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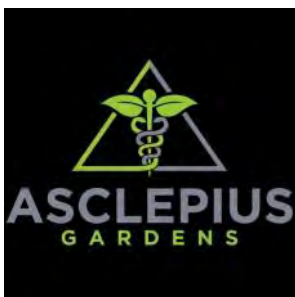
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'THIS MONTH AND ALL SUMMER ALL ACROSS THE COUNTRY IT'S GAME ON!'



Montrose Community Recreation Center Executive Director Mari Steinbach and Recreation Manager Jeremy Master celebrated July as national Park and Recreation Month at the BOCC meeting of July 7.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-The Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) convened for a regular meeting on Wednesday, July 7. All commissioners were present; the invocation was delivered by Pastor Curt Mudgett of Cedar Creek Church.

"Father thank you for the recent reminder of this nation's history," Mudgett said. "We think of the freedoms that we've had and we thank you for the fact that so many years ago the founding fathers of this nation had a strong belief in you...those who have been entrusted with much have much responsibility...we thank you for the county group here, we pray for wisdom for them today and for that which is on their agenda...we

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'THIS IS OUR COUNTRY' -2021 COUNTY FAIR CELEBRATES AG, MONTROSE COMMUNITY

By Paul Arbogast, Mirror Publisher

MONTROSE-On Monday, July 26 the 2021 Montrose County Fair and Rodeo kicks off for the public with a Parade down Main Street at 6pm. This year's Fair theme is "This is our country".

On Tuesday, July 27 you can watch Royalty Horsemanship, rabbit shows, and several other events all day, ending with the Kiddie Tractor Pull at 6pm. A new item for this year starts at Noon, Tuesday through Friday--the Brown Bag Lunch & Learn. These lunches are all held in Event Center Room 1, and cover (in order of day) Invasive Weed Control at Home, Soil Health, Freezer Jams, and Small Farm & Small Acreage Meet and Greet.

The goat and swine shows will take place Wednesday, July 28, along with the Royalty Modeling and Fashion Revue, culminating in the Antique Tractor Pull at 7pm. Sheep and beef shows are on Thursday, July 29, as well as a Wild to Mild Mustang performance (9 am and 6pm).

Friday, July 30 offers up Mutton Bustin' and Buck It Bull Riding. There is a Root to Tip Dinner in celebration of local producers. The dinner will be a

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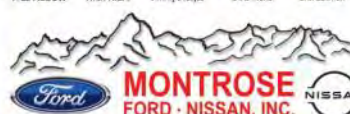
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Between Friday afternoon, July 2, and Tuesday morning, July 6, multiple windows were broken at the Montrose Pavilion, 1800 Pavilion Drive, and the nearby San Juan Eye Center, 1805 S. Hillcrest Drive, resulting in thousands of dollars in damage. We are hopeful that someone saw or heard something that could be the lead we need to catch the culprit.

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SOUTHWEST COLORADO —Travelers will encounter intermittent traffic stops on US 550 Red Mountain Pass next week to allow for electrical utility work.

San Miguel Power Association is undergoing a power line reconstruction project. Work will take place on the north side of the pass summit at approximately mile point 82, between the communities of Ouray and Silverton.

Travel Impacts

On Tuesday, July 13 and Wednesday July 14 from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., motorists will encounter 15-minute traffic holds. Motorists are urged to take it slow and watch for flagging personnel and other workers on the roadway. Travelers should allow for extra travel time.

Visit forest service websites or contact the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests and the San Juan National Forest for information about potential closures of forest roads and trailheads on public lands.

Stay Informed About this Project

-San Miguel Project Website:
www.smpa.com/content/red-mountain-electrical-reliability-and-broadband-improvement-project

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-Watch for workers. Drive with caution.

-Don't change lanes unnecessarily.

-Avoid using mobile devices such as phones while driving in work zones.

-Turn on headlights so that workers and

other drivers can see you.

-Be especially alert at night while driving in work zones.

-Expect delays, especially during peak travel times.

-Allow ample space between you and the car in front of you.

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MONTROSE — Following recent crack sealing and asphalt patching throughout the Fox Park, Fox Hills, and American Village subdivisions, contractors hired by the City of Montrose's Public Works are scheduled to begin slurry sealing roadways beginning Monday, July 12.

Slurry seal is a type of surface treatment in which a small aggregate is suspended in

an oil/water emulsion. As the emulsion cures, it creates a smooth, black seal on top of the asphalt pavement. Slurry seals are best used on roads that are still in good condition, prior to any major failures.

The seal helps prevent the roadway from deteriorating, extending the life of the asphalt, and preventing more costly repairs in the future. The curing period typi-

cally takes four to five hours. During this period, cars will not be permitted to drive on the freshly placed slurry.

Contractors will begin work at 7 a.m. each day. If your road is scheduled to be slurry sealed and has "No Parking" signs along the road, please be prepared for the road to be closed until the slurry has cured.

Should you need to leave your home after 7 a.m., please prepare for the closure and relocate your vehicle to a street that does not have "No Parking" signs prior to the start of the slurry seal process.

The construction schedule is as follows:

• **Monday, July 12:** Leah Lane, David Lane, Estates Drive, American Way, Election Way, and Silver Fox Drive.

• **Tuesday, July 13:** Kia Lane (north of Meadows Pkwy), Stan Drive, Freedom Way, W. Fox Park Street, West Drive, and West Court.

• **Wednesday, July 14:** Biron Road, Meadows Parkway (between 6700 Rd and Sara E Lane), E Fox Park Street, Valley Way, Constitution Loop.

• **Thursday, July 15:** Sara E Lane, Natalia Way, Kia Lane (south of Meadows Pkwy), Mead Lane (between Meadows Pkwy and Patriot Ct) and Republic Avenue.

• **Friday, July 16:** Meadows Parkway (between 6700 Rd and Stan Dr), Patriot Court, Mead Lane (east of Patriot Ct), and Hill Street (south of American Way).

• **Saturday, July 17:** Meadows Parkway (east of Stan Dr), and Hill Street (north of American Way). Final clean-up and any rework areas.

The work is part of the city's annual street maintenance efforts. More information about city street work can be found [here](#). Any questions regarding the project may be directed to Civil Engineer Ryan Cushenan at 970.240.1485 or rcushenan@ci.montrose.co.us.

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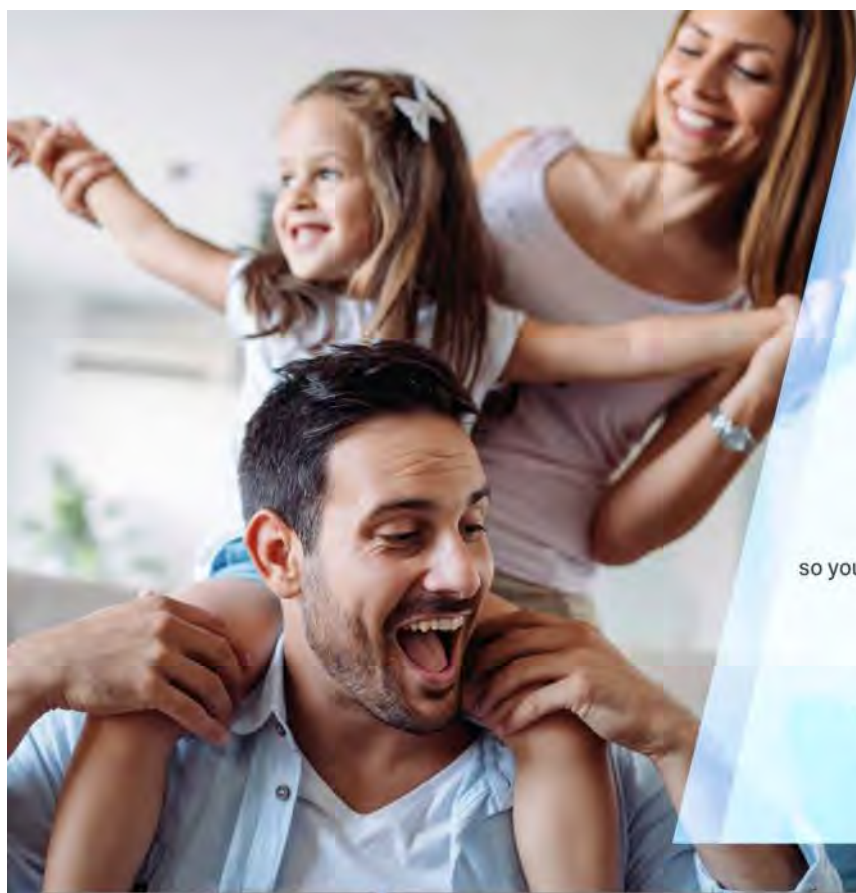
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Mirror staff report

MONTROSE—Following a late-night structure fire at a north Montrose residence July 7, Montrose Fire Protection District Chief Tad Rowan said that the investigation was turned over to the Montrose Police Department.

The call came in at 11:03 p.m. and involved a single-family home. Flames and smoke were coming through a front window, Rowan said, and two parties were inside the home. Firefighters had the fire under control by 11:20 p.m.

No other occupants were found, and Rowan estimated the damage to be \$25K in property damage and \$3K in loss of contents. At right, the scene of a July 7 fire is under investigation.



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WOMEN'S GIVING CLUB TO MEET AUG. 9 @ REMINGTON'S

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with city staff and members of the contracting team to learn how the tank works and how it will help support the future water needs of the city. The site can be accessed from Sunset Mesa Drive and parking is available along the eastern side of the Sunset Mesa baseball fields. City Councilors voted unanimously to approve

the contract for the project at the Sept. 1, 2020, regular meeting. The project is being funded through the city's water capital fund. City Engineer Scott Murphy said the new tank is designed to serve the residents of Montrose for 50+ years and help to ensure the availability of clean, reliable water even in the event of an emergency.

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Coming from Mead, Colorado, where he worked as an Officer, Scott brings 24 years of Law Enforcement experience to the Town of Hotchkiss. Marshal Green's first day will be on Monday, July 12, 2021.

The Town of Hotchkiss would like to thank the Town of Paonia and the Delta County Sheriff's office for their continued support over these last few months. The safety of our citizens is our utmost concern.



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pray for those who have concerns and ideas and proposals and who have come today as well..." Commissioner Roger Rash led all in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER

Interim County Manager Jon Waschbusch asked that items D-2 (consideration and possible action on the TransCare Incorporated Ambulance Service Renewal Application for license and permits for two Ambulances to operate within Montrose County) and E-4 (proposal to divide three lots from a 65.900 acre parcel at 17704 6300 Road) be removed from the meeting agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda items were approved unanimously, with Resolution No. 26-2021 assigned to item 10 and Resolution No. 27-2021 assigned to item 13.

GENERAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

County Media Relations Director Katie Yergensen read a proclamation into the record in support of Park and Recreation Month. She welcomed Montrose Community Recreation Center Director Mari Steinbach and Recreation Manager Jeremy Master. Master spoke briefly, acknowledging the importance of parks and recreation services and of those who maintain the nation's local and community parks.

"...this month and all summer all across the country it's game on! Everything's back and running as we host summer programs, events and celebrations," Master said.

Hansen said, "I was just out at the pickleball courts on Saturday, and you have a robust membership there...it's just really gratifying to see people actually using the center." The proclamation was unanimously approved.

County Finance Director Cindy Dunlap presented Resolution 28-2021, for a supplemental appropriation to the Budget totaling \$533, 264 for the Fiscal Year Ending Dec. 31, 2021. Resolution 28-2021 was unanimously approved by commissioners.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ITEMS

County Planner Tallmadge Richmond presented several items for approval. Commissioners voted to approve the Lupine Road vacation, a proposal to vacate county road right-of-way surrounding Blocks 13 & 14; a proposal to divide a 27.520 acre lot into three lots at 60434 Spring Creek Road; and a proposal to divide a 35.530 acre lot into three lots at Parcel 372524400032, Fresa Lane & 5550 Road.

MONTROSE COUNTY LOCAL LIQUOR LICENSING AUTHORITY

Commissioners left regular session to reconvene as the Montrose County Local

Liquor Licensing Authority. Items were presented for approval by Kendra Jenkins of the Montrose County Clerk's Office. The Liquor Licensing Authority approved a Special Event Permit for Bosom Buddies Breast Cancer Support Group of Southwestern Colorado's First Annual Cornhole Fun Tournament to be held at The Ute Indian Museum on July 24, 2021; a Special Event Permit for PEER Kindness Kind & Dine to be held at Storm King Mountain Ranch, 70777 Kinikin Road, Montrose, CO 81401 on Sept. 18, 2021; and a Special Event Permit for the Montrose County Fair Board Beer Garden to be held at the Montrose County Fairgrounds, 1001 N 2nd Street, Montrose, CO 81401 on July 30 and July 31, 2021. The event will be held off of the fairgrounds deeded property, staffer Stoney Field said.

Also approved was the renewal of the retail liquor store license for the Bedrock Liquor Store.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioners returned to regular session and entered Executive Session with the county attorney for legal advice pertaining to the airport.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:50 a.m.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.



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three-course meal showcasing local ingredients, paired with beverage tastings from local orchards, breweries, distilleries, and wineries. Country artist Tyller Gummersall will perform live music during the meal.

Saturday, July 31 wraps up with a buyer's lunch, junior livestock auction, more Mutton Bustin', and a performance by San Juan Sparkles & Spurs. The Crowning of Royalty takes place at 7:15 pm and will be followed by the CPRA RAM Rodeo.

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IN THE AREA: 7.12.21-REGIONAL ROUNDUP



Fort Lewis College in Durango. Courtesy photo.

Durango

Fort Lewis College is using a \$950,000 grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation towards Native American and Indigenous programming. The funds will be used to add permanent positions in the Native American and Indigenous Studies Department, a new social justice curriculum, and financial assistance to students transferring from community colleges.

Grand Junction

For nearly 40 years the Daily Sentinel of Grand Junction was printed in house on the same press. They shut down the press on July 3 and printing will now be done at the Montrose Daily Press.

Ridgway

Habitat for Humanity of the San Juans is making good progress on the Ridgway Parkside Triplex. Recently Joe Haden of Haden Enterprises set the trusses on the units

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Telluride

Telluride closed down Colorado Avenue between Pine and Willow Streets on Saturday, July 10, for a free music festival dubbed "The Ride." It was geared to be a free show for the local community without vendors, tickets, or beer.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

WHEN WILL EVERYDAY DEMOCRATS WAKE UP TO THE LEFT'S PLANS ?

Editor:

"Not knowing the truth makes you ignorant. Not wanting to know the truth makes you a Democrat." A few years back I would not have repeated such a harsh statement, but with the reality of Democrats' actions starting with the Obama years and continuing through the present, one has to ask the question: "When will everyday Democrats wake up to the Left's plans for the destruction of our representative republic ?

Democrats have to blatantly lie about everything Biden has done in these first months because his actions have been intentionally destructive to the American people. Crime is out of control in Democrat-run cities across this nation, clearly because of Democrat efforts to defund and demonize the police, their encouragement of BLM and Antifa's rioting and carnage, and left-wing Soros funded DA's

who refuse to prosecute. With the media constantly flattering him, Biden pretends to do something about the self-inflicted crisis by targeting gun dealers, even though an insignificant percentage (7%) of gun criminals get their weapons that way. And, even though they and everyone else knows it is a blatant lie, they come out with the talking point that it is the Republicans who have been advocating for defunding of police !

Democrats know as well as everyone else that the invasion at our border could be stopped immediately if that were the intent. The intent, however, was to create the crisis and then keep it going permanently to flood the country with government dependent voters. Meanwhile, Kamala pretends she is doing something about it.

How long are Democrats going to be OK with the Left teaching our kids it's all

about skin color and which group – oppressor or oppressed – you belong to ? How long will they tolerate rampant inflation caused by unsustainable debt and money printing ? How long will Democrats ignore and condone Biden family corruption ? It is more than clear that Biden lied about his knowledge of son Hunter's corrupt foreign dealings, and indeed used official resources (Air Force Two, his White House office) to carry out meetings with Hunter's foreign business partners with Joe present. If our two-tiered justice system spent a small fraction of the time legitimately looking at Biden family corruption as it spent smearing Trump, father and son Biden would be in jail.

When will Democrats stop lying to themselves about what their once-great party is now intentionally doing to this once-great nation ?

Ed Henrie, Montrose

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CITY CONSIDERS CONTRACT AWARD FOR CERISE PARK WATERLINE BORE; HEARS 2ND QUARTER POLICE REPORT

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Due to the Independence Day holiday, the Montrose City Council gathered for a [regular work session](#) on Tuesday, July 6. Mayor Doug Glaspell opened the work session and wished everyone a good morning. All councilors were in attendance. City Manager Bill Bell was not present.

GRANT APPLICATION-POTATO GROWERS BUILDING

Community Program Manager Kendall Cramer presented a resolution in support of the grant application. The City is acting as fiscal sponsor as required by the grantors. Applicant David Fishing was present to answer questions. To date, the Fisherings have invested \$345K into rehabilitation of the historic Potato Growers structure. The applicants have applied for a similar grant in the past but grant reviewers expressed concern that a northern addition to the 1908 structure, since torn down, was not original. Upgrades made by the applicant to the interior have included a new floor, roof, and structural support system. On or about Aug. 1, the City will submit a grant application to the History Colorado State Historical Fund for rehabilitation costs. The grant requires a 50-percent match; the only expense incurred by the City is in regard to Cramer's efforts. Stryker & Company have been awarded the project. All work has been approved by the City's historic preservation commission.

City Councilor Anthony Russo asked whether the costs associated with Cramer's time were written into the grant so as to enable reimbursement to the City; Cramer said that the City has not charged grant applicants for his efforts in the past.

Councilor Barbara Bynum said that the grant application represents a great partnership between the City and a private business.

Fishing thanked City officials for their support. "Hopefully this is the first in a

long line of these type of projects," he said. "I think we've got a lot of lessons learned for the future...for other private owners that want to do this kind of stuff, I think we've got a little play-book that we've been able to start building."

Mayor Pro Tem Dave Frank said, "Your willingness to help other businesses with the information is really commendable..."

"It is really quite an interesting facility,"

Glaspell said. "There's even a place to lock your wallet up downstairs."

PROJECT DESIGN CONTRACT FOR SIGNALIZATION AT US 550 AND CHIPETA ROAD City Engineer Scott Murphy discussed the proposed contract, which consists of a 60-40 cost sharing agreement with Montrose County. The City's share will be \$37,984. The project was not budgeted for 2021 so costs will likely come from savings, other capital projects, or through budgetary supplement from reserves.

Background-A memo prepared by Murphy for Council states, "Montrose County and the City of Montrose recently entered into an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) to design and construct a traffic signal at the intersection of Chipeta Road and US Highway 550. This signalization is in response to increased traffic volumes that have been building over the years at the intersection, recently reaching a level that appears to meet signal warrant trigger levels. Primary stakeholders for this project include the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) as the owner of the Highway 550 right of way, Montrose County as the owner of the Chipeta Road right of way, and the City of Montrose as a contributor of traffic to the intersection. Montrose County will serve as the project



Police Chief Blaine Hall presented the 2nd quarter police report and 2A report card at the work session on July 6.

and contracting lead for the design and construction phases of the signalization project. CDOT will serve as the primary permitting agency. In 2019, CDOT completed an (updated) access control plan for this reach of Highway 550 which included plans for the eventual signalization of its intersection with Chipeta Road. Reports and data from this access control plan are available for download at www.tinyurl.com/US550ACP. More recently in 2020, a traffic impact study (TIS) was completed for a proposed development alongside Chipeta Road near the Cobble Creek golf course. This TIS included evaluations of the Chipeta/550 intersection, a review of collision data, and identified that signal warrants appear to be met at this time. Reports from this TIS are available for download at www.tinyurl.com/ChipetaTIS.

On June 15 five bids for the design team were received in response to a request for proposals. The difference between low (\$94,960) and high (\$244,342) bids was substantial. Low bidder HDR of Durango was also the most responsive proposal, Murphy said. Though such varying bids could be cause for concern, price discrepancies are a feature of the market right now, and the bids were carefully vetted.

CITY CONSIDERS CONTRACT FOR CERISE WATERLINE BORE From previous pg

"Fully confident in the price and thoroughly reviewed," Murphy said. "...Design and permitting is scheduled to be complete by next April, and then we would go into construction and bidding, targeting to construct that fall."

CERISE PARK WATERLINE RIVER BORE CONTRACT AWARD

Murphy presented information on the waterline bore through Cerise Park, and the need to hire a boring contractor; at an upcoming meeting Council will be asked to consider the award of a contract to Ridgway Valley Enterprises in the amount of \$211,200 for construction of the Project.

Background-A memo from Murphy to Council states, "The City of Montrose utility department has been working over the past two years to construct a waterline connection from the intersection of Shanes Way/Chipeta Drive, through Cerise Park, across the Uncompahgre River, and connecting to existing water mains in Riverbottom Park. This line provides an additional redundant connection point across the Uncompahgre River (currently the City's water system only has three river crossings on the system) and also provides water service to the new amphitheater. The City's in-house utility crews have completed all reaches of the waterline within Cerise Park and up to the Uncompahgre River..."

The final connection across the river will require a directional drilled bore using specialty boring contractors; construction was put out for bid on June 15 and four bids were received. The bids were opened June 30 and Ridgway Valley Enterprises was the low bidder at \$211,200.

"We are confident that they are capable to do this job," Murphy said, and expressed appreciation for the options presented by all of the bidders.

Councilor J. David Reed said that such disparity of bids can raise concerns over potential change orders.

Murphy said that the work process has been well defined. In eight years with the City Murphy said he has had just one change order to a construction project, to the dam at Cerro. "We have a pretty solid track record of preventing those kinds of things...our contractor pool is very reputa-

ble...we've never run into any that have bid a project low with the intent of change ordering us to death..."

Councilor Russo asked whether the contingency should be raised, Murphy said he was confident with the ten percent contingency under the circumstances.

"It's not like we're going to hit a vein of magma underneath the river, so I think we're fairly safe," Mayor Pro Tem Dave Frank said.

The project will add redundancy and resiliency to the City's water system, Murphy said. The project will take place in October.

ORCHARD ROAD RIGHT OF WAY VACATION ORDINANCE

Senior Planner Amy Sharp discussed vacation of a city right-of-way on Orchard Road. The plat is being vacated in advance of the Waterfall Canyon Filing No. 5 final plat.

Background-A memo from Sharp to Council states, "The proposed vacation is located along Orchard Road in Waterfall Canyon Subdivision. It includes approximately 1.70 acres. In 1891a 30' wide future Orchard Road ROW between Sunset Mesa and Happy Canyon Creek was dedicated as part of the Orchard Plat. The extreme western portion of that dedication continued to be farmed until the Waterfall Canyon Subdivision was approved for construction in 2006. The approved subdivision of the Waterfall Canyon project proposed that this old Orchard Road ROW would become the following: The extreme western portion (~1250') will be included in a new Orchard Drive (widened to a 50' ROW) and an open space tract centered on Happy Canyon Creek, The center portion (~850') will be included in a new 5.16 acre City Park (Tract N), The eastern portion (~400') will be included in two small HOA managed open space tracts totaling 0.22 acres. The original Waterfall Canyon Preliminary Plat was renewed in 2012 and again in 2017, with another planned renewal later this year. This Orchard Road ROW Vacation is necessary to allow Final Platting (creation of new residential lots, dedication of new City streets and parks, and creation of HOA Tracts) for the final plat for Waterfall Canyon Filing No. 5

planned later this summer."

UPDATES TO CITY YOUTH COUNCIL MANUAL

Staffers Mikayla Unruh and Kailey Riv- enburgh shared information on proposed changes to the City Youth Council manual. Officer roles will include two communication/marketing roles. Scholarship offerings will be updated to a sliding scale to encourage active involvement, and an evaluation procedure for students will be implemented. Youth Council already has seven applicants for the coming year, Unruh said.

SECOND QUARTER POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT AND 2A REPORT CARD

Police Chief Blaine Hall presented the second quarter police report as well as the 2A report card; full reports are included in the [work session packet](#). Thanks to statewide legislation that has reduced consequences for substantial amounts of highly addictive drugs such as heroin the District Attorney has few resources to encourage drug users to obtain treatment. Low level crimes can now be reported online through the City's online reporting system.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Reed said that the Fourth of July parade was a success, with a good crowd. He thanked staff; Bynum did as well. "Staff worked really hard to make it a success," she said.

Glaspell asked City Attorney Stephen Alcorn to give Council an update on statewide bills that could impact Montrose. Alcorn said that the Colorado Municipal League provides that service. "...One of the fantastic benefits of CML is they have a whole staff that watches every single bill that goes through and then highlights to municipalities which is going to affect them."

Frank said that on July 12 from 6 to 8 p.m. there will be an open house for those interested in the new water tank on Sunset Mesa. "It's going to be a once in a lifetime opportunity," he said. "If you want to see what's going on with that and have a chance to talk with staff and find out why it's so tall, that would be your opportunity."

Chief Hall said that Office of Business and

CORRECTION-OURAY HIGH SCHOOL TRACK & FIELD @ STATE

4X400 RELAY TEAM TAKES TOP SPOT AS 2A STATE CHAMPIONS

Special to the Mirror

STATEWIDE-Justin Beserra, Paton Edwards, Canyon Ishikawa, and Cory Thomsen of the Ouray High School Track & Field Team earned the title of 2A state champions in the 4x400 relay at the Colorado State Track & Field Meet at Jeffco Stadium in Lakewood on June 26. The Ouray team combines students from Ouray, Ridgway and Silverton, and the four sophomores broke several school records competing for the first time at high school level since the 2020 season was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The boys team at state included Scott Brown, Owen Lane, Rock Gibbs and Vinny Schierenberg, and won medals in seven races, scoring 39 points to earn fifth place among 2A schools at the state com-



Cory Thomsen of the Ouray Track & Field Team passes the baton to Canyon Ishikawa during the 4X800 at the State Track meeting at Jeffco Stadium June 26. Photo by Tanya Ishikawa.

petition. The Ouray girls who qualified and competed at state were Meah Mordecai, Kaitlyn Winkelmann, Belen Roof,

and Lily Berwanger. The coaches are Bernie Pearce, Roger Carlson, David Emory, and Kevin deKay.

Karl Schaffer, President of the Ridgway Railroad Museum, presents *Railroad History of the Uncompahgre Valley, Then and Now. Wed., July 14. 1 pm at MCA.*



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Target shooting with explosive targets is not permitted.

COBBLE CREEK RESIDENTS CONTINUE TO SPEAK OUT, CITY DESIGNATES D&RG DEPOT AS A HISTORIC PROPERTY

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Montrose City Council gathered for a regularly scheduled meeting in chambers on Tuesday, July 6. All councilors were present for the session. City Manager Bill Bell was not in attendance.

Mayor Doug Glaspell read a proclamation in support of Park and Recreation Month. Montrose Community Recreation Center Executive Director Mari Steinbach and Recreation Manager Jeremy Master were present to acknowledge the proclamation; Master also read a brief statement and announced, "Since 1985 Americans have celebrated Park and Recreation Month in July...this month and all summer it's game on, all across the country!"

He thanked Mayor Glaspell and Council for joining in the celebration.

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

First to speak was Randy White. White asked if, in addition to his own three minutes, he could have the three minutes that would have been allotted to his wife, who was present as well. "We will allow one," Mayor Glaspell said.

Wearing a t-shirt expressing opposition to Developer Matt Miles' HUB Project, White said, "I am going to begin with my own version of the Pledge of Allegiance...what more could I have done for my vineyard than I did? Why, when I expected a yield of good grapes, did it yield worthless grapes? Isaiah 5:4."

He spoke about conducting face to face meetings with councilors and staff and took time to recognize individual staff members and councilors. "I was evidently the first person in the history of Bill Bell's working here to request a meeting in person," White said. "He told me that...I have another meeting set for later in July with Bill to understand more."

Montrose deserves better than the 500-apartment HUB project, White said, adding that he would like to meet with the developer. He issued an invitation, "Mr. Miles, what do you say?"

As he continued to speak, White changed



November 21, 1951. Denver and Rio Grande Western standard gauge locomotive 454 (2-8-2), with The Mountaineer passenger train, and narrow gauge locomotive 784 (4-6-0), with five freight cars, wait at the depot in Montrose (Montrose County), Colorado. Tanks are in the distance. Photo taken by Robert W. Richardson.

A photo included in a packet prepared by the City's Historic Preservation Commission for the designation of the D&RG Railroad Depot as a City of Montrose historic property.

into a shirt that said, "reborn."

Next to address Council was Ron Sobieck, who expressed concerns over the HUB development and the lack of feathering required between density levels. "...Is it any wonder the Cobble Creek residents are upset? We've been the victims of untruths, misrepresentations, and to top it off the rules have been changed...compounding this problem I believe is the high turnover in both planning commission and city council members...every one of these changes and misrepresentations has benefited the developer and left Cobble Creek with the short end of the stick," he said.

Dallas Augustine also spoke. "I'm here to express my concern about the HUB development. I'm told that building a monstrous apartment complex in the midst of a quiet golfing community of single residences meets our zoning regulations. How can this be?"

The project is motivated by money, Augustine said, to alleviate extreme housing shortages in the mountain communities.

"...You can't stay silent, you need to step up," he said. "You need to bring this issue before the council meeting."

Next to speak was Cathy Hoffman. "...I used to be a child, I don't know about the rest of you, when I was a child I used to like to ride my bike and play out in the street with a soccer ball or a volley ball...it dawned on me we don't really have any place within walking distance for children that would live in this proposed apartment complex to do these things, except in the roadways there or the open golf course area," Hoffman said. "If they want to go fishing are they going to go across Chipeta...or are they going to go to the members-only catch and release pond at Cobble Creek?"

The additional traffic will impact Cobble Creek residents who love to walk, she said.

"There are going to be children, people, and adults probably also, riding bicycles and things of that nature. There's nowhere else there to do it but within Cobble Creek."

Hal Tennin also spoke about the HUB and

CITY DESIGNATES D&RG DEPOT AS A HISTORIC PROPERTY

From previous pg



Cobble Creek activist Randy White changed out of an anti-HUB shirt into a shirt that said, "reborn," as he addressed Montrose City Council.

expressed opposition to incentives for the developer, "...I really don't see how it benefits that many people, except for the WalMarts and the City Markets...let him use his own money."

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council voted to approve the minutes of the June 15 regular City Council meeting.

RESOLUTION 2021-10-TRANSFER OF PAX FUNDS

Community Program Specialist Briceida Ortega presented Resolution 2021-10, authorizing the transfer of funds from the Montrose Community Foundation and allocating \$8,213.23 in funds to the Public Art eXperience Program (PAX) under the DART umbrella.

Background- The Montrose Public Art eXperience (PAX), which has placed sculptures around Montrose for the enjoyment of the public, was started in 2008 by Montrose business owner Sandy Cipolloni and the PAX Committee in cooperation with the Montrose Chamber of Commerce and Marge Keehfuss. PAX later became a program of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA). Monies remaining in the Montrose Community Foundation's PAX Component fund will now be used by the Development and Revitalization team (DART) to promote and manage the PAX program in Montrose.

PAX will now become part of DART's design program, under the committee that oversees physical aspects of the Downtown experience, Ortega said. "We thought that PAX would fit right in." Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution 2021-10.

ORDINANCE 2546-FIRST READING

As discussed previously in work session, Assistant City Attorney Matt Magliaro presented Ordinance 2546 on first reading, repealing Title

6 Chapter 1 Section 19 (6-1-19) only, regarding false identification.

The section of City Code regarding false identification has rarely been used, Magliaro said, with only 21 cases in 9.5 years. Council voted unanimously to adopt Ordinance 2546 on First Reading.

ORDINANCE 2547-FIRST READING

Also approved unanimously was Ordinance 2547 on First Reading, designating the Denver and Rio Grande Depot, 21 N Rio Grande Avenue, Montrose, Colorado, as a City of Montrose Historic Property. Planner I William Reis presented information and photos of the D&RG Depot. Reis noted that the building is owned by the City (which was granted ownership by the railroad on the condition that the Depot building continue to house the museum).

Background-A memo from Reis to Council states that the depot meets the criteria for historic designation, "The building is over fifty years old...The building is significant for its association with the history of transportation in Montrose, having been erected as the second railroad depot for the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad...The design of the building is representative of the Mission Revival style, popular for railroad stations in the southwest, and reflected in the tile roof, overhanging eaves, shaped

parapets, and arcaded porches."

According to documents compiled by the City's Historic Preservation Commission, the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad reached Montrose on Sept. 8, 1882.

Montrose served as the outfitting point for the mining camps in Ouray and San Miguel counties, and as the service and supply center and shipping point for the surrounding agricultural country. The Depot building was erected by the railroad in 1912.

The structure, which has a new tile roof, also meets the City's integrity criteria.

ORDINANCE 2545-SECOND READING

Reis presented Ordinance 2545 on second reading, designating the Montrose County Jail, 217 S. 1st Street, Montrose, Colorado, as a City of Montrose Historic Property Pursuant to § 4-15 of the Official Code of the City of Montrose. The ordinance has been discussed in work session and on First Reading and was approved unanimously. Some furniture from the jail was reportedly stored in the county courthouse but has since gone missing, Reis said. "I am going to continue to try and track it down if possible."

OTHER BUSINESS

In other business Council voted to approve the Sunrise Creek III Filing No. 2 Preliminary Plat, and approved updates to the planning Commission bylaws.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Reed gave "kudos" to City staff for organizing the Fourth of July parade. "It was very well done."

Bynum announced that Chief Hall would speak at a community forum to be held the following day at Colorado Mesa University.

Frank reminded the public of the water tower open house on July 12 from 6 to 8 p.m. "You'll be able to go inside."

Glaspell thanked the Montrose Police Department for their work during the Fourth of July Parade. "Great job."

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned

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DELTA HEALTH WALK-IN AND URGENT CARE CLINICS OPEN UNTIL JULY 21

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DELTA- At the end of June Delta Health announced that Delta Health Urgent Care and the Delta Health West Elk Paonia Clinic will be closing with services absorbed into its primary care clinics. Both clinics will remain open until July 21, 2021, to serve patients.

Signs will be posted on the Delta Health Urgent Care Clinic and the Delta Health West Elk Paonia Clinic doors to notify of any change in clinic hours or early closures. Please consider calling the clinic before arriving.

• Delta Health Urgent Care: 970.874.7696

• Delta Health West Elk Paonia Clinic: 970.527.2100

"We want to make sure we're communicating with our community members about our clinic closures," said Jacque Davis, Delta Health Director of Marketing, Communications and Public Relations.

"Delta Health Urgent Care and the Delta Health West Elk Paonia Clinic will continue providing services until July 21, and then starting July 22 we will switch those urgent and walk-in services to our primary care clinics."

By July 22, 2021, providers will be ready to serve all urgent and walk-in care needs at the Delta Health primary care clinics:

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DELTA COUNTY AND CITY OF DELTA EXECUTE MULTIPLE SEARCH WARRANTS

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DELTA-Three search warrants were executed July 9, on three different residences. One in the Austin area of Delta County and two within the City of Delta. These search warrants were as a result of a several month investigation by investigators from the Delta County Sheriff's Office, Delta Police Department, the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and the 7th Judicial Drug Task Force. The searches executed today resulted the seizure of

firearms, ammunition, over 2 ounces of methamphetamine, hundreds of M-30 pills (Fentanyl), suspected psilocybin, drug paraphernalia and cash. Items of evidence involving other criminal activity were also located.

Lonny Len Hilbers (45) of Austin, Colorado was arrested and charged with the following:

-Unlawful distribution, manufacturing, dispensing or sale of narcotics; a Drug Felony

-Special Offender; a Drug Felony 1

-Unlawful possession of a controlled sub-

stance; a Drug Felony

-Possession of a weapon by a previous offender; a Class 5 Felony.

Hilbers is currently being held with no bond in the Delta County Jail. This investigation is still on-going and additional charges will be filed at a later date.

The Delta Police Department and the Delta County Sheriff's Office would like to thank all of our law enforcement partners for their assistance with these operations.

No additional information will be released at this time. All persons are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

WOLF RESTORATION PUBLIC LISTENING SESSIONS SCHEDULED

Special to the Mirror

DENVER – Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) and the Keystone Policy Center announced the dates, times, and locations of in-person, open house public listening sessions that will give Coloradans opportunities to engage and provide substantive input and feedback into the gray wolf restoration and management planning process. CPW and Keystone also announced today the launch of a new [public engagement website](#), which houses a general comment form and will house a more detailed, Summer 2021 online comment form this summer.

“The primary purpose of these open houses and the public engagement website is to provide Coloradans with multiple opportunities to share their suggestions and concerns with the Division: This process will inform the wolf restoration and management planning process,” said Julie Shapiro, director of the Natural Resources Program for Keystone Policy Center. “The specific details and decisions about gray wolf reintroduction will be made by Colorado Parks and Wildlife and the Parks and Wildlife Commission after robust public, stakeholder, and technical expert involvement. We strongly encourage all Coloradans to offer their contribution to the restoration and management planning process.”

The schedule of upcoming open house listening sessions are as follows. All meetings are scheduled to be held from 5 – 8 p.m.*

July 12

Steamboat Springs Community Center
1605 Lincoln Ave
Steamboat Springs, CO

July 13

CMC’s Morgridge Commons
815 Cooper Ave, 2nd Floor Glenwood Springs, CO

July 19

Fort Lewis College, Student Union Ballroom, 1000 Rim Drive
Durango, CO

July 21

Montrose Field House
25 Colorado Ave
Montrose, CO

July 22

Western Colorado University University Center Ballroom
Gunnison, CO

July 26

Moffat County High School
900 Finley Ln
Craig, CO

July 28

Mesa County Fairgrounds, Community Building
2785 US HWY 50
Grand Junction, CO

August 2

Avalon Ballroom
6185 Arapahoe Rd
Boulder, CO

**6-9 pm due to scheduling*

August 3

Alamosa Co Ice Rink
2242 Old Sanford Rd
Alamosa, CO

August 4

Cottonwood Center for the Arts
427 E Colorado Ave
Colorado Springs, CO

August 5

Las Animas County Fairgrounds
2000 N. Linden Ave.
Trinidad, CO 81082

August 10

Colorado Parks and Wildlife Denver Office
6060 Broadway, Denver, CO

August 11

CSU Lory Student Center, Ballroom
1101 Center Ave Mall
Fort Collins, CO

August 12

Northeastern Junior College - Hays Center Ballroom
100 College Ave
Sterling, CO

In addition to public listening sessions, CPW and Keystone launched a website where Coloradans will be able to provide

comments via a detailed online comment form in July and August; that online comment form will ask the same questions and provide the same background information as the in-person open houses. The new website is [wolfengagementco.org](#). It will also provide dates, locations, and details about public meetings as well as information about the Stakeholder Advisory Group and Technical Working Group, which are both providing expertise and practical feedback for the restoration and management planning process. Additionally, the website allows visitors to leave a general comment about the reintroduction process at any time during the planning process. All comments submitted to the website will require a name, email address, and state/county of residence.

CPW and Keystone will conduct a total of 14 in-person open house public listening sessions in regions throughout the state. Members of the public are encouraged to attend the open house in the region in which they reside; all open houses will follow the same format and cover the same content. Pre-registration at [wolfengagementco.org](#) is encouraged and appreciated, but not required.

Those attending the open houses will be able to visit stations at their own pace to provide input on wolf planning topics. Attendees will also be able to provide written feedback through a detailed online comment form either during the open house or at a later time. Paper forms will also be available for use during the open house.

The open house public listening sessions are a component of the more than 40 meetings being conducted in July and August.

In addition to the open houses, CPW and Keystone will convene approximately 17 invitational geographic-based focus groups in Western Colorado, approximately 10 invitational interest-based focus groups, as well as Tribal consultation meetings.

OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

A HEARTFELT THANK-YOU TO THE PEOPLE OF MONTROSE

Editor:

On 7 June 2012 the patriot community of Montrose participated in the burial of my cousin, Lieutenant Robert Elwood Bennett, III USAF at Cedar Cemetery. "Woody" as he was called, was lost in a wide Vietnamese river during a low level bombing mission when his F-4 went out of control and crashed into the river. Forty three years later his remains were recovered and returned to us, his next-of-kin. While Woody likely never set foot in Montrose the citizenry turned out in large numbers for the memorial and graveside service of an 'adopted son.' His family and their friends wish to express our deepest thanks for our great Montrose neighbors, businesses and organizations that participated in his homecoming on this the 9th anniversary of Woody's memorial.

The Family of Lt. R. E. Bennett, USAF

OUR ZONING LAWS ARE NOW A RECIPE FOR CHAOS

Editor:

Cobble Creek residents have every right to be both concerned and upset about the 1890 Homestead Project, now commonly called the HUB. We have had many misrepresentations made to us, both by the developer of the HUB, and by city officials. Furthermore, many of the rules that we thought we were playing by have been changed since the HUB property was zoned, none of which have been fair or equitable to the residents of Cobble Creek.

Mr. Miles (developer of the HUB) met with Cobble Creek residents on April 26, 2018. Mr. Miles stated at the time that he had no intentions of building large apartment buildings. He went on to state that his proposed development would be similar to adjacent Spruce Point, which has a maximum of 6 units per acre, and is zoned R-3A.

At the subsequent Planning Commission hearing regarding zoning, held on June 13, 2018, many Cobble Creek residents expressed their concerns about large apartment units being built on the property. Mr. Miles rose to speak, and stated, "Multi-family buildings have been done in Bear Creek Subdivision, and were put in so they were barely noticeable." There are 8 single story duplexes in Bear Creek- no

large apartment buildings or other multi-family units exist there.

Also, at this same meeting, to address density concerns, Planning Commissioner Greg Moberg stated, "The only difference between R-3 and R-3A zoning is the type of structure allowed. *The density remains the same.*"

Cobble Creek residents relied upon these representations and believed the development, now zoned R-3A, would indeed be similar to Spruce Point, and be limited to 6 units per acre.

Now we come to changes in the Comprehensive Plan, which was done after the HUB property was zoned R-3A. In the old Comprehensive Plan, R-3A zoning was described as "Residential Mixed Density Low", with a maximum of 6 units per acre. However, in the Zoning that was adopted in 2016, R-3A is described as a "Medium High Density District", which allows for Single Family Homes, Duplexes, and Multi-Family Homes with a medium overall density. In the new 2040 Comprehensive Plan, the density and feathering requirements have been removed.

Furthermore, the density definitions in the zoning laws, and those in the new 2040 Comprehensive Plan do not dovetail at all. There is no consistency in descriptions of allowable density- only ambiguity.

Apparently, by this bit of legislative rule-changing, and by the incredibly vague density guidelines provided by both zoning and the new Comprehensive Plan as adopted by our city council, Mr. Miles now believes he can build up to 14 units per acre and high rises on this same property.

Is it any wonder that Cobble Creek residents are upset?

We have been the victims of untruths and misrepresentations, and to top it off our city council changed the rules we thought we were playing by. Compounding the problem is the high turnover of both Planning Commission and City Council members, and the resulting ambiguity of what was said or intended in the past. Every one of these changes and misrepresentations has benefited the developer, while leaving Cobble Creek with the short end of the stick.

What everyone needs to realize is that this type of nonsense can take place anywhere in Montrose.

No neighborhood is safe because zoning now appears to be whatever our city council says it is on any given day. Our zoning laws are now a recipe for chaos with no true sense of direction. The entire process regarding the HUB has been an absolute travesty.

Ron Sobieck, Montrose

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

CITY SHOULD HOST A ROUND TABLE GATHERING FOR ALL CONCERNED WITH HUB PROJECT

Editor:

All the Hub Bub you need to know

The following

is authenticatable, via published public record.

-April 26 2018, Tiff Hayden invited Cobble Creek (CC) residents to an informational meeting a delivery to hear about the plans for a the new land purchase along the hole 9 Fairway adjacent to the subdivision. Local developer Matt Miles (MM) indicated he would continue with the property remaining as a ranch and when/if he developed, it would look like Spruce Point -- medium sized single family homes (hear a collective sigh of relief among residents).

-Nineteen days later May 15, 2018, at a the rezoning request & review by the City Planning Council PC, where deliberations were hijacked the by PC members Anthony Russo, Greg Moberg and Vince Fandel (3 stooges) and the City Planning Manager Garry Baker (all have moved on to greener pastures). The four mischaracterized the nature of existing zoning and Greg Moberg said "...R3A is surrounding the area". This misrepresentation led to approval of R3A zoning narrowly, 3:2. This, in spite of all 7 public testimonies opposing that R3A zoning.

-Montrose Town Council in May 2018 blessed the PC recommendation, as is the normal process. MM renovated the old ranch home on the land; possibly as a favor or gift, to the Collins sisters, who were then residents.

-In 2019 MM introduced the Planned Unit Development PUD, with a proposed housing density of about 8 times greater than Cobble Creek housing. Shocked, the Cobble Creek HOA Board of Directors anointed a former HOA president as the leader of a 6 person team, called the HUB Opposition Committee (HOAHUBOC). This team launched into a communications op/ed, email and letter

writing campaign with the twin themes of:

1. Incongruity of the PUD, compared with the Montrose Comprehensive Plan (then in a stage of refinement)

2. The unfair use of Montrose taxpayer money to incentivize the developer.

-During a January PC meeting, so heavily attended by watchers/commenters, that the Zoom system shut down. (Unprecedented in PC history.) The meeting was postponed, until the city got more 'gas in the Zoom tank'.

-In following Meetings MM brought paid consultants to the PC meetings to advocate how the traffic impact would be "acceptable" and within established norms, and how the added hundreds of toilets could still flush down the same 8" pipe as the entire CC community. As a retired mechanical engineer I can say this pretense is patently preposterous.

-Several PC

Zoom meetings later, Anthony Russo resigned (giving family considerations as the reason) and Greg Easton assumed the chairman role. The courage of Greg Easton, Jan Chastain, & Phoebe Benziger who motioned, then voted, to recommend the PC approve a reduced density (down from about 15/ac to half that, still well above CC at about 2/ac). This approach somewhat honors the 'feathering' concept from the Montrose Comprehensive Plan.

-MM remained calm, outwardly, for two months.

-MM withdrew the PUD, and went silent for a time. Then MM dropped a bomb, as reported in the Montrose Daily Press story in early May. MM would develop three stages of apartment buildings:

-The first would be 160 rental units on 1/3 the 35 ac property. The rental units were asserted as vital to accommodate burgeoning growth. A huge shout

could be heard from residents "...can he really DO that?!!!"

-Yep, under something

called Use By Right under the R3A zoning.

-THE HOAHUBOC steps up the campaign by encouraging CC residents to attend the now open City Council meetings and make more 'standardized' deliveries. See a few video clips:

-June 1: Ron Sobieck <https://youtu.be/TQir8Y6ac00>

-June 15: Betsy Wiley <https://youtu.be/sTT2L8WLdI8>

-June 15 Entire Collection: <https://youtu.be/vw84CZhsWgk>. The series of 16 3-minute testimonies starts at about 10 minutes into the meeting.

-July 4, a Cobble Creek Club BOD Member emailed some residents a HOAHUBOC draft email saying in part "met with... David Reed and Barbara Bynum in person ... they have indicated they have heard loud and clear ... all the emails and letters... So, to continuing to go to city council meetings to speak, if the HUB is not on the agenda is a waste of their time and does not further our agenda. If anything, it will agitate them". And "... we'll notify you when the \$2.3M Incentive Matter comes before Council --then attend en masse, to renew the protest."

-However, a recent interview with David Frank (Mayor Pro Tem) by myself has illuminated that

the \$2.3 million incentive would require recalculation by town engineering. This is because the project had moved from PUD to HUB 'use by right' apartments. At this point Montrose planning officials indicate no building permit is yet applied for, leading one to doubt the temporal aspect of the HUB project, which had been indicated in the May MDP article as starting in July.

-The July 6 City Council meeting was attended by a few Cobble Creek Residents. Several made remarks, and two

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and two video captures are available:

-Cathy Hoffman and Ron Sobieck <https://youtu.be/y4p2gogpPdY>

-Randy White at <https://youtu.be/AnXxR8ATsQY>

In summary, several remarks were aimed towards the incongruity of the HUB, more or less like the past meetings remarks. My personal remarks were framed around recognition of the Montrose City Council and staff for their skill, integrity & patience with all the HUB BUB from residents. Particularly, given the severely flawed 'talking points' asking council & staff to do what they have no empowerment to actualize. Fruitless and only generates angst.

-My thoughts about the likely outcomes from the 'twin themes' above are that both are insufficient to stop the HUB project as Currently configured. Why?

-Even though the apartments are noncompliant with the Comprehensive Plan, the plan is "...a guideline..." per a letter from Mayor Glaspell in May 2021, so absolute compliance is not mandatory. HUB not stopped.

-While the opposition/defeat of the \$2.3 M incentive package is like residents standing up for 'motherhood n apple pie', the pure project economics provide adequate margin even if that incentive vanished. HUB not stopped.

After all the above, based on 99.3% authenticatable facts, my informed opinion

regarding the resolution of the HUB BUB is this: Let's accomplish the best, balanced outcome for all the various interests, City-Developer-Incumbent and New Montrose residents, via a Round Table gathering involving principals only. Professionally facilitated in a cooperative & collaborative manner among the several competing interests.

Surely those principals are strong enough to stand and deliver for our current residents and incoming new citizens.

Sincerely, Randy White, Cobble Creek resident

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MONTROSE COUNTY RECEIVES \$20,000 AWARD FROM NATIONAL OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE CONSERVATION COALITION "NOHVCC"



An award of \$20,000 from the National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council (NOHVCC) will help Montrose County with development of the Shavano Gateway Recreation Area. Courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE-Montrose County is proud to announce the award of \$20,000 from the National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council (NOHVCC) to support development of the Shavano Gateway Recreation Area. Located at the eastern end of the Rimrocker Trail®, this site serves as a parking and staging area for the Rimrocker Trail as well as access to motorized and non-motorized trail systems in the adjoining Linscott Canyon area.

Earlier this year, local forest service staff became aware of the opportunity for this

funding and suggested that Shavano Gateway may be a good fit. With support from the county commissioners, Interim County Manager Jon Waschbusch took advantage of the opportunity and submitted project details to NOHVCC. The well-developed plans and shovel ready nature of the project fit well with NOHVCC interests. Montrose County will match the award, which will make \$40,000 available for project development this year.

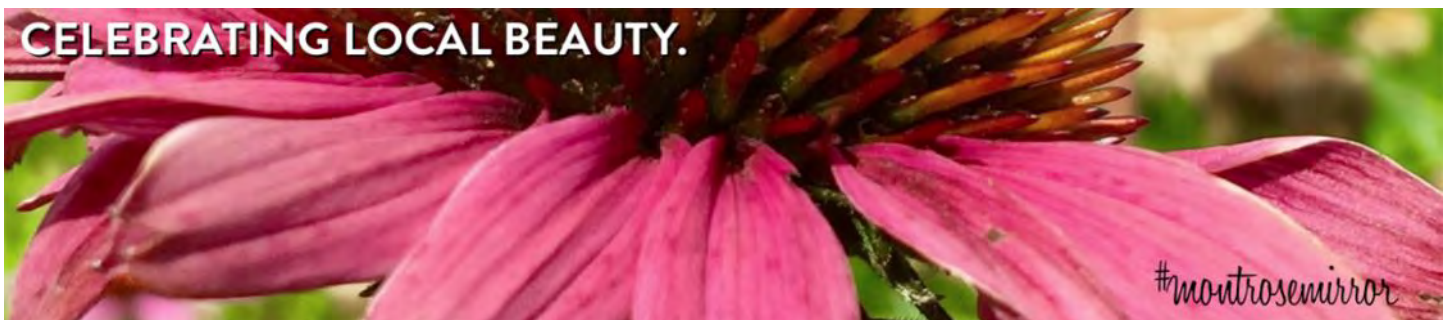
"NOHVCC is delighted to be a partner in this exciting project. Well-designed parking areas are a necessity, and staging are-

as are vitally important to provide information, set expectations and allow everyone to put on gear and get ready for a fun day on the trail," said Duane Taylor, Executive Director of the National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council. "Not only is this project driven by local OHV enthusiasts it also demonstrates an outstanding level of partnership between riders, the BLM, the Forest Service, and Montrose County. It is an example of the type of partnerships that NOHVCC promotes at workshops and in our other resources."

"The Rimrocker Trail has been exceeding expectations since its inception," said Interim County Manager Jon Waschbusch. "Improvements made to the trailhead benefit visitors to the Rimrocker, but also serve users of the adjoining trail systems. The local MUT Chapter of the Colorado Plateau Mountain Bike Trail Association continues to do an excellent job in developing the Electric Hills singletrack system at this location. Their efforts and those of the Western Slope 4 Wheelers and Uncompahgre Trail Riders will make this an asset that serves broad interests. We're grateful to NOHVCC for their contribution and for the continued support of the user groups, Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service."

In October of 2020, the Montrose County formally signed a Recreation and Public Purposes lease agreement with the Bureau of Land Management, which represented another major step in the long term development of the 44-acre Shavano Gateway Recreation Area project. For more information on the Rimrocker Trail®, please visit rimrockertrail.org.

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GMUG PROVIDES OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC INPUT ON BLUE LAKES AREA

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MONTROSE— The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests' Ouray Ranger District is seeking public input on the popular Blue Lakes area, located in the Mt. Sneffels Wilderness. The feedback is part of a visitor use study being conducted this summer by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, in partnership with Western Colorado University's Center for Public Lands. "Western Colorado University's Center for Public Lands is proud to be partnering with the Forest Service to gather data and information about the use patterns, user experience and expectations for the Blue Lakes area," said Maddie Rehn, the Center's program director.

Increased visitation in recent years has caused multiple management challenges including safety issues related to illegal parking, user created campsites, visitor frustration and environmental degradation. "The community has already been very engaged on this project," said Dana Gardunio, Ouray District Ranger. "I look forward to more public engagement as future management options are considered in greater detail." Two virtual community meetings will be held in conjunc-

tion with this study to provide information and answer questions from the public. Virtual Informational Webinar— July 22, 2021, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. To join, please connect via computer at: <https://western.zoom.us/j/99802661036>

Virtual Public Engagement Meeting— Aug. 3, 2021, 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Please RSVP [here](#) by Aug. 1.

How to Provide Feedback:

Visitor use input will be gathered through various venues including online, email, mail, in person data gathering in the Blue Lakes area and virtual public meetings beginning July 2021. Comments may be: Submitted online at: [Visitor Use Study online commenting platform](#)

Mailed to: Ouray Ranger District Attn: Julie Jackson, 2505 South Townsend Ave., Montrose, CO 81401

Emailed to: julie.jackson@usda.gov

Information will be available at the following locations:

Ouray Ranger District (Montrose Public Lands Center), 2505 S. Townsend Ave., Montrose, CO 81401

At both Blue Lakes trailheads

Ouray, Ridgway and Montrose Visitor Centers



Blue Lakes area, photo by Bob Wick.

Blue Lakes visitor use study website:

<https://www.centerforpubliclands.org/blue-lakes>

The Mt. Sneffels Wilderness Area encompasses 16,587 acres on the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests near the communities of Ridgway and Ouray. For additional information contact Julie Jackson (970) 240-5429, or julie.jackson@usda.gov.

For more information on current fire restrictions, conditions and recreation opportunities, visit the [forest website](#) or www.westslopefireinformation.com. Connect with us, or follow us on social media ([Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#)).

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CONDEMNING EX-POST-FACTO CONDEMNATION

Editor:

I have watched as our country has adopted a model to putrefy our forefathers for doing what they did merely because it is adverse to today's standards. This in spite of the fact that our forefathers made it against our Constitution to make such retroactive laws. They were and are called ex-post-facto laws.

In reading a recent diatribe against President Andrew Jackson's actions against the southern tribes in moving them west along the trail of tears one should reflect: General Jackson won the Seminole War, much to the pleasure of the country, both the populous and the government. He masterfully beat the British at the Battle of New Orleans.

President Jackson was elected by the population of the United States and ran on a platform. Just what was it in regards to those tribes? President Jackson was elected in part by Northerners who apparently approved of his behavior not only about the "Trail of Tears" but of his victories in wars. Congress did not take action to stop his "Trail of Tears" or for that matter to condemn it after the fact.

The food and other shortages on the "Trail of Tears" were not abated by the government in Washington or the governments of the several states thru which the tribes passed. Apparently none of the state governments, federal or state workers who saw what was happening or the military who imposed the cruelties inflicted made any real effort to stop it. While Jackson was THE president in office the whole debacle was that of his administration, the minority party, the military and the state governments. What would it have taken for the feds, the states and the military to have fed these people? Simply put, their persecution (albeit 'racist' by today's standards) was a sign of the feelings of the times wherein Indians were felt to be lesser people, deserving of less than humane care and consideration. Other standards if extant in his day were kept quiet or one did not often hold public office.

So let us look at the situation with President Thomas Jefferson and his life with a white wife, a black mistress (not concurrently), his feelings about slavery and his more than public actions regarding the same.

Thomas Jefferson was a lawyer, a statesman and a significant landowner. His real income came from the operation of a plantation. He was a Virginian. He owned many slaves. As close as we can find out he was, for a slave owner, quite progressive in his treatment of that portion of his property, his workforce. Note, that in his lifetime slaves were property, period.

While he and his neighbors could do as they wished with their property mistreatment made the workforce less efficient, prone to running away and if one died, well there was no life insurance on a slave.

Upon the colonies separating from British Rule, Jefferson was largely responsible for codifying the rules for law in Virginia. Several of those laws pertained to slavery. He wrote some very progressive laws pertaining to slaves and slavery in Virginia but he did not 'set them free'. Nor could he have done so, the legislature would have had to agree. Had he tried that, all of Virginia would have hung him, not in effigy, but in reality. Instead he modernized (to his time) the 'slave law' in Virginia to make things better for slaves and freed slaves. First, a black with only one eighth black blood was considered a white. Sally Hemmings and her kids by Tom were 1/8 black). Slaves could not be freed after their fiftieth birthday because they could not work and support themselves, therefore the owner was obligated to support them until death. Freed Virginia slaves could not reside in Virginia. And several other things.

Thomas Jefferson did own many slaves. As his life progressed, largely because of his political activities (Senator, President and Ambassador to France) he neglected his plantation to the point that when he died he owed so much money, that the portion of his will freeing his slaves could

not be executed---the slaves had to be sold to clear his debts. His daughter only succeeded in freeing what household slaves that were not taken. She did so and Sally Hemmings went to live with her son in Charlottesville VA. But remember two of his sons by her could not remain, by law, in Virginia once freed. Jefferson went to the Virginia legislature to secure an exemption (at the time even the aristocracy lived by the law) so that these two male slaves, sons of TJ and Sally, could remain in Charlottesville and care for Sally.

Note that Sally was only a slave because she was born to it---she was 7/8th white. As were her and TJ's children. Several of their children lived and died in other states (both North and South) as white folk.

When TJ went to France as ambassador after the French Revolution he took with him his manservant. Upon stepping off the ship onto French soil the manservant became a free man. Similarly when Sally Hemmings, a 16 year old who had been selected as a responsible individual to bring TJ's young daughter to France to be with her dad for a few years, Sally upon stepping ashore in France was also a free person.

Both the manservant and Sally lived with TJ during his time in France, went to schools to learn various arts and crafts, to read, speak other languages, etc. (against the law in many states). Upon TJ's recall to the United States both of them climbed aboard the ship and returned to the United States with TJ and his daughter AND AGAIN BECAME ENSLAVED.

They could have stayed in France and been free. They chose to re-enter slavery and return to the U.S. with Thomas Jefferson. Thomas Jefferson must have been an absolutely awful slave master, eh?

Sally Hemmings was the product of a union by her master and her mother; her mother was the product of her master and her mother. Hence the 1/8th black bloodline making her technically white. Whether Sally was willing or not we shall never

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know. Just what difference does it make because when legally free in France she voluntarily boarded a ship with TJ and returned to Virginia and into slavery. Apparently Thomas Jefferson did what the law of the times allowed and to me, Sally returning from France with him showed her willingness to perpetuate the relationship, making it consensual which is important by today's standards but not necessary in 1800.

Throughout history we see examples of acts, legal at the time but illegal now, having been done. We also see in most cases where there is a mention of difference of standards that it is simply ignored.

The defamation of Jackson because of the "Trail of Tears" and of Jefferson because he had sexual relations with Sally Hemmings are both unjustified. Both elucidate racial overtones solely for the purpose of sparking racial division in our country to-

day.

Both men did what they did because their actions were accepted in their lifetimes at least by their peers and probably by most citizens of the times.

This is judgement by us using ex-post-facto condemnation and not Constitutional law and order.

This is neither fair nor just. It is just born of ignorance.

Bill Bennett, Montrose



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“Pine Tree Challenge” Learn how to identify trees by observing needles, cones, and bark. Learn some keying methods with hands on activities plus take home your own book! (Project Wild)



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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

DELTA HEALTH ANNOUNCES FALL 2021 BLOOD DRAW DATES

Special to the Mirror

DELTA – Delta Health is excited to announce the return of their annual blood draw days that will be held Oct. 13-16 at Delta Middle School.

Last year's health fair was canceled due to the pandemic, but this year's blood draw dates are in full swing.

Formerly known as the Delta County Memorial Hospital Health Fair, it has been renamed Delta Health: Rebound to Resilience.

"Delta County is a resilient community that has rallied together throughout the entire pandemic to keep each other safe and healthy and that is what the name Rebound to Resilience represents," said Jacque Davis, Director of Marketing, Communications and Public Relations for Delta Health. "We are thrilled to have the blood draw dates back this fall so that we can continue to provide this important service to our community."

This year Delta Health also collaborated with the Delta County School District 50J to host the blood draw days at Delta Middle School, during the fall break.

Located at 401 East 10th Street in Delta, the middle school will allow more community members to be served in a large, central location.



Delta Health Courtesy photo.

"A huge thank you to the Delta County School District for allowing us to host the blood draw events at Delta Middle School," said Davis.

"In the past, the health fairs have been hosted at the hospital, the Bill Heddles Recreation Center, in Paonia, and Cedaredge. We were looking for a large space and Delta Middle School worked so well accommodating our large COVID-19 vaccine event that took place earlier this

year."

Delta Health is also working with It Starts With Me to facilitate the blood draw days. It Starts With Me partners with other Western Slope organizations to provide blood draw and health fair services.

More information will be coming soon regarding online pre-registration.

For updates, follow Delta Health on social media @DeltaHealthCo or online at deltahealthco.org.

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THE MONTROSE MIRROR

COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

REV. H DUANE THAXTON JR.

June 14, 1946 -February 10, 2021



The Rev. H Duane Thaxton Jr. passed away in Colorado Springs, Colorado on February 10th, 2021 after a long battle with advanced dementia. He left behind the broken shell of his body and mind to be restored as the being of light and love he has always been, living anew in the arms of his Heavenly Father, in the hearts of his earthly family, and in the joyful memories of all who were blessed to meet him.

He is survived by his wife Arleen of Colorado, his children David of Nevada, Alicia, Brian and Michelle of Colorado, as well as his siblings Eileen of North Carolina, Lesley of Montana, and Douglas of Colorado, in addition to six amazing and beautiful grandchildren.

Duane was born to Ruth and Harold D. Thaxton Sr. in Ogden Utah on June 14th, 1946 when it was quickly realized that as an extraordinary child, he should have the U.S. flag flown from every building in the country for his birthday. If you asked him, he would tell you this, and all evidence points to its veracity. As an Air Force brat, he lived in many places around the country and world, travelling with his family through some of the most picturesque landscapes of Western Europe while reading comic books on the floorboards of his family's car. His travels brought him to Falls Church, Virginia,

where he met and married his first wife, Joyce McCarl. Together, they had four children who inherited his good looks, brilliant mind and love of popcorn with M&M's.

Duane served in the Army during the Vietnam War, listening for radio communications in Cambodian that turned out to be mostly Vietnamese, and on one occasion successfully defended his base against a large cockroach rolling himself around inside a discarded

Coke can. After his return from Vietnam, he attended Seminary at the Iliff School of Theology at the University of Denver and was ordained as a United Methodist Minister. His ministerial assignments took him to Pocatello, ID, Denver, Grand Junction, Pagosa Springs, Dove Creek and Dolores, Colorado. In each place, he took great joy in witnessing the Light of God to his congregation. He welcomed new souls into the world with a sprinkle of water and a kiss on the forehead. He joined hearts together in matrimony with the sonorous rise and fall of his rich baritone voice intoning the great universal truth, that God resides in all beings and creation, and that God is Love. And he sat in many quiet places holding the hands of weary travellers on their final day as they passed from this world.

It was at one of these weddings he met his wife, Arleen Friedman. Being a wise woman, she recognized his smile and jovial disposition were not just a façade, but rather windows into his true nature. Being a wise man, Duane recognized likewise that her sharp wit and warm humor were equally genuine. They joined their lives in balanced harmony, and together, brightened the towns of Telluride and Montrose, Colorado, often as Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Side by side, they travelled the world,

setting foot on every continent, and leaving the comic books on the floorboard as they took in the sights and sounds. They loved the lands they saw, but even more so, the people. Duane had a curious condition in which he could see the face of God in everyone he met. Coupled with their rule of "If you hear music, go towards it," they met many beautiful strangers who showed them glimpses of the world off the beaten path. As such, many a cruise director and tour leader coined phrases like, "Somebody go find the Thaxtons before I end up on the naughty list." and "I don't care if he IS Santa Claus, this boat is leaving in ten minutes."

Eventually, his memory loss and cognitive decline cut short his travels. As his faculties eroded, his jolly nature and joyful, loving heart remained steadfast. To the end, his light remained, and is now liberated. May we celebrate him within. Let us eat M&M's in our popcorn. Whistle randomly in the darkness. Be Santa. Wink at people. If you hear music, go toward it. Dip your fries in other people's chili whether you know them or not. See the face of God in every person you meet. Turn strangers into friends. Read poetry like it's a song. Sing even if you don't know the tune. Laugh loudly. Hug people really hard for a really long time... even to the point of awkwardness. Enjoy each root beer float like it is the first time you tasted one. Make sure everyone knows you love them. And when one of those blessings comes to you, you'll know - that's Duane.

Donations may be made in Duane's honor to the Alzheimer's Association or the Montrose United Methodist Church, which was so very important in his life." A celebration of his life will be on July 29th at 1pm at the Montrose United Methodist Church.

COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

MARIE ELAM

June 9, 1932-July 4, 2021

MARIE ELAM passed away peacefully at home on July 4, 2021, in the presence of her children. Marie was born on June 9, 1932, in Romeo, Colorado; and lived in Montrose for the past 70 years.

Marie lived her life to the fullest, dancing every chance she could. She was a very giving person, generous to a fault. Marie knew no stranger, and every person she met became an instant friend. She worked as a waitress and bartender at various places in Montrose. Her last job was bartending at the Elks Lodge. As a single mom, she sometimes worked two jobs to keep the family going.

Marie loved to travel around the country and overseas, Germany, Italy, Spain, Guam, Alaska, Puerto Rico, New York and Washington DC, and many states. She enjoyed sewing quilts and pillows for people. She enjoyed gardening and staying outdoors. She really loved to go to bingo just to visit with people. She was wonderful at telling stories and jokes and easily became the center of attention. She loved to laugh and make people

laugh. And Flowers! – she couldn't have enough.

Marie was preceded in death by her parents, Jose Seledonio (JS) and Floripa Martinez, her beloved son Lonnie Garechana, and two brothers, Susano and Victor Martinez.

She is survived by her sister, Viola Moreno, of El Paso, Texas, her children, Lori (Jack) Young, Ronnie (Paula) Garechana, Greg Garechana, all of Montrose, and Suzan (Steve) Hislop of Beeville, Texas. Also, her seven loving grandchildren, Christina (Eddie) Kelley of Montrose, Daniel (Bethany) Hislop of Austin, Texas, Jarred (Brandi) Hislop of Corpus Christi, Texas, Alexis Garechana and Marisa Garechana of Denver, Raquel (Shawn) McMillan of Delta, and Davina (Andy) Mull of Palisade, and 14 great grandchildren, and one great great grandson, and her dearest and longest friend Carol Pacheco of Pagosa Springs.

In lieu of flowers, family and friends may honor Marie by making a donation to St. Jude Children's Hospital in her name. A



Celebration of Life took place on Saturday, July 10, 2021, at 10 a.m. at the Crippin Funeral Chapel, with final resting at Valley Lawn Cemetery.

We are sure she will miss everyone, as we will always miss her. Heaven has gained a beautiful Angel and this world has lost a Treasure.

PRESTON "JACK" MEAD GARRISON

February 23, 1931 – July 6, 2021

PRESTON "JACK" MEAD GARRISON of Montrose, Colorado passed away on July 6, 2021, at Willow Tree Care Center in Delta, CO. Jack was 90 years old. Jack was born on February 23, 1931, in Montrose to Pearl (Devinie) and Ed Garrison. Jack spent most of his younger life on the rodeo circuit, entering multiple events. Jack later spent his time owning

and running sales yards in the valley. He was a very profound stockman for many years on the Western Slope of Colorado. Jack has four children, 11 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren. Jack is survived by his daughter Cindy Wood (Ben) of Eckert, CO, son Jack Garrison of Cheyenne, Wyoming, and a brother Edwin Garrison of Montrose, CO.

Jack was preceded in death by his wife, Colleen (Willden) Garrison, daughter Linda Gerk and son Larry Garrison.

A Memorial service will be held on Friday, July 16, 2021, at 10:00AM at Crippin Funeral Home Chapel in Montrose. Crippin Funeral Home and Crematory assisted the family with arrangements. 970-249-2121.

COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

SHARON FAYE MORONI

December 22, 1932- July 3, 2021



SHARON FAYE MORONI passed away July 3, 2021 at Montage Creek in Montrose, Colorado. Sharon was born December 22, 1932 to Russell and Signe McNamee in Iron Mountain, Michigan. Sharon met the love of her life Charles Moroni in Iron Mountain during their high school years. Sharon attended secretarial college in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and Charles joined the U.S. Coast Guard. They married October 11, 1952 in Iron Mountain. They would have celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary this year.

As a married couple they were stationed in Boston, Massachusetts. After Charles completed his service with the U.S. Coast Guard, the couple moved to Menomonie, Wisconsin while Charles attended University of Wisconsin-Stout. Sharon was employed at Stout as secretary to the Dean of Men. They enjoyed 5 years in Menomonie before moving to Fullerton, California. Charles was a high school teacher and Sharon worked for the Fullerton Union High School District in the Superintendent's office for 24 years.

Sharon retired in 1998 and they moved to Battlement Mesa, Colorado to be near their only child, Leeann (Moroni) Cochran and her husband, Jesse.

Upon their move to Colorado, Sharon embraced the casual Colorado lifestyle. Sharon fell in love with the mountains and the friendliness of Western Colorado. Sharon and Charles enjoyed hiking with a club, snowshoeing on the Grand Mesa and exploring the state. Sharon's greatest joy came with the birth of her grandsons, Nathan in 2000 and Brice in

2002. Sharon and Chuck enjoyed the fun adventures of two little boys. Their daughter and family moved to Montrose in 2003. Sharon and Charles soon followed in 2004 and made their home in Cobble Creek. They enjoyed many years of spending time with their family and helping out with the boys. Sharon and Charles spent years with their grandsons hiking, biking, snowshoeing and playing. Sharon was known for her love of fashion and clothing. Sharon enjoyed talking to people and never knew a stranger. She was always positive and smiling and had great love for her husband and family. Sharon will be missed by all who loved her.

Sharon is survived by her devoted and loving husband of 68 years Charles Moroni, daughter and son-in-law, Leeann and Jesse Cochran and grandsons, Nathan Cochran and Brice Cochran. Crippin Funeral Home is assisting the family.

Thursday, July 15 at 10 am a funeral mass will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Montrose, Colorado.

EDNA MAE DETI

August 13, 1927-July 4, 2021

EDNA MAE DETI went to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on July 4, 2021. She was born Edna Mae Wilson on August 13, 1927, on a farm out of Womer, KS., to parents Edward and Lucille (Jensen) Wilson. Edna was the fifth of nine children; three boys and six girls, who grew up in Kansas and then in various places in Nebraska. The terrible dust storm blew them off the farm in Kansas into Nebraska, where she completed her education. She moved to Montrose, CO where she met John Deti. They married on June 16, 1956. They had four children,

Virginia (James) Rettmann, Sheila (Glen) Ahlberg, Ed (Kay) Deti, Gary Deti, and many grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. Edna and John operated the Deti Plumbing and Heating business until they sold it in 1992 to Ed (Kay) Deti. Edna and John traveled in their trailer for 18 years and thoroughly enjoyed it. Edna and John ran the bus ministry at Victory Baptist Church for many years. Edna was also church secretary, Sunday school teacher, played the piano and was a prayer warrior. Edna was preceded in death by her husband,

John, on March 15, 2011. A funeral service will take place at 10:00 AM on Saturday, July 17, 2021, at Victory Baptist Church, 2890 N. Townsend Avenue, Montrose, CO followed by a committal service at Valley Lawn Cemetery.



COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

DEAN CHARLES BARBER

December 7, 1959 – June 23, 2021



DEAN CHARLES BARBER of Naturita, Colorado passed away at home on Wednesday, June 23, 2021, he was 61 years old. Dean was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota to Frank and Jean (May) Barber on December 7, 1959. Dean had six siblings, Kathy, Frank, Sandy, Anthony, Teresa, and Maria. Preceded in death: father Frank and siblings Kathy and An-



thony. Dean graduated from Greeley West High School in 1978 in Greeley, CO and was a well-known football athlete. Then, he went to play football and attend college at Colorado Mesa University in Grand Junction, CO.

In 1988, Dean married Misti Miller and had a daughter Emily, and son, Michael. After their divorce, Dean returned to Grand Junction and continued to work as a concrete finisher in construction. You can see his concrete work along the

western slope, areas including Telluride, Vail, Nucla, and Naturita.

Dean settled in the Nucla and Naturita area. He loved to watch football and hang out with his Labrador Retrievers, Hilary and Arnie. He enjoyed camping and fishing with his children and visiting Moab, UT.

Dean is survived by his mother Jean, brother Frank, sisters Sandy, Teresa, and Maria (Bill Davidovich), two children Emily Flanagan and Michael Barber, one grandchild Sebastian Flanagan, nieces Melissa Williams and Jeanie Davidovich, and nephew Matthew Davidovich.

Dean's sense of humor was unmatched. He will live in his family's hearts and memories forever.

Service Information

Date: Friday, July 16, 2021

Time: 11 am – 12 pm

Lakeview Cemetery

200 Eagle Way

Broomfield, CO 80020

Reception Information

Time: 12 - 2 pm

Broomfield Community Center - Fireside Lounge

280 Spader Way

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Silver Stage Arts & Entertainment

MONTROSE CENTER FOR THE ARTS HOSTS RIDGWAY RAILROAD MUSEUM PROGRAM



Karl Schaeffer, President of the Ridgway Railroad Museum, will speak at MCA on July 14.

By Kathryn R. Burke

REGIONAL—On Wednesday, July 14 at 1 pm, Karl Schaeffer, President of the Ridgway Railroad Museum, shares Railroad History of the Uncompahgre Valley, Then and Now. The event is part of an ongoing series about the region's colorful history. Produced by MCA, these programs are a joint effort of MCA and local and regional historical associations and museums. Schaeffer's presentation is also a highlight MCA's month-long exhibit: San Juan Mountain Mining & NG Railroad History featuring artwork about hardrock mining and the narrow gauge railroads that served the mines and towns of the region. As part of the that show, watercolorist Virginia Blackstock and guest artist Jeff Ellingson (Durango Roundhouse Museum)

have gifted paintings to MCA to be auctioned off as a fundraiser.

At the event at MCA on July 14th, Schaeffer will entertain guests with stories, photographs, and a power point presentation that portrays the colorful history of the little (but mighty) railroads that served the region. One of the highlights of the program is the story of the "Geese" or the "Galloping Goose,"—there were seven—built by the Rio Grande Southern Railroad (RGS) in the 1930s to carry mail to the small rural towns in the San Juan Mountains. During the Depression (and even after WWII), there wasn't enough cargo business to support running the more expensive steam locomotives on the narrow gauge railroads that traversed the steep passages of the region, so RGS came up with a unique solution.

Called a 'Motor,' because it was constructed of a full size automotive chassis mounted on 'trucks' so it could ride on the steel rails, all seven Geese were constructed in the railroad shops at Ridgway Colorado. They soon carried passengers as well as mail and cargo. When the railroad finally shut down in 1952, four of them were converted to tourist trains, and the RGS officially named them Galloping Goose. The Geese were popular conveyances for people visiting the area, as well as fun mode of travel for local residents. They

ran until 1952, when the last of the narrow gauge tracks were removed on the line north from Ouray to Montrose.

Over time the geese deteriorated, but eventually, the five that remained were restored. The last was the #4, which lived in Telluride for many years, owned by the Telluride Volunteer Fire Department. Under contract with them, RRM completely restored #4. Under the direction of Schaeffer, Motor #1, the first of the two RG Geese that were lost, was perfectly replicated. It was moved to Ridgway in 2001, the first time in 47 years that a Goose came home! Now, #4 is there too, running on the half-mile loop track at the museum. Click [HERE](#) to watch Motor No. 1 in operation. Learn more about the museum at [website](#).

July 14th, 1 pm, enjoy Karl Schaeffer's presentation, at the Montrose Center for the Arts, 11 S. Park Ave. (corner of East Main), Montrose. Coffee, cold drinks, and cookies will be available. The event is free, but this is also a fundraiser for both RRM and MCA, so generous donations will be gratefully appreciated.

MCA also has railroad art, books, and cards for sale, including photographs and books Jim Pettengill, RRM Vice President. To be sure you have a seat, call MCA at 970-787-9428 to register, or [REGISTER HERE ONLINE](#).

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS & CULTURE

DAN DEUTER'S CRITIQUE SESSIONS PRESENTED BY MCA



Artist Dan Deuter, courtesy photo.

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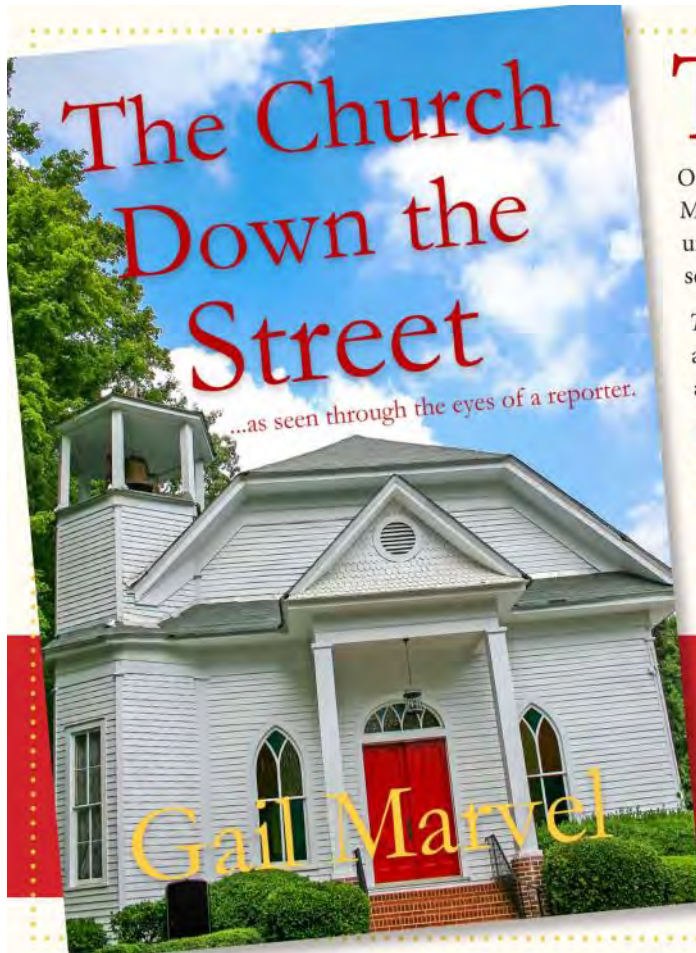
MONTROSE-Having problems with your painting? Composition, palette, color values and/or creating depth got you down? Dan will be available at MCA to work with you to find the answer.

He will be available at the Center the 3rd Thursday of each month to work with you on your painting. The first session will be Thursday, July 15 from 6 – 8PM at the Center.

Bring your problem piece with you if possible. Dan will also bring his latest project to help you visualize the solutions. Keep in mind that although Dan is an Oil Painter, many of the art problems you may encounter are independent of media. Montrose Center for the Arts is located at 11 S. Park Avenue. Call MCA at 970-787-9428 with Questions.

Please consider giving a \$10 donation for the session. Thank you.

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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.

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- Discern the value and content of the sermon.

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

GAIL MARVEL
Montrose Author & Reporter



COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: ARTS& CULTURE

LIVE MUSIC ROUNDUP, WEEK OF JULY 12

By Paul Arbogast, Mirror Publisher

REGIONAL-Grand Mesa Arts & Events Center, Cedaredge:

- Friday, July 16, 4 – 7 PM - "Dr. Mary"

Kleinsorge

Horsefly Brewery:

- Wednesday, July 7, 5:30 PM – Open Mic

Night with Donny Morales

- Saturday, July 10, 6 – 9 PM –

Monumental Beer Works, Grand Junction:

- Saturday, July 17, 6:30 PM – Gerry Goodman

- Sunday, July 18, 5 PM – Cousin Curtiss Ridgway Concert Series (Hartwell Park):

- Thursday, July 15, 6 PM - Andy Frasco & The U.N. /w Gasoline Lollipops

Silverton Summer Sounds (Silverton):

- Friday, July 16, 6 PM – Whitewater Ramble, The Bob Scott Band

Sherbino, Ridgway:

- Tuesday, July 13, 5:30 PM – Snazzy Licks

- Friday, July 16, 5:30 PM – Doug & Heather

- Saturday, July 17, 5:30 PM – Jenny Hill & Sam Pankratz

Talbott's Cider Company (Palisade):

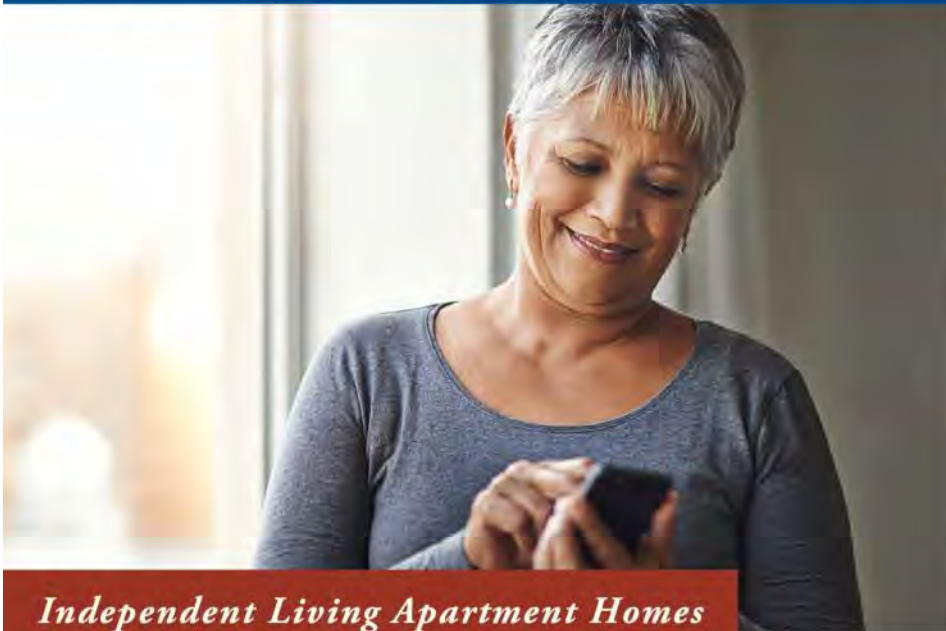
- Saturday, July 17, 6 PM – Lucky Overton.

Warehouse 25sixty-five, Grand Junction:

- Thursday, July 15, 7 PM – Colt Ford.

- Sunday, July 17, 9 PM – David Adam Byrnes.

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COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

FISHING WITH KIDS: FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

By Abram Herman, on behalf of Friends of Youth and Nature (FOYAN)

REGIONAL—Whether you're a lifelong angler, or you've never picked up a rod and reel in your life, fishing can be a great way to spend time with your family and get outside to enjoy nature.

What better way to spend a morning, or a whole day, than hanging out by a lake or river with a picnic and your kids, enjoying the chance for quiet and conversation? It can also be great for kids who are learning some life skills like patience, and the rewards thereof.

Additionally, fishing is a fantastic way to teach kids about the fish, their habitat, their interaction with other plants and animals in the ecosystem, their life cycle, and so much more. The opportunities for outdoor education are endless!

As far as new outdoor activities go, fishing also has a fairly low barrier to entry.

If you're just starting out you can get a basic fishing rod and reel for about \$20, and an adult fishing license for about \$46 per year for the first one, and \$36 for the second; kids under 16 generally don't need a fishing license, except under special circumstances (e.g. if they're planning to use more than one rod at a time, in which case they would need a second-rod stamp).

That means that your family could get started with fishing for under \$70, which will set you up for almost unlimited days spent by the lake or river. Go to the Colorado Parks and Wildlife website (cpw.state.co.us) for a list of locations that sell fishing licenses, or for instructions on how to get your fishing license through the myColorado mobile app.

As you plan your entry to the world of the angler there are some safety considerations when fishing with kids, so plan for these potential issues in advance. Of course the most immediate danger for children is the water itself—make sure your kids are always supervised around the water, and consider having them wear

lifejackets even if you aren't fishing from a boat.

Sun exposure is also a concern, so cover up, use lots of sunscreen, and make sure everyone is staying well-hydrated throughout the day.

Another thing to think about are the fishing hooks—they're great for catching fish, but they can also catch an unsuspecting bit of skin, or worse, if you're not careful!

There's a handy device called a Hide-a-Hook Bobber™ that covers up the hook while casting, and it may be a wise investment to prevent any injuries. A sidearm cast is better and safer than an overhead cast for beginners, so if you are going to teach your kids to do their own casting you may want to teach the sidearm technique (there are plenty of YouTube videos available for you to learn, if you're not sure how).

You might also just do the casting yourself, and leave the bobber-watching and fish-reeling up to your kids instead. As long as they have a job, they'll be happy spending time with you outdoors.

As you get ready for your fishing trip make sure you pack not only the fishing gear you'll need but also sunscreen, sunglasses and hats, plenty of water, snacks or a full picnic lunch, bug repellent (especially if you're headed up to the Grand Mesa!), and a first-aid kit. Be prepared for any adverse weather conditions as well, and pack a rain jacket if you'll be any distance from your vehicle, and warm clothing for the shoulder seasons.

Now the obvious question is, where should you go to find the fish? This is a subject that's best left to the experts—call or stop in at your local fishing store, and they'll be more than happy to offer some suggestions well-suited to your kid's age



Nothing like the thrill of reeling in the "Big" one ! Even if it is a carp! Courtesy photo.

(s), the kind of fishing you want to do, the time of year, the time of day you plan to fish, and how far you want to drive. The folks at the fishing store have probably been doing it for years and will know your local area the best, and they'll be excited to help a new generation of anglers get started in the sport. They'll also be helpful in setting you up with your new fishing gear!

Fishing is an activity that can involve the smallest toddler up through grandma and grandpa, and it's a great excuse to get everyone outside, enjoying time spent by the water, having a picnic, and getting the whole family chatting.

It's no wonder fishing is one of the most popular activities in the country, and it's never too late for you and your family to get started. Grab your rod and reel, pack your lunch, and head to the water! It's guaranteed to be a fun day for the whole family.

Friends of Youth and Nature (FOYAN) is a non-profit organization that promotes opportunities for youth and families to go outside, experience outdoor activities and explore nature. For outdoor safety tips, trail game ideas, hiking trails, and other ways to get young people involved in the outdoors, visit the FOYAN website at www.friendsofyouthandnature.org

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

MUSIC IN THE GRAPEVINES FEATURES FC WESTCOTT & AFICIONADOS AUG. 17

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GRAND JUNCTION-Country Rocker FC Westcott and his band the Aficionados

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with lawn chairs and perhaps a picnic dinner or appetizers for an evening in the shadow of Colorado National Monument. Wine is available for purchase. Gates open at 6 pm, music at 7 pm. Tickets are \$15 in advance at the Winery, The Art Center (7th & Orchard) and online at artcenter-guild.org. All proceeds benefit the Art Center of Western Colorado.

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MONTROSE-Erin Easton, the Founder of New Leaf Coaching and a Mindfulness Based Health and Life Coach, will present a two hour class introducing what mindfulness is and some basic techniques.

Mindfulness is the ability to create stillness within yourself and then use that stillness to become aware of what is going on both within and around you. This awareness leads to an understanding of how your thoughts, beliefs, and values create your perception of reality leading to who you are being out in the world. We can then use this understanding to reprogram negative reaction patterns into healthy responses generating more peace, purpose, happiness, and intention in our lives.

In this two-hour class we will learn how habitual reactions are created within the mind and how mindful awareness can help us break negative habits bringing more peace, purpose, happiness, and intention into our lives. We will also learn some basic mindfulness techniques to get us started on a personal practice.

Join us, in the library's Meeting Room, on Tuesday, Aug. 10 at 7pm.



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Name of current pastor: Rev. Dr. Arlyn Macdonald, Senior Minister; Rev. Catharine Gates, Associate Minister. Spiritual counseling available.

Worship service times: Unity Service at 11 a.m., Adult Discussion at 9:30 a.m., Quiet Meditation at 10:30 a.m.

The Spiritual Awareness Center is an interfaith spiritual community welcoming spiritual seekers and people of all faiths, providing a safe place to explore and nurture the individual's unique connection to the Divine through Unity services, classes, family and community projects, including the Great Community Giveaway and Wellness Fair.

SUMMIT CHURCH OF MONTROSE:

Denomination affiliation:

Southern Baptist

Address: 10977 60.75 Rd. Montrose, CO 81403

Office hours: Varies

Contact information:

phone number: 970-275-7026

email ad-

dress:summitchurchmontrose@gmail.com

website:

www.summitchurchmontrose.org

Name of current Senior Pastor: John DeSario

Worship service times: 9 AM for Sunday Worship, Monday Night Bible Study 6:30-8pm

Summit Church Montrose preaches the Word of God, reaches the lost with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and equips Christians to serve the Lord.

Summit Church is a group of diverse peo-

ple, (widows, retired couples, families with adult children, families with young and school aged children, and recent high school and college graduates).

Our services are in English, but many in our congregation also speak Spanish, as we partner with Verdad Y Vida (a Spanish congregation meeting in the same building). We have a children's area we call "Base Camp" for children ages birth to Kindergarten during the Sunday Service.

VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH OF MONTROSE

Denomination affiliation:

Independent Baptist

Address: 2890 N Townsend Ave., Montrose, CO 81401

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8am-12pm

Contact Information: Phone (970) 249-

6874; email at info@vbcmontrose.org;
website: vbcmontrose.org

Current Pastor: Roland Kassales

Worship Service Times: Sunday School at 9:30am, Sunday AM Service at 10:30am, Sunday PM Service at 6pm, Wednesday Night Service at 6:30pm (all services include childcare)

Victory Baptist Church exists to exalt God, edify saints, and evangelize the lost. Demographics: Victory Baptist serves everyone with age-appropriate classes, groups, and activities. Families with children make up the majority of VBC with young adults, singles, middle-aged couples, and seniors comprising the rest.

MONTROSE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Affiliation: United Methodist

Address: 19 S. Park Avenue Montrose CO. 81401

Office Hours: M-Thu, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Contact Information: 970-249-3716,

office@montroseumc.org, [\[roseumc.org\]\(http://roseumc.org\)](http://mont-</p>
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Current Senior Pastor: Rev. Lisa Petty

Worship service times: 9:30 a.m. Casual Contemporary Worship & 11:15 a.m. Traditional Worship

10:30 - Social/Devotional Time

Montrose UMC is a leader in being fully inclusive, loving and just servants of

Christ. Our church family welcomes people from various cultural and faith backgrounds: single, married, remarried, with and without children, from diapers to dentures.

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey we invite you to come and discover hope, joy, peace and purpose.

Church Directory

Mirror Editorial Staff

MONTROSE-As a way of serving the faith community in Montrose, the Montrose Mirror is in the process of establishing a Church Directory.

If your congregation or fellowship would like to be included in the directory, please supply the following information to the

Montrose Mirror:

Name of church

Denomination affiliation

Address

Office hours

Contact information (phone number, email address, website)

Name of current Senior Pastor

Worship service times

Please give a one sentence description of your church and its mission in the Montrose community.

Please give a one or two sentence description of your current church demographics (predominately family, youth, seniors, singles).

Do your church services include Sunday School and childcare?

FAITH COLUMN: DEACON SPEAKIN' WITH DWIGHT HARP

AS A CHRISTIAN, DESTINATION AND JOURNEY ARE OF EQUAL IMPORTANCE



Anglican Deacon Dwight Harp. Courtesy photo.

By Dwight Harp

MONTROSE—Our valley hosts many churches. There are big ones and small ones and some in between. This publication now includes a directory of them.

Some state that theirs is better. I understand because that may be all an individual has ever had exposure to. Similarities and differences abound. As a faithful Christian, I abide these 'brands' as long as they are true and faithful.

The ancient church struggled with far greater issues with what was then termed "The Way" (the following of the teachings of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ). Resolution at the Council of Nicaea bedrocks our Christian beliefs. That ancient meeting of 300 Bishops articulated those things that gauge the Truth of the Faith we know as Christianity. Their wisdom survives today.

God gave each of us a spiritual need/yearning. There's a part of each of us grasping for spiritual completeness. That special part of us has to be fulfilled. That hole is filled for the Christian by the truths articulated in what we now call the Nicene Creed.

The Roman Empire's expanses held many people, groups, and conversations about the many interpretations of Jesus' life and teaching rose to a point of political concern. Political power then rested in the church. Emperor Constantine thought his empire in peril of splintering if these abundant sects weren't brought together. The Roman Emperor in the early 4th Century,

Constantine, decided to attempt a solution.

In a moment I'll attempt an explanation in analogous form about how today's churches survive and thrive. For the moment let's concentrate on how and why the Nicaea Council was and is so important.

From the time of the Apostles onward, the message preached by Christians was Christ had 33 plus years of supernatural, God given ministry and it conflicted with Roman rule. He was crucified and three days later he rose from the dead and now sits at the right hand of God, His Father. In the later 4th century the third member of our Triune God was included in the Creed. We worship a Triune God; Father — Son — Holy Spirit.

An important question of the ancients then arose: how is Jesus, God? Is he fully God, or is he half-God?

The ancient Greco-Roman context of the early Christians was filled with myths of half-gods (i.e. people who were half-god and half-human). So is Jesus a half-god/half-man, like Hercules? These sorts of questions began to take shape over the first three centuries of Christianity.

A huge sticking point begins with Arius of Alexandria. He claimed that there was *once* when the Son was *not*—that is, that there was a time when the Son of God did not exist. Because God is eternal, Arius' claim that the Son of God was not eternal meant that the Son of God was less God than the Father. The gathered bishops at Nicaea determined that Arius' claim was outside the bounds of Scripture.

A definitive answer came at the end of that meeting. The assembled wrote the Nicene Creed as a clarification of Christian belief.

So, now we know what we as Christians are supposed to believe. The Nicene Creed talks about one True, Holy, and Apostolic Church Universal. If there's supposed to be one church why are there so many brands? Why is there an Association of Montrose Churches? Why is there a 'first'

and 'second' church of the same brand? Why?

Churches aren't specific buildings on specific streets like club houses with secret handshakes. The Body of Christ, the Church, isn't an institution. It is a person into which we are absorbed. Huh? Let me tell you my story in attempt to clarify:

After Mom died I went looking for a "church" (I had that spiritual hole that had to be filled). I became comfortable in an old stone church in town. They even let me sing in the choir. My knowledge about Christianity and church was embryonic. I knew I was missing something when I couldn't receive Holy Eucharist. I needed to be baptized. Yes, I wanted that. I went thru some education on Christian basics and then one Sunday I was baptized. I will never forget one of the choir members hugging me at a reception following saying, "Welcome to the family!"

My baptism was an outward proclamation of a 'heart-level' decision to begin a permanent relationship with God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. That 'heart level' decision was what filled that spiritual hole in me.

So, is water baptism absolutely necessary? Many words have been written on this subject. Many theologians say the short answer is "not really!" They also say it is preferred. Do you need a wedding ring to be married? Not really, but isn't it nice to have that outward proclamation? You do need to confess wrong doings (sin) to Him (Triune God described in The Creed). You need also to believe in His Resurrection as proclaimed in Holy Scriptures and believe that they are the inspired word of God. (Ephesians 1:7; Hebrews 9:22; Revelations 10:9-10)

In this instance I think the destination (God) is just as important as the journey (Your Christian Walk).

The destination is the One (Triune albeit) True God.

Allow the analogy of streams of water as different brands of churches. Whether your church stream is wide and calm and

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slow moving or narrow and fast moving with white water, as long as your stream flows to the One True God that is a true and faithful stream. Navigating your stream is important too. Don't quit if your journey is difficult. Even calm waters can hide unexpected dangers.

Yes, the destination and journey are equally important.

Cherish your unique Christian walk/journey with and toward God that fills the spiritual need we all have. Know that spiritual need has to be fulfilled. Affiliate with a brand that surely embraces the four parts of the Nicene Creed: Belief in God, the Father; Jesus, the Christ, His Son; the Holy Spirit and the Church Universal professing those immutable truths.

Let all who see your walk know what 'outfit' you ride for. Let your brand be the Cross of Christ.



Aiden Hutto
Dariann Bushee



Update & Thank You

The Montrose GOP Community Outreach Committee is honored to announce that the **TAP Day** for Aiden Hutto and Dariann Bushee, hosted at The Horsefly Brewery, helped raise a **total of \$10,422.00!**

All funds raised go directly to Aiden and Dariann.

It was a wonderful community event and the amount of support was overwhelming to both Aiden and Dariann's families. They are all so thankful for all the support and care!

Special thanks to The Horsefly Brewery for allowing us to put on this fundraiser. Thank you to several business owners and all the members of our community who came to TAP Day and showed support for both Aiden and Dariann.

The Outreach Committee will continue to accept **cash donations, grocery and gift cards** for these families as Aiden and Dariann continue with their cancer treatments.

Thank you,

Montrose GOP Community Outreach Committee

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ATTENTION RESTORATION THEORY & WHAT IT MEANS FOR YOUR BRAIN



By Lauren Hall Ruddell, Ph.D

REGIONAL-As I'm crafting this article and going through all sorts of fascinating readings in the early pre-dawn hours in which I do my writing, I'm realizing that I'm getting bogged down in trivia, and that the sciatica in my left leg is starting to act up. A glance at the clock tells me I've been sitting without moving for well over an hour. For me, this is a huge no-no. I quickly grab my coat, fanny pack, and six goats and head for the hills at dawn. I know that when I return, I will have gotten 50 minutes of quality exercise time in nature, which will lessen the sciatica (it did, indeed), and restore my depleted voluntary attention.

When writing 'in the zone' or negotiating heavy traffic (which I hate), I am using a portion of the brain that is engaged whenever a difficult and complex task is at hand. Like a fatigued muscle, this capacity for directed attention, also known as voluntary attention, gets pooped. Although this capacity is different for everyone, for most people it is 90 minutes, after which task performance drops and creativity is hindered. For me, this wall is 70 minutes, so I try to adjust accordingly.

Attention fatigue occurs when there is a need to focus on a situation or task with little or no intrinsic appeal while simultaneously suppressing more interesting distractions. The deep level of concentration and distraction rejection I require exhausts that relevant portion of my brain, a lot like weightlifting with muscles that



A scene that beautifully incorporates all four elements of ART. Photo by L. Hall Ruddell

lose ATP after several reps and just cannot function further until a period of recovery. The more rigorous the demand, the more quickly exhaustion occurs. In a similar manner, there is no way I can navigate chaotic traffic for 70 minutes, but only about 25, while writing is intrinsically more interesting and somewhat less demanding, so it takes longer to hit the wall. Understanding one's capacity for directed attention, and when that boundary has been exceeded, is critical for maximum cognitive performance. Huge errors in task accomplishment can happen, as well as impaired judgment and reduced self-control. For folks working at home who begin to lose self-control, it's important to stop before that point. Failure to do so may mean hitting send when you didn't mean to, or hitting the refrigerator when you shouldn't and adding to that 15 extra pounds of lock down weight that you really didn't need.

So, in this article, I am going to explore one of the ways that nature benefits cognitive function through the lens of Attention Restoration Theory. It will be fasci-

nating, I promise!

Some folks came up with the notion that directed attention is a finite resource about three decades ago. They posited that once a person has hit the wall, time spent in nature can replenish that cognitive resource better than most other interventions, including music and indoor exercise. They called their brainchild Attention Restoration Theory (ART). ART proposes that depleted attention is most quickly restored by time in nature that offers four features: soft fascination, a sense of "being away" from everyday stresses, a perception of expansive spaces and contexts ("extent"), and a perception that the viewed environment is "compatible" with our intrinsic motivations (Kaplan 1995). Relaxing settings (such as places of worship) and activities (such as sleep) may provide restorative opportunities, but ART argues that nature may be particularly swift and useful because it incorporates an aesthetic advantage that's probably anchored in biophilia (please refer to my previous week's article in *The Mirror*).

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A restorative walk above the Uncompahgre Valley. Photo by L. Hall Ruddell

Let me give an example of these four dimensions using my dawn adventures with goats. When I set out, I notice that my mind is still full of the tasks that I forced myself to abandon because I SO needed a break. After 15 minutes, my mind is definitely less full as I stroll alongside a water feature (a very large and deep irrigation ditch that skirts the adobe hills near my home). Since I had to gain a few hundred feet in elevation to access the road that runs alongside this ditch, I am then able to overlook the mountains, the valley below, and the Uncompahgre Plateau. My attention is involuntarily captured by the antics of my crew, and the play of light and dark on the San Juans. I am now immersed in soft fascination. This expansive view contains excellent extent, since I can see for many miles, and gives me a sense of being away, because the walk is so different from pounding the keys in a darkened home office.

The valley below is pastoral and looks very inviting, with pastures and ponds sprinkled across, so it offers compatibility. A volcano erupting or scenes of a ripping tornado are fascinating, but they represent a different kind of fascination and are not compatible with human safety, much less thriving. So anyway, in other words, these summer morning hikes contain all four elements simultaneously and these 45-60 minute walks provide the perfect cure for what was ailing me. There also seem to be residual benefits for at least the remainder of the morning, sometimes longer. My own inherent response to this

setting has tremendous implications for other humans as well.

More than half the world's population lives in urban areas. From a psychological perspective, urban lifestyles impose intense demands on our cognitive resources (Kaplan and Berman, 2010). City living increases mental health risks in a number of areas, from schizophrenia to mood and anxiety disorders. When humans are bombarded with certain types of stimuli constantly, it depletes focused attention and promotes hard fascination (volcanos, car alarms, sirens, etc.) The more time these depleted and stressed folks can spend in naturalistic surroundings, the greater their chances of long-term mental wellness. Investigations into the premises of ART, now that it's over 30 years in the making, have demonstrated that *cumulative* opportunities for interacting with nature provide benefits for years.

For instance, two prominent researchers in this field (Cimprich and Ronis, 2003) found that women recently diagnosed with breast cancer scored higher on several attention tasks, compared to standard care controls, following a five-week period of spending *120 minutes per week* in 'natural restorative environments.' The authors confirmed that two hours per week of nature exposure helped these patients restore cognitive resources depleted by the stress of their diagnoses and early treatment. Less time was inadequate for significant changes to manifest. The implications for this theory are incredibly exciting, especially for a place like

Montrose and vicinity, where there is so much opportunity for immersion. And since cumulative opportunity benefits have been well demonstrated (as in, you know, dosage matters), then we all need to find ways to work those moments into our weekly schedules as often as possible. In some ways, it's like having a mental health savings account. And for a parting thought, the quote below really resonated for me.

We believe that all Americans are inspired by the majesty of our national parks and the beauty of well-tended countryside, wild places, clear lakes and streams, graceful buildings and inviting public spaces. We are uninspired and unhappy among denuded landscapes, polluted waters, scarred mountainsides, littered streets, strip malls and commercial clutter, derelict buildings and cold uniform living spaces like the bland gray apartments of the Soviet era or the failed grim housing projects in our own cities.

<https://www.andbeautyforall.org>
Amen.

For next week, I will be concluding with the theoretical basis of the benefits of time spent in nature with a discussion of Stress Reduction Theory. This is some pretty deep stuff, and if you are interested, there is a ton more information out there.

Also, I am an expert on soft fascination, so if anyone has questions or has a desire for references on this subject, please email me at agescapesnow@gmail.com.

Be well and get outside!

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

WEEKEND EVENTS @ RIDGWAY STATE PARK

Special to the Mirror

RIDGWAY STATE PARK-PROGRAM: BAT RESEARCH - Ridgway State Park. by Evan Phillips, wildlife biologist CPW. Evan will share information about bats in Colorado and the research that he continues to work on while studying these important creatures! *(Friday, July 16, 7:30pm Visitor Center)*

FISHING: TAKE ME FISHING EVENT - Ridgway State Park. Join us at the ponds for kids' fishing! Free poles and bait provided with volunteers on hand to help.

(Saturday, July 17, 8:30 - 11am. Fishing ponds at Pa-Cho-Chu-Puk. Ages four and up)

NIGHT HIKE: CREATURES OF THE NIGHT - Ridgway State Park. Join us for a family friendly discussion about night creatures, play a game, and take a hike along the Forest Discovery Trail to practice listening to night sounds and finding creatures.

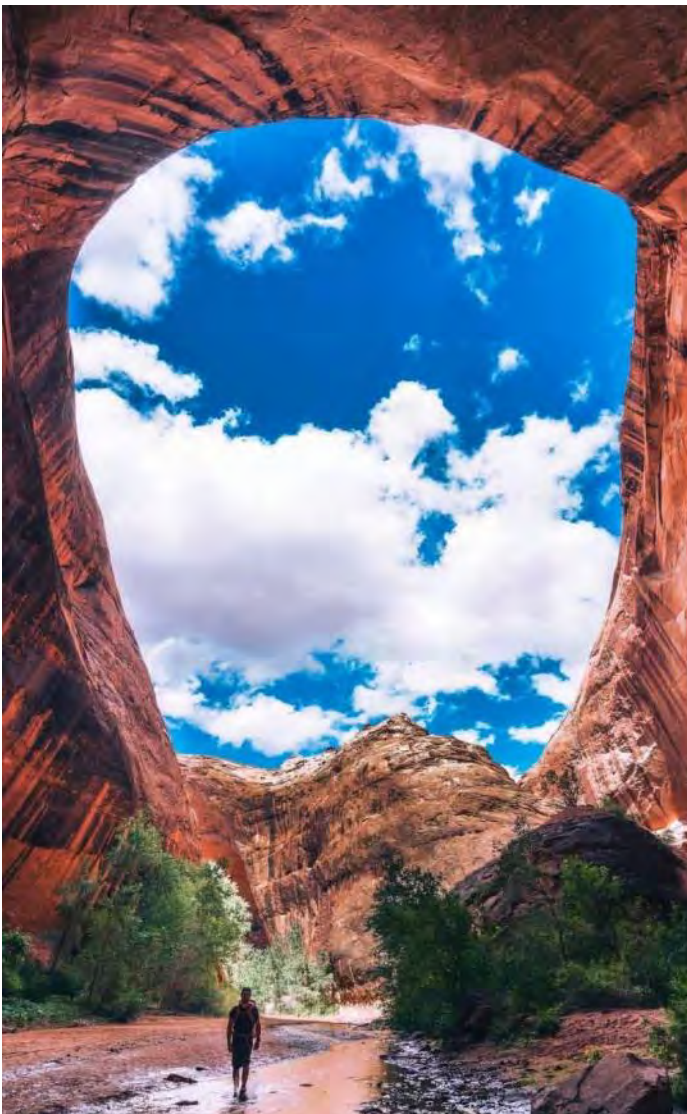
Please bring a flashlight/headlamp.
(Saturday July 17, 8pm, Visitor Center)

NATURE DETECTIVES: BEAVERS! - Ridgway State Park. Learn some cool things about

beavers with hands-on specimens and activities. Plus, make your own beaver lodge book to take home! *(Sunday July 18, 9:30 - 11:00. Camper services building, Elk Ridge Campground, Dutch Charlie entrance)*

TOUCH TABLES: BEARS - Ridgway State Park. Come and touch some bear fur, prints and a skull.

Plus information about being "Bear Aware", information and coloring books for kids. *(Sunday, July 18, 1:30 - 4:30. Swim beach shower/picnic area)*



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ONGOING-

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

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

July 12-The City of Montrose Engineering and Public Works departments will host an open house inside the newly-completed Sunset Mesa Water Tank on July 12, from 6 to 8 p.m. The site can be accessed from Sunset Mesa Drive and parking is available along the eastern side of the Sunset Mesa baseball fields.

July 14-Wednesday, July 14, 1-2 p.m. at Montrose Center for the Arts, *Railroad History of the Uncompahgre Valley, Then and Now*. Free. Register online at mc4arts.com (under events) or call 970-787-9428

July 20-Soul Habit will perform at Music in the Grapevines on Tuesday, July 20, at Two Rivers Winery in Grand Junction. The band brings guitar, bass, sax, drums, percussion and vocals together to create funk rock dance music that brings audiences to their feet. Music starts at 7 pm, and gates open at 6 pm. Tickets are \$15 in advance at Two Rivers Winery, The Art Center (7th & Orchard), and www.artcenterguild.org. At the gate, tickets are \$20. All proceeds go to the Art Center of Western Colorado.

July 21-Wednesday, July 21, noon-2 p.m. at Montrose Center for the Arts. *San Juan Mountains Mining and Railroad History AND History of Ouray*. Brown Bag Lunch. Free. Register online at mc4arts.com (under events) or call 970-787-9428.

July 30-Friday, July 30, 6-8 p.m. at Montrose Center for the Arts, Gems and Minerals Painting. Tuition \$30. Register online at mc4arts.com (under events) or call 970-787-9428.

July 31-Saturday, July 31. 9 am-2 pm. Plein Air Painting with Terri Ouimet. Free. Register online at mc4arts.com (under events) or call 970-787-9428.

Aug. 9-For the month of August, the Women's Giving Club will be having their meeting on the SECOND Monday (always held on the first Monday). August 9, 5:30 Remingtons at the Bridges.

Aug. 10- Mindfulness Matters, in the Montrose Library meeting room, 7 p.m. Erin Easton, the Founder of New Leaf Coaching and a Mindfulness Based Health and Life Coach, will present a two-hour class introducing what mindfulness is and some basic techniques. Learn how habitual reactions are created within the mind and how mindful awareness can help us break negative habits bringing more peace, purpose, happiness, and intention into our lives. We will also learn some basic mindfulness techniques to get us started on a personal practice.

Join us, in the library's Meeting Room, on Tuesday, Aug. 10 at 7pm.

Aug. 13-Friday, Aug. 13. 6-8 pm. Comedy and Music program. At Montrose Center for the Arts, 11 S. Park Ave., Montrose CO mc4arts.com. 970-787-9428.

Aug. 17-Country Rocker FC Westcott and his band the Aficionados bring his unique traditional, yet hard driving country sound to Music in the Grapevines on Tuesday, Aug. 17. Arrive early with lawn chairs and perhaps a picnic dinner or appetizers for an evening in the shadow of Colorado National Monument. Wine is available for purchase. Gates open at 6 pm, music at 7 pm. Tickets are \$15 in advance at the Winery, The Art Center (7th & Orchard) and online at artcenterguild.org. All proceeds benefit the Art Center of Western Colorado.

Aug. 26-Saturday, Aug. 26. 9 am-2 pm. Plein Air Painting with Barbara Kendrick. Free. Register online at mc4arts.com (under events) or call 970-787-9428.

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: DEB REIMANN

Deb took this photo last week, of sunrise showers over Bostwick Park and the Black Canyon.



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