LLC
- April 20-Arbor Day Proclamation.

## **REGULAR MEETING**

Council will issue a proclamation in support of **Volunteers of America Day.**

**New hotel and restaurant liquor license-City of Montrose-The Rusty Putter-**

Council will consider approving a new Hotel and Restaurant liquor license with options premises at 1350 Birch Street for The City of Montrose - A Municipal Corporation, doing business as The Rusty Putter,



*City Public Works Crews moved a section of pipe down a west side street Friday afternoon.*

for consumption on the licensed premises.

**Ordinance 2527 on first reading**-Council will consider approving an Ordinance granting and authorizing the conveyance of an interest in City-owned real estate pursuant to §1-9-2 of the Official Code of the City of Montrose (Woodgate Road Realignment).

**Ordinance 2528 on first reading**-Council will consider approving an ordinance amending the zoning district designation of Lot 1 of the RDMJK Woodgate Property Rezone Map from "B-2", Highway Commercial District, "R-2", Low Density District, and "R-1b", Small Estate District to "B-3", General Commercial District; and Lots 2 and 3 of the RDMJK Woodgate Property Rezone Map from "R-2", Low Density District and "R-1B", Small Estate District to "B-2", Highway Commercial District.

**Colorado Outdoors Amended Planned Development No. 2** – Council will consider approving the Colorado Outdoors Amended Planned Development No. 2 - preliminary planned development plat and the Colorado Outdoors Amended Planned Development No. 2 - final planned development plat.

**Basecamp Development**-Basecamp Preliminary Planned Development- Council will consider approving the Basecamp Preliminary Planned Development; Basecamp Final Planned Development; and Basecamp Preliminary Plat.

**Resolution 2021-02, Resolution 2021-03**

**Resolution 2021-04**-Council will consider approving Resolution 2021-02, setting April 6, 2021 as the hearing date for the annexation of the Valley Ranch Addition North; Resolution 2021-03, setting April 6, 2021 as the hearing date for the annexation of the Valley Ranch Addition South; and Resolution 2021-04, setting April 6, 2021 as the hearing date for the annexation of the Highway 50 Addition.

**Construction Authorization for Montrose Public Safety Project**-Council will consider approving \$16,212,884 to be used for the construction of the Montrose Public Safety Complex.

**South First Street Vacation**-Council will consider approving Ordinance 2529 on first reading, vacating a right-of-way deemed surplus for the Public Safety Complex.

**Contract Amendment Authorization**- Council will consider approving an amendment to a contract with Huddleston-Berry Engineering and Testing to add Construction Material Testing for the Montrose Public Safety Complex for the not to exceed amount of \$205,950.

**Equipment purchase**-Council will consider approving the purchase of one Vögele asphalt paving machine from Honnen Equipment for the total purchase price of \$169,924.

Following staff reports, council will adjourn.

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## BOARD OF EDUCATION HEARS ASBESTOS ABATEMENT UPDATE

### From pg 1

the amount of \$20,963.95 for Donna Brummitt whose retirement bonus is approved this 23rd day of February, 2021."

Brummitt most recently taught first grade at Pomona Elementary.

**Background**-In October of 2001, then RE-1J Chief Financial Officer Charlie Peterson shared information on the retirement bonus program with this reporter for the Montrose Daily Press. Implemented in 1985, the retirement bonus program allotted qualified retirees a bonus equivalent to their final year's salary.

The original master contract for 1985 marks the year the plan was first set up; by 1992, the District had imposed a retroactive deadline to qualify, restricting those eligible for the bonus. Eligibility was limited to certified district employees, such as teachers and administrators, who were hired by the district prior to May 1, 1986. The district's classified employees were eligible for the retirement bonus if they were hired before May 1, 1987, Peterson said.

Peterson said that the program was originally set up to give RE-1J employees an incentive to retire early so the district could hire younger teachers at lower salaries, but "it hasn't worked out that way...it is a real skeleton in the closet."

Following Brummitt's retirement effective May 26, not one qualified, certified employee remains with the district, according to RE-1J Finance Director Emily Imus, and the 1986 retirement bonus program has been laid to rest in 2021.

Board Vice President Sarah Fishing presented revised Board Policies DJE and

GBEB and new Board Policy GBI for approval; the Board of Education voted to approve.

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS

##### OMHS/CTMS update

Director of Property Services Philip Bailey and Director of Safety and Security James Pavlich presented an overview and answered questions about efforts to remove the asbestos recently found at Olathe Middle/High School and Centennial Middle School. Pavlich presented a four-phase approach to mitigation; the district is presently in Phase two, preparing for abatement. Technology and education materials have been moved from affected areas with the help of teachers.

A Request for Proposals for abatement services has been released to qualified contractors, he said. "We hope to have selected a contractor by the end of next week." Work is expected to start March 8. Pavlich said he has been working with legal and insurance. "This is an ongoing process, there's a lot to be discovered."

Phase Three will involve the actual clean-up efforts. Phase Four represents a return to normalcy, with reoccupation of the educational space, 100 percent in person instruction, and efforts to recoup the cost of abatement, he said.

Board of Education President Gayle Johnson asked what the cost of abatement would be.

Bailey said that there is no way to know the cost up front. "I put in a call to Phil Motley," he said.

RE-1J Superintendent Carrie Stephenson said that a return to 100-percent in-

person learning remains her top priority. She planned to walk through Centennial to find out what space is available. "We're trying to think creatively about how we bring students in for in-person learning...we are actively engaged in that conversation."

Olathe was able to clear areas and transition quickly; very few concerns were heard from parents there.

Plans will continue to be revised as the situation progresses.

Fishing asked about plans to bring more students back for in-person learning. "I appreciate that this is a really difficult situation, but I have to ask the questions that parents will want answered."

Said Pavlich, "We're all very concerned about the instructional impacts on our kids."

Fishing noted the stress of uncertainty on students and parents, "...The camel was a little broken already, and now the light at the end of the tunnel is being snatched from them."

Pavlich promised more clarity soon. "They're going to weather it."

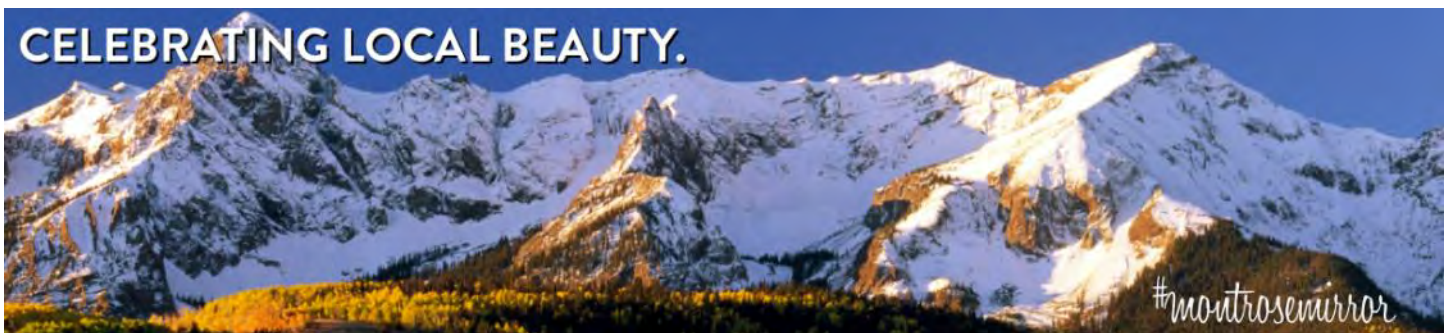
The District has been working with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) Air Quality Division. "We feel like they're working really well with us," he said.

Bailey said that the safety and security of students and staff is paramount.

Pavlich said, "We're going to do this as expeditiously as possible without shooting from the hip."

Following further discussion, the work session was adjourned.

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### RATCLIFF FEATURED AT CENTER FOR THE ARTS

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MONTROSE-Landscape and wildlife photographer Gary Ratcliff is the featured artist at the Montrose Center for the Arts March 5-31. A Ridgway resident, Gary is a hiker/backpacker photographer who ventures into the high country seeking compositions that inspire awe and our amazement with nature. There will be a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. March 5 at the Montrose Center for the Arts, 11 South Park Avenue. For more information about his work, visit his website [ourayimage.com](http://ourayimage.com)

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### MONTROSE REGIONAL CRIME STOPPERS ALERT

#### Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers

MONTROSE-The Montrose Police Department and Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers are seeking the help of community members to identify and locate the suspect(s) who committed a theft from Big Country Trailers & Toppers, 1522 North Townsend Ave.

On Dec. 7, 2020, it was reported that a customer at the business had noticed several breaker boxes missing from trailers that were for commercial sale. This led the business to check their inventory and they confirmed that these breaker boxes

were stolen and they also realized that four tires, size 205 75 R15, were also missing. It is unknown if the theft of the breaker boxes and the tires occurred on the same day or by the same suspect(s). Total loss amount is \$900. The date and manner of the theft is unknown. There are no photos for this Alert.

Anyone with information about these crimes or the identity and location of the involved parties, or any other crimes may call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 970-249-8500, use the mobile app P3 Tips, or provide information via P3tips.com.

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### SAN MIGUEL COUNTY TO MOVE TO LEVEL YELLOW MONDAY, MARCH 1

*Special to the Mirror*

SAN MIGUEL COUNTY --- Effective at 1 am MST on Friday, February 26, San Miguel County's East End has moved into Level Orange, ending the county bifurcation at this time. Thursday morning, San Miguel County Public Health received over 400 outstanding test results from last week's test clinics that were delayed due to weather. Less than 20 new known positive cases occurred from this batch of tests. These metrics, supplemented by continued, robust testing, confirm the downward case trend also seen in wastewater COVID testing. This decrease in positive cases supports the recommendation from Public Health and the Board of Health to further reduce COVID restrictions to Level Yellow effective at 1 am on Monday, March 1, pending state approval. Public Health has received confirmation that the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment is currently validating metrics and will confirm the county's dial status shift on Saturday evening for the change on Monday.

"Though cases are trending downward, it is important that we keep our guard up," said Public Health Director Grace Franklin. "Knowing how quickly these surges can manifest along with the reality that spring break visitation increases are expected, and more contagious variants have started to spread throughout the U.S., I urge residents and visitors to continue to rely on safety measures to sustain low numbers." Public Health will continue to test for variants in both point of care and wastewater COVID testing in order to ensure a quick and efficient response should a Variant of Concern be detected. Honoring the five commitments of containment is the most effective way to protect oneself and others. These commitments include wearing a face covering, maintaining six feet of distance, washing hands frequently and staying home and getting tested when sick.

Level Yellow will go into effect at 1 am MST on Monday, March 1 for the entirety

of San Miguel County. Some major changes are as follows:

-Gatherings: Public and private gatherings are limited to no more than 10 people from no more than two households. This includes but is not limited to personal residences, private clubs and lounges, real estate home showings or open houses, lodging and other spaces.

Restaurants: 50% capacity or 50 people, whichever is fewer. Last call for food and alcohol will be 11 pm MST.

-Lodging: Per Lodging Appendix A, monthly occupancy is limited to no more than 75% for daily and monthly capacity. Occupancy is subject to restrictions for personal gatherings limiting to no more than ten people from no more than two households per lodging unit.

-Gyms & Fitness: 50 percent capacity or 50 people, whichever is fewer. Mask mandate will continue to remain in place requiring masks to be worn indoors at all

times.

For more information regarding COVID restrictions in Level Yellow, refer to the [CDPHE COVID Dial Dashboard](#).

Public Health has confirmed sixteen new positive cases of COVID-19 from test results received from February 23 through 25. Of these cases, all eight positives are from samples taken last week that were delayed due to shipping delays and complications at the testing labs due to a severe weather event. Eight are from samples taken at clinics throughout the week this week. Of these cases, twelve are confirmed as residents and all actively contagious cases are currently in isolation. As of release time today, there have been 819 total COVID cases among residents to date with 14 active cases.

To learn more about the county's wastewater data and current COVID-19 metrics, [please visit the County COVID-19 dashboard](#).



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### COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT LAUNCHES NEW ONLINE DASHBOARD FOR REPORTING SYSTEM UPGRADES AND DATA POINTS

*Special to the Mirror*

COLORADO-The Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE) unveiled its new online dashboard at [uidailydashboard.cdle.co](http://uidailydashboard.cdle.co). The dashboard will be updated daily Monday through Friday with data points including the number of claimants paid via its new MyUI+ system, the amount of benefits being paid out, call center workloads and the number of integrity holds released through [ID.me](http://ID.me). The dashboard also includes a list of ongoing and forthcoming upgrades to the system and outlines common scenarios claimants are experiencing and next steps to take. "This dashboard is a way for us to get information out to the general public quickly and on a regular basis," said Joe

Barela, Executive Director, CDLE. "We want our claimants to have easy access to the answers they are looking for, and this resource will help us achieve that. We recognize many claimants have had trouble navigating the new system and connecting with our call center to get the help they need. We hear you, and we are working around the clock to provide additional communication channels."

The new online resource also has a dedicated section for job-seekers to help them satisfy the required work-search activities while getting them connected to the tens of thousands available jobs across the state. Claimants can access the dashboard at [ColoradoUI.gov](http://ColoradoUI.gov) by clicking the daily dashboard button. Here's a highlight of

what is on the dashboard now:

Since deploying the new MyUI+ benefits system in January...

270,978 Coloradans received benefits  
\$866,836,166 in benefits were paid

Since implementing [ID.me](http://ID.me) in January...

295,836 claimants were directed to verify their identity

41,369 legitimate claimants have successfully verified their identities

\$39,796,086 has been released in benefits payments

Call Center metrics for 2/25/21...

Calls Answered: 7,055

Completed Callbacks: 1,094

Average Call Handle Time: 29 minutes

Average Call Wait Time: 1 hour 13 minutes

CDLE will also be hosting two virtual town halls next Wednesday, March 3. The first will be in English at 1 p.m., the second will be in Spanish at 3 p.m. Participants will be able to join online or by phone. Registration details are available at [ColoradoUI.gov](http://ColoradoUI.gov). The town halls will cover system optimizations, federal extended benefit programs, [ID.me](http://ID.me) and more.

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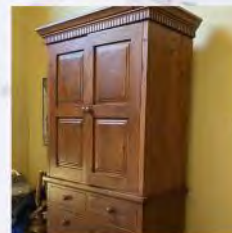
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MONTROSE - Montrose County Republican Central Committee met for its biennial meeting to elect a new 2021-23 Executive Committee. The elections were conducted mid-February with the following Republicans being elected to the Executive Committee: **Chair** - Spencer Hamner



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# DMEA TO RESUME IN-PERSON MEETINGS IN MARCH



*The Feb. 23 Delta Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) Board of Director meeting was a virtual meeting. However, beginning in March, meetings will once again be held in-person at the Montrose DMEA offices. DMEA Human Resource Director Kathy McKie (bottom left), presented the monthly Safety and Occupational Health Report. McKie said, "We brought COVID testing in-house. We have 1,000 quick tests and we can test an employee anytime with an immediate test." Photo by Gail Marvel.*

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE- The Feb. 23 Delta Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) Board of Directors meeting, a Zoom webinar, was called to order at 3 p.m.

Practicing social distancing, the board and staff participated on computers from offices and homes, where facemasks were not required.

DMEA co-op members are afforded an opportunity to speak during Member Comments, but during the meeting itself microphones of attendees who are not on the board or on staff are muted.

During the meetings the board of directors give verbal summary reports of their monthly meetings and activities; however, neither the co-op membership nor the media have access to the written reports submitted for board approval.

All board members were present. The call to order was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, the opening meeting prayer, determination of a quorum and approval

of the consent agenda (Membership Report and approval of Minutes from the January Board Meeting).

President Bill Patterson noted DMEA would return to in-person meetings beginning with the March 23 regular board meeting.

## Board Committee Items

**Finance – Audit – Rate Committee (FAR)** – Brad Harding, Chair.

Harding said, "We did not have a meeting in January or February. We have two different items Wade [Wade Pynes, CFO] will walk us through. We have a little more room to do a large deferred revenue."

Pynes said, "We thought \$3M [deferment], but we can add an additional \$2M on top of that."

Jock Fleming said, "There was \$750,000 from 2015. That becomes income that we deferred?"

Pynes said, "It's the classic joke about keeping two sets of books, there are gap accounts. Within five-years of deferring it,

the IRS has a five-year rule. Within five-years you have to recognize it. It shuffles."

Enno Heuscher said, "We lost the largest [loads] with coal [mine] and Russell Stover closing. Don't we have a new buyer for Russell Stover?"

Jasen Bronec, CEO said, "They have not closed on that building. We are not sure of the usage and have not talked about the power rate or usage. We are not forecasting that load would exist."

**Note:** Sandy Head, Executive Director for Montrose Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) confirmed the Russell Stover plant and store are currently under contract. She said, "The anticipated closing is April 26<sup>th</sup>."

In a unanimous vote the board approved \$5M in the Amendment to Deferred Revenue via a Resolution.

**Engineering – Construction – Renewable Energy Committee** – Chris Hauck, Chair.

Hauck said, "We met a few minutes ago and Amy [Executive Assistant Amy Taylor] already has the minutes out. We reflected on the overall approach to energy forecasting. It's set forth in the minutes. Strategy updates speak for themselves. We're under different market conditions with the new power supplier [Guzman]. We discussed Electric Vehicle activities. Charging stations are functioning fine. Technology is fine. There is not enough data for predicting trends. We are upgrading some of our low voltage transmission to high voltage transmission. The improvement would be paid through transmission rates. With RTO [Regional Transmission Organization] many balls are in the air. How it fits with the future, no one can predict." A press release will be put out stating DMEA's position.

The agenda called for a vote on updates to Board Policies (BP) 603, 801, 802, and 803. Patterson said, "I don't think this is major policy changes, just language." The policies were not described, nor discussed. The board voted unanimously to approve changes as revised.

**Member Relations – Energy Services Committee** – Kyle Martinez, Chair.

Martinez said, "We met on February 8<sup>th</sup>.

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# ***DMEA TO RESUME IN-PERSON MEETINGS IN MARCH***

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The annual meeting option is to have a virtual meeting. [In the past] we have \$30,000 towards meal, activities and speakers. We can donate those funds. Directors can nominate a business and funds could go to educators, or a grant program towards businesses effected by COVID. A small business grant program where businesses can nominate themselves. There would be some caveats, no one we've funded in the last three years, or that has been helped through Operation Round-Up [would be eligible]."

Virginia Harman, COO said, "This is a discussion of our meeting and will be one time, for this year only. The annual meeting gives back to the community."

Martinez said, "The board will score the applications to determine the amount a business is asking for and whether it meets with our intentions." Annual Meeting Format approved unanimously.

There are three board seats up for election in 2021. District # 5, which is currently held by Hauck; District # 2, currently held by Martinez; and District #1 currently held by Patterson. Electronic applications will be available in April and candidate forums will be held virtually.

Ballot lock-boxes for drop-off ballots will be available locally and Dalby, Wendland & Co is the recommended holding company for those ballots. Annual Meeting Ballot Holding Company approved unanimously.

The agenda called for a vote on update to BP 111, 401, 402, and 403. Harman said, "There were no substantive changes, just clean-up [language]."

Harman then noted that BP 403 did have changes as they relate to donations made to political parties. She said, "DMEA and the Elevate side consider political donations a benefit. Coffee sponsors, buying tickets to dinners. We're not talking about individual donations. We will keep donations equitable between both parties." The board discussed political parties other than the two major parties.

Bronec said, "This furthers DMEA's interest in events and facilitating events for our

membership. With broadband we have to be engaged in the [legislative] process. We work bipartisan. We are interested in furthering our goal for our members." BP 111, 401, 402, and 403 were approved unanimously as revised.

**Executive Committee** – Bill Patterson, Chair.

The agenda called for votes to update BP 103, 104, 110, 302, 303, 306, 307, and 704.

Patterson said, "On February 11<sup>th</sup> we had a three-hour Executive Committee meeting. There were extensive changes in board policies 110 and 704." Patterson chose to give a brief summation to each of the proposed updates. He said, "Number 103 is formatting changes that would allow us to approve of members. To disallow members. By their not paying their bill, they cannot be members. Number 104 eliminates Tri State language on dual membership. We still have dual membership with Western United. Number 110, mostly time frame for when budgets have to be completed. Number 302, change for employees and we are no longer printing the policy manual. They are available online." Number 303 and 306 included Safety Training and Drug and Alcohol Testing; number 307 included books and costs associated with reimbursement for employee training. Number 704 included issues of emails and privacy. All modified policy changes were approved unanimously.

**Safety and Occupational Health Report** – Kathy McKie, HR Director.

McKie said, "There were no employee injuries in January and no near misses." McKie indicated that in the future there will probably be an increase in near misses, "We are encouraging people to report on things they notice. One employee noticed a powerline resting on top of a garage, another noticed a cracked hydraulic hose." Employees have worked on certification for first aid and CPR, as well as working on a formal Return to Work Program [following sickness or injury]. McKie said, "We brought COVID testing in-house.

We have 1,000 quick tests and we can test an employee anytime with an immediate test."

**Financial Report with Variance Report** – Wade Pynes, CFO.

Pynes said, "These are the financials ending January 31<sup>st</sup>. There is a mix of good news and bad news. In the budget there is a loss of our two largest loads [Russell Stover and coal mine]. It was a positive margin month.

Pynes' report highlighted four specific areas from the written report for the directors; however, substantive information for co-op members and the public could not be gleaned from his rapid-fire verbal comments.

Pynes said, "We still have not heard on the loan forgiveness program. It was supposed to be 60-90 days and we applied in October. It sounds like we might be in for a couple more months before we hear anything."

**CEO Report** – Jasen Bronec, CEO.

Bronec said, "We can all agree the big, top story for February was the [Texas] power outage and power supply issues." Bronec gave a brief update on a recent meeting with DMEA power supplier Guzman, "We heard how they were able to handle power markets and systems over the last week. Events like in July last year and now February [this year]. We'll work towards those events not happening again."

Bronec continued, "We'll review some of our power supply on Garnet Mesa [Delta] in Executive Session." Mentioned, but not discussed were broadband bills, legislative strategies, work with FERC, and the settlement with Tri State on losses and how they get paid.

Referencing the COVID situation Bronec said, "We are considered essential work force and that counts in getting vaccines. We will be working on a return-to-work program. I don't think we will ever really get back to normal. We will allow for some remote working. Rather than expanding our facility, we can use remote working. We'll discuss the Reconnect



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Grant in Executive Session. We ordered electric hybrid bucket trucks, but it could be 12 to 18 months before we receive them in-house."

DMEA and Guzman offer significant school scholarships. The deadline for applications is March 1<sup>st</sup> and students can go to the website for online submissions.

The board recently voted to bring the tree trimming service in-house. Bronec said, "We hired a tree trimming supervisor and have a date to begin the program. There will be six employees for tree trimming service and we'll discuss it in the next meeting. That's the highlights for the CEO report."

#### **January 2021 SAIDI (Systems Average Interruption Duration Index) Report.**

Bronec said, "It's normal for the month of January."

#### **Legal Report (Non-Privileged Legal Report) - Jeff Hurd, Attorney.**

Hurd said, "Jasen [in the CEO report] keyed thigs up well. I'll defer my report to Executive Session."

#### **Representative Board Reports**

#### **WUES Report (Western United Electrical Association) – Jock Fleming.**

Damon Lockhart took Fleming's place at the January WUES meeting.

Lockhart said, "It went well. The highlight is that sales this year are phenomenal. They had a record year through December. If this were a private company, I'd be buying stock. They do a lot of stockpiling things to amp up what we have to have. What we need, when we need it. I'm impressed with what is going on with their finances. There is some backlog for manu-

facturing supplies, it can take a year."

Once again Bronec expressed concern with WUES carrying high margins. He said, "How they allocate the margins. They allocate back to employees and not to their patrons [DMEA]."

#### **CREA Report (Colorado Rural Electric Association) – Damon Lockhart.**

Lockhart discussed the Jan. 29 meeting which dealt with national issues; i.e., Keystone Pipe Line, Paris Climate Agreement, and the Biden Administration.

Lockhart said, "It was mostly announcement type of things. I've forwarded info to you. Their March meeting will be virtual." The next regular board meeting, which will be an in-person meeting, will be held on March 23, 2021 at 3 p.m.

#### **Member Comments – There were no member comments.**

#### **Executive Session**

Privileged Legal Report

Power Supply Update

Review Strategy Updates

Review the Board Meeting Simplified Parliamentary Procedures

Although Executive Sessions are normally intended for privileged information, such as discussion on contracts and contract negotiations, no one on the board, the staff, nor counsel questioned the agenda item for reviewing Simplified Parliamentary Procedures. Prior to making a motion to move into Executive Session, Patterson stated the four Executive Session agenda items. He said, "The review of the Simplified Parliamentary Procedures...is just our simplifying Robert's Rules of Order for board meetings."

In a follow up email, Executive Assistant Amy Taylor wrote, "At 5:56 p.m., upon motion from Director Watson, seconded by Director Hauck, the board exited executive session. The board did not deviate from the executive session topics stated prior to entering into executive session. Upon motion from Director Harding, seconded by Director Hauck, the board unanimously approved the strategy plan updates as presented. General Counsel Hurd briefly reviewed the updates to the simplified parliamentary procedures that are used to govern DMEA board meetings, noting this did not need to be addressed during executive session as it was not privileged. Upon motion from Director Harding, seconded by Director Fleming, the board unanimously approved the updated simplified parliamentary procedures. The meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m."

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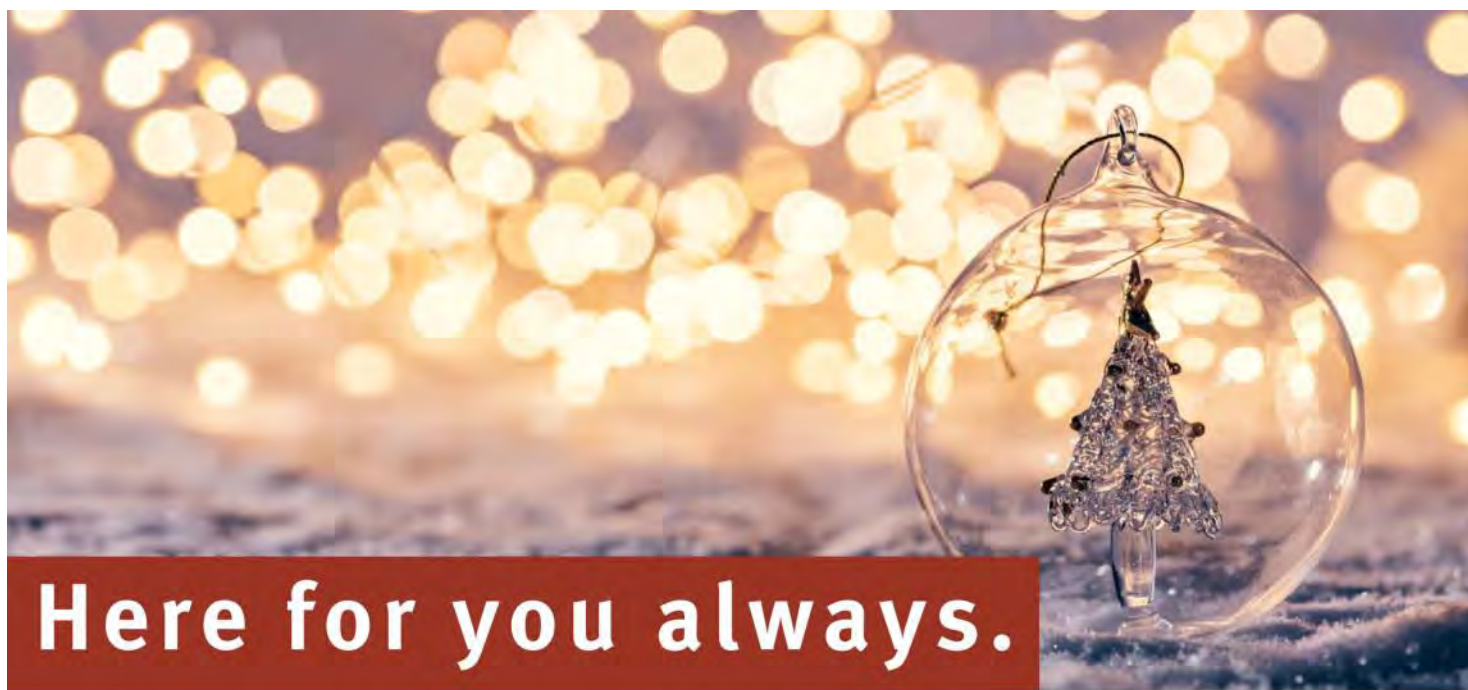
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## COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

### RAYMOND ALBERT MARKEY

*June 14, 1949-February 19, 2021*

**RAYMOND ALBERT MARKEY** died of natural causes at his home in Ouray, Colorado on February 19, 2021.

Ray was born to Arthur Markey and Inez (Kauffman) Markey on June 14, 1949 in Montrose, Colorado. He grew up and attended school, (K-12) in Ouray, graduating from Ouray High School in May of 1967. With the exception of a short time in Montrose, Ray lived his entire life in Ouray.

Ray enjoyed life. He was one of those people who could get along with anyone, and fit into any group in which he joined. In high school he was an outstanding athlete and played on the Ouray High School baseball and basketball teams. In 1966, he was voted by his peers to be "Most Athletic" and was honored as such in his senior class annual. He graduated from Ouray High School in 1967 and had the distinct honor of perfect attendance. His high school friends, to this day, will recall Ray and his old green pickup that was often one of the few vehicles among those friends that was in running condition.

In May of 1968, Ray joined the United States Army. He often joked that, when he joined he was asked to list his interests. He said he wrote down "mechanics," hoping to be assigned to a motor pool job, but they could not read his writing and he ended up in "medics." Regardless, he proudly served his country. He served in Germany and was awarded the Good Conduct Medal and the National Defense Medal. He achieved sharpshooter status and received a coveted Good Driver's Award.

Ray attended Western State College prior to joining the army in 1970. He

worked for Kennametal Mining Supply Co. for several years. His job took him throughout the country to mining towns not unlike the one he grew up in. He developed many friends and acquaintances while selling the latest in mining equipment. He competed as a Ouray member in the Highgrader's Mining Competition for more than 20 years.

Ray's love of sports did not leave him when he left high school. He and best friend Ken Charles coached several Little League baseball teams from 1971 to 1975. He often paid for equipment from his own pocket and provided more than one young player with a new glove. He was tireless in obtaining sponsors so his players could have jersey shirts.

He was also an avid bowler, which came naturally considering his very first job was setting pins at the Elks Lodge bowling alleys. He became a member of the Ouray Elks Lodge #492 in March of 1977 and remained a loyal member until his death.

Ray served as a member of the Ouray Volunteer Fire Department for more than 30 years and helped with the Fourth of July Celebration for the majority of those years.

Ray's friends will always remember him as loving life. He enjoyed dancing, especially a good polka, which was always, as one friend described it, "really energetic, to say the least." He enjoyed the outdoors and went fishing whenever he could and was at his happiest when those trips included grandchildren. He also liked to make wine and became known around town for his lavender products, which he claimed, "cured any ailment."



Ray is survived by two sons, Raymond Markey of Denver, Colorado and Bradley MacCall of Fruita, Colorado and his two daughters, Theresa (Zech) Moffitt of Grand Junction, Colorado and Candace (Devan) Salazar of Rifle, Colorado, and his sister, Joyce George of Grand Junction, Colorado. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Zabriel and Chayton Moffitt; Austin, Shannon, James, Ian and Hollie Vaughn; Olivia Salazar, Alec, Brooklyn and Jax MacCall.

His parents and his brothers, Lawrence, Richard and Louis, preceded him in death.

Due to the COVID-19 epidemic, a small, invitation only memorial service will be held in March.

A public memorial is being planned for June 13, 2021 at the Fellin Park in Ouray.

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## COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

### PASTOR SAMUEL KING DETWILER

*January 29, 2021*

**PASTOR SAMUEL KING DETWILER**, 69, died January 29, 2021 in Grand Junction, CO after a seven-week battle with Covid 19. Samuel was the husband of Dr. Floy Ditmars Detwiler, who was his constant Christian supporter and cherished companion.

Samuel was born in Phoenixville, PA to the late Samuel S. Detwiler and Dorothy King Detwiler. He graduated from Ottawa University, Ottawa KS and University of Missouri—Kansas City with a Master's degree in Psychology. While working as a chemical dependency counselor, he felt the Lord urging him into Christian service. For the next 38 years he was a pastor at various churches throughout the US, being ordained a Church of the

Brethren and American Baptist minister. In 1999 he was led to be pastor in Wenatchee, WA at the Brethren Baptist church. After seven years he followed his calling to start Shalom Church to minister to the addicted and marginalized. The church started a drop-in day center, Power House, to minister to the homeless in Wenatchee.

He and his wife retired to Montrose, CO in Spring, 2019 to pursue their love of off-roading and camping in their beloved mountains. They attended Abundant Life Church and Samuel continued to reach out to the hurting and broken. He always showed Christian compassion for those in need.

Samuel is survived by his wife, Dr. Floy E.

Detwiler, and his sister Marth R. (Detwiler) Weed, her husband Robert H. Weed, his nephews Michael and Brian Weed and several grand nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at Abundant Life Church at a later, safer time. Crippin Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. 970-249-2121



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## COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

### ROBERT LLOYD "BOB" DIX *January 4, 1945-February 12, 2021*

**ROBERT LLOYD "BOB" DIX**, 76, from Montrose, CO went home to be with the Lord on Friday, February 12, 2021 after a tragic and hard-fought battle with COVID. He was born on January 4, 1945 in Paonia, Colorado to Robert and Alice Dix. He had one younger brother, Raymond. Bob married his high school sweetheart, Sue Charlton, on June 4, 1966, and they lived in Gunnison while Bob got his teaching degree. In 1968, they moved to Montrose and Bob started teaching science and coaching at Columbine Junior High. Soon thereafter, they had two children, Shelly and Greg. When the kids were young, almost every weekend you would find the Dix's camping, fishing and enjoying the outdoors. In 1976, Bob and Sue bought Raleigh's Paint and Wallpaper Store where they worked together side-by-side for 41 years until they retired three years ago.

Bob was a family man who above all else worked hard and sacrificed to give his family the best of himself. He was devoted to investing in his family - being present and involved with them throughout his entire life. He spent most of his free time coaching his kids in all of their sports, cheering them on from the stands, baiting their hooks, and teaching them to love the outdoors. He just simply loved helping them in any way he could. Bob loved the "Colorado life-

style". He enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping and four-wheeling with Sue and all of their lifelong friends. With Sue's passing just 8 short weeks ago, it was hard to imagine life for Bob without his best friend. They did everything together and truly were soul mates. They showed all of us what love, sacrifice, commitment and selflessness looked like as husband and wife, mom and dad, friend and neighbor. Bob's family takes great comfort knowing that the two of them were reunited and able to celebrate Valentine's Day together.

Bob always loved gardening and since retiring thoroughly enjoyed spending time in his yard growing a bountiful garden to enjoy and to share with friends and neighbors. You would be hard pressed to find a more manicured or beautiful yard than his. If you couldn't find Bob working in his yard, you'd probably find him fishing with his brother Ray, four-wheeling on the Plateau, taking long walks with Sue and on some occasions, if Sue was convincing enough, he'd be playing pickleball with "the ladies". Bob loved to go for drives with Sue, play games with friends and find any excuse to see his grandkids, Courtney and Braden whom he nicknamed "Girlfriend" and "Best Bud". He was so proud of both of them and enjoyed nothing more than to cheer them on while

they played sports and tell them how much he loved them. He also didn't mind beating them from time to time in a game of Mexican Train or Shanghai Rum. Bob always had a smile on his

face, and it was never bigger than when he was with the two of them.

Bob is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Shelly and David Brown of Richmond, Texas; his son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren, Greg, Vicky, Courtney and Braden Dix of Fort Collins; his brother Ray Dix of Montrose; and numerous nieces and nephews. Bob was preceded in death by his beloved wife Sue, and his father and mother, Robert and Alice Dix.

Celebration of life services for both Bob and Sue are tentatively planned for the weekend of June 4th, their 55th wedding anniversary when it is safe to gather again. The family appreciates all the outpouring of love and support since both Bob and Sue's passing.



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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### MONTROSE REGIONAL CRIME STOPPERS ALERT



*Crime Stoppers courtesy photos.*

**Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers**  
MONTROSE-The Montrose Police Department and Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers are seeking the help of community members to identify and locate the involved person or persons in a theft that occurred between Dec. 29 2020 and Dec. 30 2020, at Big Country Trailers and Top-



pers, 1522 North Townsend Ave. RP advised an SUV entered the business lot from 3:40 a.m. to 4:10 a.m. on 12/29/2020 with an unknown male party removing the bumper from its mounting on a display. Thief was unable to lift the bumper at the time into the SUV and left. The unknown party returned the next



morning at around 6 a.m. on 12/30/2020 with a small car dolly and completed the theft. The bumper fits a Ford truck and is valued at \$1600.

Anyone with information about these crimes or the identity and location of the involved parties, or any other crimes may call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 970-249-8500, use the mobile app P3 Tips, or provide information via P3tips.com.

Crime Stoppers want your information, not your identity. If the Tip results in an arrest, the Tipster may receive a cash award of up to \$1000. For additional information, please view our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/montroseregionalcrimestoppers](https://www.facebook.com/montroseregionalcrimestoppers). Crime prevention and crime solution are everyone's responsibility.

**MRCS would like to remind everyone that all persons of interest depicted in our Alerts by photo or not, or by any other means, are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.**

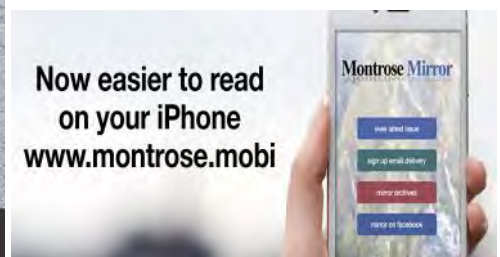
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# PILOTS OPPOSE REMOVAL OF BEACON LIGHT FOR DARK SKIES

## *Nucla considers becoming second amendment sanctuary town*



*Hopkins Field in Nucla. Courtesy photo.*

By Caitlin Switzer

NUCLA-The Montrose Board of County Commissioners met for a regular meeting at the Nucla Community Center at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 24. All commissioners were present; BOCC Chair Sue Hansen welcomed all to the meeting. "It's good to see a good crowd here in beautiful Downtown Nucla," Hansen said. "...You know we like to be in our smaller towns periodically, and with the obvious COVID-related issues we haven't been able to be, but we're glad to be able to be here today."

Delivering the invocation was Pastor David Smith of Nucla 1st Baptist Church. Smith expressed thanks, "I ask you to be a part of the discussions Lord, and that as the commissioners work together to do what is best for our county Lord that first they will seek your direction."

He prayed for the safety of all who traveled to the meeting. "We ask you to be such a part of this that there is no doubt you are present."

Nucla Mayor Richard Craig led all in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Mayor Craig addressed the BOCC. "I'm glad to see you guys!"

"We haven't seen your faces for a long time," he said. "When somebody mentioned the county commissioners, I just told 'em we didn't have any."

Craig said that a Main Street improvement project is probably on hold until water and sewer lines can be replaced on two or three blocks. The water treatment facility project will go into phase two in April, and should be done this year.

The arena is almost done; "We are working on the last building which is the bathroom," Craig said.

Nucla is looking at rewording its gun ordinance and becoming a second amendment sanctuary town, Craig said. He suggested the County take similar action.

A meeting is scheduled for March 3 with the Region 10 League for Economic Assistance & Planning, concerning "Just Transi-

tion for Impacts to Coal Communities."

Also speaking was Deb Steuber, who spoke about the beacon light at the Nucla Airport. Airport Manager Lloyd Arnold had adjusted the beacon ten degrees upon request. "Initially it was pretty much flashing all over town," she said.

"It's still shining into homes up on Third, Fourth and Fifth avenue," Steuber said, and noted that other small airports use a different style of beacon light. "We would like to have a beacon light that was remotely controlled by the pilots, which they did a lot in Arizona," she said. "...This remote control turns it on when the pilot needs it."

"We don't have too many planes that land in the night," Steuber said. "We kind of have to have it on all night every night, and there's probably only one plane in the 19 years that I've been here that I've seen land in the night. Maybe there's more, I would probably say we maybe have one or two a year."

The current beacon light is high intensity, she said. "The higher intensity ones are for like Montrose Airport...there are some options that could be available to resolve this problem."

Steuber said she is also on the Dark Skies Alliance, where many have asked about the airport beacon light.

"We've gotten quite a bit of information," she said, and offered to provide a packet of three researched options to the county. "...We appreciate your hard work, we know you've done a lot of research in that area," Hansen said.

Also speaking was Eric Berg of Norwood. Said Berg, "...I'm a private pilot based in Nucla, I have a hangar there. I personally do six to ten night landings every three months. And I should add...the nighttime utilization of that airport includes Medivac flights, wildfire suppression, and I personally do search and rescue flights also."

Search and rescue operations do not always take place in good weather, Berg said. "...Having a beacon coming in can oftentimes really make the difference...A

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## PILOTS OPPOSE REMOVAL OF BEACON LIGHT FOR DARK SKIES *From previous pg*

rotating beacon can be used as a navigational fix when you're flying over."

A rotating beacon light is a critical feature of the airport, he said.

Hansen thanked Berg for his comment. Pilot Ernest Williams spoke, he said is a part owner of two planes hangered at the airport. He said that he agreed with Berg and added that mechanics fail; a beacon cannot always be signaled to come on. "You need it come on. You need it to be there.

"When you have an emergency...it's a life saver."

Hansen said that safety is the main priority of the BOCC. Concerns will be weighed. Pilot Greg Babush of Norwood, who owns a hangar, spoke. "...As a local pilot I am benefited by those lights. They are essential."

Charles Dignan of Montrose and Telluride spoke. "I'm a pilot, professionally...I would express my agreement with these guys...part of the airport beacon is a cross country tool that is used for visual navigation...this is relied upon by pilots coast to coast...there is a huge spike in general aviation and back country aviation in the last year...this area has a gateway to the back country."

Dignan compared turning off the beacon light to turning off a lighthouse. "You don't need that extra step that is totally un-standard to our national airspace facilities, to have to turn on an airport beacon when you're trying to find an airport."

Also speaking was Jeff Stevens of Nucla/Naturita EMS. "...The airport light is a security item...the comment was made that nobody flies out of that airport at night.

"That's absolutely untrue," Stevens said.

"We fly routinely—CareFlight lands there, either fixed wing or helicopter, at night. Anywhere from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. we're

landing birds in there."

Not every aircraft that might land at night has a remote control, he said.

"In a nutshell this is a safety item versus somebody that moved here and is offended by the light coming into their room when all they have to do is close their curtains."

Said Naturita Town Board Member Carl Morgan, "I agree one hundred percent with these pilots," he said.

Also speaking was Chris Daniels, who said she signed a dark sky petition. "Still, I cannot imagine an airport of this size not having a safety feature such as that beacon."

Pilot, Airport Advisory Committee member, and Crawford Airport Owner Lynn French spoke as well. "I think the most safe thing in relation to an airport is the beacon at night...I highly recommend that you don't use a radio control.

"...I think it's very important that you always have a beacon working here," French said. "And not have any time that you don't have a beacon."

"The safety factor is pretty big," local pilot Hank Williams said, and shared a recent experience when the beacon proved essential. "I came in about six weeks ago and forgot how to activate the lights on the runway...the beacon was kind of handy for me.

"...I appreciate everybody wanting to have dark skies," Williams said. "I want to mine uranium. But that's not happening today."

Hansen closed the public comment period. "As always I want to thank you for engaging in the process...this is probably the most pilots I've seen in one room ever."

### COUNTY MANAGER

County Manager Ken Norris had no changes to the [meeting agenda](#).

### CONSENT AGENDA

[Consent Agenda items](#) were approved unanimously.

### GENERAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Public Works Director Keith Laube presented three items for approval:

-[Award purchase of one 2021 H.T.C Gravel Shoulder Machine](#) to MAC Equipment Co. of Brighton, Colorado having submitted the lowest responsible, responsive bid in the amount of \$39,954. The agenda states, "This Gravel Shoulder Machine will be an addition to the Road and Bridge heavy equipment fleet and will attach to our existing front end loaders. County crews will use the new machine to gravel shoulders on asphalt overlay roads and other roads as needed. The Gravel Shoulder Machine will be paid using estimated savings of \$174,450 that was budgeted for contracted graveling shoulders (which was not bid as part of the 2021 contracted asphalt overlay project)."

-[Award purchase of the 2021 bulk magnesium chloride](#) to GMCO Corporation of Rifle, Colorado, having submitted the lowest responsible, responsive bid in the amount of \$414,700.

-[Award purchase of three motor graders](#) to Wagner Equipment Company of Grand Junction, Colorado, having submitted the lowest responsible, responsive bid in the total amount of \$838,086 (\$279,362 each). The new motor graders will replace motor graders that have more than 9,000 engine hours and are 14 to 20 years old, the agenda states. Commissioners heard updates from the towns of Nucla and Naturita, the West End Economic Development Corporation, the West End Road & Bridge Department, the Montrose Airport, and the Dark Sky Initiative. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



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## OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

# GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE, FOR THE PEOPLE HAS FAILED IN THE CITY OF MONTROSE

*Editor:*

Moving forward together---ask the public!

In reading Bell's article "Impacts..." I cannot help but get the idea that 'his' city will do whatever the council and he wants despite and in spite of what the citizens want. In Montrose, it is Bell's way or the highway and you, the citizens and bill payers DON'T COUNT.

In spite of his diatribe about what zoning is about, it was changed to get where it is and a significant number of VOTE CASTING, TAX PAYING CITIZENS have told you and 'your' city COUNCIL that they do not want what you, the frivolous five have planned. I am afraid that in spite of all the complaints and very fair comments, you are gonna do what you wanna do and the hell with the citizenry. If the zoning was changed once it can be changed again AND I would suggest that you and the council, if you cannot entertain that thought, might just be in someone's pocket.

Just as with your blooming amphitheater you are going to do it anyway. The MDP ran a survey about citizen's desires on the amphitheater and bingo! Just the instant the results turned against the project, the survey disappeared. The last time I could find the results they were 3 to 2 against. The results vaporized and the amphitheater project is a go.

"A government of the people, by the people and for the people..." Well it sure has perished in Montrose! From the Colorado Outdoors flop, the Golf Course financial debacle, to losing Russel Stover because council and Bell fell asleep at the wheel, to a downtown being ruined by 'south of town' commercial development and to a Police Department that almost became almost totally inadequate because of Bell's inadequacy as both a city manager and a de-facto Police Commissioner.

Stover will be an eyesore for the next decade. Now there is project that could have done something positive, very positive for Montrose if the 'bobble heads' on council had done something besides shake their heads. The Golf Course is again being bailed out by tax money by installing a city owned business (instead of private) to add to its annual deficit. Only God knows what other losses can be pushed into the Golf Club loss.

And I understand that the Police Department has several new officers. Question is, just HOW MANY HAVE LEFT? Why? I'd bet MY money that the force is about even in strength with the passage of the Public Safety Sales Tax two years ago. So where is all of that Public Safety Sales Tax on our groceries going if the police force is not getting larger as it was supposed to? Don't ask the City Manager why this happened, ask the police officers affected.

On HUB the question is, why do we need it? None of the financial larks the city has undertaken have panned out so why do we need to attract more people? There is no employment here for them. People without jobs are a liability NOT AN ASSET. HUB will in no way pay for the up-front costs of roads, cops, traffic lights, schools, libraries, fire department increases. They already have been less than forthright on the number of parking spaces required and density of people (families) per acre and who knows what else.

So believe what you will from the City Manager's column. It's his way or the highway. As far as the citizens of Montrose are concerned a recall of the city council is in order and the city manager ought to be fired forthwith; from his February 17 article one could easily say, "He is not working for us!" anyway.

*Bill Bennett, Montrose*



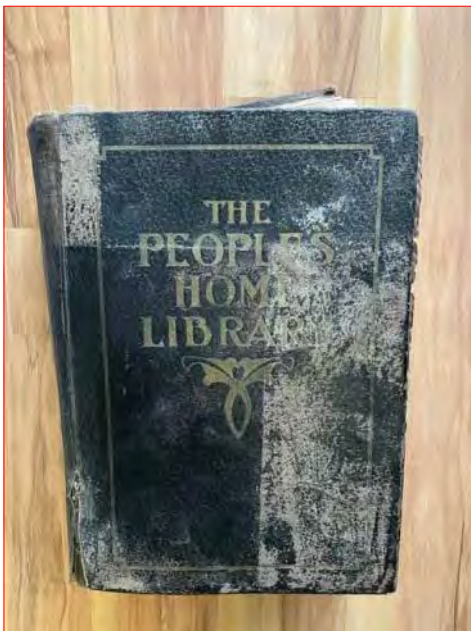
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## ART &amp; SOL

## SOME OLD RECIPES AND HOME REMEDIES



*The People's Home Library, which is part of Bob's library, is a 3 1/2-inch thick book full of information, but mostly it is just fun to read. Photo by Bob Cox.*

By Bob Cox

MONTROSE-In today's world of the Food Network, YouTube and various search engines, we can find a recipe for just about everything. With a tap on a keyboard we can even view video presentations that will hone our culinary and homeopathic skills. It becomes both entertaining and informative to look back at the

food and practices of previous centuries. Housewives and mothers often traded recipes and home remedies. They were passed down from one generation to another and sage advice, given by an older more experienced family member or neighbor was sometimes the only source of hope for a given malady.

Among the most common sources for information came from newspapers and publications in the form of bound books that were often expensive and difficult to acquire. Researching these publications is often informative and sometimes results in a sense of disbelief. Did they really do that?

During the Civil War food provided to the troops was often, not only inedible, but also often lent to severe health issues. In 1862 Captain James M. Sanderson with the U.S. Sanitary Commission wrote *Camp Fires and Camp Cooking or Culinary Hints for the Soldier*. The small book contained life-saving hygiene instructions: "Cleanliness is next to godliness, both in persons and kettles..." The small book was also a cookbook and focused on simple recipes for an army encampment. One of the staples of food for the troops was, of course, beans and Sanderson even told how to make them for breakfast: **BEANS FOR BREAKFAST.**

*The beans left from the soup of the day*

*before should be put in pans and warmed over the fire, care being taken to prevent them from scorching. In the meanwhile a few onions—say three or four— should be chopped fine and slightly fried, and then strewed over the beans, with pepper and salt, and a tablespoonful of vinegar. In this way they make a first-rate dish for breakfast or supper with bread and coffee.*

All wars caused problems with foods, not just for those doing the fighting, but for those at home trying to keep their families fed. Rationing and difficult farming scenarios meant shortages of the staples of diet. During World War I, many newspapers printed alternative uses for various ingredients. In the July 11, 1918 edition of the *Ouray Herald* a headline read, "**ADAPT YOUR PEACE-TIME RECIPES TO WAR-TIMES.**" The article suggested using fat instead of butter; rye, corn and barley flour in place of wheat flour and corn syrup instead of butter. One recipe in the article suggested that adding a cup of rolled oats and one half cup of rice flour to one half cup wheat flour would stretch the use of the wheat flour and still result in a very palatable bread.

Many newspapers had regular columns dealing with recipes and advice. Before those handy boxed cake mixes, the home baker may well have used a chocolate cake recipe like the one found in the

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Feb. 21, 1919 edition of the *Montrose Press*.

The cake would likely taste as good today as it did then. Keep in mind that the spelling and punctuation in some of the examples that follow are those of the original publications.

### **Chocolate Cake**

*Take one cupful of brown sugar, one-fourth of a cupful of shortening, one-fourth of a cupful of sour milk, one teaspoonful of soda, one teaspoonful of vanilla, one egg, one and one fourth cupfuls of flour, two squares of chocolate cut up and dissolved in a half cupful hot water, added the last thing. Bake in layer and put together with boiled frosting or orange filling, which is especially delicious with this cake.*

An article in the food and recipe section of the *Philadelphia Times* added some humor with this little tidbit:

### **Good Hearted Cabbage**

*A well-known expert in cooking encountered trouble in a suburban community the other afternoon when she prepared to lecture at the Mother's Club. Her subject was "How to Cook." She began by telling how much a man appreciates good cooking and then she proposed to give various recipes. Among the first was one for coldslaw (sic.). "To have this best," began the lecturer, "take a good-hearted cabbage and -" At this point a young matron interrupted. She was eager to get all the information possible. "Tell me please," she spoke up, "how is one to know the disposition of a cabbage."*

In the August 11, 1888 of *The Aspen Daily Chronicle* a section on cooking suggested that the practice of "larding" should not be abandoned. Here is the article:

### **Larding**

*To mention the word larding is to disconcert the average cook, and its presence in a recipe kills that recipe for most housewives. Nevertheless, larding greatly improves turkeys, chickens, cutlets, birds, etc. Cut very firm bacon fat with a sharp knife into strips of equal size. Put one end into the larding needle and draw through the skin and a little of the meat or fowl of the article to be larded, leaving the strip of*

*pork in the meat with the two exposed ends of equal length.*

Note: Larding needles can still be purchased and the procedure is still used by many chefs.

Not all recipes were for the table. The recipe section of the *Logan County Advocate* on February 16, 1889 deviated from cooking to offering a recipe for shoe polish:

### **Liquid Shoe Polish**

*The following is a German recipe: Dissolve three and a half ounces of shellac in a half pint of alcohol. Rub smooth twenty-five grains of lampblack with six drachmas of cod-liver oil, and mix. A few drops are to be applied to the leather with a sponge. A "drachma" is a Greek coin. How much cod-liver oil that is remains a mystery. Perhaps the author meant to say "dram," which actually is also a somewhat arbitrary measurement when it comes to cooking.*

*The Gunnison Tribune*, on June 7, 1901 quoted the work done by French entomologist M. Dagin, who advocated for the eating of insects. This one was probably not very well received: *Take a plump spider, remove the legs and skin, rub over with butter and swallow.*

The article did point out that Dagin really did not want people eating spiders because they were not insects and fed on animals. Still, it leaves one wondering, how do you skin a spider?

Perhaps even more important than recipes and cooking methods was the need for medicinal information.

In the July 12, 1889 issue of the *Fort Morgan Times* a seemingly positive remedy for corns appeared:

**Corns.** *One of the deadliest enemies of the chiropodist is a short and simple recipe, which soon brings relief and immunity from the exasperating agony, which is too sadly familiar. Take equal parts of carbolic acid and glycerin and paint the corn every night with a camel's hair brush, first bathing and carefully drying the feet. This treatment, if patiently continued, is a certain remedy. It also gives great relief from the soreness caused by excessive walking if the mixture is applied to the soles of the*

*feet.*

On Oct. 25, 1918 *The Montrose Press* reprinted two pneumonia remedies given to them by Mrs. George Nash. One of them was particularly interesting:

*Put from six to ten good-sized onions, chopped fine, over the fire, mix rye meal and vinegar to a stiff paste, and add to onions. Let simmer five or ten minutes. Put into cotton bags large enough to cover the chest. Have two of these bags so that they may be kept hot on the chest alternately, keeping this treatment up continuously for three hours, when the patient will have passed the crisis.*

*The People's Home Library*, which is actually three books in one, was first published in Canada in 1910. Book one is *The People's Home Medical Book*. Book two is *The People's Home Recipe Book*, and the final book is *The People's Home Stock Book*. In the medical book portion is found a particularly interesting treatment for piles (hemorrhoids). Preparing it may well find today's home chemist with more than a hemorrhoid problem. Here is the exact text:

**HEMORRHOIDS.** *For painful piles use the following prescription: Take 1/2 dram extract of opium, 5 to 8 grains of cocaine hydrochlorate, 15 grains of menthol and 1 ounce of ungt. zinc oxide. Mix and apply to the piles occasionally. This is also good for fissure and eczema.*

Perhaps an alternative is one found in the same book:

**Indian Pile Ointment.** *Take, say a teacupful of hog's lard, more or less; put into a flat tin or dish and take two bars of lead, flattened a little, and rub the lard with the flat ends and between them until it becomes black of a dark lead color. Then burn equal parts of cavendish tobacco and old shoe leather, in an iron vessel, to a charred powder and mix into the lard until it becomes a thick ointment. Use once or twice a day as an ointment for the piles. It is a never failing cure.*

Did they really do that?

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## COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

### GMUG SEEKS COMMENT ON NEW DOMINION MINE ENGINEERING EVALUATION AND COST ANALYSIS (EE/CA) *Public Comment Period: March 1 through March 30, 2021*

#### Special to Art & Sol

DELTA The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests' Norwood Ranger District is seeking public comment during the 30-day public comment period, on the EE/CA for the New Dominion Mine located approximately 700 feet northeast of the Town of Ophir, near National Forest System Road #630 (Ophir Pass Road). The GMUG is evaluating a non-time critical removal action (NTCRA) to address mine waste rock, mill tailings and mine runoff that contain concentrations of metals that may be hazardous to human health and the environ-

ment, in accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA).

The New Dominion Mine site contains remnants of former mill and load out structures, one closed dry adit, two collapsed adits from which water flows year-round, and three distinct deposits of waste rock and tailings. Runoff from the middle adit flows through and around the middle waste rock-tailings deposit. Runoff from the lower adit flows through and around the lower waste rock-tailings deposit, through adjacent beaver ponds, across Ophir Pass Road, and into the ex-

isting wetlands. The waste rock-tailings deposits associated with the upper and lower adits are located partially on the National Forest System lands and partially on Town of Ophir property.

A two-part Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) was completed in 2005 and 2006. A preliminary Analysis/Site Inspection (PA/SI) was completed in 2006. The PA/SI included sampling and chemical analyses of waste rock, tailings, surface water and sediment. The results of the ESA and PA/SI are incorporated into the EE/CA report, along with results from chemical analysis of samples collected in 2020. The objective of the EE/CA is to evaluate and select the removal action alternative that reduces the potential for exposure to acceptable levels, and to reduce the potential for contaminants to migrate or be released.

A virtual public meeting is planned to present the EE/CA report and discuss the evaluated removal action alternatives: Date and Time: March 16, 2021, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Meeting Location: Microsoft Teams Video Conference—[Click here to join the meeting](#)

The EE/CA report is available for review at: [New Dominion Mine Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis](#).

For further information, contact Curtis Cross, Forest Engineer, at (970) 874-6667, [curtis.cross@usda.gov](mailto:curtis.cross@usda.gov).

All comments regarding the EE/CA report must be received by the USDA Forest Service by March 30, 2021.

Comments may be:

Mailed to: GMUG Supervisor's Office, Attn: Curtis Cross, 2250 South Main Street, Delta, CO 81416.

Emailed to: [curtis.cross@usda.gov](mailto:curtis.cross@usda.gov).

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The Gathering is community prayer meetings held at various Montrose churches. They are held on the first Thursday each month, from 7:00-7:30 am for early risers and 5:30-6:00 pm for the rest of the world. Participants can choose either one or both. Everyone is welcome to come so please spread the word! We truly believe that our community and the Body of Christ will be blessed through praying together.

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## 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](http://www.montrosecountyjic.com)





# TENGA UN PLAN DE ATENCIÓN PARA COVID

## ¡HAGA UN PLAN, CONDADO DE MONTROSE!

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](http://www.montrosecountyjic.com)



## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

### BUILDING COMMUNITY UNITY STARTS WITH US...



*Marilyn Huseby and Siggie Carpenter.  
Courtesy photo.*

By Sieglinde "Siggie" Carpenter  
MONTROSE-As volunteer concession stand hostesses, my friend Marilyn Huseby and I observed the smiles on the audiences' faces and heard sweet comments echoing sentiments of love during the intermission of "My Funny Valentine," Magic Circle Players February's performance. This 1937 show tune sends a sweet and clear message that "each day should be Valentine's Day."

Magic Circle Players, Montrose County community theatre, billboards their 61<sup>st</sup> Season as the season "Outside the Box". Lisa Rediger's, MCP's Executive Director, shared reflectively that "*as Thanksgiving approached, and COVID cases were on the rise, we were apprehensive that we could produce "My Funny Valentine". But, we had an idea that if we featured individual acts, couples, families and people that already lived their lives together, maybe we could bring the joy of love theatre to our community.*"

Under Lisa's skillful leadership and a cast



*Magic Circle Players, "My Funny Valentine." Courtesy photo.*

ranging from the energetic talents of the youth or the sensational senior performers, "My Funny Valentine" not only brought joys of love, it exemplifies what community theatre is all about. For 61 years, Magic Circle Theatre has brought theatre entertainment from simple readers theatre to elaborate musical productions to life performed by local volunteers with "Broadway Hearts". It's a testimony that community theatre should be considered as another essential business. Memories of magical performances are countless replayed in our hearts and souls for years to come and will always bringing smiles of joy.

Applause filled the theatre when Lance Rediger announced that Disney's musical "Newsies," a Broadway musical slated for last September will finally take center stage this May. It was unanimously decided that the cast would commit to rehearsing every Sunday following protocol and

restrictions. The heart of theatre is the thrill of performing. When your heart IS in it – the resolve is sweeter whether for an audience of a hundred or thousands. Live theatre is a shared experience signaling that we are not alone. With live theatre there is always a possibility that something could go wrong on stage which adds a level of immediacy that you just can't get in any other medium.

Theatre is part of our culture. During ancient Greece, it was mandated that every citizen would attend performances as part of their civic duty. Today, going to the theatre is a matter of choice. Magic Circle Players theatre proudly proclaims "Come Play with Us."

For more information, call the MCP Box Office 970-249-7838 or [www.MagicCirclePlayers.com](http://www.MagicCirclePlayers.com)... I like to think of it as "Come Theatre with Us", share in a community experience where "big lives in small towns are made."



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## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

### GARY RATCLIFF FEATURED ARTIST AT THE MONTROSE CENTER FOR THE ARTS

#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-Landscape and wildlife photographer Gary Ratcliff is the featured artist at the Montrose Center for the Arts March 5-31. A Ridgway resident, Gary is a hiker/backpacker photographer who ventures into the high country seeking compositions that inspire awe and our amazement with nature.

Lighting is an important aspect of this response. To capture the magic of morning and evening light, Gary often hits the trail before sunrise and returns after the sun sets.

Trained by his father who had a photo darkroom in the basement, Gary earned his first art show ribbon at the age of 12. More recently, Gary's work has been shown in galleries in Ouray, Ridgway and Telluride and is currently featured on the

cover of Telluride magazine and the San Juan Skyway visitor guide.

The show will include 17 images ranging in size from 58"x28" to 16"x12". The landscape images include iconic mountains such as Mount Sneffels and an assortment of locations in the San Juan mountains. The wildlife images were taken in the nearby high country and the wild horse refuge near Nucla.

To ensure his clients receive a high-quality image, Gary does his own printing and framing in his studio. The paper and varnish he uses for his canvas wraps has a 100-year preservation rating from the Fine Art Trade Guild. He prints images as small as 8"x10" and as large 8 feet in length.

There will be a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. March 5 at the Montrose Center for the Arts, 11 South Park Avenue.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

### MMH ALPINE WOMEN'S CENTRE OFFERS NEW VIEW OF BABIES IN THE WOMB

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MONTROSE- Whether patients want the comfort of a quick glimpse of their baby in the womb – or a check-up with 3D views – the MMH Alpine Women's Centre has them covered. Now available to all established Alpine Women's Centre patients, the clinic offers elective ultrasound services to provide soon-to-be moms and dads new ways to view their babies in the womb. The 3D ultrasound service, available starting at 26 weeks, lets participants view their unborn baby with a "3D" view – allowing for much greater detail of the baby. Many parents are eager to see their baby's face for the first time. Previously, many Montrose area parents would drive to Grand Junction to receive 3D ultrasound services.

"3D ultrasounds are great because they allow for more detailed, accurate and

immediate imaging results for our obstetrical patients," said Dr. Sheena Wisler, physician at Alpine Women's Centre. "It is especially helpful in visualizing anatomical structures more clearly."

"One of your most exciting doctor visits during pregnancy is getting the ultrasound to see your baby for the first time," said Nichole Leonard, patient at Alpine Women's Centre. "3D ultrasounds bring a whole new level of joy when you can actually see some of their features before they are born. It makes the experience so much more surreal." Comfort Glimpse, available starting at 20 weeks, is another new ultrasound service available at Alpine Women's Centre. Comfort Glimpse allows for a 10-minute check-in on the baby in utero. This service utilizes traditional 2D ultrasound technology. Participants receive black and white photo prints and



*Courtesy photo.*

digital photos provided on a USB drive. For many parents, Comfort Glimpse offers peace of mind for those wanting to see how their baby is progressing. Since these services are elective ultrasounds, they are not covered by insurance. For more information, contact 970.249.6737.



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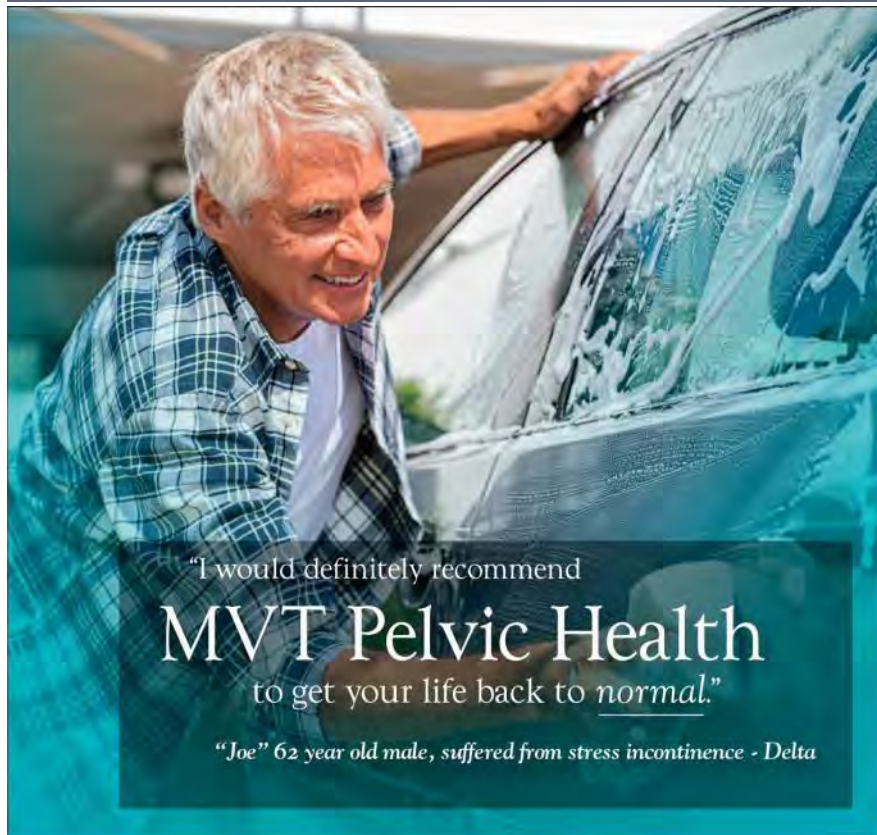
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## Even Washing the Car Brought Concern THEN HE RECEIVED GOOD NEWS

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Or was there help out there?

Then he visited with the experts in pelvic health physical therapy at Mountain View Therapy. It wasn't instant relief – but for the first time, there's improvement and there's hope. He received his good news.

Ask your provider about MVT Pelvic Health and see if they have good news for you.



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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### BRENNA GABER GRADUATED FROM FORT LEWIS COLLEGE



Graduation image courtesy Fort Lewis College.

#### Special to Art & Sol

DURANGO- Brenna Gaber, of Montrose, CO, graduated from Fort Lewis College in December 2020. Gaber graduated with a degree(s) in Biology.

Nearly 200 Skyhawks graduated from Fort Lewis College in a virtual commencement on Dec. 4, 2020.

The ceremony premiered online, featuring videos of graduates moving their tassels as their names were read by faculty from their departments. Each speaker lauded students for their accomplishments and intellectual growth during their time at FLC, especially this fall under unique circumstances as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. President Tom Stritikus and Provost Cheryl Nixon shared remarks, and Dugald Owen, professor of Philosophy and Alice Admire Outstanding Teacher Award recipient, gave the commencement address.

Graduates in the 2020 Virtual Winter Commencement ceremony received Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, and Master of Arts in Education degrees, as well as certificates in Pre-Health, Geographic Information System, and Digital Marketing.



## NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

# NATIONAL PARK SERVICE ANNOUNCES INTERIM GUIDANCE ON MANAGEMENT OF FILMING IN PARK AREAS

*Special to Art & Sol*

WASHINGTON – The National Park Service (NPS) today announced interim guidance, in response to Price v. Barr, regarding the management of filming in park areas. Under the guidance, low-impact filming will be exempt from advance notice and permit requirements, while other filming activities may need a permit to address potential impacts to resources and the visitor experience. Until further guidance is issued, the NPS will not require location fees, application fees or additional cost-recovery charges.

Under the interim guidance, the NPS will no longer distinguish among different types of filming (commercial, non-commercial, news gathering). Low-impact filming activities in areas open to the public may occur without any advance notice to the NPS or the need to obtain a permit. The guidance defines “low-impact” as outdoor filming activities in areas open to the public (excluding areas managed as wilderness), consisting of groups of five persons or fewer, and involving equipment that will be carried at all times—except for small tripods used to hold cameras.

Filming without a permit is prohibited in areas managed as wilderness or in areas that are closed to the public. All activities in park areas—including filming—must comply with all visitor use regulations, including those prohibiting resource damage, protecting wildlife or mitigating audio disturbances, as well as any restrictions on visitor use in the park’s compendium, such as restrictions on the use of unmanned aircraft systems (drones).

Non-low-impact filming activities require at least 10 days advance notice to the NPS by contacting the park directly. During this time, the superintendent will determine whether the filming activities will require a permit. Based upon the information provided, a permit may be required if necessary to:

- maintain public health and safety;
- protect environmental or scenic values;
- protect natural or cultural resources;
- allow for equitable allocation and use of facilities; or
- avoid conflict among visitor use activities.

Filming activities must not violate applicable laws, such as the Endangered Species Act, the Archeological Resources Protection Act, or the Wilderness Act. All film-

ing must comply with laws protecting the NPS’s intellectual property, such as laws and regulations governing the use of the NPS Arrowhead and images of NPS employees.

This interim guidance responds to the recent U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia decision in Price v. Barr determining the permit and fee requirements applying to commercial filming under 54 USC 100905, 43 CFR Part 5, and 36 CFR Part 5.5 are unconstitutional. Previously, commercial filming in parks was prohibited without a permit. The NPS was also required to collect cost recovery and location fees for commercial filming activities. As needed, parks also issued permits for news gathering activities under 54 USC 100905 and non-commercial filming under 54 USC 100101 and 54 USC 100751(a). The interim guidance announced today will eventually be replaced with regulations addressing filming activities that are consistent with the outcome of the litigation.

[www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov)

<https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1207/02-22-21-interim-guidance-for-filming-in-parks.htm>



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# SAVE THE DATE! UPCOMING REGIONAL EVENTS

## ONGOING-

**NAMI FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP** will be held the 3rd Thursday of each month at the PIC Place 5:30-7pm. Please call Kathy at 520-282-9060 for more information.

**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. 9<sup>th</sup> 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

**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](http://telluridelibrary.org/events).

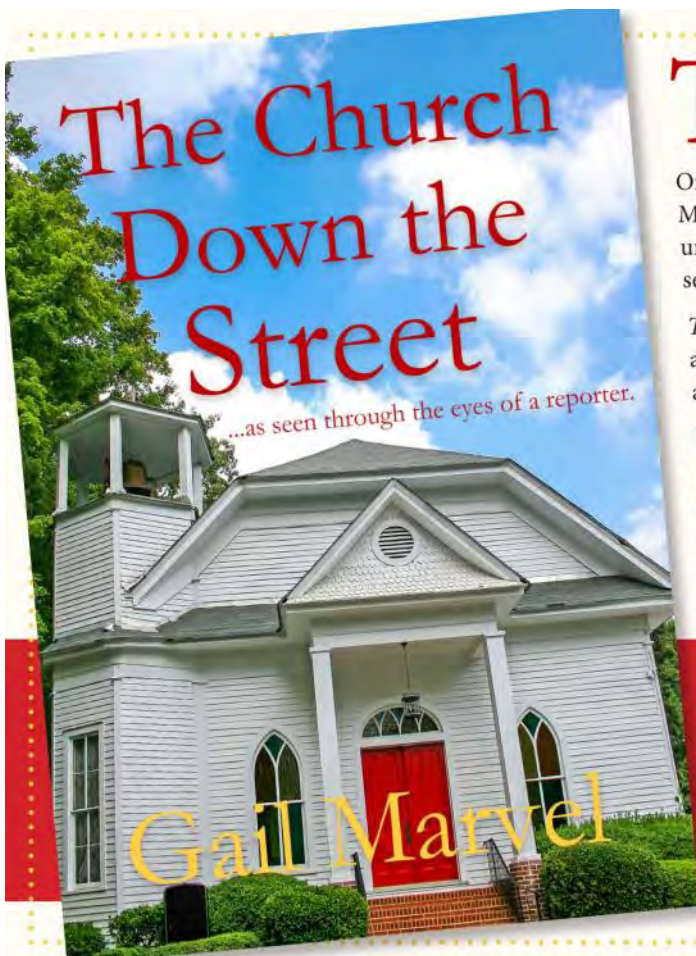
**March 5-26**—Habitat for Humanity of the San Juans presents Habitat Luxury Living, an online charity auction. March 5-26. To take part type: [rb.gy/7vglcq](http://rb.gy/7vglcq)

**March 5**—OurTown Matters presents Habitat for Humanity's Erica Madison. On Facebook Live at 9 a.m.

**March 5**—Landscape and wildlife photographer Gary Ratcliff is the featured artist at the Montrose Center for the Arts March 5-31. A Ridgway resident, Gary is a hiker/backpacker photographer who ventures into the high country seeking compositions that inspire awe and our amazement with nature. There will be a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. March 5 at the Montrose Center for the Arts, 11 South Park Avenue. For more information about his work, visit his website [ourayimage.com](http://ourayimage.com)

**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](mailto:tevans@montroselibrary.org) to join this virtual event on Tuesday, March 9th at 6:30pm

**May 14**—FAB Conference & Awards. For, about, and by women. 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Holiday Inn Montrose. Call 970-765-0913 for more information. [Hello@ourtownmatters.net](mailto:Hello@ourtownmatters.net)



**T**he *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](http://Amazon.com) and [wingedpublications.com](http://wingedpublications.com).

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*At right, Looking into Escalante with the Gunnison River running through it, By Deb Reimann. 'The Rivers Flow Not Past But Through Us' - John Muir.*



## 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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