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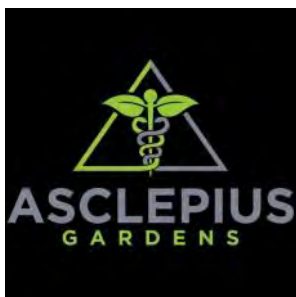
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## HELP WANTED: STAFFING SHORTAGES PERSIST



*A sign on the door of a popular Montrose retailer invites customers to become employees. Employers across Colorado are seeing staffing shortages post pandemic, and Montrose is no exception, with restaurant and retail industries among the hardest hit.*

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE- The signs are visible just about everywhere you go in Montrose, and while they come in a variety of shapes, sizes, and colors, all convey the same message. The words "Help Wanted" or "Now Hiring" have appeared on doorways, bulletin boards, web sites, streetlamp posts, and in publications of all kinds here.

With last week's official confirmation that Hobby Lobby will be coming to the former JC Penney's River Landing location in 2022, don't expect the competition for qualified, reliable, workers to cool down any time soon, said Sandy Head, president of the Montrose Economic Development Corporation (MEDC). Employment opportunities here have become so plentiful, "We hear that people are agreeing to job interviews, and then never showing up," she said.

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## HOBBY LOBBY COMING TO MONTROSE

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Leadership Circle LLC Director of Real Estate Pete Neumann has officially confirmed that Hobby Lobby is coming to Montrose and will move into the old JC Penney's location in the River Landing Shopping Center. The company plans to remodel the entire building, and is expected to open in 2022, Neumann said.

River Landing Developer and Leadership Circle owner Matt Miles said, "It's a good fit. From my perspective as a landlord, they have strong credit and I know they'll pay the bills. And from a community perspective, they are very well received."

The deal took seven years to put together, Miles said.

"When the cracks started to show in the dam with JC Penney, we knew that as a small market, rural community we would need to replace them," he said. "I started talking to Hobby Lobby, and finally, it all came together."

"We got 'em and we're thrilled to have 'em," Miles said.



*Hobby Lobby plans to open in Montrose in 2022. Courtesy photo.*

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Faced with an ongoing shortage of available workers, Montrose is far from alone. Employers across Colorado are experiencing staff shortages post pandemic. Some sectors, such as retail and restaurants, have been hit harder than others. A recent survey by the Colorado Restaurant Association found that 90 percent of the respondents reported struggling with staffing issues, and 40 percent reported trouble with retention of existing staff; nearly half of those employers believe that the primary obstacle to retention has been the increased workloads caused by staffing shortages.

Among those surveyed, 65 percent also believe the primary obstacle to hiring new employees is that workers prefer to remain on unemployment benefits.

In addition to unemployment benefits, government stimulus funds may play a role in the decision of some individuals not to seek employment right now, Head said, adding that in Montrose, the need for labor is also directly tied to the availability of affordable housing.

For example, Montrose County's largest employer, School District RE-1J, has been able to attract good teachers, but in some cases those teachers cannot find housing here, Head said.

Construction of new housing right now also presents challenges, due to high demand and supply chain logjams, she noted.

Despite the challenges, more workers and affordable homes for them to live in are essential in Montrose, "If we want our businesses to stay in business," Head said.

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By Paul Arbogast, Mirror Publisher

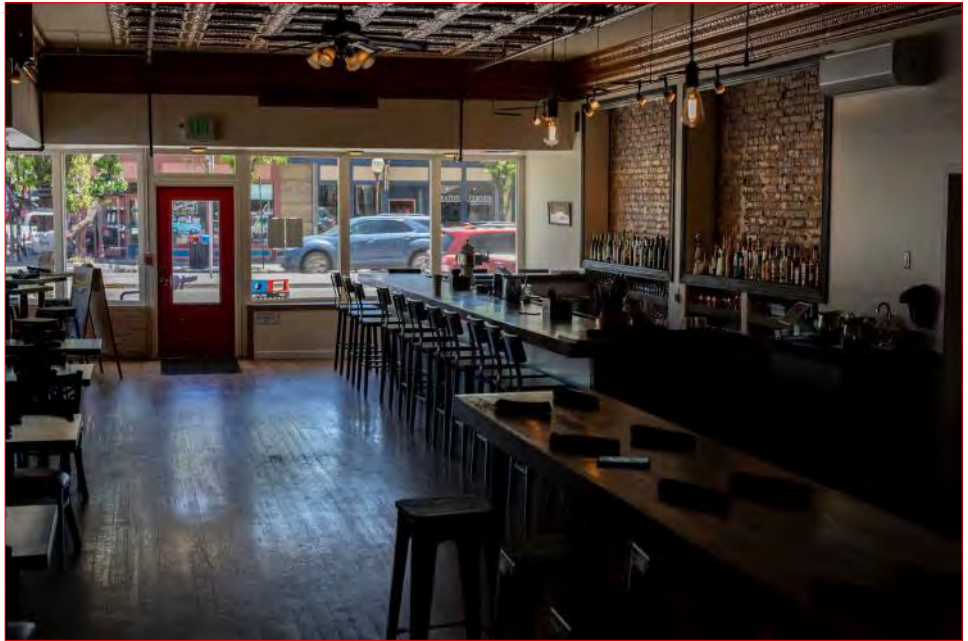
MONTROSE-Montrose has a new place to grab some crafty comfort food and a technical cocktail. The new Main & Vine (347 East Main Street) held its grand opening Friday, May 28.

In addition to being open for dinner service they will be doing brunch on Saturday and Sundays. This is not the typical souped-up breakfast, it is an actual brunch with options like brisket and waffles, or a deconstructed Monte Cristo, and some other options you will not find anywhere else in town.

According to the owner Ray, "Our menu is different, it is all a la carte."

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## A FRESH POINT OF VIEW...ON THE THRESHOLD OF LIFE

By Jack Switzer, 17

MONTROSE-Standing in my cap and gown, the fabric felt much softer than I thought it would. This feeling of the sleeves sweeping over my arms when I moved them made the whole thing feel much more real. I was standing in this hallway for the last time; I wasn't going to come back to this school after today. I would never use the bathroom, furiously type out an essay, or fall out of my chair here ever again. Standing there in that soft fabric made me realize that my life was going to change, and I had to learn to accept that, even if I didn't want to.

Was graduating really such a big deal? Everyone around me seemed so ready to be proud of me and congratulate me, but it still felt like I needed to do more. I only made it because I was helped by others, it didn't feel like I really deserved any of the praise I received. I didn't want to graduate the way I did. It felt like this thing everyone was calling a fresh start was something that should have required more work from me, I was furious at myself for letting others carry my weight at the end of 13 years of struggle.

In the end it didn't matter at all how I graduated, I still did and I couldn't go back to change it if I wanted to. I made it out

and finished even if it wasn't the way I wanted it to end. Instead of worrying about something as small as that I needed to start focusing on my mental health, and preparing a plan for the future the was now hurdling itself at me faster than ever. A speeding bullet piercing the air, thunder crackling behind it. When I starting writing this column I was really just an air-headed high school freshman who wanted money to buy candy at lunch since I could buy it myself. But after only four years of time it feels like everything about myself has changed in some way or another. I'm taller, my voice is deeper, I don't want candy for lunch anymore, and my thoughts are organized and mature.

I'm not ready to become an adult, and I don't think I ever will be. But I have to find the fire and initiative in my heart to push forward and face it anyway. If I don't, the people who helped me graduate would have done those acts of kindness for nothing. I would never be ready to face the world, let alone myself. And I know I would never want to feel that empty inside, so I'm not going to give up on my future, even if it is scary. I don't want to leave people I've seen in locker lined hall-



*My teacher Mr. Nick Rinne introduced me at graduation during a wind storm, above. My teacher Mr. Trig Skoe helped me get to this point. Thank you so much to my Principal Mrs. MacNiven and to Vista Charter School.*

ways for years, I don't want to leave my childhood behind, I don't want to face the cruel world that I have had the privilege of knowing about beforehand.

But the only way to become the person I want to be is to embrace these harsh truths and push forward anyway. I will meet millions of new people, I will find passion in the things I do, and I won't let my own inner voice stop me from conquering the shadows of doubt in my heart. This is me moving towards the future, and this is me looking forward to it.

*Now more than ever...*

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### MONTROSE RECREATION DISTRICT AND ALL POINTS TRANSIT PARTNER TO PROVIDE FREE BUS RIDES FOR YOUTH THIS SUMMER

#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE—Starting Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, All Points Transit (APT) and the Montrose Recreation District (MRD) are teaming up to offer free bus rides to youth (ages 17 and under) again this summer! The agencies previously partnered to offer this free service in 2018 and 2019. The program is offered on All Points Transit's public bus routes. Youth taking advantage of the offer can travel anywhere on the bus for free, all summer long, including use of the shuttle to and from Olathe.

All Points Transit is currently operating two primary routes in Montrose: The Townsend Express and the Main Street Shuttle. The Montrose Community Recreation Center and the Montrose Field House are anticipated to be popular destinations for the program. However, they are not the only locations youth can access using the public bus. There are other recreational opportunities located on the Main Street Shuttle, including access to trails via West Main Trail Head and bowling at the Rose Bowl. All of the buses are equipped with bike racks, expanding the options even further. High school students with summer jobs are encouraged take advantage of the free transportation to get to and from work.

"The MRD continues in its exceptional history of partnering whenever and wherever there is opportunity to connect services throughout the community. We are proud of the strong alliance with All Points Transit to help ensure that youth can move safely throughout the town to stay active – whether to play at the Community Recreation Center, the Montrose Field House and Outdoor Pool, or the parks in between" said Mari Steinbach, Executive Director of the Montrose Recreation District.

Kids who are under 10 years old must be accompanied by an adult on the bus. Youth are welcome to get on and off the bus at any stop and no bus pass or fare is required through Aug. 31.

"We are very appreciative of the Montrose Rec District for making this possible

for the community. The public bus can be a source of independence for kids who want to get around on their own and a relief for parents who are not always able to provide rides," said Sarah Curtis, Executive Director at All Points Transit.

The Montrose / Olathe Public Flex Bus runs 6:30am – 7pm, Monday through Friday. The Olathe Shuttle runs to and from Olathe at 7am, 1pm and 4pm. Route maps

and schedules are available at [www.allpointstransit.com/routes](http://www.allpointstransit.com/routes) and at the All Points Transit office at 175 Merchant Dr. in Montrose. Call 970-240-1951 for more information or to schedule an off-route pick up. Travel training and trip planning services are also available. All Points Transit is a 501c3 non-profit organization. To find out more or to make a donation, visit [www.allpointstransit.org](http://www.allpointstransit.org).

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*Mirror staff report*

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*Editor:*

I am concerned about the possible bias of the City Manager in the pursuit of funding for the HUB Project in Cobble Creek and Spruce Point. The City Manager has acted from the start as an advocate, supporter, and cheerleader for the HUB Project - particularly after his unsubstantiated, derogatory accusations about the residents of Cobble Creek and Spruce Point (Montrose Press - Letter to the Editor, 17 February 2021). If anything, the city Commissioners owe our residents a public apology in the press. Furthermore, I request that the city 1) review the past HUB funding actions; 2) provide the public access to documentation (including e-mails, texting) related to the city's actions in approving 2.5 million dollars of our tax dollars; and 3) report on the findings in a City Council public meeting. So far, the city has resisted talking about how 2.5 million dollars of our city taxes were justified to fund a private developer, given the other overriding budget priorities in our city. If it smells of favored actions for the HUB developer (like a dead horse), it probably is a dead horse.

If the city Mayor, Manager, and Commissioners cannot provide transparency into their past actions, then Montrose residents need to rectify the problem. The city cannot ignore Montrose resident concerns and request for more information and justification of the city funding of a massive apartment development in a residential area. Hopefully, other Montrose residents are outraged by the continued insensitivity of the city - particularly the City Manager - to resident's interest and concerns about developments in Montrose.

*Yours Truly,*

*Don Peterson, Montrose*

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# WORDS ARE WORDS, NOT STICKS AND STONES

*Editor:*

Do you remember the old saying "sticks and stones can break my bones but words can never hurt me?"

Today it seems that any word or perceived slur can send the fragile ones among us into frantic convulsions of outrage.

Why?

Grow up! Put on your big boy pants and ignore it.

(Note: The term "boy" may be sexist or racist to some.)

*Barry Lindstrom, Montrose*

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### MABA CELEBRATES SUCCESSFUL FULL MOON CRUISER RIDE, NEXT ONE PLANNED FOR JULY 1



*MABA's May 26 Full Moon Cruiser Ride began and ended at Rotary Park, courtesy photo above.*

#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-The Montrose Area Bicycle Alliance (MABA) continues to roll forward, incentivizing bicycle commuters and hosting events that bring people together. According to MABA Board member Jeff Rice, the May 26 Full Moon Cruiser Ride was a major success.

"The clouds opened up for a great sunset, and fun was had by all," Rice said. "The theme was

'Mustache Ride' and there was incredible participation. The loop was roughly five miles and took less than 70 minutes."

MABA purchased a permit for Rotary Park so that participants could BYOB, he said. "We socialized for an hour, then did a loop that pedaled past Riverbottom Park, the 9th Ave Roundabout by Colorado Outdoors, Horsefly, and then back to the park for more socializ-

ing."

The next cruiser ride will be Thursday, July 1 with the same format. "We will meet at Rotary Park at 6:30p for participants to socialize and enjoy their BYOB. The theme for that ride is Freedom Ride and hopefully riders can get their Red, White, and Blue out," Rice said. "Wigs, silly outfits, and decorated bikes are always welcomed."

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## MONTROSE REGIONAL CRIME STOPPERS

## CITY COUNCIL TO HOLD WORK SESSION, REGULAR MEETING ON TUESDAY DUE TO MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY



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### Mirror Staff Report

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### WORK SESSION

Council will interview three applicants for the open District 2 Council seat formerly held by Dave Bowman. Applicants include Anthony Russo, Jeff Rice, and Edward J. Ulibarri.

Ulibarri.

Discussion items will include a Public Works Facility Design Contract Recommendation; at an upcoming meeting Council will consider awarding a professional services contract to Chamberlain Architects in the amount of \$157,806 for the completion of Phase I design studies and preliminary design associated with replacement of the City's Public Works Facility.

Topics to be discussed at future City Council meetings and work sessions include Revisions to Municipal Code Title 6 Chapter 1 Section 19 on June 14.

### REGULAR MEETING

Council will consider appointing one of three applicants for the open District 2 Council seat. Applicants include Jeff Rice, Anthony Russo, and Edward J. Ulibarri.

Council will consider approving Resolution 2021-09 to adopt the recently updated City of Montrose, Colorado, Envision 2040 Comprehensive Plan dated June 1, 2021, pursuant to Title 2, Chapter 2, Sec-

tion 2-1-6 and Title 2, Chapter 2, Section 2-1-7 of the City of Montrose Municipal Code, and thereby superseding the previous 2008 Comprehensive Plan.

Council will consider approving Ordinance 2543 on first reading, Title 4, Chapter 4, Zoning Regulations of the City of Montrose: Amending Title 4 Chapter 4 Section 8.1 (4-4-8.1) regarding R-5 Low Density/Manufactured Housing District and Title 4 Chapter 4 Section 8.2 (4-4-8.2) regarding R-6 Medium Density/Manufactured Housing District.

Council will consider approving Ordinance 2544 on first reading, disconnecting property at 16763/16765 6725 Road.

Also to be considered will be Ordinance 2542 on second reading, designating Montrose Fire Department No. 1, 24 S. Uncompahgre Avenue, Montrose, Colorado, as a City of Montrose Historic Property Pursuant to § 4-15 of the Official Code of the City of Montrose.

Following staff reports, Council will adjourn.

## DISTRICT II COUNCIL POSITION TO BE SELECTED

*By Paul Arbogast, Mirror Publisher*

MONTROSE-On Tuesday June 1, at the regular City Council meeting, Council will vote to put one of three applicants into the District II seat vacated by Dave Bowman.

The packet for the council work session contains their applications and letters of intent and can be found here. The applicants are Jeff Rice, Anthony Russo, and Edward J. Ulibarri.

Jeff Rice has been running his own graphic design company for over five years, holds an MBA in project management and a BS in Graphic Communications Management. He is a board member of the

Montrose Area Bicycle Alliance and a previous member of the Downtown Area Revitalization Team (DART).


Anthony Russo is the president of TradeHub International, holds an MBA and BA in Marketing, has served on the city planning commission, DART, and has worked with the Region 10 League for Economic Assistance & Planning, Montrose Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), and other organizations to support and promote local businesses.

Edward J. Ulibarri runs his own construction business, has previously served on City Council, the school board, and other local boards, and is currently serving as a

member of MADA.

As I mentioned in a previous piece mentioning these applicants, while the city charter says the current council members vote on and appoint someone for an empty seat, that does not mean you cannot give your feedback/input to members of the council. Please read the linked work session packet that contains the full applications, thus answers to background and why the applicants want to be on council, and contact City Council with your opinion of who should (or should not) be selected. The council meeting will be in chambers on June 1 at 6pm, so you can show up there as well to let your voice be heard.





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## CITY PLANNING COMMISSION VIEWS NEW COMPREHENSIVE PLAN



*The City of Montrose Planning Commission.*

By Paul Arbogast, Mirror Publisher  
MONTROSE-The City of Montrose Planning Commission met for a [regular meeting](#) on Wednesday, May 26. After roll call and approval of the previous meeting minutes, commissioners got into the night's agenda. They were to review the Cottonwood, San Juan, and Green Acres mobile home park variances and permits, but the review was postponed until the June 9 meeting.

### WOODS CROSSING PRELIMINARY PLAT

The proposed preliminary plat will subdivide a 74.55-acre parcel to create 249 single-family residential lots and 27 town-home units. The project is located south of Sunnyside Road and east of 6700 Road. The applicant is Matt Miles, Leadership Circle, LLC.

Chairman Greg Eastman recused himself from this item, so commissioners nominated and approved member Karen Vacca to be acting chair for this item.

City Planner Amy Sharp gave a presentation on the proposed preliminary

plat. City staff reviews the preliminary plat before it goes to the Planning Commission, and upon review the city had recommended approval.

The applicant and his team gave a presentation on the project to the planning commissioners, addressing some concerns that were previously voiced, such as traffic.

After commissioners asked city staff questions about the plat, the floor was opened to public comment. Most concerns were from citizens who live on Congress Way, about potential shortcut traffic through the new development.

There was frustration expressed by some commissioners that if a use by right project design meets all city code requirements, they felt their input was not needed in the process because there was no finding of fact that would allow them to force the developer to change some of the access points in the project.

Assistant City of Montrose Attorney Rachel Allen read from the duties of a PC

member, and followed up with, "I think what is really important to note is that our biggest job here is not to evaluate the popularity of a project, but rather looking at the criteria, and making sure everything is orderly and meets the code."

After further discussion, the Planning Commission unanimously approved the preliminary plat with the condition that the developer work with the city in the final stages to develop a temporary emergency entrance/exit until the planned second exit from the west side of the development is connected.

### ENVISION 2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PRESENTATION

Before the presentation Deputy City Manager Ann Morgenthaler opened with, "I want to note the incredible amount of work that has gone into this project ... I know a lot of you have been involved in this entire process, you have heard about it for years ... so thank you for your time, thank you to staff for their time, and even though the public is not here, so many people participated in this project, and it's just been a true honor to work on this, and it feels to us, like a really big deal to be presenting it to you tonight."

Planner Amy Sharp then gave a presentation on the new comprehensive plan. The plan will go before City Council at the next regular meeting.

The 'chapters' that the new plan covers are: Land Use and Growth, Transportation and Mobility, Housing and Neighborhoods, Parks, Trails and Open Space, Health and Environment, Economy and Opportunity, Downtown, and the Implementation Plan.

Prior to the end of the meeting, Planning Commission Chairman Greg Easton announced his resignation.

The Woods Crossing preliminary plat and the presentation about the 2040 Comprehensive Plan can be viewed in the meeting packet ([here](#)).

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## COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

### CDOT OPENS INDEPENDENCE PASS FOR THE SEASON: VEHICLES 35 FEET OR LONGER STILL PROHIBITED

#### Special to the Mirror

**LAKE & PITKIN COUNTIES** – Crews with the Colorado Department of Transportation have reopened Independence Pass on Colorado Highway 82 for the season. Workers unlocked seasonal closure gates on Thursday afternoon 12 p.m., reopening CO 82 on each side of the pass to vehicles. Sixty-three vehicles were the first to travel up CO 82 towards the pass from the Pitkin County gate. Reopening the road for the 2021 season required significant rockfall mitigation during the week of May 17. Crews conducted rock scaling just east of the Grottos Trailhead. The successful work resulted in about 25 loads of rock being removed from the rock face next to CO 82. Rock scaling is when crews remove nearby rocks, including locations above a roadway. The work was required after crews discovered rockfall while clearing the highway of snow earlier this spring. Cracked or loose rock is common along CO 82 on Independence Pass and can develop due to regular and frequent freeze/thaw cycles in mountainous locations with year-round winter weather. Motorists and cyclists should check weather conditions prior to traveling mountain passes.



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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### JURY TRIAL SET FOR DEFENDANT IKA EDEN TO OCCUR IN MESA COUNTY FROM JUNE 14, 2021 TO JUNE 29, 2021, DOCKET NUMBER D39-2021-0192

*Special to the Mirror*

REGIONAL—On Sept. 8, 2017 the mummified bodies of eight-year-old Hanna Marshall and 10-year-old Makayla Roberts were found sealed in a car on a farm in Norwood, Colorado. Five co-defendants were charged. The final co-defendant Ika Eden's trial is scheduled to begin in Mesa

County District Court on June 14, 2021. Ika Eden is facing two counts of Child Abuse Resulting in Death. The prosecution will be led by Robert Zentner and Robert Whiting.

### DELTA COUNTY OFFERS FREE RECYCLING TO ALL RESIDENTS

*Special to the Mirror*

DELTA—The Delta County Board of Commissioners recently approved free recycling for all Delta County residents, through Double J Recycling located at 21538 Austin Road, in Austin. The program will begin on Tuesday, June 1, and includes plastic bottles and containers #1 and #2 only, paper, cardboard, metals, and glass. There will still be a fee for any electronic waste which includes anything with a cord or battery. Recycling hours at Double J Recycling are Tuesday – Friday from 9:00a – 4:00p.

Additionally, there will be paper and cardboard ONLY recycle containers located at the public works building in Cedaredge, in the parking lot across from the Post Office in Delta, and in the Farm Runners parking lot, in Hotchkiss.

Recycling at the North Fork Transfer Station in Hotchkiss will end on Saturday, May 29.

"We are happy to see this program be available to all Delta County residents," said Mike Lane, Delta County Commissioners Chair, "Up to this point, free recycling was only available at the North Fork Transfer Station, outside of Hotchkiss. It was a good pilot program that benefited primarily only North Fork residents. Relocating the bulk of the recycling to Austin is a great mid-point for all Delta County residents to travel to." For additional information and a full list of recyclables at Double J Recycling visit <https://double-j-recycling->

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# DMEA GATHERS FOR REGULAR MEETING; HARMAN CONTINUES AS ACTING CEO



*Current Delta Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) Board of Directors President Bill Patterson (L), as well as Vice President Kyle Martinez and Chris Hauck, are unopposed in their bid to retain their seats on the board. Martinez said, "The election is uncontested. You will be having us for three more years." Photo by Gail Marvel.*

By Gail Marvel

REGIONAL- The May 25 Delta Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) Board of Directors meeting, held in the Black Canyon Board Room, was called to order at 2 p.m.

DMEA co-op members are afforded an opportunity to speak during Member Comments, which is scheduled for 5 p.m.

During 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.

Three board directors (Kyle Martinez, Chris Hauck, and Brad Harding) were absent; however, with six members present a quorum was reached. Martinez joined the meeting at approximately 3 p.m.

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 both the April 2021 Regular Board Meeting and the May 2021 Special meeting).

## Board Committee Items

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

No report given.

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

Filling in for Hauck, Stacia Cannon gave the report. She said, "We had a meeting May 6<sup>th</sup>. There is a capital building change request for the Bullock Plant substation [cost higher than expected]. We want to push it off and move it to 2022. We want a reallocation of under \$50,000 for the Garnet Mesa Solar Project. Virginia [Virginia Harmon, acting CEO] could make the decision because it is under \$50,000, but we wanted to bring it to the board's attention. We discussed Bitcoin, but we'll save that discussion for Executive Session."

Other items discussed in the committee included the Electric Vehicle (EV) program,

Regional Transmission Organizations (RTO) coming to the area, and support for Senate Bill 72.

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

Martinez said, "The May 6th meeting was well attended. Region 10 has a broadband project to leverage fiber assets in the area. We had an annual meeting update. The election is uncontested. You will be having us [Patterson, Martinez, Hauck] for three more years. For the Business Grants [\$30,000] we had 79 applications." Also discussed in the committee was a new phone system for extra functionality, an upcoming customer survey, scholarships, and unclaimed capital credits.

The board looked at a cleaned-up version of Board Policy 403, which governs four different contribution funds (Operation Roundup, Sponsorship, Unclaimed Capital Credits, and Political Donations).

Proposed changes to the scholarship fund, which comes under the Unclaimed Capital Credits fund, included making children of "senior staff and officers" ineligible for DMEA scholarships. It was noted that House Bill 1131 will necessitate changes in the By-Laws. The board of directors are allowed to make changes to the By-Laws as long as they give proper notice to members.

The board voted unanimously to approve the Unclaimed Capital Credit Fund Guidelines, the Changes to Scholarship Program, and the Updates to Policy 403.

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

Patterson said, "We'll have discussions in Executive Session."

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

McKie gave a brief overview. She said, "Injuries include a slip and fall on ice. There was a small accident in the Burger King drive-way. There were two respiratory items [COVID]. No near misses."

**Financial Report with Variance Report** – Wade Pynes, CFO. Pynes highlighted six large themes for the month. The brief bullet points included cash flows, keeping an

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eye on expenses, and an upcoming mandatory audit (SRA). Pynes said, "The update on the largest load building is at zero. There was a drop-off for consumption in 2020; and 2021 is the lowest usage to date." Pynes noted he had responded through email to a question asked by Cannon during the April meeting.

**CEO Report** – Virginia Harman, acting CEO. Harman said, "I'll go over a few items I've worked on lately. MEDC [Montrose Economic Development Corporation] and the Delta EDA [Delta County Economic Development Alliance] want to keep DMEA [representation] on their boards." Harman will be a temporary replacement for former DMEA CEO Jasen Bronec on each respective board.

Harman reported on meeting with Montrose Forest Products on their project to generate power from a small boiler used to dry wood, and she discussed a number of legislative bills that are being watched and monitored.

Harman said, "We met with Western United and we'll be reporting on our relationship with them in June. They will be selling Co-Op EV [Electric Vehicle] chargers that are controllable. We'll be thinking about it."

Enno Heuscher inquired about Hydro #1 going off-line. Chief Power Supply Officer Jim Heneghan, said, "It went off-line at 2 a.m. and we couldn't get it restarted. It's back up and running now. The suspect part is an [electrical] exciter. It could take a number of weeks to get a rebuilt exciter. We think we have zeroed in on the problem."

Harman said, "There have been some negative comments [social media] on our EV charging Station prices. Like why is there a parking fee? We can change the price based on what is happening in the market." It was noted that the cost at the Tesla charging station is a dollar a minute.

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

Harman said, "Remember in April I said there would be an uptick. There was a

major event at the Bullock Plant Station, a lightening arrestor. It [the outage] was several hours."

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

Hurd said, "On the legislative side there is nothing to report. In corporate matters there is Tri State and an agreement with Black Hills Energy. The franchise agreements [Paonia, Cedaredge, and Hotchkiss] are moving forward and are on track. They are 20-year agreements. I will defer the rest of my report to Executive Session."

**Representative Board Reports**

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

Fleming said, "I have not yet gotten the minutes from the last meeting. Western United every month sets a new record as far as sales are concerned. They continue to be that way the last year. They retired the 2014 patronage. We got a check for \$27,000 and there will be another check before the end of the calendar year."

WUES, which is comprised of all Colorado co-ops, as well as some out-of-state co-ops, has 73 members and 24 directors.

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

Lockhart said, "There is a lot of legislative talk. The CREA legislative report is all different. There are 43 co-ops and everyone has an interest."

Discussion on legislative bills included #72, #103, #200, #261, as well as three bills on broadband. Lockhart said, "There will be a postage increase soon that will effect newsletters; the increase is 5.5 per-



*At the May 25 Delta Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) meeting, acting CEO Virginia Harman reported to the board on her activities for the last month. During Executive Session the board unanimously authorized DMEA's executive committee to immediately begin a search for a new CEO and authorized the executive committee to take all appropriate actions related to that search. Photo by Gail Marvel.*

cent to 8.5 percent."

**Other Business**

During the Delta Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet and Gala on May 22nd, Elevate received the Economic Impact of the Year Award. The award, accepted by Lockhart and Heuscher on behalf of DMEA/Elevate, was a handblown glass vase from North Rim Glass Studio in Crawford.

**Other Business**

Resolution regarding Franchise Agreements for the Towns of Paonia, Cedaredge, and Hotchkiss. Resolution 2021-10 was approved unanimously. Acting CEO Harman was given the authority to sign the individual agreements.

**Future meetings**

June 17, 2021 - Annual Meeting (virtual)

June 22, 2021, 2 p.m. - Organizational Meeting (election of officers and assignments to board positions)

June 22, 2021, 3 p.m. - Regular June meeting

**Member Comments**

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There were no member comments.

### **Executive Session Agenda**

- Privileged legal report addressing privileged corporate, litigation, and regulatory matters
- Power Supply Update: FERC OATT proceeding, Tri-State ERP, Garnet Mesa Solar Project, Potential Load Development in Service Territory
- Updates to timelines in current DMEA Strategic Plan
- Review Business Grant Program Applications
- DMEA Internal Investigation
- Personnel Matters

### **Executive Session Summary Report**

In a follow-up email about the Executive Session items and actions, Executive Assistant Amy Taylor reported, "The topics of discussion during executive session did not deviate from those stated prior to

entering executive session. The board unanimously approved revisions of the timelines in DMEA's strategic plan to align with the recommendations provided by DMEA staff and directed that a revised strategic plan be provided to all directors.

The board unanimously approved that DMEA allocate an additional \$2,500 from its sponsorship program to the \$32,500 business grant award amount, and then allocate a total of \$35,000 in grants to nine organizations within the DMEA service territory in the amounts those entities requested in their business grant applications. The nine winners will be announced publicly at the DMEA annual meeting of members on June 17. The board unanimously authorized DMEA's executive committee to immediately begin a search for a new Chief Executive Officer and authorized the executive com-

mittee to take all appropriate actions related to that search. The board adjourned the meeting at 6:23 p.m."

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## OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

### BIDEN CREATES THEN MISMANAGES DISASTERS

*Editor:*

The “master of disaster” Joe Biden and his handlers are convinced they can fool all of the people all of the time. Bad is good. Up is down. Pay no attention to the evidence before your own eyes. All the bad things happening aren't really happening. Joe is a success, see. The series of crises directly attributable to Biden's reversal of Trump's policies and positions aren't really “crises” or due to Biden's decisions and weak leadership you see.

A few months into Biden's administration, Hamas rained down over 4,000 rockets on Israeli civilians (with over 400 falling back on their own people), and the Middle East has dramatically destabilized. That after Biden restored \$235 million in US payments to the Palestinian Authority terrorists, rewarding people who are actively trying to commit genocide. Leftists seem

unable to understand the basics: “no terrorist funding = no missile attacks” and “terrorist financing = missile attacks.” Or that bailing out the Iranian mullahs might just result in financing Iran's proxy Hamas war with a tiny Jewish democratic oasis in a sea of Islamic tyrants ?

Thanks to Biden's focus on expanding government at the expense of everyone else, consumer prices skyrocketed 4.2% in April, the largest jump since 2008 when the financial crisis was at its height.

Biden's massive spending bills (total \$6 trillion — more than double the entire federal budget not too many years ago) and the resultant money printing by the Federal Reserve are the cause of this new stark inflation.


Rising inflation will do far more to harm working class Americans than Biden's new tax hikes. Those cute little “stimulus

checks” you thanked Biden for are nothing compared to the coming financial penalty of rampant inflation.

Nowhere is the self-inflicted nature of Biden's disasters plainer than at the border where he is quietly busing tens of thousands of illegals into our towns and cities --- all the while either denying the crisis exists or blaming it on climate change.

This administration emboldens bad guys. China, Russian, North Korea, Iran, etc. all sense weakness and incompetence. It's stunning how much success Biden has managed to reverse in just a few months. It looks like the Jimmy Carter era, but in fairness to Carter, he only mismanaged crises, while Biden is creating as well as mismanaging them. Truly a “master of disaster.”

*Ed Henrie, Montrose*



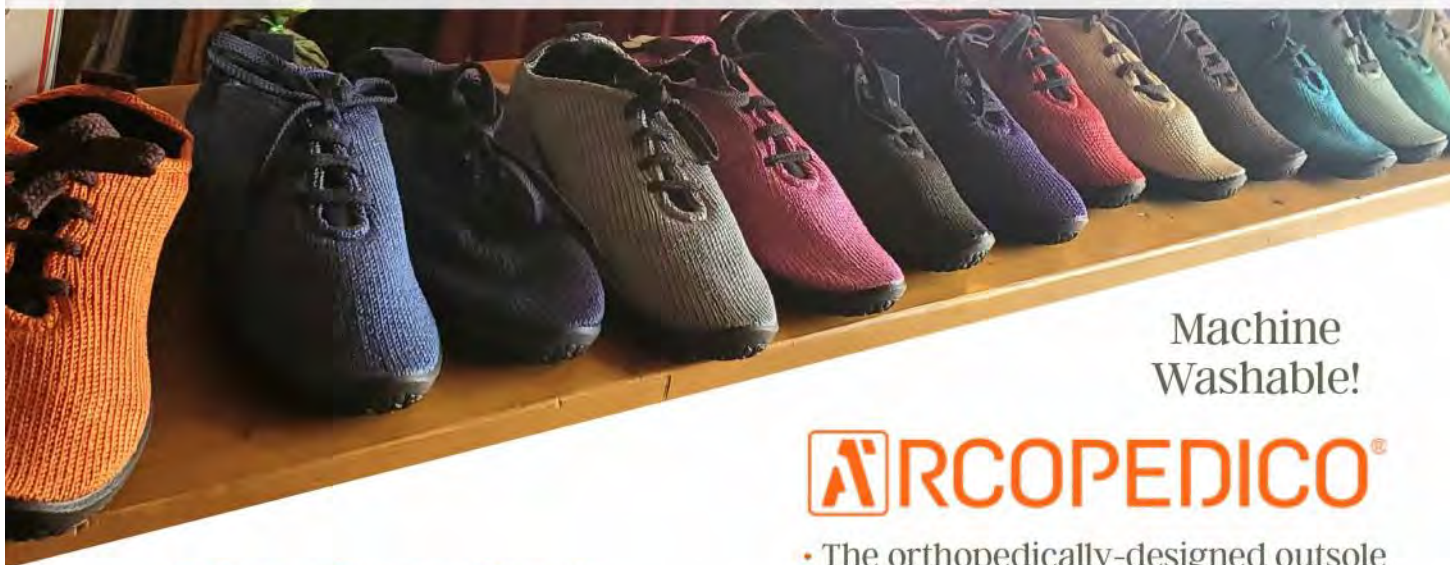
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## COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

### PHASE ONE OF THE PALISADE PLUNGE TRAIL OPENS TO THE PUBLIC

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GRAND JUNCTION— The first phase of the Palisade Plunge, a 32-mile mountain bike trail from the top of the Grand Mesa to the Town of Palisade, is open for public access on Saturday, May 29. Phase two is expected to be complete at the end of July.

The Palisade Plunge trail is the result of a partnership between the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, Mesa County, Town of Palisade, City of Grand Junction, Grand Junction Economic Partnership, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, and the Colorado Plateau Mountain Bike Trail Association.

"The Palisade Plunge exemplifies how a community can come together and create something special for the community and visitors," stated BLM Grand Junction Field Manager Greg Wolfgang. "This project will have positive impacts to the Grand Valley for generations."

The phase one section begins on Lands End Road, approximately three miles below the Lands End Observatory and traverses over 17 miles from the forested slopes of the Mesa to a classic desert canyon at Hwy. 6 and the Palisade Rim Trailhead. This section of the Palisade Plunge navigates remote, backcountry terrain with some sections of extreme exposure recommended only for experienced riders. Trail users should use the U.S. Forest Service's Wild Rose recreation site for parking. The Wild Rose site can only be accessed from the bottom of Lands End Road at US Hwy 50. The gate past Wild Rose will remain locked until snow melt and road conditions on top of the Mesa allow the road to reopen. Please do not block the road. Commercial permits for shuttle service will begin operations on May 29 and use of shuttle services is encouraged to reduce parking congestion. Trail enthusiasts are encouraged to consider their experience, skills, and preparedness before taking "The Plunge." Bring plenty of food and water, appropriate clothing, and bike repair supplies. For up-to-date information on the Palisade Plunge and a list of shuttle providers, visit [www.Palisadeplunge.com](http://www.Palisadeplunge.com)

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### MONTROSE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL ANNOUNCES 2021 EARLY BLOOD DRAWS

#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE- Montrose Memorial Hospital (MMH) has announced dates for its popular Early Blood Draw events. The dates are as follows:

Saturday, Aug. 7 – 4H Event Center, Ridgeway – 7 a.m. – 10 a.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 10 through Friday, August 13 – Montrose Pavilion – 6:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, Aug. 14 – Montrose Pavilion – Appointments only 6:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m. and walk-ins allowed from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Known for connecting the community with reduced rate blood draws, the events feature various screenings to assist the community in monitoring their health. Offerings include HealthScreen (Chemistry) & Lipid Panel, Hemoglobin A1C, PSA for Prostate Health, Complete Blood Count (CBC), Vitamin D, Vitamin

B12, Male Testosterone, Advanced Lipid & Heart Health Panel, and hsCardioCRP. Talk to your provider about which tests may be right for you.

Event organizers noted this year is the first step toward getting back to “normal” Health Fair events. To provide for proper social distancing, this year’s events will not be featuring the Olathe or “Health Fair” event with informational booths and screenings.

The public can expect those features to return to 2022’s Early Blood Draw & Health Fair events, which will take place August 2022.

This year’s events will also require registration to a greater degree, allowing for walk-ins at the Montrose events only on Saturday, August 14 between 8:30 a.m.



*MMH Courtesy photo.*

and 10:00 a.m. Registration opens 12:00 a.m. midnight, the morning of Monday, June 21. Registration will be available online and by phone; more details to come.

For more information, find the hospital on Instagram and Facebook or visit [www.MontroseHospital.com](http://www.MontroseHospital.com).

## GUILTY VERDICT TO ATTEMPTED FIRST DEGREE MURDER RETURNED AGAINST WILLIAM HARMON ON MAY 12

#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-On May 12, 2021, following a trial conducted over two weeks, The Honorable Steven Schultz received guilty verdicts from a jury of Delta County citizens. The jury found Delta County resident William Harmon guilty of Attempted First-Degree Murder of Delta County Resident Paul Hershberger, two counts of Stalking Paul Hershberger and his wife Anna, Driving While Ability Impaired, and Illegal Possession or Consumption of Alcohol in a

Motor Vehicle.

The Office of the District Attorney acknowledges the citizens who served on the jury and their willingness to selflessly perform an important civic duty. These verdicts resulted from the thorough investigation conducted by Deputy Wade Carney and Detective Sergeant Tyler Becker from the Delta County Sheriff’s Office with assistance from the Delta Police Department and the Colorado Bureau of Investigation.

The prosecution was handled by Assistant District Attorney Robert Zentner, Deputy District Attorney Robert Whiting, and Victim Witness Advocates Cindy Antillon and Caitlyn Revoir.

William Harmon will be sentenced on August 2, 2021 at 3:00 PM by Judge Schultz. Sentencing options available to the Court include anything from probation, Community Corrections, or prison capped at 24 years for the Attempted Murder Count and 4 years each for the Stalking Counts.

## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### PUBLIC LAND AGENCIES OFFER FRIENDLY REMINDER: WILDFIRE SAFETY IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

#### Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE— As we celebrate Memorial Day and the start of summer, public land agencies encourage the public to be extra careful with all campfires and combustible materials to prevent human-caused fires.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Gunnison, Uncompahgre and Tres Rios Field Offices; Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control (DFPC); National Park Service (NPS), Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park and Curecanti National Recreation Area, West Region Wildfire Council and the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests would like to provide a few helpful tips and reminders for best practices to help prevent an unintentional wildfire while recreating and hunting on public lands this Memorial Day weekend.

To reduce wildfire risk, please consider the following:

- Practicing proper vehicle maintenance; ensuring that tow chains are secured, and a vehicle has no dragging parts, check tire pressure and properly maintaining your brakes. Even chains dragging along the ground, such as those on ATVs, can spark fires.
- When target shooting taking a few simple precautions can prevent devastating results: place your target on dirt or gravel, switch to paper targets, avoid incendiary targets and exploding ammunition, bring a shovel and fire extinguisher, and report any fires by calling 911.
- Fireworks are never permitted on public lands.
- If you are camping and build a fire outside a designated fire ring make sure you

clear the area of debris including grasses and small vegetation. Clear your fire site perimeter approximately 10 feet in diameter and use rocks or a fire pan to contain your fire. Always keep a shovel and water nearby to extinguish the fire.

- Never leave a fire unattended and make sure that you completely put out your campfire before leaving your campsite. Practice the drown, stir, feel method when extinguishing your campfire. Use water or dirt to douse the fire, stir the ashes and if necessary, continue to add water or dirt until the fire is smothered.
- **When** smoking, always dispose of cigarette debris in an ashtray.

- Avoid driving and parking in tall grasses. Exhaust particles and hot exhaust pipes can start grass fires. Park your vehicles/trailers and off-highway vehicles away from dry grass or brush.

Even an accidental fire start can result in the individual being held responsible including fines and/or jail time. Visit One Less Spark (<http://www.readyforwildfire.org/Prevent-Wildfire/>) for more great tips on how to prevent wildfire and be prepared for fire season. To learn more about campfire safety visit [www.smokeybear.com](http://www.smokeybear.com).

Before heading outside, be sure to "Know Before You Go!" Helpful information about planning your trip can be found on the "Know Before You Go" [webpage](#). Regulations vary between land management agencies, learn what is permitted before you use fire.

Adhere to the [Leave No Trace Principles](#) of outdoor ethics to leave your favorite

spot ready for the next visitors to enjoy. Keep yourself safe while recreating outdoors by checking the weather before you go, taking the appropriate equipment including maps, carrying enough food and water, letting someone know where you are going and when you plan to be back, and utilizing suggested or required safety equipment. Local fire restriction information can be found online at: <https://www.westslopefireinfo.com/>.

For more information on regulations for DFPC please visit: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/dfpc> <http://www.cowildfire.org/>

For more information on regulations for the BLM-Uncompahgre Field Office please visit:

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For more information on regulations for the NPS, Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park please visit: <https://www.nps.gov/blca/index.htm>

For more information on regulations for the Curecanti National Recreation Area please visit:

<https://www.nps.gov/cure/index.htm>

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### DMEA TO AWARD \$30K IN BUSINESS GRANTS AT 2021 ANNUAL MEETING

*Special to the Mirror*

REGIONAL-The 2021 Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) Annual Meeting is set to take place virtually Thursday, June 17, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. Co-op members and other guests must register before 1 p.m. the day of the meeting at [www.dmea.com](http://www.dmea.com).

"On behalf of the DMEA and its board of directors, I encourage all of our members to log in for the meeting; listen in from the comfort of your home or office. We're looking forward to answering your questions and discussing our goals for the future," said DMEA Board President, Bill Patterson.

For the second year in a row, DMEA's annual board of directors' election is uncontested and members will be asked to formally elect the following candidates during the meeting.

District 1 – William (Bill) Patterson

District 2 – Kyle Martinez

District 5 – Leslie (Chris) Hauck

DMEA's bylaws allow the cooperative to suspend the mailing of ballots in the event a board election is uncontested. Therefore, members will not receive a mail-in ballot.

Rather, members will vote during the meeting on the virtual platform.

The meeting will follow a familiar agenda, with the added excitement of the results of DMEA's Powering Connection Business Grants.

During the meeting, DMEA will announce the recipients of the \$30,000 in grant funds for which more than 80 local businesses applied.

It will also feature numerous board and staff reports on DMEA's business accomplishments over the past year, including the successful transition to its new power supply partner, Guzman Energy.

"In just the last six months of 2020, DMEA shaved \$2 million off our wholesale power costs compared to 2019.

In addition, we were able to keep rates steady through 2020. That's all news worth celebrating with our members," said Patterson.

Important Notes About the 2020 DMEA Virtual Annual Meeting


-Members must register in advance by Thursday, June 17 at 1 p.m.

-Late registrations cannot be admitted.


-The meeting will begin at 3 p.m. on Thursday, June 17, 2021.

-Members can attend either online or by phone. Phone participants will not be able to participate in the vote (please note the election is uncontested).

-After a member has registered, they will receive a confirmation email with all the necessary information needed to attend the meeting.



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## COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

### SUZANNE BLAIR LEMSER

*August 5, 1935-May 3, 2021*

SUZANNE BLAIR LEMSER passed away peacefully in her sleep on May 3, 2021 at the age of 85. She is survived by her loving husband Lawrence, daughters Lorrie Thomas, Jane Gonzales, and Jody Nixon, sons-in-law Marc Gonzales and David Nixon, and grandchildren Alexandra Gonzales, Andrew Gonzales, and Izzac Nixon.

Sue was born on August 5th, 1935 & primarily grew up in Dayton, Ohio, although she spent her formative teen years in Detroit, Michigan. She met her husband while they attended DePauw University and were married upon graduation on July 5th, 1958. She and Larry retired to Montrose 20 years ago and contentedly settled into life on the Western Slope.

Professionally, her life was spent as an elementary teacher. She earned her masters degree mid-career so she could work with special needs students. Sue was also an ardent arts and crafter and spent many happy hours doing needlecraft, copper-enamel jewelry, wood carving and following her life-long passion of tole painting. She was a member of the Black Canyon Wood Carvers group and the Friendship Quilters of Western Colorado.

A celebration of her life is planned for later this summer. The date will be published when known. Donation can be made in lieu of flowers to HopeWest, [www.hopewest.org](http://www.hopewest.org).



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## COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

### DONALD "DON" LESTER MENZEL

*March 16, 1935 - May 17, 2021*



DONALD "DON" LESTER MENZEL, 86, of Montrose, CO passed away on Monday, May 17, 2021 at St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Junction surrounded by his beloved wife, Sheila, and family members after having suffered a stroke on Saturday.

Born March 16, 1935 in Canon City, CO the only child of Lester J. and Inez Lavena (Steele) Menzel. After the death of his father when he was six months old, he and Inez moved to his Grandpa Steele's ranch in Nucla, CO. He attended grade school in Nucla and graduated from Delta High School Class of 1954.

On September 26, 1957 he married Georgia Lea (Budock-Jaharis) Greenfield and to this union two children were born,

Preston Lester "Corky", (deceased, February 22, 2018) and Cydne Donell. This marriage ended in divorce.

On May 27, 1972, he married Sheila (Ray) Banks in Montrose and was blessed to add her daughters, Roxanna Marie and Renee Banks to his family.

Don proudly served his country in the US Navy from July 1957 - July 1967. He was stationed in multiple places including; NAS Barber's Point, Hawaii, NAS Jacksonville, FL, NAS Kingsville, TX, NAS Whidbey Island, Oak Harbor, WA and aboard the U.S.S Coral Sea air craft carrier as an aviation electrician mate 1st class. Don was injured during a routine flight in October 1966 when a defective catapult fired his twin-engine jet tanker airplane into the safety net and flipped over the edge of the bow of the ship into the sea off the coast of Vietnam.

Don joined the Colorado State Patrol in September 1967, retiring in August 1985 after having suffered a heart attack. Duty stations included Norwood and Granby, CO.

Don will forever be missed by his loving wife, Sheila, of 49 years, along with his children, Cydne Menzel (Alvin Towell) of Delta, CO, Roxanna Banks Morrow of Grand Junction, CO, Renee Banks Jensen Wagler (Blake) of Thermopolis, WY, and daughter-in-law, Teresa Menzel, of Cory, CO.

His heart was also full of love for his grandchildren; Danielle Menzel Leech (Jesse), Rangely, CO, Jeremiah Menzel

(Carly), Delta, CO, Craig Morrow (Amanda) Granby CO, Brandy Morrow Cooper (Corey), Waco, TX, SSgt, USMC, Chance Jensen, Camp Pendleton, CA, and TSgt, USAF, Corey Jensen, Air Force Base, Mildenhall, United Kingdom. Also, great-grandchildren; Kalysta Menzel, Shealie Menzel, Zoie Menzel, Emily Jensen, Lenny Morrow, Dakota Morrow, Owen Cooper and Payton Cooper.

He leaves behind a large family of cousins, nieces, nephews and friends which is a testament to the kind of man he was.

He was preceded in death by his loving son, Preston "Corky" Menzel, parents, Lester and Inez Menzel, and step-father Elmer "Paddy" Sprague.

He was an avid hunter, fisherman, and expert marksman. He received numerous Navy medals for expert pistol shot and expert rifleman awards. While stationed in Kingsville, he was a member of the US Naval rifle team winning the Navy Pacific Fleet Championship trophy.

After retiring from the State Patrol, he and Sheila moved to Grand Junction, CO in 1987 and on to Montrose, CO in 1996.

For the past twenty years, Don and Sheila traveled the lower 48 and Alaska in their motorhome, spending their winters in Rockport, TX. Summers were spent boating on Lake Powell, camping and riding ATVs in the beautiful Colorado mountains.

Don was a member of the Grand Junction and Delta Trap Clubs, Montrose Elks Lodge and NRA.



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# ART & SOL

## THE SQUARE DEAL AT MCA!



*Squares are 8" X 8" artworks on canvas, and can be paintings in any media, collages, sculptures, woven pieces or any creation the artists desire. Courtesy images.*

*By Pat Brown*

MONTROSE-Montrose Center for the Arts (MCA) will present its Second Annual Square Deal Show and Auction all through June.

The show opening and reception will be Friday, June 4 from 5 – 7 at MCA located at 11 S. Park in Montrose. During June everyone will be able to bid on their favorite Squares in a silent auction (\$20 mini-

mum bid). Bidding will be open until the end our July First Friday event on July 2. The Squares are 8" X 8" artworks on canvas. They can be paintings in any media, collages, sculptures, woven pieces or any creation our artists desire.

The squares have been donated by individual Western Slope artists to MCA for this key fundraiser. A square will be a great gift for someone or yourself. Let

your imagination run free!

The First Annual Square Deal event produced more than 60 individual squares. It was a great success for the auction winners and MCA!

We thank all participants who contributed to make our 2020 fundraiser a success and, most important, we hope everyone has fun participating in our Second Annual Square Deal event.

# COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: POETRY

## MELISSA STUDDARD SET TO READ AT BARDIC TRAILS ZOOM POETRY SERIES



Melissa Studdard. Courtesy photo.

### Special to Art & Sol

TELLURIDE ... Prizewinning poet and author Melissa Studdard of Texas will be the featured reader at the Bardic Trails Zoom poetry webinar Tuesday, June 1st at 7 p.m.

A production of the Talking Gourds Poetry Program, Bardic Trails is an a free event open to any who pre-register. Register by

May 31<sup>st</sup> on-line at the Wilkinson Public Library to get URL & password. Go to [telluridelibrary.org/events](https://telluridelibrary.org/events).

Studdard was selected as the First Outstanding Finalist in the 2020 Fischer Prize contest for her poem "Migration Patterns" (previously appearing at the Poetry Society of America and Winning Writers websites).

She is the author of five books, including the poetry collection *I Ate the Cosmos for Breakfast* and the poetry chapbook *Like a Bird with a Thousand Wings*.

Studdard's work has been featured by PBS, NPR, *The New York Times*, *The Guardian*, and the Academy of American Poets' Poem-a-Day series, and has also appeared in periodicals such as *POETRY*, *Kenyon Review*, *Psychology Today*, *New Ohio Review*, *Harvard Review*, *Missouri Review*, and *New England Review*.

Her work has won or placed in The Penn

Review Poetry Prize, the Jeffrey E. Smith Editors' Prize, the Tom Howard Prize, The Gregory O'Donoghue International Poetry Prize, the Lucille Medwick Memorial Award, and more.

Her website is [here](https://www.melissastuddard.com), and a wonderful video of her poem "I Ate the Cosmos for Breakfast" can be viewed [here](https://www.melissastuddard.com).

Following Studdard, there will be a short Question and Answer session with co-hosts, Goodtimes and Rosemary Wahtola Trommer.

Future Bardic Trails

Our future Bardic Trails dates are July 6 with Partridge Boswell of Vermont ("Prey"), Aug. 3 with Jane Lunin Perel of Rhode Island ("Sky"), Sept. 7 with Anna Scotti of California ("Fuel"), Oct. 5 with Renee Podunovich of Cortez ("Tree"), Nov. 2 with Debbi Brody of New Mexico ("The New"), and Dec. 7 with Al Zolynas of California ("Flesh").



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## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

### GETTING BACK TO ENJOYING TRAVEL NEAR AND FAR

*Special to Art & Sol*

GRAND JUNCTION-Friendship Force International has been a non-profit organization for over 44 years. FFI is a worldwide travel exchange club and believes one of the best ways to achieve World Peace is through individual friendships. Since 1977 this organization has shared different views and the discovery of common ground, in a quest for global understanding and peace. Our motto: A world of Friendship is a world of peace.

Western Colorado Friendship Force club was founded in 1982. This local club has hosted more than 40 in-coming journeys and more than 50 out-going journeys to other countries all over the world. These opportunities have been life changing to members. Not only do we travel the world, but we also travel within the United States. We have the opportunity to make new friends in the US and learn more about the diverse cultures and regions in America.

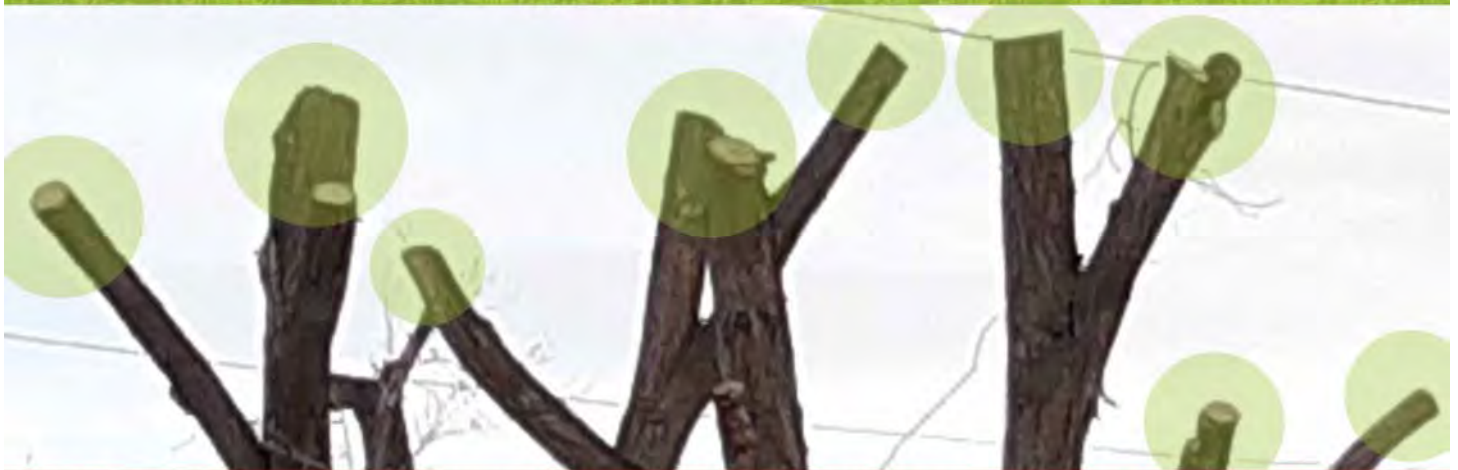
Due to COVID in 2020, Friendship Force organization cancelled all travel. But in 2021 hope has turned a corner. Vaccines are safe, effective and available. Friendship Force of western Colorado club has been able to meet again and plan social activities; plus monthly day trips to places in western Colorado.

In 2022, Friendship Force clubs all over the world are looking forward to starting to travel again.

If you are interested in hearing more about FFI please contact our membership coordinator, Rebekah McDermott --

[rebekahmcdermott@gmail.com](mailto:rebekahmcdermott@gmail.com) or Sue Palmer – 970-260-4653. [www.ffwcolo.com](http://www.ffwcolo.com)

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# FAITH COLUMN: DEACON SPEAKIN' WITH DWIGHT HARP



Anglican Deacon Dwight Harp. Courtesy photo.

By Dwight Harp

MONTROSE—An important and very difficult subject for an article was recently suggested. Where do people go? What do they do for solace when things go bad? Do they go to their family and/or friends to unload? Yes, but then what? Does that do it? A popular song once stated the inevitable question—“Is that all there is?” Temporary solace, compartmentalized situational relief from bad things in your life, without completely cleaning the compartment full of ‘yuk,’ can lead to further bad things in your life.

I can’t approach this subject without relying on my faith in the One, Holy, and Triune God. I’m an ordained (Christian) Anglican Deacon. My training and background and faith play a HUGE part in discussion of this subject.

My dad would say about the discussion of this topic, “If it weren’t so important, it wouldn’t be so important!”

May God guide me to a simple answer.

I first turned to my friend, Google. Much has been written about the subject. Complete subject competence fills a big library.

Each turn revealed two books (and Holy Scripture), both dealing with the subject—“When bad things happen to good people.” Rabbi Harold Kushner authored a book with that title in 1991. Luis Palau wrote, “A life on fire” about the same subject. I’ve not read either but because they are referenced so widely I’d suggest they might be enlightening. They look at the

subject differently I surmise from each one’s briefs.

Further investigation highlights comments from Christian TV host Joyce Meyer. I’ve long enjoyed her programs and teachings. Her hallmark is common sense and simplicity. I’ve never heard her say that people easily ‘overthink’ this Christianity thing, but she teaches simply, directly and convincingly.

Her comments surrounding this particular subject revolve around an analogous conversation with the reader about Friday, Saturday and Sunday of Holy Week. Here’s an excerpt that helped me untangle this a bit. Saturday endurance is key. She wrote:

**“The Resurrection: Making It Through**  
*“So, I want to remember that Jesus endured the cross because He knew what was waiting on the other side of it. In our daily lives, we are going to have to endure some things, and we’re going to face some hard times. But the only way to do it is to go through it.*

*Whether we’re hit by an unexpected circumstance, suffering for doing something wrong or for resisting temptation and sin by doing what’s right, we have to go through things. But waiting for you on the other side of the hard times is the joy of obtaining the prize—the good result.*

*There are usually two sides to everything. The cross has two: a crucifixion side and a resurrection side. And Jesus had to endure one side to get to the other. But if He hadn’t endured, then we’d all still be left without a Savior and no forgiveness of our sins.*

**The Grave: Waiting for a Good Ending**  
*Now, we don’t just go from Friday to Sunday. We have to learn to endure Saturday, which I think is sometimes the hardest to do. We’ll call it the middle. In everything, there’s a beginning, an end, and a middle. The beginning is sometimes a little bit exciting because it’s a new thing. And the end is certainly exciting because it’s where*

*we experience the victory. But, oh...that middle! The Saturdays may be even harder than the Fridays because on Saturday, we’re in the grave and we’re not sure what’s going to happen next.*

*Most of the time, we don’t know how long the middle’s going to last, and although God knows...He’s not telling. (Isn’t He great at keeping secrets?) So we need to remember that when we’re going through the middle of something, we can be assured Sunday always comes after Friday. But we have to endure Saturday—we have to outlast the devil, remain steadfast and not give up or quit. When we do, we will enjoy the resurrection benefits and blessings that come on Sunday.”*

*When God created man and saw that all things were “very good,” he did not destroy that good with the sin of Adam and Eve. He still loved them, cared for them and bid them to go forth and multiply, knowing the hardships they and their descendants would endure. We all endure bad things.*

I endure thru my faith.

I wish I’d read Ms. Meyer’s words a long time ago. I’ll not again ‘just’ endure. I’ll endure as I wait for the Sunday/Good Ending.”

Another stalwart in this Christianity thing wrote about the subject. Billy Graham wrote in 2011 these truths:

-We don’t always know why hard times come to us, sometimes they’re simply a result of living in an imperfect world—a world corrupted by sin. Job (who knew what it was to suffer) declared, “Man is born to trouble as surely as sparks fly upward” (Job 5:7)

-But when hard times do happen, by faith we know that God is still in control (even if it doesn’t seem like it), and we can turn to Him for the strength and encouragement we need. Some get angry at God and turn against Him—they cut themselves off from their only source of LASTING help. Others turn to Him and find comfort and strength in Him.

-But even if we don’t know the reason for the hard times, God still loves us and wants to draw us closer to Himself. When hard times come to you, turn to (not away

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## DEACON SPEAKIN' WITH DWIGHT HARP From previous pg

from) Christ (who suffered and died for you), and ask God to use them to strengthen your faith/trust/belief.

-Learning how to trust God when bad things happen begins with cultivating your relationship with Him. Spend time with Him (in prayer/in Bible study). He'll help you to continue (go through) to Him when the going gets tough. This bad things happening to good people isn't new. The ancient's scripture, the inspired word of God, articulates principles that helped them and can help us thru to our 'Sunday.' Deuteronomy 33:27 "The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms." Psalm 34:17 "When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears, and rescues them from all their troubles." Isaiah 30:15 "In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength."

Is it possible to see God's Providence as the bad happens? Not usually! But we can see it when we look back in reflection on the past.

Did God cause 9-11? There's no theologi-

cal consensus to that one...but?? The love and charity that poured out of all people, not only in the United States, but around the world in its wake, was astounding!

Can we see God leading us to peace and comfort in the middle of our storms? Once again the answer is probably not. But Ms. Meyers suggests that everything has at least two sides. So--

A mental picture of something with two sides comes to mind. On one side of a tapestry everything is beautiful. Nothing is out of place. On the reverse side you might find it not so perfect. Threads need pruning and mistakes need attention. Knots abound on this side. You might say this is the knotty side. Going from the bad (thru your Saturday's) into your Redemptive Sunday (perfect side) requires faith/belief/trust.

Rest assured, God set this world up so that all can be bent and turned toward good. Knowledge about that perfect side brings us the ability to go thru Saturdays into Redemptive Sundays.

The Bible encourages us to trust (there's

that word again) in the Lord at all times: "... Only God has the power to change what was meant for evil **into good**."

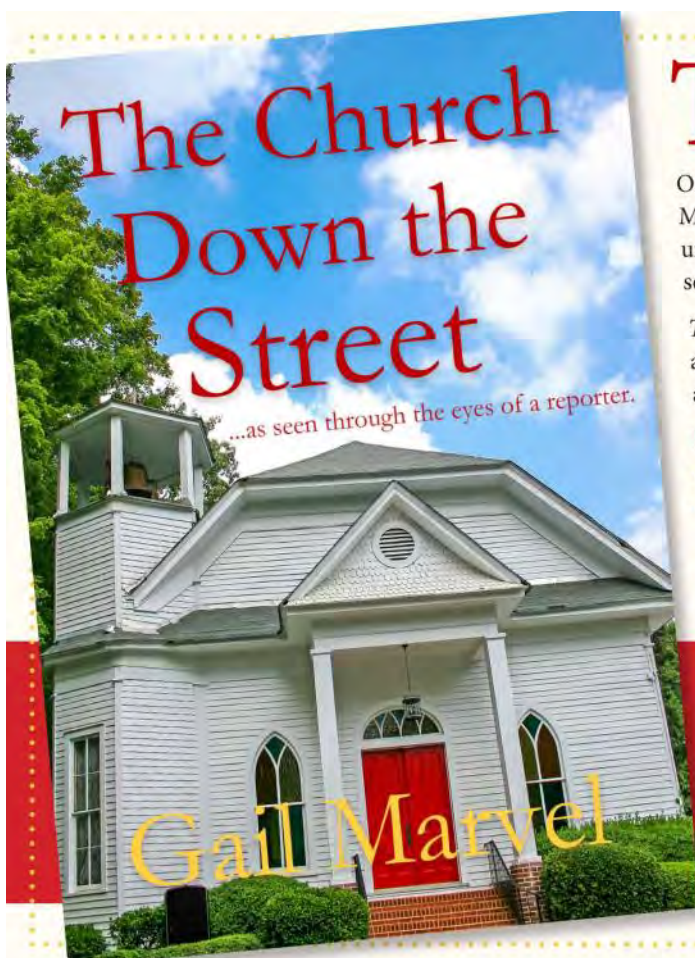
My Grandmother's Red Letter Bible would have this passage about the subject underlined a zillion times. Jesus' admonition to his followers before his crucifixion in John's gospel gives us hope.

(John 14:27) What I am leaving with you is shalom (*peace, harmony, wholeness, completeness, prosperity, welfare and tranquility*). ---I am giving you my shalom (In Israel today, when you greet someone or say goodbye, you say, *Shalom*. You are literally saying, "May you be full of well-being" or, "may health and prosperity be upon you." ). (Jesus continues) I don't give the way the world gives. (*therefore*) Don't let yourselves be upset or frightened.

Because Jesus went through His Saturday we all can have our Resurrection Sundays.

The answer to my original question now seems obvious. Because of my Faith/Trust/Belief I turn to Jesus when bad things happen.

Shalom!



**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
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- Discern the value and content of the sermon.

Gail Marvel's book, *The Church Down the Street*, is available online at [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) and [wingedpublications.com](https://www.wingedpublications.com).

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Montrose Author & Reporter



## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: EVENTS

### HAM RADIO CLUB SPONSORS TAILGATE PARTY

#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-The Montrose Amateur Radio Club will hold its annual Tailgate Party on June 5 at the Lions Pavilion, Confluence Park, Delta from 8AM to 11 AM. Talk-in frequency is 147.195, + offset, 107.2 tone. The Tailgate Party is an opportunity to buy, sell, and trade amateur radio equipment and socialize with area hams. Those interested in the participating in ham radio can learn more about the hobby and pick up some good equipment at bargain prices.

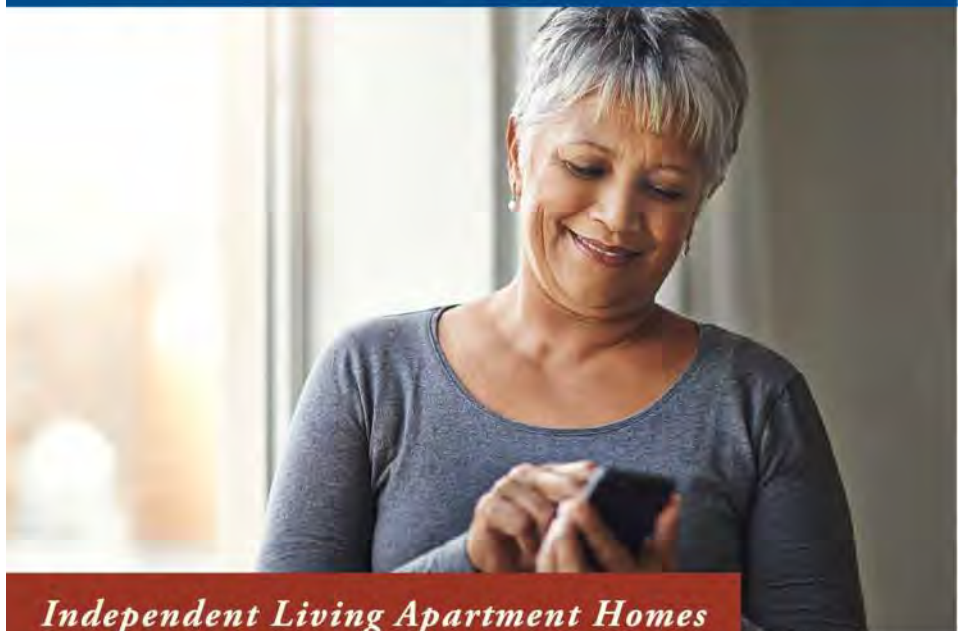
According to Steve Schroder, the event coordinator, "This is a great opportunity for old and new hams to get together. Recently several new hams have gotten their first licenses and need to acquire some radio equipment at good prices. Older hams always have excess equipment that they no longer need. We will also have a door prize consisting of a new

hand-held radio.

There is no cost for admittance. Everyone is automatically entered for the door prize. Additional door prize tickets may be purchased."

Tables for sellers are available for five dollars a table. Attendance is free. You must be present to win the door prize. For more information contact Steve Schroder at 970-201-5997.

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### DELTA COUNTY ROCK, GEM AND MINERAL SHOW

#### *Special to Art & Sol*

DELTA-The Delta County Rock, Gem and Mineral Show will be held on June 5, 2021 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Heddles Recreation Center, 531 N. Palmer St., Delta. Feature items will include gold panning, bingo for children, and educational displays for children. There will also be door prizes, grab bags, a silent auction, and a wheel of rocks. Twenty-nine vendors will have gemstones, jewelry, mineral specimens, cabochons, slabs, fossils, and many other types of rocks for sale and on display. This event is free to the public, and children and adults of all ages are welcome. Come and enjoy the Annual Rock Show.



Volunteers of America is a national, nonprofit, faith-based organization.

## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

### CUB SCOUT PACK 490 CELEBRATES GRADUATION



*Joe Hendricks paints his son's face during the Bobcat Ceremony. His son's name is Austin. Austin is a new cub scout member and will be a Webelo 1 next year. Courtesy photo.*



*Bear Den Leader, Deanna Waldhart shares what the Bears did this year to earn their way up to Webelo 1 next year. Webelo 1 is fourth grade. She is getting ready to hand out their new neckerchiefs. Courtesy photo.*



*Bear Den Leader, Deanna Waldhart takes a picture with her den after moving them up to Webelos 1 during Cub Scouts Pack 490 Graduation May 20. Courtesy photo.*

#### *Special to Art & Sol*

MONTROSE-The Cub Scout Pack 490 out of St. Mary's/Montrose graduated May 20, 2021 (this means they "leveled up" into the next den). They have been in the area for decades and are the last remaining cub scout pack in the area. The program runs during the school year (September-May). Cub Scouts are boys and girls in Kindergarten through Fifth grade. If anyone is interested in signing their child(ren) up next year, they can contact Pack 490 Committee Chair Nicole Diemert at [nicolediemert550@gmail.com](mailto:nicolediemert550@gmail.com).

### TAKE A LITERARY RIDE WITH THE MOST INTREPID WESTERN AUTHOR'S POSSE

#### *Special to Art & Sol*

MONTROSE – The Museum of the Mountain West will host an afternoon with Western Writers of America Inc.'s "Most Intrepid Western Author's Posse" Chris Enss, Phil Mills, Jr., and Bill Markley on Sunday, June 13, 1-2:30 p.m. in the Museum's 1913 German Lutheran Church. The event is FREE and open to the public.

The Most Intrepid Western Author's Posse is comprised of three published, award-winning western authors who love to tell exciting tales of the Old West – some true, some with a twist. Stories told by the posse promise to transport readers back to the days of the wild frontier when times were rowdy, and justice was swift. In their sixth posse ride, the authors will be discussing their books and the taming of the Wild West.

Chris Enss is a New York Times Best Selling author, scriptwriter, screenwriter, and

comedienne who has written for television and film; performed on cruise ships and on stage; and worked with award-winning musicians, writers, directors, and producers. Her passion for telling the stories of men and women who shaped the history and mythology of the American West is evident in her growing catalog of work ranging from Big Nose Kate, Elizabeth Custer, Ma Barker, Roy Rogers, Dale Evans to Buffalo Gals, women outlaws and gamblers, mail order brides, the golden age of baseball, and so many more fascinating stories that bring to life real people from history.

Posse members include Western Writers of America Inc. Spur Award winning author Phil Mills, Jr. (Bandit the Cow Dog), and Branding Iron Award winner Bill Markley (Geronimo & Sitting Bull, Wyatt Earp & Bat Masterson, Billy the Kid & Jesse James). The authors will have books avail-

able to purchase and sign.

Sure to be an engaging, entertaining, fascinating, informative, and interesting afternoon, don't miss this opportunity to "take a literary ride with the Most Intrepid Western Author's Posse"! For more Posse information, visit [www.chrisenss.com](http://www.chrisenss.com).

Step back in time into the real history of the "Old West" and Western Colorado with a visit to the Museum of the Mountain West, 68169 Miami Road, Montrose, Colorado. For more information, visit our Facebook page, [www.museumofthemountainwest.org](http://www.museumofthemountainwest.org) or call 970-240-340



## MIRROR IMAGES: HONORING THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES



*Flags fly on the graves of the fallen.  
Photo by B. Switzer.*



*Above right and below, Local veterans and family members decorate the graves of those who gave their lives in service, at Grand View Cemetery the day before Memorial Day, May 30, 2021.*





By Carole Ann McKelvey

MONTROSE -- It's been a while since I dined at Jimmer's Steak and BBQ Bar and Grill. The other night my son, Ian, and I and my granddaughter, Lola, stopped in for a meal. Great as ever. If you're looking for a little BB heaven look no further than Jimmer's at it's (fairly new) location in the old Red Barn restaurant location on Main Street. I'm betting Jimmer's is here to stay. This Thursday night it was pretty full considering the on-going COVID restrictions. We were seated pretty fast into one of the booths in the main dining room. Now, my son knows his BBQ (he gets that from his dad) and he ordered the dinner for two for he and I to share. Lola being 10 going on 17 (!) knows what she wants and ordered a cheeseburger, thank you very much. She pronounced it a cheeseburger any kid will love. Came with fries of course and she washed the entire thing down with a coke.

Our meal "the feast for two" came with more BBQ meat (pulled pork, smoked turkey, brisket and ½ pork ribs) than any two sane people can eat. Ian took home the leftovers which amounted to another meal. Jimmer's has a nice choice of three BBQ sauces to douse on your meal – original, smoked, and spicy. Smoked is hearty and a bit on the sweet side, perfect!

You can order two sides with your dinner; we chose coleslaw and fried okra with ranch dip. Reminded me of the fried okra my mom used to make. It's always been a favorite.

To my surprise Lola even liked it when she was brave enough to try a bite.

I, of course, had a yummy house margarita; my son was driving. He had a coke.

We were all very stuffed when we left and the meal was some of the best BBQ I've had in a long time.

Jimmer's has a diverse menu:

Appetizers run from \$5.99 for the okra, fried pickles, or jalapeno bottle caps (?) up to \$9.99 for loaded fries with a choice of pulled pork, brisket or turkey with sour cream, cheese and chives.

Salads and Soups go for \$5.99 for a garden salad to \$9.99 for a chef's salad with turkey and brisket. Soup is \$3.99 to \$6.99.

Frankly I don't know how you'd be able to eat an appetizer or soup or salad with all the food that comes with a complete meal. But if you, can I'm sure it would be delicious.

Vegetarian sandwiches: Jackfruit sandwich and/or Impossible burgers are on the menu for \$11.99.

Sandwiches: Choose from BBQ sandwich, PO' boy, grilled chicken or brisket from \$9.99; or try the burnt ends PO' boy for \$11.99.

Burgers: \$6.99 - \$10.99 for a single, double, or Jimmer's with double meat or an 80/20 (80% meat/20% bacon). Or, for heaven's sake, a Kali Temptation burger = 80/20 with brisket, pulled pork, 2xs cheese & onion rings with BBQ sauce for \$13.99. There are also four "gold canyon burgers" featuring Angus beef from \$9.99 - \$11.99. My granddaughter opted wisely for the single cheeseburger.

Jimmer's Meals: Choice of pulled pork, turkey, brisket, homemade sausage with

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two sides and Texas toast or corn muffin. One meat, \$8.99; 2 meats, \$12.99; 3 meats, \$16.99. You can also get ribs with a choice from ½ or a full rack of St. Louis style or baby back ribs from \$13.49 - \$24.49. Or maybe you'd like to try chicken fried steak, beef, chicken or pork, from \$12.99.

Oh, we're not done yet: There is also a meal choice of burnt ends BBQ for \$13.99. Burnt ends? It's really better than it sounds.

Jimmer's Favorites: Jimmer's wrap; turkey, bacon with ranch wrap; famous fat boy taco; or loaded baked 'tator – for \$8.99-9.99.

Now we're in Ian and my territory:

Family Feasts: feast or two (half rack of ribs, pulled pork. Brisket, turkey) with three sides, \$29.99; or feast for 4 (full rack of ribs, larger portions of above and 3 large sides) \$59.99.

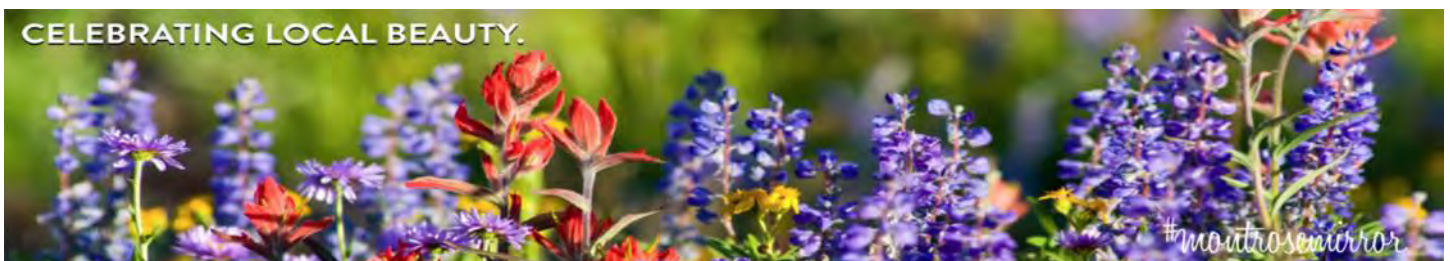
Chicken Meals: Grilled chicken or chicken wings, \$8.99.

Don't forget dessert. We did. Desserts run from \$2.49 - \$4.99 or ask your server what's special tonight.

For the exact menu go to [jimmers-bbq.com](http://jimmers-bbq.com).

Jimmer's is located at 1413 E. Main Street, Montrose. Call 970-252-IBBQ-1227.

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# SAVE THE DATE! UPCOMING REGIONAL EVENTS

## ONGOING-

**NAMI FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP** will be held the 3rd Wednesday 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**-Registration now open for Sept 2021 - Apr 2022 COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY, an international nondenominational Bible study. Studying Revelation Sep 2021-Jan 2022 and Christian Living (1,2,3 John, Jude & Philimon) Feb-Apr 2022. In person for women and children of all ages on Wednesday mornings 9-11. Virtual/Zoom for women Thursday evenings 6-7:15. Contact 720-635-0091 to register or for more information. Or come to our first meeting Wed., Sep. 8, at the First Presbyterian Church, 1840 E. Niagara St., Montrose, at 9AM.

**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

**June 1-2021 Dark Skies Webinar**, Tuesday June 1 @ 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm [Webinar: Dark Skies in Gunnison Gorge NCA — Community Events \(coloradocanyonsassociation.org\)](https://www.coloradocanyonsassociation.org)

**June 3-** Virtual QPR Suicide Prevention Noon to 1: 30 p.m. This class covers the three steps (question, persuade, refer) that anyone can learn to help prevent suicide. It is based on the QPR Institute's industry-leading approach to suicide prevention. Trainees receive a QPR booklet and wallet card as a review and resource tool that includes local referral resources within one hour before training via email. Limited to 20 people. Register at: <https://www.centermh.org/classes/>

**June 4-July 2**-Montrose Center for the Arts (MCA) will present its Second Annual Square Deal Show and Auction all through June. The show opening and reception will be Friday, June 4 from 5 – 7 at MCA located at 11 S. Park in Montrose. Bidding will be open until the end of our July First Friday event on July 2. Please call MCA at (970) 787-9428 for details or questions.

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**June 5-July 2**-Spectrum, an exhibition of art from photography to painting will be hosted by the Wright Opera House and the Ouray County Arts Association from Saturday, June 5 to July 2nd. An Opening Reception will be held at the Wright's Tavern, 472 Main Street, Ouray, on Saturday, June 5 from 4-6pm. Admission is free and refreshments will be available. Current Covid protocols will be followed. Closing reception, June 30, 4-6pm.

**June 12**-Saturday June 12, 2021 Intro to Stargazing, 9 pm - 11 pm [Intro to Stargazing — Community Events \(coloradocanyonsassociation.org\)](https://www.coloradocanyonsassociation.org)

**June 22**-Join us for a summertime frame of mind! Volunteers of America National Services Positive Aging Expo, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Homestead at Montrose (1819 Pavilion Drive) back lawn.

**July 1**-MABA Cruiser Ride. We will meet at Rotary Park at 6:30p for participants to socialize and enjoy their BYOB. The theme for that ride is Freedom Ride and hopefully riders can get their Red, White, and Blue out. Wigs, silly outfits, and decorated bikes are always welcomed.

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## MIRROR IMAGES...TOWERING WATER

*At right, still under construction, the City of Montrose's new water tower atop Sunset Mesa looms over the valley. Below, flags and flowers honoring the fallen at Grand View Cemetery on Memorial Day. Photo B. Switzer.*



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