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ROTARY CLUB OF MONTROSE DONATES TO AMPHITHEATER PROJECT, ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR 100-YEAR CELEBRATION



On behalf of the City of Montrose, Mayor Doug Glaspell accepted a check from the Rotary Club of Montrose in the amount of \$187,633.59. The check represents the club's three-year commitment to raise funds for the Montrose Rotary Amphitheater project. Photo by Gail Marvel.

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE- The Rotary Club of Montrose meets at noon every Wednesday at the Bridges Golf and Country Club. Approximately 50 Rotarians were present for the June 1 lunch meeting.

President Lynn Schneider adjusted the meeting agenda to accommodate the presentation of a check to the City of Montrose in the amount of \$187,633.59. The club's donation represents the fruition of a three-year fund-raising endeavor for the Montrose Rotary Amphitheater project.

Member Kelvin Kent had the honor of making guest introductions; which included city representatives, prominent project donors, and the project builder. Kent

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BOCC ACCEPTS RESIGNATION OF COUNTY MANAGER; APPOINTS WASCHBUSCH TO SERVE AS INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-During a special meeting of the Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) on Thursday, June 3, commissioners voted to accept the resignation of County Manager Ken Norris.

Present at the special meeting were BOCC Chair Sue Hansen and BOCC Vice Chair Keith Caddy; Commissioner Roger Rash was absent.

Following Norris' resignation, the BOCC voted to appoint Deputy County Manager Jon Waschbusch to the position of Interim County Manager.



County Manager Ken Norris, above right, has resigned. Deputy County Manager Jon Waschbusch, left, will serve as interim County Manager. Pictured at center is BOCC Vice Chair Keith Caddy. Mirror file photo by Gail Marvel.

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COBBLE CREEK GOLFER HITS A HOLE IN ONE



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MONTROSE-Montrose County School District (MCSD) recognizes the financial impact of COVID-19 on all our families and is committed to helping defer the cost of school supplies for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year.

Using federal grant money provided through the Elementary and Secondary

School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER), families will receive one year of school supplies free of charge through MCSD.

Over the summer, the School District will purchase wholesale school supplies (from both local and national retailers) which will be distributed to students and families during Back-to-School activities in the fall. Specific details regarding the school sup-

plies assistance program will be communicated to parents and guardians by their student's home school in August.

MCSD hopes this assistance will foster local families' ability to rebuild following the pandemic. Providing for the cost of school supplies will help improve our local economy and save families the expense of purchasing supplies needed for student success.

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MONTROSE-El Distrito Escolar del Condado de Montrose (MCSD) reconoce el impacto financiero de COVID-19 en todas nuestras familias y se compromete a ayudar a diferir el costo de los útiles escolares para el próximo año escolar 2021-2022.

Usando los fondos federales proporcionados por medio del Fondo de Ayuda de Emergencia para Escuelas Primarias y Secundarias (ESSER), las familias recibirán un año de útiles escolares sin cargo a través de MCSD.

Durante el verano, el Distrito Escolar comprará útiles escolares al por mayor (tanto de minoristas locales como nacionales) que se distribuirán a los estudiantes y familias durante las actividades de regreso a clases en el otoño.

Los detalles específicos sobre el programa de asistencia con útiles escolares serán comunicados a los padres y tutores por la escuela de origen de su estudiante en agosto.

MCSD espera que esta asistencia fomente la capacidad de las familias locales para reconstruirse después de la pandemia. Cubrir el costo de los útiles escolares ayudará a mejorar nuestra economía local y permitirá a las familias cubrir un gasto importante en la preparación de los estudiantes para el éxito en la escuela.

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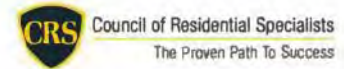


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MONTROSE COUNTY GRATEFUL FOR COUNTY MANAGER NORRIS' 7 YEARS OF SERVICE

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MONTROSE In a special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, the board and Manager Norris mutually agreed to end the contract with County Manager Ken Norris.

"We are extremely grateful to Ken for his dedication, expertise, and positive attitude over the past seven years," said Board Chair Sue Hansen. "Ken was and remains a local government professional and influential community member. His high level of skills and expertise, along with an impressive background, have helped make

Montrose County a leader on the western slope. Moving forward, we look to build on that foundation and continue to innovate and grow."

Norris has been with Montrose County since 2010. He served three years as the county's Facilities Director prior to an appointment to County Manager in 2014. As a licensed Professional Engineer, Norris brought a wealth of experience as the former Vice President of Engineering and

Executive Vice President of Colorado-Ute Electric Association. His experience has been invaluable and saved the county a significant amount of money as the county navigated through both the event center, public works facilities, and more.

Per the contract, the county is responsible for one year of severance and benefits for Mr. Norris' position. Deputy County Manager Jon Waschbusch will serve as Interim County Manager.

TEAMWORK LEADS TO ARREST OF MURDER SUSPECT

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-On May 27 the Montrose County Sheriff's Office (MCSO), Federal Bureau of Investigation, Montrose Police Department, MCSO High Impact Target Team, and Seventh Judicial Task Force executed an operation that led to the arrest of an individual wanted for attempted murder out of Las Vegas, Nev. The FBI had contacted local authorities with information that Gilfredo Morga-Mendoza was in Montrose County in the 53000 block of Falcon Road. Morga-Mendoza was wanted on a warrant out of Las Vegas for attempted murder charges.

"This is the perfect example of federal and local collaboration to apprehend a potentially armed and dangerous suspect who is wanted for two counts of attempted murder in another area," said Under-sheriff George Jackson. "The suspect was taken into custody without incident. This inter-agency operation highlighted teamwork, high-paced preparation, and good communication. Sheriff Lillard and Chief Hall have worked hard to create synergy between the MCSO and MPD, and today's operation showcased how seamless these agencies work together to help protect our community."

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ROTARY CLUB OF MONTROSE DONATES TO AMPHITHEATER PROJECT, ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR 100 YEAR CELEBRATION From pg 1



Stryker and Company, Inc was awarded the contract to build the Montrose Rotary Amphitheater. During the June 1, 2021 meeting of the Rotary Club of Montrose, company President Scott Stryker said, "We wanted to invest in a facility that would change the face of Montrose. Something that would be the greatest good, for the greatest number of people. For a construction update, we are underbudget and two-weeks ahead of schedule." Photo by Gail Marvel.

said, "There were a lot of individuals [who participated] and two Rotary clubs."

Mayor Pro Tem Dave Frank, who is also a Rotarian, gave a brief history of the amphitheater vision for Montrose. He said, "This goes back over three decades. We said let's move forward. We are going to make this a [club] focus. We had a citizen's advisory committee and discussed the scope of the project. In the final plan we wanted something that would last for the next 50 years. Something that would benefit Montrose economically. We can easily compete with anything going on in Telluride. Everyone stepped-up to support. Our part [projected] was \$150,000 and the city agreed to name it the Montrose Rotary Amphitheater."

Kent said, "A lot of donors are not even Rotarians. Scott Stryker wanted to be a donor; he is the largest non-institutional donor." Kent dispelled any thought that

Stryker and Company's donation was political. He said, "I knew that Scott would be a [contract] bidder, but he wanted to commit his \$20,000 before the bidding process even started." The largest institutional donor is the Montrose Community Foundation (\$26,000).

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The second Montrose Rotary Club, Black Canyon Rotary Club, was formed a little over two years ago. Although they did not play a prominent role in fundraising for

this project, Club President Amanda Waltrip said, "We pushed forward as our club was formed."

A driving force behind the amphitheater project is the City of Montrose. On behalf of the City of Montrose, Mayor Doug Glaspell accepted the check for \$187,633.59.

The mayor quipped, "We'll try to get this cashed as soon as we can!"

Following the presentation the club resumed regular business, which included adding three new members. Member Jim Elder said, "We're increasing our membership. After COVID the club has grown. People want to get out."

At the beginning of the program Dr. Tom Chamberlin was allotted four-minutes to give a brief history update. He said, "I have [newspaper] clippings from June of 35-years ago. We used to have a reporter at every meeting. The [Daily] Press was always at our meetings and we had updated information for the community. We've lost that connection with the Daily Press. Thirty-five years ago, we built the Montrose Pavilion and the bridge at Rotary Park. We helped raise funds for a student participating in "Up With People" and we purchased benches for the San Juan Living Center. That's what was happening 35-years ago."

Tonya Maddox presented the program, "The 100 Year Celebration." Maddox said, "On November 6, 2021 we will have a huge gala. A phenomenal event, the Montrose Rotary Club Centenary Jubilee, celebrating 100 years of service in Montrose, Colorado. We will have the entire arena at the Montrose Events Center and have one museum per decade. People will be dressed in period costume and tell the story per decade. We will party like it is 1921; there will be a band and you guys get to dance! We will have classic cars, two cars for each decade."

The Rotary Club of Montrose will soon vote on their next big club project. Maddox said, "With Rotary Row [tentative project title] we want to build three or four affordable houses."

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MONTROSE-According to the Montrose Area Bicycle Alliance (MABA), the new Bucks for Biking program has been very well received. MABA is paying citizens who work within the City of Montrose Limits \$2 per day that they bike to work in June. Some employers (Montrose County, Montrose Recreation District, Montrose Memorial Hospital, and Mayfly) are even matching the payouts.

“So far we are averaging 39 riders per day with a collective average of 170 miles biked each day,” MABA Board member Jeff Rice said. “It is very exciting to see all the participation, and 40 less vehicles on the road each day is a start to helping ease the traffic and encourage a healthy life-



style.” All three local bike shops have donated free tune ups, he said. The top female rider for distance, top female rider for days, top male rider for distance, and top male rider for days will each earn free tune ups. The City of Montrose has also

donated two \$50 Montrose Bucks cards to be awarded via a drawing of all participants. As of Friday, June 4, “We are at over 60 bikers with a collective total of more than 700 miles in four days,” Rice said. Learn more at www.bucksforbiking.com

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

WILDFIRE! A WORD EVERYONE SHOULD BE FEARING THESE DAYS

Editor:

I think that most of us believe in inevitable change and progress. In Cobble Creek we used to look at the Yaks that graced the entrance on our little two lane rural road.

Much has changed in Montrose during that time. But Chipeta Rd. is still a small two lane rural road.

We have presented the city councilors with our concerns as to the proposed mega development of 500 apartments going in there. We see the evidence of our **severe** drought in our face, as we have had only 1.76 inches of precipitation for

the first half of this year.

We all can see the reservoirs that are not even close to capacity. The chance of wildfire is great, we live right below the plateau where a wildfire could break out, and we have had other fires here this year, so close to our neighborhood with helicopters and buckets over head dropping water.

We have made the councilors aware of our safety concerns as far as not having an escape route in the event of an out-of-control burn or a wildfire. We all remember the Paradise, California fire where 85

people died because they couldn't escape. Mayor Glaspell told me that security and public safety is considered for zoning, had they even looked at our lack of escape routes or emergency equipment getting in?

Our only avenue out of here is Chipeta Rd.. Can you imagine 1000 - 1200 vehicles trying to flee from a fire? It won't happen, and people will die trying to escape.

So, will they let Mr. Potter have his way or will they protect our citizens' safety?
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SENIOR COMMUNITY CARE PACE ANNOUNCES DAY CENTER REOPENING

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REGIONAL-Volunteers of America and Senior Community Care PACE – the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly – is pleased to announce the reopening of their day centers in both Montrose and Eckert.

The two day centers, which normally serve approximately 320 participants in both Montrose and Delta Counties, are reopening after being temporarily closed during the Covid-19 pandemic. Based on improved local conditions, the decision was recently made to reopen the centers gradually with infection control precautions in place to serve the various health and socialization needs of the program’s members.

Executive Director, Keith Howell said, “With the COVID-19 situation in our service area improving, we are beginning to return to a state of vigilant normalcy in-

cluding a phased reopening of the PACE centers. This is a very exciting time for our participants and our program to be able to meet socially in small groups.”

The Eckert day center opened earlier this week with PACE transportation bringing in 5-15 participants every day Monday through Friday.

The Montrose day center is scheduled to open the week of June 14th and will bring in 5-15 participants every day Monday through Friday.

During the pandemic, the program reorganized its service delivery to provide meals, clinical check-ins, and therapeutic recreation activities in participant homes. Many of these services were routinely provided at both day centers.

“Our PACE team pulled together and overcame,” Howell said. “They continued to provide excellent care and services to support our participants to remain living

independently in their homes over the past 14 months. Going forward, we will consistently review public health guidelines and our own infection control policies to create the safest settings possible for our many participants.”

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COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION TO MEET JUNE 10 - 11

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DENVER - At its hybrid virtual/in-person meeting in Trinidad, the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission will hear an update on wolf reintroduction planning, best management practices for solar power, and a public involvement timeline on big game license allocation and preference points.

The commission will also discuss the big game auction and raffle program and related conservation organization evaluation criteria, and the election of officers at its meeting on Thu., June 10 and Fri., June 11. The meeting will be streamed live on CPW's YouTube page here.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. on Thu., June 10 and adjourn at 5 p.m. The commission will reconvene at 8:30 a.m. on Fri., June 11 and adjourn at 11:15 a.m.

Additional agenda items include: Department of Agriculture update Department of Natural Resources update Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) 1200 series (wildlife) rules Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) update Research update Awards and presentations A complete agenda along with all materials for public review for this meeting can be found on the CPW website. The public is encouraged to email written comments to the commission at dnr_cpwcommission@state.co.us. Details on providing public comments for virtual meetings are available on the CPW website.

The commission meets regularly and travels to communities around the state to facilitate public participation. Anyone can

listen to commission meetings through the CPW website. This opportunity keeps constituents informed about the development of regulations and how the commission works with Colorado Parks and Wildlife staff to manage the parks, wildlife and outdoor recreation programs administered by the agency. Find out more about the commission on the CPW website.

The next commission meeting is a hybrid virtual/in-person meeting scheduled to take place on July 15 and 16 in Durango.



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MOOSE AND ELK ATTACKS, AGGRESSIVE WILDLIFE BEHAVIOR: DEFENDING THEIR YOUNG

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DENVER - Colorado Parks and Wildlife officials are issuing its annual warning to avoid elk, moose and deer that have newborn calves and fawns this time of year.

The alert was prompted by a pair of recent conflicts resulting in injuries to a pair of elderly men - one in Steamboat Springs on May 29 and the other in Evergreen on June 3. Although both incidents were not believed to be sparked by irresponsible behavior, they do serve as examples that wildlife are just that, wild, and they can act in unpredictable ways. CPW reminds the public to respect wildlife and their space, especially at this time of the year. "Cows will be exhibiting normal protective behavior of their young," said Wildlife Officer Tim Woodward. "Give wildlife extra space this time of year. Be sure to keep dogs on leashes. Dogs can trigger aggressive behavior and both moose and elk will chase a dog right back to their owner, presenting a dangerous situation."

On May 29 near Snowflake Circle and Meadow Lane in Steamboat Springs, a gentleman was knocked over on his back and stomped by a cow moose with two calves. The victim stated that his small dog was outside unleashed when he heard it start barking and realized there was a moose in the area. He stepped forward to grab the dog and that is when the moose charged at him.

The victim in the moose attack was examined for minor injuries on site.

On Thursday, June 6 in the Hiwan Hills area of Evergreen, reports came in of a cow elk charging people. A 90-year-old man injured his hip in the incident, although no contact between the man and the elk is believed to have been made. The man was sent to the hospital to evaluate his injury.

Other aggressive behavior of moose in Steamboat Springs and elk in Evergreen and Estes Park has been reported within the last week. Similar scenarios with moose, elk and deer may take place across Colorado.

Many birds and mammals give birth this time of the year. Now through the end of the month, newborn wildlife will be found across the landscape and it is important

that when they are observed, that people do so from a distance and never try to interact with them. Having dogs off leash often escalates run-ins with wildlife from just a sighting into what could be a dangerous situation.

"As people are recreating for the next

three or four weeks, they should be keeping their dogs on a leash or leaving them at home," said Kristin Cannon, Deputy Regional Manager for CPW's Northeast region. "They should be aware of their surroundings and should give all wildlife plenty of space."

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A FRESH POINT OF VIEW: CAN WE PLEASE CANCEL LETTUCE?

By Jack Switzer, 17

MONTROSE-The evening grows dark; exhaustion follows close behind me as I pull into the drive-thru and toward the light that beckons. That light represents the heat and scent of a delicious American cheeseburger--the most spectacular of meals, and the quickest to grab. I order, I pay, and the magnificent creation is handed straight to me. I can hardly contain my desire to instantly rip my food to shreds. However, looking upon my burger, I notice a travesty. A tragedy. A disappointment to humanity—at least mine. Lettuce had found its way onto my burger.

Lettuce is one of the most common restaurant burger ingredients, whether you're sitting in a seedy bar and you need something to take the edge off, or if you're in a higher status establishment with pricier food. You will almost certainly be able to find lettuce on your burger if you don't specify that they remove it, because it has become an industry standard. Still, shouldn't the industry standard for a vegetable on a burger be something that is not the edible equivalent of green construction paper?

Lettuce has little to no texture. If you run it over your tongue the sensation you receive would be equivalent to running your tongue over soggy newspaper or a wet napkin. It's frankly unpleasant and it's disappointing that people will use the texture as an arguing point in favor of lettuce. Despite the texture, one might use the appeal of flavor when you bite down into a leaf of iceberg lettuce as an arguing point in its favor. Yet lettuce has absolutely no flavor, and it feels like I'm biting into a pool of sauce, grease, and lukewarm sink water. Most lettuce has little to no nutritional value. People attempt to use the juices that pool on the lettuce as something that works in its favor, but if you ask me it's a tossed salad of everything wrong. One thing most Lettuce enthusiasts boast about is that Lettuce has a delightful crunch as you bite into it. It adds depth to the burger it's placed on. However, I counter these points by asserting that when you place lettuce onto a burger or any other sort of warm food, it wilts, and the crunch disappears entirely. As does the fresh taste that could be said to come with lettuce. If all it takes to render an

ingredient useless is the amount of warmth that comes from a burger, is it worth keeping around? I contend that lettuce on a burger was a concept meant to deceive by appealing to those who want something healthy, and to those who really care about where the juices on their burger are going. However, in both of those capacities, lettuce fails and adds nothing to the meal as a whole. It is a disappointing and unfavorable vegetable, a vegetable that has nothing going for it in terms of nutrition, texture, taste, or usefulness. Looking upon the burger I had ordered, I felt a flair of rage. While gazing at the menu I was so tired I had forgotten to relay to the voice behind the microphone that I didn't want lettuce to tarnish something so beautiful. Alas, there it was, looking me in the face like it had done nothing wrong. Promptly, I remove the wilted leaf from its comfortable seat, and frisbee throw the tasteless decoration into a nearby trash receptacle from my car window.

It's time to take a stand. I believe lettuce needs to put in its two weeks and find a suitable replacement.



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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

TAKE BACK CITY GOVERNMENT NOW

Editor:

I cannot commend Don Peterson enough for calling a spade a spade. Our, and I use that word 'our' extremely loosely, city manager is a side-driven politico who decides what 'HE' wants done and then goes about seeing to it that the cards fall appropriately. Paid handsomely by the taxpayers and in the pockets of the special interests. His friends and the folks who provide him his political backing. One thing for sure he is not for the taxpayer. Both the city manager and the current city council are up to their neck in various schemes that, as written, they themselves will not be around to see the failure. In the case of MURA the Colorado Outdoors development will be twenty years or more before it fails to pay its debts and taxpayers, yet to be born, are called upon to pay for its frivolities.

The HUB issue is just the latest. To ensure that this friendly developer gets his \$2.4 million dollar 'taste' from the city is adding salt to the wound of the west side

residents. Why is there so much push against a significant number of good citizens of Montrose who so vehemently oppose the project? Just do it, City Council! Jamb it down several good tax paying, law abiding citizens throats because you and your buddies want it. Where I grew up in New Jersey this behavior always had an 'understanding' attached.

Is Montrose such a crummy place to invest that so many developers HAVE TO BE PAID to develop here? Are these projects so poorly planned (poor arithmetic and poor business plan) that they need subsidies to survive? Why must the taxpayers who are already paying for their homes have to share in the cost of the homes for others. In the larger cities (that have huge tax base) these places are 'the projects' and have generally become SLUMS. Why does Montrose want to even entertain such an idea? Or the expense of police, fire and rescue, charity and schools that go with it? I would ask the members of the city council to think ahead for a

change and explore that dark hole they are building for their kids.

The people of Montrose deserve better. All over town our citizens are aware of numerous issues that disturb them and they are mad as hell. It is long past time for this dissatisfaction with management to end.

Citizens can no longer leave it up to the 'others' to speak for them and confront their ELECTED PUBLIC SERVANTS with their voices. Politely but emphatically. With the force of numbers, emphatically demanding that things be righted, not next year, but now. It can be done. Speak in unison. Take back city government now or Montrose, all of us, will suffer the consequences of the social club known as the Montrose City Council. Will Montrose have government "of the people, by the people and for the people" or will we be perpetually stuck with what we presently have, government "of the few, by the few and FOR the few"?

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VCM GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT AND BENEZET REALTY BUY WESTERN SLOPE FOOD & INNOVATION CENTER

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MONTROSE— VCM Global Asset Management and Benezet Realty Partners announce the acquisition of Russell Stover Chocolates’ manufacturing facility on Colorado’s Western Slope.

VCM and Benezet are upgrading the facility to provide processing, storage and distribution opportunities for locally produced food. The Western Slope Food & Innovation Center will help producers target a local USD540 million retail foods market.

“The pandemic has demonstrated that we cannot take fully stocked grocery shelves for granted,” says Mitchell Bennett, CEO of Benezet Realty. “Our goal is to attract local producers, manufacturers and food processors to provide the biggest deep freezer, processing and distribution facility 300 miles in each direction. This is a big deal because more than US\$210 billion* worth of food is wasted every year in the US, we want to sustainably contribute to reducing that impact,” he adds.

The facility will play a role in Colorado’s broader USD7.4 billion food production value chain.

Through the plant, producers, distributors and even pharmaceuticals companies can

distribute directly across four states.

“We want to provide food security, safety and potential self-sufficiency to the local economy, supporting local jobs and local commerce. But the impact is not just social,

it is also environmental. We are also upgrading the plant to become more energy efficient to reduce our carbon footprint and modernize the facility,” says Tom Vukota, CEO at VCM, a real estate investor, which purchased 45 Wyndham branded hotels for USD215 million in the US last year.

“The plant provides immediate value to local producers and distributors as logistics and distribution capabilities have never been more important following disruption caused by the pandemic,” he adds.

“There is much potential to grow the plant and offer locally grown, quality food sup-



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plies to local communities, developing a producer-focused supply network that connects to residents in the surrounding communities,” says Benezet’s Bennett.

The plant is a 278,400 square foot facility situated on 21.3 acres of property and is surrounded by Colorado’s affluent communities of Telluride, Aspen and Vail. Telluride, for example, is less than 70 miles from Montrose.

These three communities alone represented more than USD540M in retail food sales in 2019. The location is 66 miles south of Interstate 70 and connected by 4-lane Hwy 50.

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CITY INTERVIEWS DISTRICT II APPLICANTS; LOOKS AT NEW PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY DESIGN CONTRACT



City Council interviewed District II Council seat applicants at the work session of June 1.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE—On Tuesday, June 1, the Montrose City Council met for a regularly scheduled work session at 10 a.m. in Council chambers. All councilors were in attendance, as were all three applicants for the empty District II seat formerly held by Dave Bowman. Mayor Doug Glaspell called the meeting to order.

DISTRICT II OPEN SEAT-APPLICANT INTERVIEWS

Applicants for the open seat included Jeff Rice, Anthony Russo, and Edward Ulibarri. Councilor Barbara Bynum thanked the applicants for appearing before Council, “It’s nice to see your faces and be able to do this in person.”

Though the interview questions varied slightly by individual applicant, general questions posed by Council included the applicants’ opinions as to the best and worst aspects of life in Montrose, their approach to team leadership and decision making, their approach to communication and conflict resolution, ability to set aside personal relationships when making decisions, and their availability to accommodate the obligations that come with City Council service.

Rice, who said that he likes to lead by example, was the first to interview. He has owned his own graphic design company for more than five years and works remotely. As a young professional, Rice volunteers with the Montrose Area Bicycle Alliance (MABA) and has served with other organizations such as the City’s Development & Revitalization Team (DART).

“This town has got the best access to the outdoors that I love,” Rice said. “...we have a community feel here that I really like. You can get involved and enjoy what the community has to offer.” Rice said he would like to see more affordable housing in Montrose, and an increased focus on the local bike scene. He would like to see more representation of the younger demographic in City government.

“The Connect Trail is wonderful, and I really hope we can build upon that and extend that network,” Rice said, noting that Montrose will face the challenges that come with growth and should be prepared. Rice said he has read the Comprehensive Plan and really appreciates it.

“There’s some wonderful ideas in there.” Neighboring communities have legalized recreational marijuana dispensaries. “...I feel that is something that is an untapped financial resource for the community,” Rice said, noting that he is not a cannabis user. “We could use those revenues toward whatever programs we like.”

Montrose has wonderful weather and is a flat town; while bikes are not for everyone, they are an excellent resource. “You can’t help but just smile when you’re on the Connect Trail and you see how much activity there is over there,” Rice said. Russo, who works in international business as President of Trade Hub International, has six children and was recruited to and served on the City’s Planning Commission from 2005 until 2021, when he resigned. He serves on the DART board and has worked with local development entities such as the Region 10 League for Economic Assistance & Planning, Montrose Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) and the Small Business Develop-

ment Center (SBDC). Russo said he is able to work here because of the airport. He took an active part in the City’s comprehensive planning process.

Russo noted that while it can be difficult to separate community relationships from the need to make unbiased decisions, “It’s very difficult at times...in my time with the planning commission, we had a lot of tough decisions that came before us, and a lot of decisions that had to be made that the community may not like,” he said, “based on what the law actually stated and what was right.”

Still, “...If you’re fair, consistent, and you’re right, you don’t show bias, and you do your best to demonstrate that you truly do care about the community and the people that are there, giving them time to speak, listening to what they have to say, taking into consideration what the community has to offer you as far as feedback, but then doing the right thing, regardless of what that might do for your reputation or how people might feel about you later on...if you show fairness and consistency, in the end it really does win out.”

People just want to be heard, Russo said. “...I want to be here for the people, and I want to listen to what they have to say,” Russo said. “I want to make a better community for all of us...we have to be able to come together and make decisive decisions and sometimes with not having all the information, but we have got to come out unified with them.”

Despite his previous record of service on Council, Ulibarri said that he felt nervous about the interview. Born and raised in Montrose, he graduated from high school here in 1966. After heading to California for college and serving in the US military, Ulibarri returned home to Montrose. He has served not only on City Council, but on other community boards including the RE-1J Board of Education (2005-2009). He has owned his own construction business since 1976 and has more than 40 years of martial arts experience. Ulibarri said that he learned early on that to be a good leader, one must be a good follower.

CITY INTERVIEWS DISTRICT II APPLICANTS; LOOKS AT NEW PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY DESIGN CONTRACT *From previous pg*

Montrose has challenges with infrastructure, he said, but suggested that the City should not implement property tax as a means to pay for improvements but should look at other options.

"...I see a lot of curb, gutter, sidewalks that are in need of repair," Ulibarri said. "I think maybe as a Council we should look at that...do we really want all this traffic coming in? What's our focus?"

Council then gave Rice additional time to discuss his background as the other candidates had.

After growing up in Wisconsin, Rice said that he lived in a number of communities before choosing Montrose as his home. As a graphic designer, he can work anywhere there is internet. "...I have worked from a campsite." In addition to work, Rice enjoys being involved. He and his dog Luna have

adopted the West Main Trailhead and pick up litter there.

Mayor Glaspell thanked all three candidates and noted that a decision would be made at the regularly scheduled Council meeting to be held at 6 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS

In other business, Council discussed a professional services contract to Chamberlin 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.

Built in the 1950's, the facility houses a number of City Departments including engineering, utilities, streets, and fleet, City Engineer Scott Murphy said. The facility is used for operational needs as well as public contact. Approximately 180 year-

round employees and several dozen summer seasonal workers are based out of the Public Works facility. Chamberlin was not only the low bidder but was the highest scoring of those bidding.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Councilor J. David Reed suggested that a City proclamation in support of Tim Foster Day be updated to align with Montrose County's Proclamation which designates June 30, 2021 as Tim Foster Day in Montrose County.

Police Chief Blaine Hall said that the new Public Safety facility is off the ground now with a stair tower and other structures in place.

Bynum said that "Forum" programming would resume June 2 at Colorado Mesa University's Cascade Hall after a 15-month hiatus.



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CITIZENS SPEAK OUT ON HUB; CITY APPROVES COMPREHENSIVE PLAN-THE PLAN IS A VISION, 'IT IS NOT A LAW,' REED STATES

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-On Tuesday, June 2, the Montrose City Council gathered in Council chambers for a [regularly scheduled meeting](#). All councilors were present for the meeting, which began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Dave Frank requested that the minutes of the special meeting of May 18, 2021 be pulled from the Consent Agenda for correction.

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

A number of citizens addressed Council during the time for public comment.

Citizen Matt Goldasich said that the Spruce Point development was limited to 3.4 units per acre while the HUB development was allowed 15, though both were zoned R3A. "You really have to question what's happening here...it just looks like there's some bias here...it just doesn't seem right."

While the City's comprehensive plan is advisory in nature, any rules made by the city in accordance with the plan are not, and density must be considered, Goldasich said.

Citizen Barbara Gallagher said that she and her husband moved to Montrose in September after 20 years in Ridgway. "...We thought the Chipeta Road area was pretty perfect—it's close to town, semi-rural...we were very shocked to find out that this massive development was going to take place," she said. "We knew Montrose has a comprehensive master plan...how can this giant complex possibly conform? If this project goes through, every developer can do whatever they want because the Council is setting a precedent to us.

"...Montrose will be known as the city with no backbone to enforce its master plan," Gallagher said.

Also speaking was Brenda Cofano. The fee waivers to the developer represent money that will not go into the City's treasury, and the developer of Cobble Creek received no financial assistance but was



Cobble Creek resident Randy White waved a cold potato at City Council in an attempt to make a point on June 2.

asked to contribute additional funds for a water pipeline, Cofano said. "I just think there's a difference in the way the Cobble Creek developer was treated versus the HUB developer." Two people she knows have sold their homes because of the HUB.

Citizen Donna Nash raised concerns about fire. "If we have a fire, we have over 400 people that live within Cobble right now," Nash said. "If they build another 500, or even the smaller that we've heard, 160, if we had to be evacuated due to an emergency, we would not all get out."

In the event lives are lost the City could be sued, Nash said.

Citizen Randy White spoke, stating that the HUB concerns appeared to be evolving into a rancorous situation, a "hot potato," he said as he held up a potato. "It's a cold potato now," White said.

The HUB is incongruous at its current site, he said.

City Council District II Applicant Edward Ulibarri thanked Council for their consideration and wished the other applicants

good luck as well.

Citizen Jim Haugsness spoke. "...This is probably the best city government that I've seen in the 22 years that I've lived here."

Said Haugsness, "One of the reasons for that is transparency and flow of information. Council is always available to talk to, to get information from. If they don't have that information, they will research it.

"I asked Mayor Glaspell about some issues on the HUB, and he spent five hours researching that," Haugsness said. "...I had some questions on the HUB traffic concerns; I called Bill Bell, Bill directed me to Scott Murphy. Scott answered my questions.

"If I want to go into really detailed stuff, I go to Councilor Bynum," Haugsness thanked staff and council for their attentiveness to his concerns.

Several other citizens spoke against the HUB project in its present form, including Ron Sobieck, Ginny Price, and Ron Smith. Randy White spoke again, after asking if

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he could use one minute of the time his wife would have had if she had chosen to speak. White suggested a collaborative meeting at an inspiring location with a “black belt” facilitator.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council approved the minutes, which were amended as requested by Mayor Pro Tem Dave Frank, with minutes of the May 18, 2021 special meeting pulled for correction.

SELECTION OF DISTRICT II COUNCILMAN

Of three applicants for the empty District II seat formerly held by Dave Bowman, Council appointed Applicant Anthony Russo after a three to one vote. Applicant Jeff Rice received one vote. Following the vote tally, Councilor Barbara Bynum suggested that Rice and Ulibarri apply to fill an upcoming vacancy on the City’s Planning Commission.

Russo was given the oath of office by City Clerk Lisa DelPiccolo and took his seat on the dais.

RESOLUTION 2021-09-ADOPTION OF ENVISION 2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

As discussed previously in work session, Councilors voted to approve Resolution 2021-09 to adopt the recently updated [Envision 2040 Comprehensive Plan](#).

Prior to the vote, Senior Planner Amy Sharp presented a recap of the comprehensive planning process and gave an overview of the plan.

Councilor J. David Reed thanked Sharp and planning staff. “I think it is phenomenal, the job you guys have done... it is a lofty goal, it envisions a lot, how this community will develop as we go forward into the future,” Reed said. “I think it is also important and particularly timely that we remember what a comprehensive plan is and what a comprehensive plan is not...and I think it’s important for our constituents to also understand, that you guys have done a marvelous job here, but it is a vision, it is not law.”

Bynum thanked staff and the community members who contributed to the comprehensive planning effort. “Thank you to everyone who participated with your comments and your input.”



Citizen Donna Nash questioned who would take responsibility for loss of life in the event of a wildfire near Cobble Creek.

Frank said he took part in most of the meetings and the document is a testament to the hard work and attention paid to the citizenry.

Mayor Glaspell acknowledged the staff hours and work involved, and the number of citizens involved. “Thank you guys very much.”

ORDINANCE 2543-FIRST READING

Council voted unanimously to approve Ordinance 2543 on first reading, updating 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.

ORDINANCE 2544-FIRST READING

Council voted to approve Ordinance 2544 on first reading, disconnecting the property at 16763/16765 6725 Road. Bynum said that the property owners will no longer be able to vote in City elections.

ORDINANCE 2542-SECOND READING

As discussed in work session and on first reading, Council voted to approve Ordinance 2542 on second reading, designating Montrose Fire Department No. 1, 24 S. Uncompahgre Avenue, as a City of

Montrose Historic Property.

STAFF REPORTS/COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Glaspell said that the City would issue a proclamation in support of Tim Foster Day at the Community Forum at Colorado Mesa University the following day.

Glaspell said that it was an honor to accept a check from Montrose Rotary as pledged toward the Cerise Park Amphitheater. “...It’s coming along pretty quickly.”

Russo thanked Council for appointing him. “...I’m honored to have the opportunity to serve the City of Montrose. Thank you.”

Bynum said that the non-profit Uncompahgre Valley Alliance and the Bright Futures Early Childhood Council are moving forward with the childcare needs survey supported by both City and County. A focus group has been held with licensed early childhood educators and the group will now hold a focus group with non-licensed providers. The focus group will be June 15 from 6:30 to 7:30; those wishing to participate should call Community Engagement Specialist Ross Valdez at 970-240-1471.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

'WE'VE GOT IDIOTS OVER ON THE EASTERN SLOPE' BOCC APPROVES RESOLUTION OPPOSING PAUSE INITIATIVE

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-All three commissioners were present for the regular meeting of the Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) on Wednesday, June 2. BOCC Chair Sue Hansen welcomed all to the meeting. "Glad to be here," Commissioner Roger Rash said. "Glad to have you," Hansen said.

The invocation was delivered by Father Robert Munday of All Saints Anglican Church. Munday shared a prayer by the late President Thomas Jefferson. "...In time of prosperity fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail." Clerk to the Board Eloise Lentz led all in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no comments heard from the public.

COUNTY MANAGER

County Manager Ken Norris added two items to the executive session, No. 2-CRS 815-201 and No. 3-Airport Hotel Contract Negotiations.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda items were approved unanimously, with Resolution 22-2021 assigned to No. 18.

GENERAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

The BOCC voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 23-2021, stating the Board's opposition to Colorado Ballot Initiative 16, PAUSE. County Attorney Marti Whitmore advised that in previous years the BOCC has not taken a position on tax initiatives. Still, "...this has not received enough signatures to yet be on the ballot, so I think you can take action on this resolution if it is your desire to do so," Whitmore said.

Hansen asked Whitmore to read Resolution 23-2021 into the record. Said BOCC Vice Chair Keith Caddy, "This would be a killer for our ag industry in Western Colorado and the State of Colorado in the livestock industry. We need to do all we can to protect our economy here in Montrose County, as well as in the State of Colorado."

"I think this was a very ill-thought-up initiative and I think the group that's doing this are out of touch with reality and the economy of the State of Colorado," Caddy said.

Said Commissioner Rash, "We've got idiots over on the Eastern Slope, and I'll be the first one to say it folks. This is nothing more than these folks trying to bankrupt our ranchers, our farmers, our producers...this is a government land grab if this thing passes, so they can force these people into either selling their properties or going into conservation easements or whatever it is."

"This is a bad law."

Rash urged citizens to learn about the PAUSE initiative and to take action to oppose it. "...Call your friends, call your neighbors, call your families...there are enough idiots on the Eastern Slope who will vote for this, because it has a catchy name," Rash said. "...Put a stop to this



County Attorney Marti Whitmore (right) read Resolution 23-2021 into the record, stating opposition to the PAUSE initiative.

thing--and I'm having beef for dinner tonight."

Hansen thanked Whitmore and Deputy County Attorney Julie Andress for their work on Resolution 23-2021.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

County Planner Tallmadge Richmond presented a proposal to vacate county road right-of-way surrounding Blocks 13 and 14, Parcel 402119134002 Lots 13 and 14 off of Y9 Road & HWY 90, Bedrock. After some discussion with a neighboring property owner, commissioners voted to continue the hearing until the meeting of July 7.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The BOCC left regular session and entered executive session with the County Attorney for legal advice pertaining to the airport and possible negotiations for property acquisitions; No. 2-CRS 815-201; and for Airport Hotel Contract Negotiations.



REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

PUBLIC COMMENT BEING TAKEN ON COLORADO REDISTRICTING

Special to the Mirror

COLORADO-The Colorado Independent Redistricting Commissions Staff are currently taking public comment for consideration in the development of their preliminary plans. Carlos Perez, chair of the Colorado Independent Legislative Commission and an unaffiliated voter from Colorado Springs, notes the importance of public participation. "Redistricting occurs once every decade. The state has changed over the last ten years and so hearing from the public is an essential part of the process for creating fair maps that reflect those changes. The legislative commission is made up of ordinary voters and we are here to listen. We encourage everyone to let us know how the district lines should be drawn to best represent your community." The Colorado Constitution directs the commission staff to prepare preliminary plans for US congressional districts and state house and senate districts, and it requires staff to consider written comments on the creation of those plans, as well as "communities of interest that require representation in one or more specific areas of the state."

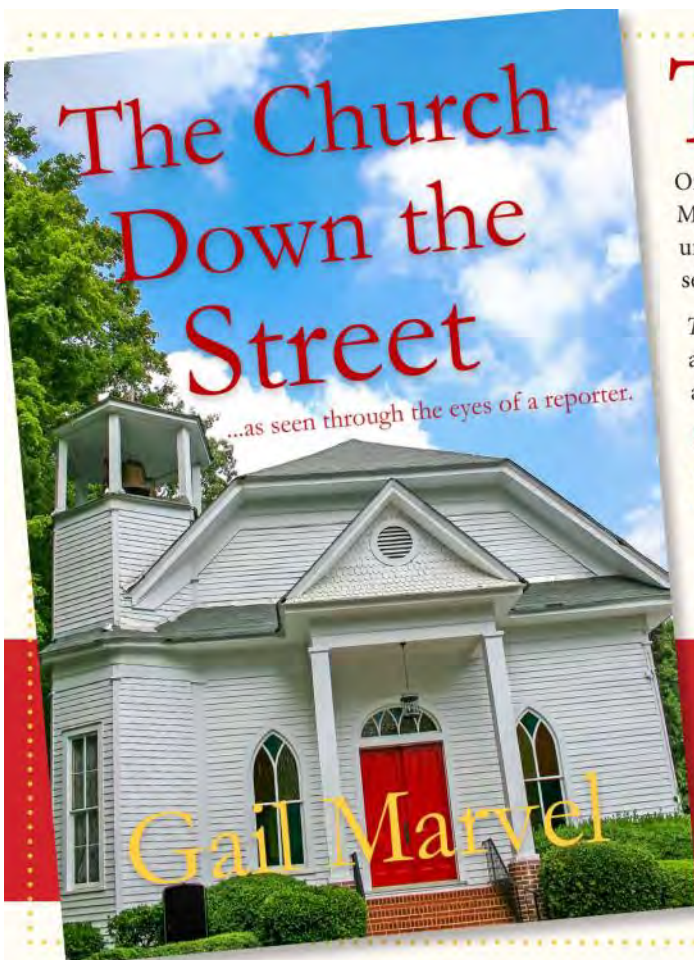
Census delays interrupted the redistricting timeline in the state constitution, but the preliminary plan preparation is now underway. As directed by the redistricting commissions, staff will consider in the preliminary plans comments submitted through the following dates:

Congressional redistricting: June 13, 2021
Legislative redistricting: June 18, 2021
Comments may be submitted online [here](#), and all comments are available for review [here](#). Staff will present the preliminary plans to their respective commissions June 23 and 28. The commissions will then

present the plans at a series of public hearings throughout the state. Both commissions have approved a list of [hearing locations](#) and will convene jointly at each location to take testimony both in-person and remotely. While the exact schedule and venues are still being finalized, the public hearings will take place between July 7 and August 30, 2021.

Once Colorado receives census redistricting data, after August 16, 2021, the commissions will begin their consideration of final redistricting plans.

Written public comments will remain open and available through the public hearing process and the consideration of final plans. The commissions will also conduct a second round of public hearings, one in each congressional district, after plans have been completed using the final census data.



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

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

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

Readers will:

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

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

GAIL MARVEL
Montrose Author & Reporter



COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

FRANCES JEAN DEJULIO

July 8, 1940—May 18, 2021



Frances was born July 8, 1940 in Wyoming. As a small child, Frances came to live in Denver with her grandmother, Merle Roads, and her aunt, Sonja Roads. Merle and Sonja taught her many different things, how to be thrifty, work hard, and most importantly, put service to their heavenly Father, Jehovah, first. Frances was fondly known by her family and friends by the nicknames Punky and Spunky. They moved from Denver to Montrose when Frances was around the age of 8 so that Merle could share in the full-time Bible education work in this area. They relocated to the South for several years when Frances was around the age of 10, but Denver would again be home for her during her junior and senior high school years, where she graduated from North Denver High School.

Frances was baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses in 1951 at a friend's home in their bathtub! Thus began a life-



long dedication to sharing Bible truths, with that being her full-time vocation starting in 1959. Her volunteer ministry took her to several states, striking up friendships she held dear throughout her life. She had many escapades during this time, including visiting the home of Elvis Presley, wrecking a friend's car, driving another friend's brand new car cross country from New York, and others too numerous to recount.

On June 25, 1966, Frances married Donald DeJulio in Flushing, New York. The couple began their life together in Colorado City, Texas, as Special Pioneers in Bible education for three years. Their next assignment took them to Wheatland, Wyoming, where they again made friendships they cherished. A highlight over the years for them was attending yearly spiritual conventions. Frances often told stories from those conventions, several of which made history.

Frances and Donald decided to move back to Montrose after his cancer diagnosis. The two of them worked for many years together with the Montrose School District and Bus Barn to support their full-time volunteer service. Over the years,



Frances attended several Bible education schools, both in Wyoming and Colorado. Frances had a lifetime of full-time service. Donald used to jokingly say that 'the only thing Frances know how to do was pioneer!' Well, thank goodness that was to some degree a true statement; how many

lives were affected and changed for the better, and how many have followed in that same course thanks to her efforts.

Frances was full of contradictions—when you first met her, you might find her a bit brusque. That exterior hid a deep personal interest in all she came into contact with, as evidenced by her wide circle of friends. You would not be expecting a lively interchange about sports, but football and especially baseball were often part of her conversation.

She had an unvarying schedule for her day-to-day activities, but she loved to travel and experience new place. She absolutely lived up to the nickname 'Spunky.'

Frances touched many lives, doing her best to set a good example and really live her faith.

Frances' family and friends would like to offer heartfelt thanks to all of the individuals that played an integral part in her care. Doctors, nurses, caregivers, drivers, therapists, more than can be counted, did so much to make her life as enjoyable as possible. Valley Manor Nursing Home, Delta Oncology Center, Montrose Cancer Center, PACE, the Montrose Hospital each played a vital role in her care. We want to be sure that each of you realize the comfort and aid you gave to Frances, and by extension, all of us who love her. Thank you for your care and kindness.

COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

JACK BENNY HITT

July 18, 1938-July 14, 2020



JACK BENNY HITT, 81, of Montrose, Colorado, passed away on Tuesday, July 14th, 2020. A teacher, a learner, a builder, a baker, and a cabinet maker.

Jack was born in Dalton, Georgia to William Clea and Tennie Bishop Hitt on July 18, 1938. He was the 7th of 8 children. After graduation from Dalton High School in 1956, he enlisted in the Air Force. While stationed in Topeka, Kansas, he met his future wife on a blind

date on New Year's Eve. He married Doris Fae Glasgow in 1959. In Kansas, Jack started building houses and even made an RV out of a school bus while working at Goodyear as an electrical technician. They went on to have four children, Brad, Brian, Barry and Brenda and were married for 28 years. Even though this marriage ended in divorce, they remained friends.

Jack was truly a "Jack of all Trades." From the time he moved to Montrose to stay in 1969, he had an impact on many aspects of the community. Jack was an electrician by trade, but also a builder and a visionary. He was a commercial pilot, real estate agent and residential contractor. As a builder, Jack also built redwood hot tubs, houseboats, the original Rocky Mountain Racquet Club, KFC, The Magic Circle Theater and numerous houses. Jack's fingerprints are all over the community, he was always willing to help friends with their remodel projects. Jack was very active in the theater and had a rich circle of friends. He was very active in supporting Boy Scout pack trips, including flying in and dropping supplies to the boys during the trips.

Jack traveled on many electrical jobs in the 80's and 90's, California, Washington, Georgia, Montana, & Minnesota to name a few.

Jack had many talents and loves but some of the things he was most passionate about were, spending time at the cabin in Little Cimarron with his family, flying, singing, and telling stories. Family was so important to Jack and once he had his first grandchild, his name got forever changed to "PapaJack". Not only did his grandkids call him PapaJack, everyone called him PapaJack.

Jack settled back in Montrose in 2002. Jack met a new love in his life in 2010, Ethel Kissner. Jack and Ethel spent seven wonderful years together before she passed away in February 2017. Jack was also preceded in death by five of his siblings, Helen, Clea, Faye, Opal, and Evelyn, and his grandson, Brandon Jay Hitt.

Jack is survived by his children: Brad Hitt, Brian Hitt, Barry Hitt, and Brenda and Steve Metheny. He loved each and every one of his grandchildren, Sara, Brandon, Lauren, Dustin, Jackie, Mark and Joe. Jack is also survived by his brother Buddy Hitt and sister Judy Hitt. Per Jack's wishes, there will be no services, but there will be a Celebration of his Life July 17, from 2 to 5 p.m. at 12867 6100 Rd.

Memorials may be given to the charity of your choice. Crippin Funeral Home, of Montrose is assisting the family. (Please Note Zip is 81403)

CELEBRATING LOCAL BEAUTY.



COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

TED LECORTUS EVANS

November 11, 1946-May 25, 2021

On November 11, 1946, TED LECORTUS EVANS was born to Fredrick Smith and Marjorie Jean Evans in Lincoln, Nebraska. When Ted was three, the Evans family made the move back to Wallace, where Fred's family had long family ties. Ted's middle name comes from his great-grandfather Philanderous Lecortus Harper, who was known for his generosity, and so was Ted. Ted developed lifetime friendships in Wallace. David Anderson, and the entire Gire family were particularly special in Ted's heart. After graduating high school, Ted entered the army, where he was trained as a sharpshooter and worked as an ambulance driver, using skills he began developing as a four-year-old when he started driving a tractor and pulling a trailer.

After his discharge from the Army, Ted attended college at University of Nebraska at Lincoln. Ted was particularly adept with his hands and had a sharp, deductive mind, and was good at problem solving. Ted took a job as a warehouseman for Jerrold Electronics in Lincoln, Nebraska. It wasn't long before he was climbing poles. Soon he was in high demand as a lineman and trouble shooter. This caused Ted to be on the road constantly.

In 1967, Ted met Kris at a national church convention for the Congregational Church in Racine, Wisconsin. She couldn't forget him - that twinkle in his eye and that winning smile. They corresponded, made phone calls, and eventually Ted popped up on her doorstep. On June 27, 1969, they were married in Marysville, KS, beginning a lifetime adventure.

Ted and Kris had two children, Darrin and Laura, five years apart. Their early years together were virtually spent on the road. Homeschool was a great option. Ted graduated Manitou Electronic Trade School in Manitou Springs, CO, took local

system positions around the country working his way up to Eastern Regional Manager for Televents; and then Corporate Construction Coordinator for a WOMETCO. He finally started his own CATV construction company.

Ted and Kris each made a commitment to the Lord, and became convinced it was time for a career change away from cable TV. He had learned building skills from his father-in-law. Ted became a contractor of a different type-- home remodeling. He eventually began specializing in high-end kitchen and bath remodels in the Atlanta area. It was here that their niece, Juliet, joined the family, adding another dimension to the family life.

Ted remained in the Atlanta area until his father began to decline, making a total transition back to Wallace after his father died in 2009. Ted loved Wallace-- the view from his windmill on top the hill, the owls calling at night, the night sky. He didn't know his time there would be so short lived. His health declining, Ted and Kris, moved to Montrose, CO, to be closer to better medical treatment, a milder climate, and fewer acres, yet still have that desired tractor play for Ted.

Ted was bigger than life. He loved "fiercely." He was quick to protect his family or another he felt was in danger. He never met a stranger. It was his mission to make people smile. He loved meeting people's needs. He lived a life of service. He always had a twinkle in his eye, a big smile, and a hearty handshake to greet people.

Ted was a very hard worker. But he eagerly embraced the seventh-day Sabbath after he studied it through. Some of the family's best memories were Sabbath activities together out in nature and time spent in worship and rest.

Ted was having the time of his life right up until he became ill. He had 13 different

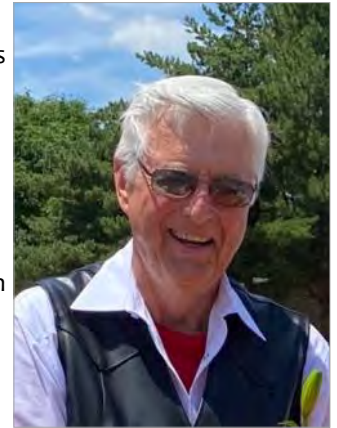
construction projects started on the property-- and true to form, none of them completed when he died on May 25, 2021. His death was sudden after

12 days from the first symptom of COVID. Ted is at complete peace, sleeping until the Lord returns. No more pain. No more cancer. No more diabetes. No more heart issues. No more dementia. Just beautiful, peaceful, rest. The next thing Ted will do will be to look Jesus in His sweet, beautiful face. What a day of rejoicing that will be! He'll be raised incorruptible, vibrant, and still have THAT smile! Ted is survived by:

His wife of 52 years, Christine (Kris) Moore Evans; His son Darrin Fredrick Evans, his wife Jenniffer, and their children Caleb and Alaina; His daughter Laura Jean Evans-Kidd and her children Jonathan and Josephine and his niece Juliet Moore Griffiths.

- Graveside services will be June 24, 10:30am, Morning View Cemetery, Wallace, NE
- Pastor George Goddard presiding
- Service Arrangements: Bullock-Long Funeral Home, Grant, NE
- A picnic meal in the park will be provided by the Wallace UMW following the service.
- Memorial Gifts: "Sidewalk Fund" (memo line)

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Montrose, CO 81401



COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

MILDRED CAROL MCFARLAND

Born May 27, 1931



The family of MILDRED CAROL MCFARLAND wishes to announce that she has passed on to her well-earned reward with our Heavenly Father.

Born May 27, 1931, to Earl David McDaniel and Waneva Gertrude Wilkerson McDaniel in Canon City, Colorado; Carol

spent her childhood growing up and attending the public school system in Canon City.

While attending Canon City High School, Carol met and married her Husband John James "Jim" McFarland. Jim and Carol married on July 14, 1948. Carol and Jim raised four children in Canon City while operating the McFarland Construction Company.

In the early 1970's Carol and Jim moved to Buena Vista, Colorado where Carol eventually purchased and operated the Coast-to-Coast Hardware Store for 25 years. Carol's business development acumen earned her the distinguishing hallmark of operating the highest revenue grossing per capita marketing operation within the nation-wide Coast-to-Coast network of stores. An accomplishment she was proud to have attained.

Both Carol and Jim shared a love of flying private aircraft. To that end, Carol earned her private pilot's license in 1973 and enjoyed many happy hours flying their Cessna 206 with Jim enjoying the scenery of in the beautiful Colorado Rockies.

Carol sold the Hardware business in 2000 and briefly moved to Denver to be closer to family members and grandchildren. However, she found living in a big city was not to her liking. Hence, she moved to Montrose a few years later and maintained her residence there until her passing.

Carol was preceded in death by her Husband Jim, a son Randy Scott, a brother Bob McDaniel and a sister Nadine Israel. She is survived by her daughter and spouse Karen and Paul Wisner, sons and spouses Ann and Jim McFarland and Carole and David McFarland. Additional survivors include seven grandchildren, twenty great grandchildren as well as a sister Patti Ann Isakson and a brother Russel McDaniel. At mom's direction, a small service with her children in attendance will be held with cremation to follow. Carol also requests that in lieu of flowers or other expressions, that any gift considerations from friends and family be directed to the HopeWest Hospice organization in Montrose, Colorado.

Crippin Funeral Home is assisting Mrs. McFarland's family.

Now more than ever...

Thank you for reading

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ART & SOL

X MARKS THE SPOT

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-While the most common belief is that the term 'X Marks the Spot' came from the practice of pirates marking a map to show the location of buried treasure, it is just as likely that the term originated in shooting contests.

As far back as the 8th century there are references in written material that refer to competition shooting. In Book XXIII of *Homer's Iliad*, one can read about Achilles holding a series of contests, including a shooting competition in honor of his dead friend, Patroclus. Achilles attached a string to a pigeon's leg and secured it to a post. He challenged his archers to hit the pigeon without hitting the string.

Scattered through many historical events we find where axe throwing, spear throwing, bow and arrow and firearms contests became commonplace, sometimes spontaneously to settle arguments, or just for the fun of competing. Often the target for these early sporting events was simply an X marked on a log.

The German-speaking peoples likely formed the first shooting clubs in the 13th and 14th centuries, according to a media guide published by the USA Olympic Shooting.

It is not surprising that the formation of shooting clubs became not only popular, but also highly-rated social forums in the



Ouray Gun Club 1909

Some members of the Ouray Gun Club pose with their rifles outside the shelter at their shooting range north of Ouray, Colorado. They include, left to right: Gus Arps in cart drawn by a small burro, unidentified man, Albert Arps, Otto Arps, Charley Pearson, Barney DuPraw, Andy Sneva, Ed Arps, Alf Armstrong, George Armstrong (little boy.) The shooting range and building were located at about where the Silver Shield trailhead is today. Photo from the Denver Public Library Colorado History Collection.

early days of western settlement in the United States.

The Dallas Gun Club, north of Ridgway, was very active by 1888. An article in the April 20 edition of Ouray's *Solid Muldoon* announced a series of shooting competitions that were to be held on April 21. The matches included trap shooting and match rifle contests.

The next week, possibly triggered by the

Dallas matches, the same newspaper printed the following article:

GUN CLUB

Owing to the number of crack shots in the village, either with a rifle or shotgun, it has been suggested by them that a call be made for a meeting on next Monday night, April 30, for the purpose of forming an organization. The Ouray and San Juan Mining Association have kindly loaned

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their rooms over the MULDOON office to the boys for this occasion, and all those interested in such a club are requested to meet promptly at 7:30 o'clock at the place mentioned above.

The organizational efforts were very well received and it did not take long for the Ouray Gun Club to become one of the best in the area. In June of 1891 the club held their second annual tournament with four days of intense competition. Participants included a number of prominent men from all across the country, including the manager of Western Union from Omaha, Nebraska. At least three other men from Nebraska came to the event. One young man, Tommy Crahill, was known in Nebraska as "the boy wonder." There were men from Denver, Leadville, Montrose and several other towns. The awards included a fine shotgun, recognition medals, a smoking jacket and a hunting coat donated by A.A. DeVore & Bone of Chicago.

Throughout the country shooting matches that awarded prizes ranging from small cash purses to turkeys and even a whole beef were very popular. The people of Western Colorado were natural participants in the shooting clubs. An article in the *Aspen Daily Chronicle* on Dec. 26, 1891 would draw a completely different reaction in today's world. The article was headlined, **Christmas Shooting**, and described an event held by the local rifle club: *Live and dead bird shooting matches at Hallam Lakes engaged the attention of the members of the rifle club yesterday. The live bird contest score was as follows:* The article then featured the names of six shooters with the winner scoring seven out of seven with two scores of five and three of the shooters getting four of the seven birds.

In 1897 Marlin Firearms Company began marketing their "Marlin Magazine Rifle." The rifle was offered in 14 different styles with a base price of \$18. Marlin took advantage of the popularity of target shooting in their advertisement: *Two targets made with one of our 22 calibre (sic.) rifles, twenty consecutive shots at sixty feet, after fifty shots had already been fired and no cleaning during the entire seventy shots. These guns carry off nearly*

all the prizes at target matches because they are always accurate and reliable.

Shooting events around the holidays were especially popular. In December of 1901 shooters in Fruita announced the formation of the Western Slope Gun Club and a contest to celebrate the new club. The *Montrose Enterprise* opined in the Dec. 5 edition that, *Montrose ought to rustle up its shooters and get into the ring. There are some good ones here who could carry off honors in such events.*

At the same time the Montrose Gun Club was hosting its own event, announced in an ad in the *Montrose Daily Press* the following week:

Shooting Match

The Montrose Gun Club will have a shooting match at the Water Works on Saturday, Dec. 21. Shooting to be done with a rifle. One beef and 30 turkeys to be shot for. Everybody invited to compete.

Trap shooting was becoming increasingly popular. In May of 1902, the Montrose Gun Club announced it was improving their shooting range and installing a second trap, a storage house for the traps and clay birds and a place for shooters to get in out of the sun and rain. The Ouray sports shooters were making similar arrangements on a piece of property near Bachelor Switch.

The Western Slope Shooting Tournament, a two-day shotgun event, began on Sept. 7, 1903 and was hosted by the Telluride Gun Club. The trap shooters competed for more than \$500 in prize money. Shooters from all over western Colorado were invited and subsequently attended.

Popularity of guns and shooting is probably best described in a *Montrose Press* feature in December of 1906. The newspaper invited children from several local schools to submit their letters to Santa. In the December 21 edition this letter appeared:

Oak Grove, Dec. 7, 1906

Santa Claus;

I thought I would let you know what I would like for Christmas. I'd like to have a gun and a steam engine and a watch and a bagpipe, but don't forget the gun. I'd like to have a drum and a story book and an airship - but don't forget the gun. I'd like to have a knife and a sled and a poney (sic)

and a half a dozen bananas and about 20 pounds of candy, but don't forget the gun.

Your friend,

Harry Spencer

The Arps family was very active in the shooting sports world. Edward was the secretary of the Ouray Rifle Association. He, Albert Arps, Gus Arps and Otto Arps were consistent high scoring shooters in various events in Ouray and the surrounding area.

Originally from Wisconsin, the Arps were respected businessmen in Ouray. They owned and operated Ouray's largest mercantile, the Arps Hardware Company. Ed Arps was the manager of the Denver Mine. Over a period of several years Gus Arps and Edward Arps became recognized names in the shooting sports. The July 28, 1911 edition of *The Plaindealer* in Ouray featured the brothers in a lengthy article that in part read:

ARPS BROS. WIN MANY PRIZES IN NATIONAL SHOOT

Ouray Men cover Themselves With Laurel ---Over \$150 in Cash Prizes

Gus Arps and Edward Arps, members of Ouray's biggest mercantile establishment as well as occupants of position in the very first ranks of the city's leading citizens and most enthusiastic boosters, have won honors for themselves and for Ouray in a big national competition.

At Monroe, Wis. recently the two gentlemen, who had been making a visit to their old home, entered the list of the great shoot of the National Sharpshooter's Association.

The local marksmen competed with noted shots from various parts of the country and when the shoot was over Mssrs. Arps had proven that they are marksmen of extraordinary ability and able to walk away with big portions of prizes in any sharpshooting competition.

Many of the gun clubs, some of which have morphed into clubs with different names, have survived for more than 100 years. The Montrose Rod and Gun Club and the Chief Ouray Gun Club are two prime examples.

Note: Bob Cox can be contacted through email at coxbob@charter.net. His YouTube creations can be found on the [coxnotes](#) channel.

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

IGNITE IS BACK— ENLIGHTEN US BUT MAKE IT QUICK!

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-After a 12 month pause, the Ignite series is back! An evening of quick five-minute presentations on various topics by community members will be this Thursday (June 10) at 7:30 pm at the Canyon Creek Bed and Breakfast- backyard patio (820 East Main, Montrose). A series of ten speakers will present 20 slides in five minutes about their hobbies, adventures, passions, and interests. "We have a great lineup of speakers including living and working at McMurdo Bay in the Antarctic; How to be a citizen scientist, What I learned from substitute teaching, among other topics," said Nancy Zaenger event coordinator. The Ignite series is four times a year and community members volun-

teer to share their ideas and build their confidence in public speaking. But, the catch is, that it has to be quick- 20 slides and five minutes! You never know what the topics will be but you are sure to get a lot of ideas in a very short time. And, if you are bored, take a break, grab a beverage and catch the next one. It is guaranteed to be an enlightening night plus you get an opportunity to learn some of the cool things people in our community are involved with!

Ignite started about nine years ago in Seattle where geeks could share ideas. Ignite is now an event for everyone- with more than 350 organizations throwing thousands of events worldwide. Want to learn more? Visit the Ignite website



Courtesy photo.

(<https://ignitemontrose.weebly.com/>) browse ignite talk videos, get resources and inspiration!

If you have an idea, story or passion to share, come speak at the Montrose Ignite. Call Nancy (970- 209-2175) and get on the schedule.

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR WATERSHED

By Anne Janik,

Friends of Youth and Nature

REGIONAL-Wherever you are, you are standing in a watershed! But, how do you explain a watershed to a nine year old? Observation is a good start. A roof catches the water from a rain storm and as it runs off the roof, it flows into gutters, drainpipes and eventually into a barrel, or a storm drain in the street. Now, imagine the hillsides of a big valley being the roof of a shed, and the melting snow runs down the slopes into small streams eventually flowing into larger rivers. The area of land encompassing the hillsides is referred to as the watershed. From a bird's eye view, drainage patterns in a watershed resemble a network similar to the branching pattern of a tree. Tributaries, similar to twigs and small branches, flow into streams, the main branches of the tree eventually to the larger tree trunk. Like all other branching patterns (e.g., road maps, veins in a leaf), the drainage pattern consists of smaller channels merging into larger ones.

A watershed is an important concept! In the west, water availability depends on the amount of rain and snow throughout the year. In Colorado, the snowpack or total seasonal accumulation of snow on the ground is the predominant source of runoff supplying our major rivers with water. In this part of Colorado those rivers are: the Gunnison, the Uncompahgre, the San Miguel, the Dolores and of course the Colorado River. The last few back-to-back below average water years, started to build drought conditions which intensified with a dry spring and hot summer. Last summer was one of the driest years on record and created drought conditions that sparked some of the worst fires in our state history. Because of the consequences of drought, understanding and caring for our watershed becomes very important.



Fourth graders observe how vegetation in a watershed (culvert) slows down and filters water so it infiltrates into the soil compared to areas with no vegetation. Courtesy photo.

Water availability is also dependent on the condition of the land within the watershed. Watershed health is a function of appropriate land uses which affect the amount infiltration, runoff, the quality of the water flowing into a river and ultimately what we drink! Local foresters often provide a very effective visual demonstration to help students understand how land use can affect water quality. Using 2 (half) culverts set on a slope, one with sod (substituting for trees shrubs, grasses) and the other with no plants, only soil; one student pours one gallon of water from the top of each culvert and their classmates capture the water that runs off the bottom of each culvert in a clear flask. Their observations? The water sample from the vegetated (sod) culvert is clear compared to the murky water sample from the non-vegetated culvert. Proof that vegetation slows down the runoff so the precipitation

seeps into the soil. The roots of the plants function as a filter catching the sediments and nutrients, ultimately providing better quality water. Land use matters! Roads, housing developments, shopping malls, parking lots, timber harvesting, improper grazing and wildfires remove vegetation and can cause increased soil erosion which ultimately affects the quantity and quality of runoff within the watershed.

Watersheds, river dynamics and western water management are such important concepts to understand that two non-profits and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) have contributed funding to provide opportunities for students to learn about them. The mission of these entities are a bit different but all three encourage actions to protect our watersheds. "Forever Our Rivers" champions community engagement in river health, with efforts generating the interest, people power and funding needed for healthy

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river ways. “The Gunnison Round Table” (associated with DNR and the Colorado Water Conservation Board) is involved with water planning for current and future in-basin uses. Friends of Youth and Nature facilitates opportunities for youth to learn about the environment and become active stewards of our natural resources. All three have collaborated this year to establish funding to bring over 1200 students to events with interactive water learning activities on the Western Slope.

“Water in the West” is the newest Colorado River Water interactive exhibit at the Eureka Science Museum in Grand Junction. The hydrology exhibit includes 12 different lessons about water, from turbulence and dissolved oxygen to measuring flow rate. Approximately 700 gallons of water flow through a 40-foot-long feature that mirrors the Colorado River. Water rushes through irrigation gates to orchards, flows through fish ladders, is diverted into dams and canals and is tubed away in a model of a transmountain diversion.

A few weeks ago, fourth graders participated in the annual Montrose Natural Resource Festival sponsored by the Shavano Valley Conservation District. Groups of students rotated through stations where they learned about various natural resource concepts through demonstrations and hands-on activities led by resource specialists. Not surprisingly, many stations focused on aspects of water: Your Water – Your Watershed, explaining ways water users can cooperate to protect water resources (The Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership); The Importance of Trees in Our Watersheds (Montrose Forest Products), A River Runs Through It – Simulating the dynamics of a river system in a big sandbox (Delta Conservation District), The Importance of Aquatic Invertebrates in the Food Chain (BLM/San Juan Mountain Association); The History of Colorado Water Laws and Why Measuring Flow is Important (Colorado Division of Water Resources), and, Preventing Pollution in our Watersheds (City of Montrose).

The goal of these environmental educa-



A hydrologist with the Colorado Division of Water Resources demonstrates how water managers measure flows for water allocations. Courtesy photo.

tion events is for our youth to learn how interconnected and complex our water systems are. The Colorado River Basin is huge, encompassing parts of seven U.S. states and two Mexican states. There are a myriad of land uses, and land conditions within this huge basin as it flows from its headwaters in the Rocky Mountains over 1400 miles into the mostly dry Colorado River Delta at the tip of the Gulf of California. Many people rely on that water for so many uses – drinking water, agriculture, industry, power, recreation and fish and wildlife habitats. Do we have enough water to share? How do you measure it? How do you decide how much everyone gets particularly in a drought? How is water stored? How much evaporates? Does dust on snow affect spring snow melt? How can you restore and protect watersheds? What are inner basin water trans-

fers? Western Colorado students are introduced to a lot of concepts related to water in the west, and the more they know, the more questions they have! Mission accomplished- inspiring critical thinkers! Next time you have a conversation with a fourth grader, ask them why they think water in the west is so complicated? Check out “Color Me a Watershed” and “Branching Out” – Project WET (Water Education for Teachers) activities to demonstrate watershed concepts to students in the classroom. You can find these activities and other information on helping you connect youth to nature by following our outdoor news blog. Learn more, visit: www.friendsofyouthandnature.org. Friends of Youth and Nature is a non-profit that promotes opportunities for youth and families to get outside, experience outdoor activities, and explore nature.

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: EVENTS

DOCUMENTARY FEATURES RE-RIDE OF THE OLD SPANISH TRAIL

Special to Art & Sol

DELTA-The Interpretive Association in cooperation with Fort Uncompahgre Interpretive Center are pleased to present FREE-The Old Spanish Trail 2017....a 55-min video of the first re-ride of the Old Spanish Trail since 1848, on Tuesday, June 15 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Bill Heddles Recreation Center in Delta. Doors open at 6 p.m.

"The Old Spanish Trail is a 55- min documentary film about the historic trail, tracking the journey of Richard Waller, Otis Calef and Jim Clark on horseback 1200 miles from Los Angeles to Santa Fe. They rode the trail in two legs, fall of 2014 and summer of 2015.

The Old Spanish Trail witnessed a brief but furious heyday between 1830 and 1848 as a trade route linking Santa Fe, New Mexico and Los Angeles, California.

"The Old Spanish Trail tells a very important story about the history of the American West. But it also reflects poignantly on the importance of the culture of the trail on modern community while also featuring the 'character' of contemporary American citizens." (Amazon review from Robert Heffner, 5 stars: A must see for every adventure seeker).

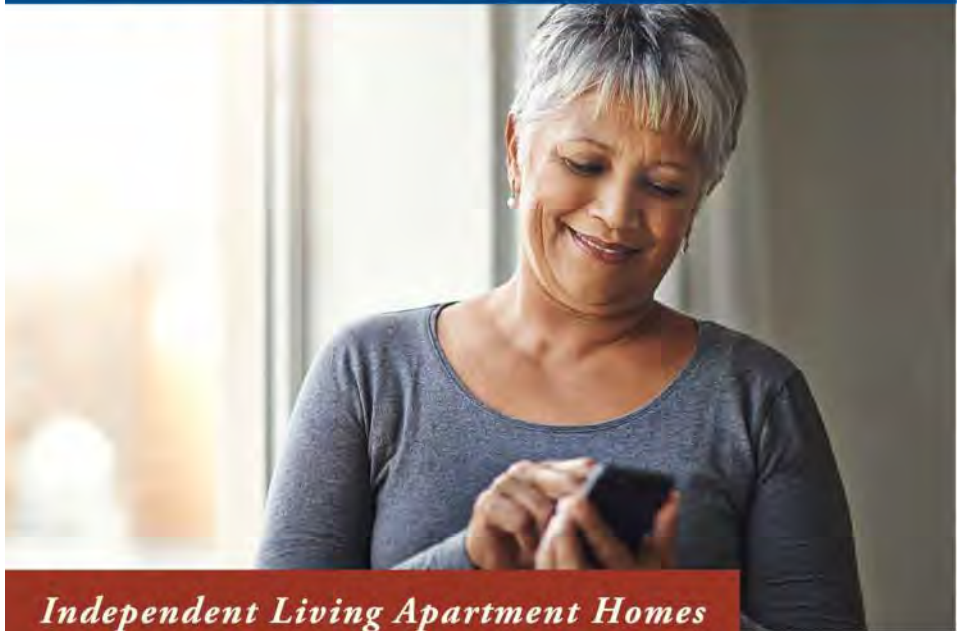
The passion and interest of people in helping each other while maintaining and preserving important environment and tradition. The riders run into problems staying true to trail because of highways and private land during their ride tracing the past. The film is a reminder to all of us to protect and preserve the natural landscape and its trails. The film won an award in the category of Environmental and Mountain Culture Film at Mountain Film Festival 2019.

Richard Waller is a historian and retired schoolteacher. He has spent his life exploring our public lands, the history of the west and his love of horses and mules. His book, Old Spanish Trail Guide will be available for sale along with the DVD at a fraction of the retail price \$20 for both the book and the DVD. The book is an account of the first re-ride of the Old Spanish Trail since 1848. He wrote the book to promote interest in and knowledge of the

Old Spanish National Historic Trail, the Old Spanish Trail Association, a group of dedicated men and women who work to preserve and promote the trail. The book is also written to promote the Backcountry

Horsemen of America and their mission to preserve and protect our public lands. All profits from the book will go back to the backcountry Horsemen of America to help support their work.

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DOUBLE G RANCH & GUEST LODGE IS RACC MEMBER OF THE MONTH



The entryway to Double G. Courtesy photo.

Breakfast. Courtesy photo.

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RIDGWAY-Double G Ranch & Guest Lodge is the June 2021 Ridgway Area Chamber of Commerce Member of the Month. The RACC Member of the Month Program is in its third year as an ongoing effort to promote and get to know our local businesses and organizations.

Sandra and Frank Gouder came from Germany in 2018 to live their dream of running a luxurious, boutique-style bed and breakfast and a horse ranch, training mustangs captured from the wilderness. In Germany, Sandra was a CPA and horse trainer but her true passions are horses

and cooking. Frank was CEO, founder and co-owner of a big fashion company.

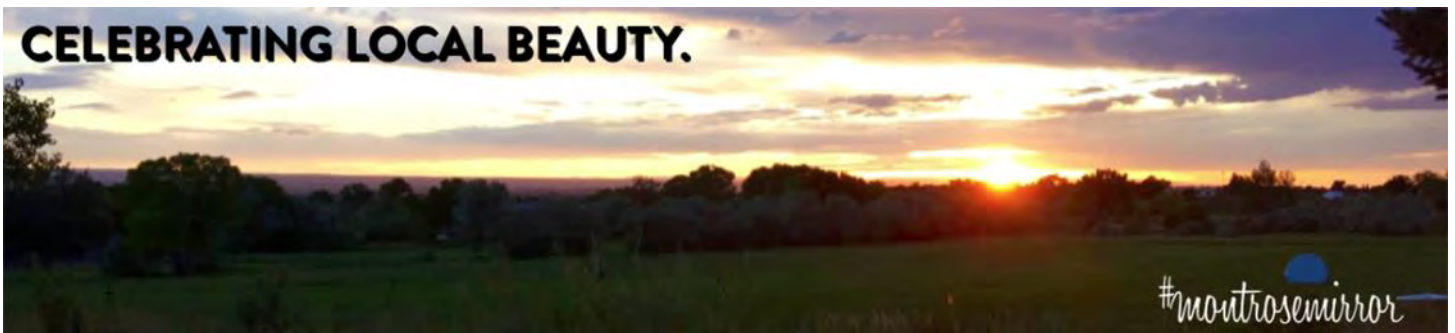
“After travelling 10,000 miles through the U.S., a friend living in Basalt introduced us to Colorado – it was love at first sight. We chose Ridgway because for us it’s the most beautiful and best place to live our dream and create a unique, five-star experience for our guests coming from all parts of the U.S.,” Frank said.

From this summer season, Double G is offering its famous, delicious breakfast outside on the spacious deck as well as inside. “What could be better than starting the day outdoors with a fresh

brewed coffee, cappuccino or tea and a German-American fusion-style breakfast prepared fresh for each guest with natural and organic ingredients,” he said.

Double G is offering a special 10% discount to all guests who book a stay of two nights or more in June 2021 (subject to availability), when they mention the “Ridgway Chamber Member of the Month promotion.” Learn more about Double G Ranch & Guest Lodge at <https://www.gg-ranch.com> and on Facebook by searching GG-Ranch, or contact Sandra and Frank at 970.986.7068, mail@gg-ranch.com, or 5351 County Road 1, Montrose, CO 81403.

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

MUSIC ON THE GREEN SUMMER CONCERT SERIES RETURNS TO MOUNTAIN VILLAGE

Special to Art & Sol

TELLURIDE/MOUNTAIN VILLAGE-The [Telluride Mountain Village Owners Association](#) (TMVOA) and [Beyond the Groove Productions](#) are delighted to announce the return of "Music on the Green" in Mountain Village, Colorado. "Music on the Green," a free summer concert series, takes place on Friday evenings from 5 to 7 p.m., June 4 through September 10, at the Reflection Plaza in Mountain Village, adjacent to the Madeline Hotel & Residences, Auberge Resorts Collection. "We are ecstatic to kick off the summer season with Music on the Green at Reflection Plaza. It's such an exciting opportunity to invite you all to experience the newly reimagined Madeline Hotel and Residences, and the vibrance and energy of these Friday night acts in Mountain Village is an incredible step forward for us all," said Bryan Woody, General Manager of Madeline Hotel & Residences, Auberge Resorts

Collection.

"It is the place to be on Friday night," said Anton Benitez, President & CEO of TMVOA.

"Music On The Green is an intimate outdoor concert held Friday evenings from 5–7 p.m. in Mountain Village during the summer months. Now in its fourth year, the concert series features nationally touring musicians, many of whom are playing Telluride for the first time. Past acts include J.S. Ondara, Robert Ellis, Brent Cowles, Joe Pug, I Draw Slow, even the Dirty Dozen Brass Band graced our stage!" said Denise Mongan of Beyond the Groove Productions.

The 2021 Music on the Green line-up features:

June 11 The Myners
June 18 Tall Tall Trees
June 25 TBD
July 2 Wildermis
July 9 Laurie Lewis & the Right Hands

July 16 West Side Joe and the Men of Soul
July 23 Cousin Curtiss
July 30 AJ Fullerton
August 6 TBD
August 13 TBD
August 20 TBD
August 27 Cary Morin Duo
Sept 3 Emily Scott Robinson
Sept 10 TBD

The Music on the Green summer concert series is free of charge thanks to presenting sponsor TMVOA, Madeline Hotel & Residences, Auberge Collection, Telluride Ski & Golf, and the Town of Mountain Village.

Local craft beers and summer fare will be available for purchase, and all events are rain or shine.

To learn more about Music on the Green, contact the Telluride Mountain Village Owners Association (TMVOA) at (970) 728-1904 or visit tmvoa.org and facebook.com/BeyondTheGroove.

DARK SKY ASSOCIATION DESIGNATES WEST END COMMUNITIES

Special to Art & Sol

WEST END-After 18 months of a rigorous application process, success was won by Nucla and Naturita in the West End of Montrose County. On May 7 they were officially designated As a Joint International Dark Sky Community. The two towns followed the example of another pair of Colorado towns, Westcliffe and Silver Cliff, designated in 2015. As the only two Joint Community examples in the world, they are like bookends on the southeast and southwest sides of the state. Nucla and Naturita's close proximities and many shared services, utilities and schools made a joint designation the obvious choice. Nucla and Naturita join six other International Dark Sky Places in South-

western Colorado to form an emerging hotspot in the U.S. movement to preserve night skies.

"The news that Nucla and Naturita have joined the family of International Dark Sky Places is especially welcomed as we see western Colorado quickly becoming a national focal point for dark-skies awareness and conservation," said IDA Executive Director Ruskin Hartley. "We congratulate both towns for setting an example that we hope others will study and emulate."

"This is a great honor and it is with great pride we can announce we are the 32nd IDA Community Designation in the World, and the 25th in the U.S.A." said Deb Stueber, West End Dark Sky Alliance representative.

West End Dark Sky Alliance started the application process when the communities agreed to model their new lighting ordinances after dark sky friendly guidelines recommended by IDA.

Fresh off their success in Nucla and Naturita, WEDSA members have joined with Norwood Dark Sky Advocates in pursuing an eventual 'Western Slope Dark Sky Reserve.' West End Dark Sky Alliance will be celebrating with everyone at a Starry Skies Fair on June 19, 2021, at the Naturita Community Center and Town Park. The organization has a fun day planned with music, food, crafts, a drawing, and a silent auction. There will be Dark-Sky information and displays on lighting and light pollution.

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MIRROR IMAGES...BOOT STOMP FUNDRAISER!



The popular San Juan Health Care Foundation Boot Stomp fund raiser was not held last year due to COVID-19, but in 2021 tickets sold out early. Locals (like Debbie Tenaglia and Ray Blanchard, above) pulled on boots and headed for the gorgeous Antler Ridge venue for a BBQ, Barn Dance with music by the band Narrow Gauge, and a live auction on Saturday, June 5.

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ONGOING-

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

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

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

COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY-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 & Philemon) 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 of 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 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.

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 \(coloradocanyonsassociation.org\)](#)

June 15-The Interpretive Association in cooperation with Fort Uncompahgre Interpretive Center are pleased to present FREE-The Old Spanish Trail 2017....a 55-min video of the first re-ride of the Old Spanish Trail since 1848, on Tuesday, June 15 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Bill Heddles Recreation Center in Delta. Doors open at 6 p.m.

June 17-The Splash of Colorado exhibit is held annually on the Western slope and enables the Colorado Watercolor Society to share the best in water media with a broad audience. The exhibition opens June 2 and runs through June 27. A reception will be held June 17, 5pm to 8pm, at the Crested Butte Center for the Arts, 606 6th Street, Crested Butte, CO 970-349-7487

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.

June 26-One of the more prolific thirty-something songwriters working in the Folk/Americana genre today, John Statz has released nine studio albums and performed all over North America and Europe over the course of his 15-year career. Statz will perform at Healthy Rhythm Art Gallery on June 26; the show starts at 7:30 (doors at 7) and tickets can be had here: <https://healthyrhythmartgallery.bigcartel.com/product/hrms-presents-john-statz-a-night-of-folk-america-music>.

June 27-On Sunday, June 27 the Montrose Community Band is happy to present their annual Free Patriot Concert. Location: Montrose Pavilion, 3 – 5 p.m. Come and enjoy your favorite marches and a refreshing dose of Americana.

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.

Aug. 28-The Montrose High School Class of 1976 will be holding a 45th class reunion on Saturday, Aug. 28, 2021. Festivities will start at 2pm in the Backyard of the Montrose Elks Lodge, 801 S. Hillcrest Dr. Dinner will be at 5pm by Serving Grace-Catering. Dinner reservations will be \$25 per person. We invite members of other MHS classes, former faculty and staff members to join us. Contact LeAnna Edmonson Spadafora 970-209-3374 or Tracy Allies Harrison 970-249-1418 or check out our FB page "76" for more information.

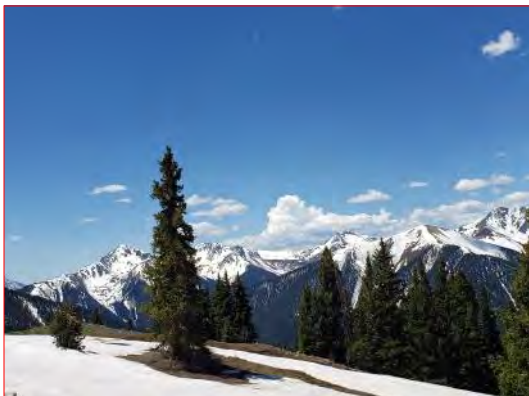
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READER PHOTO SPOTLIGHT: RED MOUNTAIN POINT OF VIEW



Photographer Deb Reimann captured these breathtaking images on a visit to Red Mountain last week. Said Deb, "Always unexpected treasures to be found around every curve...whether it's an old and leaning privy at a mining camp with a million dollar view or the beautiful alpine firs that grace the windswept tops and sides of some of the most beautiful mountains in the world. 'Going To The Sun' - John Muir"



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