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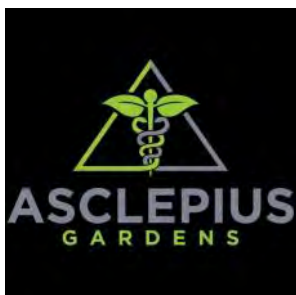
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Save a tree, read the Mirror!

## DMEA CREWS DEACTIVATE HISTORIC BULLOCK SUBSTATION AFTER 2ND LIGHTNING ARRESTER FAILS

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE- Although the original James A Bullock Steam Electric Plant still towers beside the Uncompahgre River, a slice of Montrose history went dark Thursday as the adjacent Bullock electrical substation was taken offline. After a second lightning arrester blew up in a matter of months at the aging substation Wednesday, resulting in a local power outage, crews turned out Thursday to deactivate the substation. A lightening arrester had previously blown out at the Bullock at on the night of April 9, resulting in an explosion and fire at the substation. "We're switching loads over to three different substations," a crew member told the Mirror on Aug. 5, "to deactivate the Bullock substation.

"And we're keeping the lights on."

DMEA spokesperson Becky Mashburn provided background

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*After a second lightning arrester blew up in a matter of months at the aging Bullock substation in Montrose on Aug. 4, resulting in a local power outage, crews turned out on Aug. 5 to deactivate the substation.*

## IMPROVEMENTS COMING FOR THREE MOBILE HOME PARKS Asst. City Manager Ann Morgenthaler talks about the changes



*Among the structures to be removed during the mobile home park project are the decaying remnants of the former White Motel, above, a travel court created by late Montrose businesswoman Ada White. White served as the Montrose city clerk from 1934 to 1950, and later opened White Realty and purchased and operated the White Motel. Before the aging motel was condemned several years ago, Grace Church used one unit for outreach to help children in the parks with homework.*

Story and photo by

Paul Arbogast, Mirror Publisher

MONTROSE-Three mobile home parks within the city limits will be seeing much needed improvements and changes. At its Aug. 3 meeting (see related story in this issue) Montrose City Council voted to approve mobile home park (MHP) permits for the new owner of the Cottonwood, San Juan, and Green Acres mobile home parks.

These MHPs have been in Montrose for a long time, have gone through several owners, but have not been well maintained for decades. Issues with water lines, sewer, abandoned trailers, parking, weeds, waste dumping, and crime have long existed and have made the parks neither safe nor healthy places for residents to live.

For example in 2014, a resident of the Cottonwood Park (all three parks

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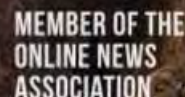
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background information concerning the deactivation, which followed the power outage caused by Wednesday's arrester incident.

"The outage began around 10:30 in the morning and power was restored at around 11:15. It was due to a piece of damaged equipment in our Bullock Substation in Montrose," Mashburn said. "Approximately 2,400 members were without power. I recognize there were some inconsistencies with the original estimate at the time of the outage."

Mashburn also explained in detail what led to Wednesday's power outage.

"While initially it was reported that an

arrester blew, resulting in the outage, it goes a bit deeper than that. That arrester did its job of protecting our substation, even though it was damaged in the process," she said. "Birds, most likely multiple birds, made contact between more than one high voltage conductor (aka power lines). This creates what we call a path to ground and causes electrocution and ultimately a power surge on site.

"Thanks to the sophisticated electronic equipment in the substation, the substation reacts intelligently to take itself offline," she said. "It's very similar to the surge protector you might plug your computer or TV into at home. Ultimately, mini-

mal damage was incurred, and our crews went out to complete the replacements and repairs. In terms of outage response, we were able to then identify the issue, re-route power and get everyone back on within about 45 minutes."

Mashburn also addressed the need for preventive infrastructure maintenance.

"While I wish I could guarantee power outages would never happen, it is, in fact, quite the opposite," she said. "Wind, weather, trees, vehicle accidents, and sometimes just plain equipment failures will happen.

"We do work extremely hard to prevent these factors from causing outages as much as possible—one way is through routine substation inspection and maintenance. We have a team of professional engineers and certified substation technicians who are responsible for conducting regular monthly inspections. Unfortunately, the last two times we experienced substation interruptions it was in the same location – albeit for different reasons!

"We do have replacement schedules for equipment, such as arresters, and those are actually lined up for this fall. With all things during COVID, we've experienced significant supply chain issues and shipping delays," Mashburn said.

[Archival information from the University of Utah](#) on the historic James A. Bullock plant notes that, "The first unit of the power plant was constructed in Montrose in 1950 as part of a 25-year public power agreement and at the time was called the Montrose Steam Electric Plant. The second unit, constructed in 1953, changed the name to the James A Bullock Steam Electric SE. The plant was named for the vice president and general manager of Western Colorado Power Company starting in 1938. Originally powered by coal, it was converted to natural gas in 1973, but it proved unprofitable, and the plant was closed in 1983. After WCPC was broken up in 1975 the Bullock plant became property of the Colorado Ute Electric Association (CUEA), which declared bankruptcy in 1992."

Eric Jacobson of Ouray purchased the site of the original steam power plant in April, 1992, from the Colorado-Ute Electric Association, and still owns it today.



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## OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

### IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO BE ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF HISTORY

*Editor:*

As we all know by now, State law requires MHS to change its mascot unless the school has a previous agreement with a federally recognized Indian nation like the Utes. State Senator Coram said in the Daily Press on June 14, "At one time, we did have an agreement with the tribe, that will have to be confirmed, or renewed."

On June 16 also in the Daily Press, MCSD Superintendent Carrie Stevenson said the agreement with the tribe is an "urban legend." I applaud the superintendent for her tact - I would have called the statement a "lie."

I have a few MHS yearbooks (The Chief) on my shelf, and the pages are cluttered with all kinds of hokey images of kids in buckskins and war paint with tomahawks and "war bonnets" and the like.

Senator Coram said in the Daily Press (August 3) that Montrose has always respected Indians with their mascot, and that there is not a community in the Colorado that honors Native Americans more than Montrose. Well if that is what respect looks like, I hope Montrose doesn't respect me anytime soon.

Don't get me wrong. I love MHS. I went there. I was an athlete there. I was employed there. I have nothing but fond memories. But those memories are not tied to something as silly as the school mascot, which by definition should be frivolous and fun, not serious or profound.

And about that "respectful" totem pole in the MHS stadium: according to Wikipedia, the production of totem poles by Native Americans had all but ceased by 1901, the result of laws that forbade the practice of Native religions and pressure from Christian missionaries. Most historic poles were destroyed. That is what oppression looks like. When we use those same sacred objects to decorate fields where our children play games, we are participants in that hegemonic history. It may be ironic that a totem pole sits in the MHS stadium, since Utes don't use totem poles, but it's not respectful by any stretch of the imagination.

The pervasive use of Indian iconology at

MHS like, "Chief" for the yearbook, or "smoke signals" for the newspaper, or signage with shields and feathers, only serves to turn Native Americans into caricatures, playthings for our children's amusement. Research shows that such images are not good for Native children, but as importantly, they teach the wrong lessons to white students as well. People are not mascots. Mockery is not acceptable.

To be sure, MHS has made gains over the decades, dropping the "Redskin Inn" name for the cafeteria, for example. But there is clearly more work to do, and a logical next step would be for the Superintendent, on behalf of the Board, to assure the community that MCSD intends to comply with the law by the deadline and drop the Indian mascot for good. It's never too late to be on the right side of history.

*Chris King, Montrose*

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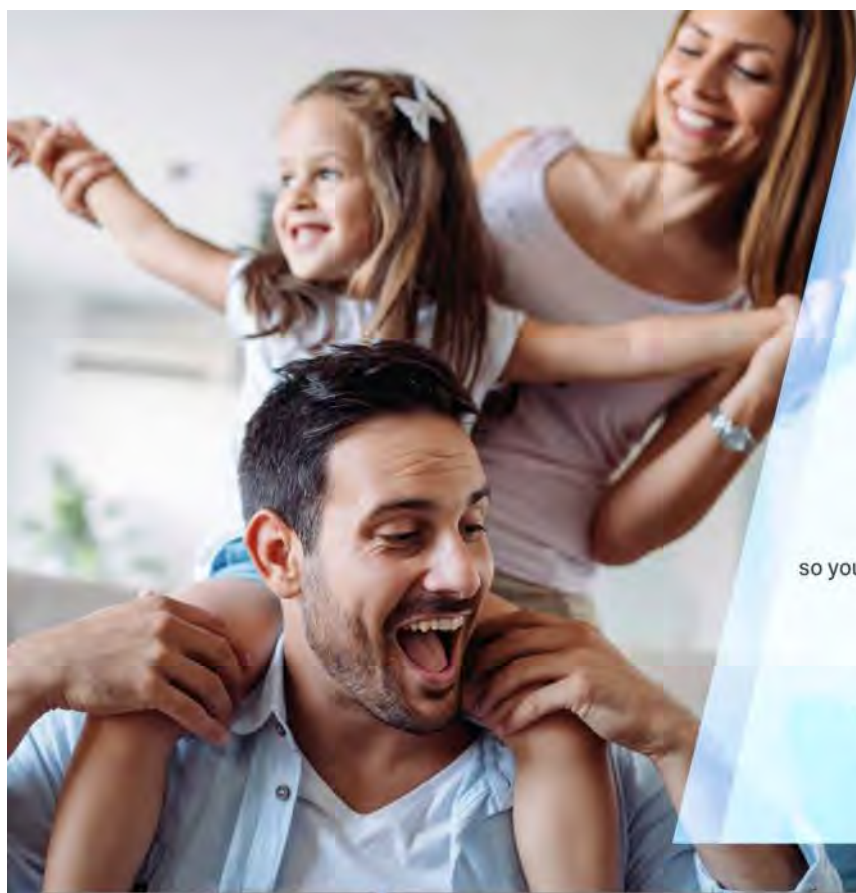
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## OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

### LOCAL SCHOOLS SHOULD BE PROACTIVE AND MANDATE MASKS

*Editor:*

As a former educator in Montrose School District for over 28 years I am disappointed and dismayed in the recent announcement by the District that NO masks will be required for the upcoming school year. Your response appears to be "let's pretend this virus no longer exists here."

At a minimum you need to be protecting those young students who are currently ineligible for a vaccination. Requiring masks for all students under the age of 12 and teachers and school personnel that work with them is the responsible thing to do. Not requiring masks will create a situation for bullying of those students who do choose to wear them at school.

Vaccination rates in the County are below 45%. The Delta variant continues to increase and children are becoming more susceptible to contracting it. Did the District confer with our local pediatricians for their input? I doubt a single one would have recommended eliminating masks at the current time.

It's time Montrose School District to STEP UP and be the District that truly "LEADS FROM THE FRONT" like you like to tout by being proactive and mandating masks.

*Sandi Mike, Montrose*

### WHO IS BIDEN'S CONCERN? THE WORLD OR THE USA?

*Letter to the Editor:*

Joe Biden appears to be a nice guy in public but not so nice when you look at his policies. His handlers keep him away from confrontations as he is quick to anger and confuses easily. His policies are putting America and the world in grave danger.

He acts concerned about the pandemic while allowing thousands of unvaccinated illegal aliens in daily. The illegals have a much higher Covid infection rate than the American public, putting all Americans at risk. Illegals are allowed to travel. He is the best thing ever to happen for Mexican cartels.

Border Patrol has to care for illegals and are taken away from enforcement and worse yet, drugs are increasing as cartels use illegals as decoys while cartels bring drugs in.

Incoming illegals crossing the southern

border include people speaking over 40 different languages. Who knows how many terrorists are represented? A country has to have borders.

The largest international threat is China. They have the largest population and are accumulating wealth quickly. The world thinks they are saving money buying Chinese products but in reality are building Chinese military forces. Biden's son and family are profiting from this arrangement. Why would you support your worst enemy? I think world security should be more important than short-sighted short-term savings.

The Democrats tried to tie Trump to the Russians. Maybe Democrats should look at themselves as Biden pulls sanctions on the Russian pipeline so Germany can buy Russian energy and become dependent when the US could be supplying natural

gas. His reason was that he did not want to offend Germany and Europe.

Back in America, Biden stops the Keystone pipeline bringing energy from Canada which will still be brought in by dirtier, less safe trucks and trains claiming he is doing it to save the environment. Seems offending our closest neighbor is no problem. Clean energy would be great if it were able to produce enough consistent energy at an affordable cost. The technology is not advanced enough to replace coal and oil.

Biden thinks being liked internationally is more important than American strength. Kind of reminds us the "Obama apology tour" on steroids.

Wake up America! Who is Biden's concern? The world or the USA? AMERICA IS LAST.

*Ed Moreland, Montrose*



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# CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSES MURA CHANGE ORDER, LOOKS AT CONTRACT AMENDMENT FOR PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-The Montrose City Council gathered for a work session in chambers on Monday, Aug. 2. All were present; Councilor J. David Reed attended via Zoom.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

The first discussion item was the award of a contract change order in the amount of \$94,668 to Mountain Valley Contracting for piping of the Rice Ditch within the Montrose Urban Renewal Authority (MURA) Phase II Public Infrastructure Construction Project. The change order is to the original \$1.08M MURA Phase II Public Infrastructure contract awarded to Mountain Valley Contracting by City Council on May 4, 2021.

*Background-City Engineer Scott Murphy discussed the change order, as he had outlined in a memo to Council as well, "The Rice Ditch is an open irrigation ditch originally built in the 1880's that diverts water from the Uncompahgre River and runs through the Montrose Urban Renewal Authority... The Ditch supplies irrigation water to the City of Montrose's Taviwach Park and several industrial users as far north as LaSalle Road. As part of the master planning efforts for the Montrose Urban Renewal Authority, it was always anticipated that the Rice Ditch would be piped concurrent with each phase of construction in order to improve safety for pedestrians in the area, improve soil groundwater conditions (not saturate parking lots and foundations), and reduce maintenance obligations. However, during design of the Basecamp Apartments, the developer of the site was working to avoid this cost and envisioned constructing the Rice Ditch as a landscaped water feature instead. As a result, the City did not include any piping of the ditch with the Phase II public infrastructure project design and original bidding. As the developer's Basecamp project design continued to progress following bidding and award of the City's public infrastructure project, it became apparent to the developer that piping of the ditch would become neces-*

*sary for all of the reasons originally envisioned by the City...The piping will include approximately 650 linear feet of 30-inch HDPE pipe, a headwall structure, debris screen, and concrete restraint collars."*

Piping will increase safety and will allow more flexibility in the future if alterations are needed to the alignment of the Rice Ditch, Murphy said. Council will vote on the change order at the Council meeting of Aug. 16.

Council also discussed authorization of a \$1,830,805 amendment to the authorized funding to be used toward the construction of the Montrose Public Safety Complex (MPSC).

*Background- A memo from staff to Council notes, "On February of this year City Council authorized a total of \$16,212,884 to be used toward the construction of the MPSC. \$15,274,434 of the total was for SHAW's contract. This amount was calculated from Design Development design documents in December of 2020. Since that time there have been unprecedented increases to all construction material markets. Although there was a contingency included specifically for escalation the amount of increase noticed over the last seven months has exceeded the contingency that was included at that time. There are challenges in material and contractor availability as well that have complicated the process of Value Engineering. Work on the construction project began in March of 2021 and most of the work to be completed in deep foundations and utilities is done at this time. During the underground work there was a substantial amount of unsuitable soils encountered. This unforeseen condition consumed a significant amount of the con-*



**Project Architect Peter Icenogle presented Add Alternates at the City Council work session with help from his assistant.**

*tingency allocated in the initial authorization. The construction team has put this proposal together to be able to award the complete construction Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) to SHAW Construction, to reestablish the Owner's Contingency and to accept an Add Alternate that is important to the project...for the planter seat walls to be included around the front of the new building to resemble the same style of planter seat walls that are around the front of City Hall which is across the street...Adding the planter seat walls at a later date would be cost prohibitive and disruptive to operations and public access. This amendment would increase the SHAW contract amount to \$16,595,215 and the Owner's Contingency to \$1,161,665.*

City Manager Bill Bell introduced the discussion. "...With all of the impacts from COVID, and supply chain management, and unforeseen soil conditions, things like that, we needed to update City Council and let you know where we're at on construction costs, and what we're seeing, and plan for the rest of the project.

"...We think after today we'll have the guidance we need to move this to a formal consideration at a future Council meeting...time is of the essence on a lot of



## ***CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSES MURA CHANGE ORDER, CONTRACT AMENDMENT FOR PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX From previous pg***

our ordering,” Bell said.

Project consultants were present at the meeting, including Ty Withee of Shaw Construction. Withee noted the unprecedented volatility in the market and supply chain costs. “We’re seeing a lot of price increases since the first of the year,” Withee said. “They’ve been weekly, daily, monthly—we constantly get notices of prices that are being affected and shooting up...it creates a huge challenge on the entire team to try and maintain a budget.”

Labor shortages present challenges, as do material issues.

Unforeseen conditions with the soils have posed problems as well. “We ended up uncovering some unsuitable soils on a majority of the site,” Withee said. “It ended up eating into the owner’s contingency to cover those costs.”

Value engineering has been used to the extent feasible, he said.

Councilor Barbara Bynum asked if rising materials costs result in the City paying more to the Contractor. If the overall price of materials goes up, the cost to manage those costs will increase as well, Withee said.

Mayor Doug Glaspell said that soil samples were done early on, “I think everyone was well aware of the soil condition of some of the other buildings in the area. How did we miss some of the soil condition situations that we’ve run into on this that has also increased the costs?”

Architect Peter Icenogle addressed Glaspell’s question, “There’s multiple factors...I think what we ended up with here, is that the geotechnical report thought that we could re-use the soil on site...the problem that we ran into was that it just ended up being too wet.” Instead, soil was imported for use underground.

Icenogle and his assistant displayed the options that were weighed during the value engineering process and discussed which of them remain in the plan and which could be incorporated later.

Following further discussion, Montrose Public Works Manager Jim Scheid asked that approval of the contract amendment be expedited to avoid further supply chain cost increases.

“Shaw has stepped up to this challenge...in these times of price escalations and materials we’ve been having...they have stepped up to help deliver this project anyway,” Scheid said.

Council also heard from Community Program Manager Kendall Cramer concerning American Rescue Plan Act Funding and the ways funds can be used. Council and staff reviewed local needs and projects, including water, childcare, and limitations on use of the funds. City enterprise funds are limited by TABOR to no more than ten percent of revenues from other sources such as other city funds or grants, City Finance Director Shani Wittenberg said. Council reached consensus to work with staff on use of the funding rather than approving each expenditure individually.

*Background-A memo from Cramer to Council states, “In response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the 117th United States Congress passed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), also known as the American Rescue Plan, on March 11, 2021. As part of the Act, the U.S. Treasury launched the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds program to distribute \$350 billion to state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments to respond to the COVID-19 emergency and bring back jobs. The City of Montrose’s total allocation of ARPA funds is \$4,972,200.85. ARPA funds are distributed in two tranches. The city has received its first tranche of \$2,486,100.43 and anticipates to receive the second tranche in May/June 2022. All funds must be incurred by Dec. 31, 2024 and expended by Dec. 31, 2026... ARPA funds must be used in one of the four eligible use categories specified in the Act and implemented in the U.S. Treasury’s Interim Final Rule...*

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*d) To make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.”*

### **GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

Council spent time in general discussion, touching on monsoonal rains and possible impacts of those recent rains, to employee incentives and recognition. Bell outlined ways that the City recognizes outstanding staff, “...We just have a wonderful team of employees here at the City,” he said.

Said Mayor Pro Tem Dave Frank, “I would like to publicly thank all of our department heads who don’t get enough recognition...the recognition of the hard work and the amount of nonsense you have to put up with sometimes...we see that, we recognize that, and we salute you.

“Great job,” Frank said.

Bell said that Council can support employees by serving as community ambassadors. “We really appreciate the relationship between our elected officials and our staff...a lot of times you read things that just aren’t true about our employees and the work they are doing...you being ambassadors to our community...if you hear things that just aren’t true about our staff, you correct people...thank you for that.”

Council recognized new Municipal Court Judge Charles Greenacre and took a brief recess before transitioning into a special presentation on video conferencing with municipal court officials.



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#### Special to the Mirror

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<https://www.mcsd.org/BoardDistrictsMAP.aspx>

Please contact Laurie Laird at (970) 252-7902 or [laurie.laird@mcsd.org](mailto:laurie.laird@mcsd.org) to schedule an appointment to pick up a petition or for further information.

### HELP FIND SUSPECTS IN SERIES OF ROAD SIGN THEFTS

#### Special to the Mirror

DELTA-The Delta County Sheriff's Office is seeking assistance in identifying a suspect or suspects in a series of road sign thefts. The thefts have been occurring since February of 2021, in the areas of Fruit Growers Reservoir leading up to Redlands Mesa, The Cedar Mesa area, as well as the Ward Creek area.

The theft of these signs is extensive and estimated to be approximately \$5000. If you have information related to the individuals responsible for these thefts or information you feel may be relevant to this investigation, please contact the Sheriff's Office at 970-874-2015 or Delta County Crime Stoppers at 970-874-8810. Your information may be eligible for a cash reward.

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### SIGNAL, MEDIAN AND CURB IMPROVEMENTS SET TO BEGIN IN DURANGO

*Special to the Mirror*

LA PLATA COUNTY — The Colorado Department of Transportation, with Morton Electric, will begin work Monday, Aug 9 to replace traffic signals, update curb ramps and install concrete medians on Camino del Rio (US Highway 550) near Town Plaza in Durango.

Signal replacement locations are at two intersections on Camino del Rio at 9th Street and 12th Street. New curb ramps and the installation of concrete medians will be at various locations of Camino del Rio between 8th Street and 14th Street.

"These updates will ultimately improve traffic flow, efficiency and safety for both pedestrians and vehicles at these intersections," said Julie Constan, CDOT Regional Transportation Director. "This is a heavily used corridor by local residents and visitors to the area and it's important we give our traveling public, both pedestrians and motorists, the best and safest experience possible."

#### Project Schedule

Work is scheduled to begin in mid August and expected to be completed by December 2021. Working hours will be from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Construction schedule is subject to change based on weather/unforeseen circumstances

#### Travel Impacts

All travelers by motorized vehicles, bikes or on foot should expect some travel impacts throughout the construction of this project.

Motorists should be aware of lane closures and lane shifts in the intersections.

Pedestrians can expect sidewalk closures.

Motorists are urged to obey speed reductions and watch for construction personnel and equipment in the work zone.

Access to all businesses will be maintained, but may be temporarily altered.

#### Project Contact Information

Project Hotline – 970-422-4201

Project email – [US550Signals@gmail.com](mailto:US550Signals@gmail.com)

Project website – [www.codot.gov/projects/us550-9th-12th-curb-ramps-durango](http://www.codot.gov/projects/us550-9th-12th-curb-ramps-durango)



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## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT HOSTED BY AREA FIRST RESPONDERS

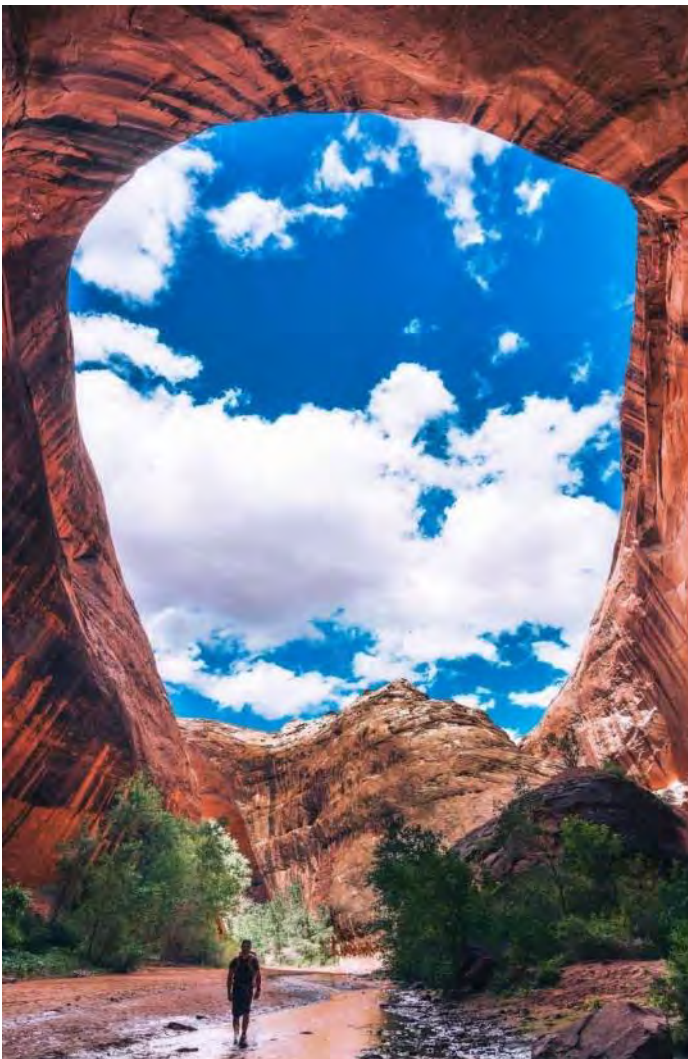


*By Paul Arbogast, Mirror Publisher*

MONTROSE-National Night Out started in 1984, and since then it has grown to be a nationwide event, with block parties, festivals, BBQ's, with the support of most first responders and other companies and citizens in the local communities where festivities are held.

On August 3, the Montrose Police Department and Montrose County Sheriff's office hosted a BBQ at Cerise Park for National Night Out. While MPD and MCSO were present, so were local firefighters, wildlife officers and other first responders.

*National Night Out 2021 Photos by Paul Arbogast.*



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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### CITY/COUNTY TO HOST HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT

#### *Special to the Mirror*

**MONTROSE** — The City of Montrose and Montrose County will host a waste collection event Aug. 28 to help you safely dispose of hazardous chemicals used in household products. Batteries, aerosols, fertilizer, paint supplies, fluorescent light bulbs, and liquid fuels and chemicals will be collected during the 2021 Household Hazardous Waste Event scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 28, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the City Public Works Shop located at 1221 64.50 Road. Volumes and quantities are limited to a maximum of 20 gallons of liquid waste material, 50 pounds of dry, granular palletized, or powder waste material, and 20 aerosol cans per customer.

#### **FEE SCHEDULE**

Waste Item Fee Batteries (Wet/Dry Cell) Lithium, nickel-cadmium (NiCd) and nickel-metal hydride (NiMH) — \$0.20 each. Large rechargeables (gel cells) — \$2.50 each. Alkaline — \$0.10 each. Lead-acid batteries — No Charge. Light bulbs (fluorescent, and ballasts) Flu-

orescent bulbs (8', 4' and shorter) — \$0.50 each. Compact Fluorescent Lights (CFLs) — \$1 each. Ballasts — \$5 each.

Liquid Fuels (automotive fluids, degreasers, mineral spirits, gasoline, kerosene) — \$1 per gallon or \$0.50 for smaller containers.

Liquid Chemicals (acids, adhesives, bleach, caustic cleaners, oxidizers, solvents) — \$2.00 per gallon or \$1 for smaller containers.

Fertilizer (granular) Containers weighing five pounds or less — \$1 Containers weighing five pounds or more — \$2 Herbicides, Pesticides, Poisons, Insecticides (liquids, must be in sealable containers) — \$2 per gallon or \$1 for smaller containers.

Paint (oil & latex based, primers, artist) — No charge. Paint Supplies (cleaner, thinner, varnish, turpentine) — \$1 per gallon or \$0.50 for smaller containers

Aerosols\*, spray paint and miscellaneous aerosols — \$1 each.

Fire Extinguishers — \$5 each

Flammable Gas Tanks propane, oxygen,

mapp — small (1 lb) \$2 each, large (20 lb) \$5 each (The contents of these products are not classified as a household hazardous waste, however due to the methods required to safely dispose of the containers, they are included in this event.)

Volumes and quantities shall be limited to a maximum of twenty (20) gallons of liquid waste material (cumulative), fifty (50) pounds of dry granular, pelletized, or powder waste material (cumulative), and twenty (20) aerosol cans (cumulative) per customer. The following shall NOT be collected:

- Unidentifiable chemicals and hazardous wastes;
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## IMPROVEMENTS COMING FOR THREE MOBILE HOME PARKS From pg 1

were then owned by Great Homes of Grand Junction) [reported several illegal waste dumps to the Mirror](#), all of which were remediated shortly after coming to light—though the whistleblower endured attempts at retaliation for speaking out.

In 2019, Montrose Assistant City Manager Ann Morgenthaler attended a legal aid session put on by the Hispanic Affairs Project (HAP) for mobile-home owners, about new state laws that protect tenants' rights. "It became clear that some residents were scared to report things because they were worried about their rent going up, they were worried about getting kicked out," Morgenthaler said, which led to conditions going downhill because nobody was informed of the problems.

"It's not that the city could not do anything—weeds and junk are in our purview—but other things were not, because they are not actually right of way roads in that park, it's on private property. Those sewer lines are not city sewer lines, they are private service lines on private property, so we were really limited in what we could do," said Morgenthaler. To address these issues, the city needed an owner who was willing to work with them, as the city never has the legal right to go onto private property to make such improvements without the owner's cooperation. This situation led to many different layers of difficulty in solving issues at these locations.

Morgenthaler said, "There are a lot of community partners who have been working on this issue for a long time." She gives credit to Abbie Brewer (Housing Resources of Western Colorado) and Karen Sherman Perez (Hispanic Affairs Project) for coming to the city with concerns about the park, bringing concerns of those who live there, and working to find solutions.

While the forced shutdowns and mandates of 2020 slowed the process, in June of 2020 Morgenthaler was approached by



**In 2014, a Cottonwood resident said she faced retaliation attempts after sharing photos of illegal dumping in the mobile home park, above.**



**An illegal waste dump at the Green Acres/San Juan Park was also remediated in 2014. Mirror file photos.**

Rich Dana, then a prospective new owner, about the three MHPs. Due to the work done previously with local partners the city was on a stronger footing as to what issues need to be addressed. "With the applicant being willing to work with the city, and...all of our staff being eager to try and find solutions, we were able to get to what was just approved, which is a proposal for really important improvements," Morgenthaler said. Improvements that all three parks will see are replaced sewer lines, replaced water lines, abandoned mobile homes and cottages removed, removal of trash, tree trimming and removal when needed, updated flow and parking, new or improved park areas, new rules related to parking and conduct, improved drainage, lighting, placement of fire hydrants to meet code, allowing of tiny homes on pads, and several other items that will increase the quality of life for those in the MHPs.

Morgenthaler said, "I think overall there are going to be 77 new mobile homes by the time this is all done. That's 77 new, good units for people to live in." In addition, current residents will see no increase in lot rent for two years while this project is in progress. It is estimated all these plans will total more than \$4 million in expenses, so the city council also approved spending \$500,000 to help with project costs to include asbestos removal

and new water and sewer lines. 200K of the money will come from the general fund while the rest comes from the American Rescue Plan Act funds received by the city.

*The Mirror* reached out to Montrose Police Chief Blaine Hall for comment on the history of these locations and what these updates will mean for the residents. Hall said, "Crime and quality of life issues are a concern in these trailer parks, especially in relation to illegal drug use and dealing, both known and unknown. I think these improvements are greatly needed, and I would equate this back to the broken windows theory in policing. Once one window gets broken that isn't fixed, it cascades into more disrepair, which creates blight and attracts a criminal element.

"I commend the city and the developer for the partnership they've created to improve the living conditions in these mobile home parks," Hall said. "The majority of the citizens that live in these areas are good hard-working people and this project is a fantastic way to get these sites back on track to be safe, viable, and livable parts of our community." Read the agreement and review the slides presented in the last city council meeting packet here: <https://www.cityofmontrose.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/3815>







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# BOCC APPROVES 2022 VALE GRANT APPLICATION, VOICES SUPPORT FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME



*The Montrose Board of County Commissioners convened for a regular meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 4.*



*Sheriff Gene Lillard presented the (VALE) Grant application for 2022.*

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-The Montrose Board of County Commissioners convened for a regular meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 4. All commissioners were present. BOCC Chair Sue Hansen called the meeting to order, and welcomed everyone, particularly Sheriff Gene Lillard, "We're glad to see you."

The invocation was delivered by Father Robert Munday of All Saints Anglican Church, who prayed for relief from the drought, and for deliverance from the Delta Variant. Munday thanked the Lord for the liberties given to citizens of the nation, and for those who serve on behalf of our freedom. Also, for the BOCC, "Thank you for this commission, for their desire to open these meetings in prayer...Father we pray that you would give them wisdom and discernment in all the decisions that they make."

Sheriff Lillard led all in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

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

## **COUNTY MANAGER**

County Manager Jon Waschbusch asked to remove Item D4, (consideration and possible action on a bid award and contract in the amount of \$160,123.52 to Acumen Environmental Services, LLC for permitting, hazardous materials abatement, demolition, and site reclamation of the Montrose County Health & Human Services Old Dental Clinic Building) from the agenda, as a signed contract has not yet

been received from Acumen Environmental.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Consent Agenda items were approved as presented.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

Montrose Regional Airport Manager Lloyd Arnold presented the Seventh Amendment Modification #1 to the On-Call Engineering Services Agreement entered into 11/21/2018 with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. for additional design services in the amount of \$253,902.06 on the Terminal Expansion Final Design project. Arnold reviewed the changes to the design; Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the amendment to the on-call engineering services agreement.

"The airport is growing, it's packed, and we need to make some of these changes so that we can accommodate the heavy flight schedules coming into Montrose," Hansen said.

Clerk & Recorder's Office Elections Supervisor Jonathan Arebalos presented for approval the first Contract between Montrose County and Vision Graphics, for one Election; 2021 Coordinated, for the services of printing and mailing of ballots, envelopes, and voter instructions through July 31, 2022, a budgeted expense for 2021 of \$44,869.

Arebalos said that the contract was sent to six potential contractors; four bids were received. Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the contract. Sheriff Lillard presented for approval the Victim's

Assistance and Law Enforcement (VALE) Grant application for 2022. This is budgeted revenue that pays a partial salary of \$25,000 for the Sheriff's Office Victim Advocate. This grant is effective from Jan. 1, 2022 to Dec. 31, 2022.

"We're trying to gain \$25,000 to help (Sheriff's Office Victim Advocate) Linda Carl...money is a little tighter this year...this will cover her overtime expenses and some other things that she will need."

Hansen noted the importance of the victim advocate. "In the climate politically that we're in, we seem to sort of give less importance to the victims," Hansen said. "I wanted the citizens of Montrose to know that we think that the victims are important and we should support this."

BOCC Vice Chair Keith Caddy noted the importance of VALE funds to the Sheriff's Office. "They use this money to assist victims in their needs from being victimized," Caddy said. "It's a horrible thing; there's some very, very bad crimes committed against citizens in Montrose County, and this is a way to help us alleviate some of their pain and some of their frustrations and time trying to get back to normal."

"Some people will never get back to normal from the crimes committed against them," Caddy said that in the United States today more attention is paid to the criminal than to victims. "I think that's wrong," he said. "I believe in justice for anybody, but I do believe that our victims are being left in the dark a lot of the times."

Commissioner Roger Rash also expressed appreciation for the work of the Sheriff's Office. "...Even though this current state government has basically attacked you and your peers," Rash said, "Which is despicable in my opinion, they've attacked the D.A.'s but the victims go without...this is a very good program. I wish we could double that...it would be nice if they could fund more of this rather than less," Rash said. "...it seems to me that they're making it easier on criminals and harder on law enforcement and D.A.'s."

"We're definitely living that dream,"

## ***BOCC APPROVES 2022 VALE GRANT APPLICATION, VOICES SUPPORT FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME From previous pg***

Lillard said, "If it is a dream...it is a nightmare...our victims are very important...we help 'em as much as we possibly can."

The Sheriff's Office works in tandem with police departments in Montrose and Olathe, he said. Hansen commended local law enforcement for a successful National Night Out event on Aug. 3. Cerise Park was packed for the event, Lillard said.

Commissioners voted unanimously to

approve the [VALE grant application](#) for 2022.

### **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT**

Commissioners approved four Planning & Development items presented by Planner Tallmadge Richmond.

Approved were the [Orville Kline Minor Subdivision proposal](#) to divide a 3.470 acre lot into two lots at 18545 HWY 550; the [David Minor Subdivision proposal](#) to di-

vide one 2.68-acre lot from a 38.30 acre parcel at Parcel 399503400019, 6100 Road & HWY 90; the Bailey Minor Subdivision [MI21-021] proposal to divide a 47.1 acre parcel into three lots at 71150 HWY 50; and the T & TL Large Tract Exemption [EX21-026] proposal to divide one lot from a 80.049 acre parcel at 69216 Vernal Road. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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## COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

### BLM PROPOSES WITHDRAWAL FOR MCPHEE DAM AND RESERVOIR

*Special to the Mirror*

LAKEWOOD— The Bureau of Land Management is processing a petition on behalf of the Bureau of Reclamation for the McPhee Dam and Reservoir, Dolores Project.

The petition requests a withdrawal of 953.06 acres of public lands from settlement, sale, location, or entry, under all of the general land laws, including the mining laws, and 309.56 acres of National Forest System lands from location and entry under the mining laws, and reserve them for use by the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) in connection with the McPhee Dam and Reservoir, for 100 years.

A Notice of Proposed Withdrawal was published in today's *Federal Register*, which initiates a 90-day public comment period and opportunity to request a public meeting.

The McPhee Dam and Reservoir was originally withdrawn in 1981 under Public Land Order (PLO) No. 5811 and extended in 2000 by PLO No. 7473, which expired on January 21, 2021. The BOR seeks a new withdrawal allowing for the continuation of operations at the McPhee Dam and Reservoir, Dolores Project.

The McPhee Reservoir provides hydroelectric power generation, salinity control, flood control, recreational opportunities, and fish and wildlife enhancement all while regulating flows of the Dolores River for irrigation and municipal use.

The public may submit comments on this petition/application from today until Oct. 31, 2021. Comments and meeting requests should be sent to:

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### VISIT MONTROSE EARNS TOURISM RECOVERY GRANT

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE — The City of Montrose's Office of Business and Tourism was recently selected to participate in the Colorado Tourism Office (CTO) Restart Destinations Program, an effort to advance recovery-focused tourism as Colorado destinations emerge from the pandemic.

The CTO announced that Visit Montrose was selected along with 27 other tourism destinations across Colorado to participate in the program.

Participating destinations receive a recovery assessment, a full-day community-visioning and action-planning workshop, 75 hours of free consulting to advance priority projects, and \$10,000 of direct marketing support from the CTO.

The Restart Destinations Program was funded by a \$2.4 million CARES Act Recovery Assistance grant through the U.S. Economic Development Administration to drive near-term recovery and foster long-term resilience through 2023.

Part of the program funds various campaigns to inform users of nearby public lands about the importance of putting out campfires, cleaning up trash, trail etiquette, and other responsibilities to ensure public spaces are maintained and kept clean.

"We are so excited for this opportunity to work with the Colorado Tourism Office in the Restart Destinations Program," said Kailey Rhoten, the OBT's marketing and tourism manager. "We will be working with local partners such as Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Montrose County, Bureau of Land Management, Forest Service, and our community in developing our action plan for recovering, educating, and protecting our public lands in Montrose."

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### SENATOR DON CORAM, REPRESENTATIVE MARC CATLIN HOPE TO PRESERVE NATIVE AMERICAN SCHOOL MASCOT FOR MONTROSE HIGH SCHOOL

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE – On June 28 this year, Governor Polis signed into law Senate Bill 21-116 Prohibit American Indian Mascots into

law. This law bans Colorado public schools from having Native American mascots. Schools that do not comply with the new law face a \$25,000 monthly fine. School Districts that have an agreement with the Native American Tribes would be exempt from this fine.

Montrose County School District officials estimated it would cost approximately \$500,000 to \$750,000 to switch out the mascots of the Montrose High School Indians and the Centennial Middle School Braves.

Both State Representative Marc Catlin and State Senator Don Coram, who represent Montrose, made arguments in opposition and voted against the bill and during the legislative process. Since its passage, they have both been working with Southern Ute Tribe and Mountain Ute Tribe to formulate an agreement to continue the use of these mascots. The effort has been successful thus far.

Montrose County Superintendent Dr. Carrie Stephenson has officially requested a meeting with the Chairman of both tribes to articulate an agreement in order to maintain the use of the mascots in Montrose. These letters officially began the process.

*"The use of these mascots is one of the ways we have been able to honor the Native American heritage and history in Montrose. It has always been about pride and respect and never about anything else. Based on my conversations with tribal representatives, I don't see why we wouldn't have an official agreement before school starts back up,"* said Senator Don Coram.

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## COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

### BUSINESS FILINGS SHOW COLORADO ECONOMY IS FIRMLY IN RECOVERY MODE

#### *Special to the Mirror*

DENVER- New data shows Colorado business is primed for growth in its recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, according to a report released today by the University of Colorado Boulder and Colorado Secretary of State Jena Griswold.

The Quarterly Business and Economic Indicators [report](#) is prepared by the Leeds Business Research Division (BRD) at CU Boulder in conjunction with the Colorado Secretary of State's Office. The latest report shows the state is firmly in recovery mode from the 2020 recession. New entity filings posted record gains in the second quarter, increasing 25.7% year-over-year. New entity filings are one of the best indications of employment growth.

Second quarter filings were down 12.3% from the first quarter, a normal seasonal pattern observed each year. Existing entity renewals also increased modestly year-over-year by 1.7%.

The report shows Colorado's gross domestic product (GDP) increased 1.4% year-over-year, while personal income, businesses in good standing, and dissolution filings are also on the rise.

#### **Different regions, different results**

While the overall recovery in the state trends positive, the impact on the various regions in Colorado has varied. Employment recovery in the Colorado Springs and Fort Collins metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) are leading the state, while employment recovery in Boulder and Greeley MSAs are lagging. Unemployment in the state remains at 6.2%, ranking 35th in the country. While Colorado's labor force growth ranks 23rd in the U.S., labor force participation rate is 3rd strongest in the country at 68.5%.

"The high participation rate indicates many Coloradans are employed or actively seeking employment," said Richard Wobekind, senior economist and faculty director of the Leeds Business Research Division. "This trend could lead to a full jobs recovery from the recession in 2022."

Colorado remained down 99,900 jobs from the January 2021 peak. Jobless

claims in the state are hovering at around 5,000 per week. Business leaders in Colorado expressed record optimism in the economy ahead of the third quarter. The

Leeds Business Confidence Index was 67.3 ahead of Q3 and remained elevated looking to the fourth quarter (65.4). A score of 50 is neutral.



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# CITY APPROVES PERMITS FOR MOBILE HOME PARKS, INCREASES FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION



*Developer Rich Dana spoke to Council at the Aug. 3 Montrose City Council meeting.*

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-With a packed meeting agenda, Montrose Mayor Doug Glaspell opened the City Council meeting of Aug. 3 promising to enforce the 11 p.m. rule if needed.

All councilors were present for the session; Councilor J. David Reed attended by Zoom call. At 6 p.m. Glaspell called the meeting to order and led in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

When the first item, scheduled for ten minutes, stretched to a full hour, it looked as though Glaspell might need to invoke the 11 p.m. rule. Still, in the end the meeting concluded at roughly 8:40 p.m.

## CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Dave Frank asked that the Minutes of prior meetings be approved separately, as Mayor Glaspell was not present for the meeting of July 20. Council then voted on the minutes of the July 19 special meeting and July 20 regular meeting separately, so that Glaspell could abstain from the July 20 vote.

## CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

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

## MOBILE HOME PERMIT APPLICATIONS AND PROPOSED FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

After working closely with Developer Rich Dana for the past year, Assistant City Manager Ann Morgenthaler presented for ap-

proval the mobile home park permit applications for Cottonwood Mobile Home Park, San Juan Mobile Home Park, and Green Acres Mobile Home Park, along with a requested financial contribution. The project, previously discussed in work session, is expected to cost \$4,492,592. Financial support of \$250,000 was requested from the City during the work session of July 19.

On Aug. 3, staff proposed that \$500,000 (\$200K from the

General Fund and \$300K from American Rescue Plan Act funding) be allotted to support the removal of mobile homes, remediation of asbestos, and the installation of updated water and sewer infrastructure in the parks. Staff recommended approval of the permit applications with three conditions-- civil plans for all improvements being received, demolition/removal of mobile homes and ongoing maintenance, and completion of infrastructure improvements.

Following Morgenthaler's presentation, Council heard comments from residents and neighbors of the parks, as well as from project developer Dana, who discussed details and shared plans and photos. He also thanked City staff and Council for their efforts, especially Morgenthaler.

"Ann has been unbelievable," he said.

The applications and financial assistance were unanimously approved; tiny homes will be allowed in the parks so long as they meet code requirements. Lot rents will remain stable for two years.

## MONTROSE PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AMENDMENT

As discussed in the Aug. 2 work session, Council voted unanimously to approve a \$1,830,805 amendment to authorize funding to be used for construction of the Montrose Public Safety Complex (MPSC). Approval was expedited due to supply chain volatility.

City Public Works Director Jim Scheid answered some final questions on the options and costs, and City Manager Bill Bell spoke as well, and praised the project team, "... we've established a really good, hard-working team and you can't really describe how many hours they put in to trying to value engineer the project before bringing this to Council," Bell said. "The last thing Jim and the whole team wanted to do was come before City Council and ask for an increased budget on the project. It was only after careful deliberation and a lot of manhours did we force them to do this."

This should be the final project estimate, Bell said. "And if not, we will find a new place for Blaine (Police Chief Blaine Hall) to have his office, or eliminate some of the amenities like his shower, personal bathing facility, extra couches, things he's been asking for."

"Don't start rumors," Councilor Barbara Bynum said. "There is none of that in this building."

"Oh, are we at a public meeting? I'm sorry about that. Sorry Chief Hall," Bell said. He added that he is not involved in day-to-day project meetings on the public safety complex but is updated on a weekly basis.

## RESOLUTION 2021-12-VALE GRANT APPLICATION SUBMISSION

As discussed previously in work session, Council voted to approve filing of the Montrose Police Department's Victim Assistance Law Enforcement (VALE) Grant through the 7th Judicial District Victims Assistance Board for the total of \$28,000, to be used to help fund the salary of the Department's Victim Advocate.

Four votes were cast, as Reed could not be reached online at the time of the vote.

## ORDINANCE 2548-SECOND READING

Council considered Ordinance 2548 on second reading, vacating a portion of Orchard Road within the City of Montrose.

Mayor Glaspell opened the floor to public comment. Susan Kroll expressed concerns over limited access and egress to the Waterfall Canyon neighborhood and said that



## ***CITY APPROVES PERMITS FOR MOBILE HOME PARKS, INCREASES FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION From previous pg***

inadequate attention has been paid to the peace of mind and safety of residents. There is no street sign on Pilot Knob. Morgenthaler said she would follow up on the street signs.

Frank asked whether connectivity would be maintained.

Bynum asked staff to give a presentation on the process for getting street signs made and put up as soon as possible. Bell said that public works makes its own street signs and is usually very quick about putting them up.

As discussed in work session and on First Reading, Council voted to adopt 2548, vacating a portion of Orchard Road within the City of Montrose.

### **WATERFALL CANYON SUBDIVISION FILING NO. 5 FINAL PLAT**

Planner Amy Sharp presented information on the Waterfall Canyon Subdivision Filing No. 5 Final Plat.

Project Engineer Steve Stevenson discussed road connectivity.

Several citizens asked about parks and bodies of water, as well as access.

"Is there a plan for a parking lot and a way in and out of that public area?" Linda Boroff asked.

Wanda Tekavec asked about maintenance of the park, which is currently in design phase. "Is this totally going to be maintained by the City?" Mayor Glaspell said the new park area would be maintained by the City.

Irwin Boroff said that lakes depicted on the plan are much bigger in reality. "I am wondering if the planners are aware of the size of all of these lakes. Will they be

part of a park?"

Saying he was a retired attorney, Boroff expressed concern over safety issues. "I am familiar with the term of 'attractive nuisance'—that means little kids will run and jump in the water and drown."

Following further discussion, City Manager Bill Bell said that the areas Boroff referenced will not be part of the park but would remain under HOA management and ownership.

Kroll spoke, "...We were not told that we will be responsible for all of this."

Councilor Bynum said, "I think we are talking about two different things." One is a city park, one is a retention pond. She suggested citizens discuss their concerns further with city staff at a future time.

Boroff said he had been told the city would take over the retention ponds.

Steve Cox spoke as well.

"The lakes they're talking about were just created from gravel mining on the property...it's the size of a football field...there's no way the HOA can afford to insure those lakes."

Bynum asked concerned citizens to speak to staff; Frank said that the lakes appear to be outside the scope of the present discussion.

Stevenson said that the two new ponds are on the out lot and will be part of a future development but are not part of Filing No. 5 Final Plat.

Though not relevant to the current discussion, the ponds will be considered in a future plat approval process, Councilor Anthony Russo said.

Council voted to approve the Waterfall

Canyon Subdivision Filing No. 5 Final Plat.

### **RESOLUTION 2021-13**

Council voted to adopt Resolution 2021-13, setting Sept. 7 as the hearing date for the annexation of the Riverbend RV Park Addition II.

### **RESOLUTION 2021-14**

As previously discussed in work session, Council voted to adopt Resolution 2021-14, authorizing assignment to the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority (CHFA) of a private activity bond allocation of the City of Montrose pursuant to the Colorado Private Activity Bond Ceiling Allocation Act.

### **BROWN CENTER BUILDING LEASE AND SUB LEASE AGREEMENTS**

Also discussed previously at work session, Council voted to approve a commercial lease

agreement between the City of Montrose and Tuxedo Corn Company LLC and a sub-lease agreement between Tuxedo Corn Company LLC and Montrose Lighthouse Inc. for use of the Brown Center Building at 3325 N. Townsend Avenue.

### **RIVERSIDE PARK ADDITION II ANNEXATION**

After a public hearing, Council voted to approve Resolution 2021-16, Findings of Fact for the annexation of the Riverside Park Addition III; Ordinance 2551 on first reading, for the annexation of the Riverside Park Addition III; and Ordinance 2552 on first reading, zoning the Riverside Park Addition III as a P, Public District.

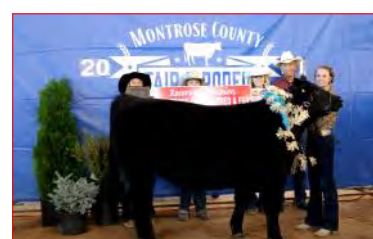
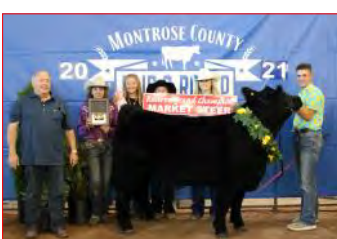
With no staff reports and no further business, Mayor Glaspell adjourned the meeting.

# **The Mirror: many views, one newspaper.**





## MONTROSE COUNTY FAIR 2021 LIVESTOCK CHAMPIONS



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## MONTROSE COUNTY FAIR 2021 LIVESTOCK CHAMPIONS



**Grand Champion Market Lamb** – Brock Fassett - Guzman Energy Group  
**Reserve Champion Market Lamb & Grand Champion Bred & Fed Lamb** – Garret Millsap – JC Propane & Flower Motor  
**Reserve Champion Bred & Fed Lamb** – MaKayla Millsap – Home Loan State Bank  
**Grand Champion Lamb Carcass** – Audrey Snyder – Rocky Mountain Aggregate  
**Grand Champion Market Beef** – Christopher Johnson – Kinikin Processing  
**Reserve Champion Market Beef** – Brock Fassett – Humdingers Travel Shoppe  
**Grand Champion Beef Bred & Fed** – Aubree Johnson – JC Propane  
**Reserve Champion Beef Bred & Fed** – Maggie Gurule – Davis Service Center  
**Grand Champion Beef Carcass** – Jayda Gray – Montrose Forest Products  
**Grand Champion Market Goat** – Morgan Alexander – D’Medici Footwear  
**Reserve Grand Champion Market Goat** –

Ridge Smith – Home Loan State Bank  
**Grand Champion Bred & Fed Goat** – Miley Dessauer – Sisson’s Feed & Ranch Supply  
**Reserve Grand Champion Bred & Fed Goat** – Sydney McCullough – West Slope Ag  
**Grand Champion Goat Carcass** – Becca O’Donnell – Turner GMC-Chevrolet  
**Grand Champion Market Swine** – Rilynn Kimble – Guzman Energy Group  
**Reserve Grand Champion Market Swine** – Rilynn Kimble – Bank of Colorado  
**Grand Champion Bred & Fed Swine** – Garret Millsap – Cold Canyon Electric  
**Reserve Champion Bred & Fed Swine** – Garret Millsap – 20 Sleeps West Real Estate  
**Grand Champion Swine Carcass** – Brayden Murphey – Glen & Debby Patterson  
**Grand Champion Market Turkey** – Jayden Hernandez – Kyle Martinez Family  
**Reserve Grand Champion Market Turkey**

- Makenna Cline – Home Loan State Bank  
**Grand Champion Poultry Goose** – Michael Davis - Bolinger & Queen  
**Reserve Champion Poultry Broiler Pen of 3 Chickens** – Madison Field – Alpine Bank  
**Grand Champion Rabbit Single Fryer** – Corby Lewis – Skip Huston Construction  
**Reserve Champion Rabbit Single Fryer** – Brooke Garrison - Citizen State Bank  
**Grand Champion Rabbit Meat Pen of 3** – Aubrie Lewis - Recla Metals  
**Reserve Champion Rabbit Meat Pen of 3** – Corby Lewis – D’Medici Footwear  
**Grand Champion Rabbit Roaster** – Corby Lewis - Black Canyon Tickets  
**Reserve Champion Rabbit Roaster** – Colton Vidmar – Bolinger & Queen  
**Grand Champion Overall Poultry** – MaKayla Alexander – Fletches Farming  
**Reserve Champion Overall Poultry** – Mason Kinser – Murdoch’s Ranch & Home Supply

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## COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

### DMV APPOINTMENT ONLINE CHECK-IN AIMS TO DO AWAY WITH PHYSICAL LINES, GIVES COLORADANS GREATER FLEXIBILITY

#### *Special to the Mirror*

LAKEWOOD -- To Coloradans who enjoy physically standing in line, we're sorry! The Colorado Division of Motor Vehicles' (DMV) latest innovation in its ongoing Digital Transformation will significantly reduce the need to physically stand in line at DMV offices throughout the state by empowering Coloradans to choose where they wait for service.

With the Aug. 9 launch of the DMV's new Appointment Online Check-in feature, Coloradans can check-in for their appointments and wait for their turn for service where they choose -- car, coffee shop or wherever is most comfortable or convenient.

Before that launch, appointment scheduling will be unavailable from Aug. 6 to Aug. 9 while the system is upgraded.

The Appointment Online Check-in feature is an upgrade to the DMV's appointment

system, which gives greater flexibility to Colorado residents in scheduling appointments and allows them to check-in and wait wherever is most convenient.

As part of [scheduling an appointment](#), Coloradans will be asked to enter a contact email address and/or a cell phone number to receive messages about the appointment. These messages will provide information on checking in, when to come into the lobby, rescheduling or canceling appointments.

With the new Appointment Online Check-in feature, Coloradans check-in to their appointment remotely via text message, or a QR code and will receive a text message notifying them when to walk up to the Driver License Office doors. Coloradans can also bring our automated email issued at the time the appointment was made and a Driver License technician will scan its barcode to check in.

Coloradans without computer or smartphone access can still schedule an appointment by calling the DMV at 720-295-2965 or 303-205-2335 for Colorado Road and Community Safety Act (SB13-251) appointments. Each driver license office has a greeter and they can check you in for your appointment.

The Appointment Online Check-in feature is another step forward in DMV's sweeping efforts to transform digitally, so it can better serve Coloradans whether in-office, online or on the go. Additional online services added in the future will augment the DMV's already robust selection of services currently available online.

The DMV encourages Coloradans to skip the trip and use its online services whenever possible. So before your next trip to the DMV, remember to save time, go online. Visit [DMV.Colorado.gov/Save-time](https://DMV.Colorado.gov/Save-time) for more information.

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# OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

## IT'S TIME THAT THE REPUBLICAN PARTY SHED TRUMP AND ALL HE STANDS FOR

*Editor:*

In his latest diatribe, Mr Henrie, while complaining that "...writers ... call me a liar...", spreads more lies about the Democrats, and then calls Democrats liars once again in his closing sentence. It's easy to refute his "facts", which are gleefully spread with the help of President Putin's Internet Research Agency. Instead of specifically countering these lies, which, like the former president, are too many to list in such a small space, I will refer the reader to some non-partisan organizations calling out misinformation and conspiracies: [FactCheck.org](https://factcheck.org), Snopes, [Brennan-Center.org](https://www.brennancenter.org), [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fake\\_news\\_website](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fake_news_website), just to name a few. It is incumbent on all of us to beware of biased news sources if we want to work together to rebuild our country stronger than ever.

Well informed citizens with an interest in politics seek out reputable, professional news organizations. These organizations follow in the footsteps of Edward Murrow, who, along with many others of his day, insisted that news organizations verify the facts before releasing stories. Organizations that didn't were eventually shut out of reporting, or relegated to checkout stands (National Enquirer, etc.), where few took them seriously. The internet revolution put an end to that, and Fox was born. After the repeal of the Fairness Doctrine, Fox became a cornucopia for unethical reporting based on rousing anger, and hiring pretty "reporters" to attract eyeballs, thereby making tons of money for their advertisers. Accredited, professional news sources call out their misinformation regularly. For more on ethical standards for journalism, refer to [spg.org](https://spg.org) and Media Matters for America.

After the election of 2016, the Russian Duma (Putin's rubber stamp parliament) erupted in thunderous applause, and popped champagne at the news of Trump being elected. Were they thinking that Trump was going to open a new era of cooperation with the U.S.? No, they knew that he would weaken our democracy both at home and internationally; which is precisely what happened.

Practically every citizen in the free world realizes the damage done to our democracy, and our international position, by Trumpism, which can be seen if you read any foreign free press newspaper. Misinformation, conspiracy nonsense like Qanon, and sheer hatred of Democrats is driving our country towards civil war, and people who spread it are doing great damage to our republic. The average person, confronted with the truth, would stop, but Mr. Henrie keeps it up every week. If he indeed believes that "big government" has become too powerful, perhaps he should renounce "Socialist" Security and Medicare, both big government programs started by Democratic presidents; at least that would be putting his money where his mouth is. Do I expect him to stop? No ... some people don't know when to quit; but this proud Democrat will not sit idly by while he spreads vicious misinformation meant to hurt a large portion of our citizenry.

The Democratic Party is trying it's best to solve the challenges that face us in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: aging infrastructure, Climate Change, whose disastrous effects we read about every day in the news, and which is destroying our forests here in Colorado. They are building an inclusive society where everyone, regardless of the circumstances of their birth, has an equal chance

to get ahead and contribute to our economic growth. They are tackling the causes of income inequality, which leads to a few people owning all of the resources, and going after the root causes of why so many immigrants from Central America show up at our borders desperate for help. They are protecting our pristine wilderness for our children to enjoy, cleaning up rivers and oceans, protecting wildlife diversity and our parklands, etc.

Trump Republicans, on the other hand, continue to follow the greatest con man and liar that this country ever produced, whose speeches insult and threaten anyone who stands up to him. He whines constantly about being treated unfairly, attacks others, and lies about absolutely everything that doesn't serve his immediate personal interests. They have no realistic policies to help our country, and have abandoned fiscal responsibility and family values; so they spread discord, fear of "others", and conspiracy theories to get attention.

Trumpists attacked our nations Capitol Building, sacking it for the first time since the British did in 1814, in order to overturn our election process. After this event, Senator McConnell blamed Trump personally, as did House Leader McCarthy. During the election of 2016, Lindsay Graham, now one of Trump's biggest supporters, called him a "race-baiting, xenophobic, religious bigot"; all of the other candidates said much more. What does that say about their moral and ethical values that they now cower at his feet? It's time that the Republican Party shed this man and all he stands for, and come back to being the party of fiscal responsibility, moral decency, and real family values for all.

*David Congour, Montrose*



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# OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

## CURRENT POLITICAL DIVIDE ESPECIALLY AFFECTING OUR YOUTH

Re: Paul Arbogast Publisher's Corner 8-2-21

Editor:

Congratulations! Thank you very much for your wonderful heartfelt editorial. You revealed so many profound things that needed to be said to this community. The current mental state and behavior of so many people of 'point, bash and blame' and never take responsibility is creating a very toxic environment. The current political divide is making a very unhealthy mindset in our community. This is especially affecting our youth with so many adults perpetuating such negative messages. You may want to consider not printing the negative letters by people who may be watching too much TV and have too much time on their hands in favor of positive letters by people making suggestions on making the world a better place to live.

I invite everyone to keep in mind your profound quotation by Abraham Lincoln 'A HOUSE DIVIDED AGAINST ITSELF CANNOT STAND'.

Please keep up the good work. Thank you.

Kathleen Riggle, Montrose

Youth Advocate



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## COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

### FERC APPROVES MAJOR TRI-STATE WHOLESALE RATE SETTLEMENT WITH MEMBERS

*Special to the Mirror*

WESTMINSTER- On August 2, 2021, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission approved a settlement in the first major rate case filed by Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association since the power supplier became subject to FERC jurisdiction in September 2019. The landmark uncontested settlement resolves key issues from regulatory filings that Tri-State made in late 2019 and 2020 regarding its rates and terms for wholesale power service to its 42 utility members in Colorado, Nebraska, New Mexico and Wyoming.

Notably, the settlement provides for an immediate reduction in Tri-State's current wholesale rate for members, with a total decrease in rates of 4% by March 1, 2022. Tri-State has already implemented a 2% rate decrease, which went into effect on March 1, 2021 and will lower rates another 2% on March 1, 2022. Several of Tri-State's utility members have either reduced their retail rates or increased patronage capital refunds to consumer-members, following Tri-State's wholesale rate reduction.

The settlement also establishes a rate moratorium through May 31, 2023, with Tri-State agreeing to file a new rate case no later than Sept. 1, 2023. The settlement resolves all matters at issue in a consolidated docket that included Tri-State's long-term wholesale electric service contracts with members, its program for a member 5% self-supply option, and a local member community solar generation program.

FERC approved the settlement, finding it to be "fair and reasonable and in the public interest."

"We are pleased with this outcome and FERC's approval of the settlement, which provides both a significant wholesale rate reduction and rate certainty going forward for our utility members," said Duane Highley, Tri-State's Chief Executive Officer. "This is a crucial step forward to achieve our goal of making Tri-State the most competitive option to meet the power supply needs of our utility members. "Tri-State would like to thank the FERC and its staff for the work they have done on the settlement and the guidance they provided through the process," Highley said. "We also hope it paves the way to successful resolution of our other pending cases before FERC, as we complete our transition to being a federally regulated public utility."

The settlement was approved by Tri-State's Board of Directors. United Power and Tri-State have agreed to ask the FERC to resolve four discrete or "reserved" issues not resolved in the settlement. Two of the reserved issues involve rate design and cost allocation principles that will aid in Tri-State's development of new rates for wholesale power service in its rate case filing in mid-2023.

These include whether Tri-State is required to unbundle rates for wholesale power service under its wholesale contracts, and whether it must provide for direct assignment of certain costs associated with transmission services to members, rather than using a rolled-in transmission rate applicable to all members, an approach that has been in effect for nearly 70 years.

The remaining reserved issues concern a continuing challenge by member United

Power to the application of a transmission demand charge for on-peak discharges from its battery storage devices, a challenge rejected by FERC in 2020, and United Power's challenge to Tri-State's Community Solar Program for members, a program designed to promote the participation by all members, especially smaller members in rural communities, in local solar power generation. Other than United Power's challenge to transmission demand charges for on-peak discharges from battery storage devices, rulings on the reserved issues will be prospective, applying only to Tri-State's next rate filing in mid-2023.

Wholesale rate reduction is a major pillar of Tri-State's Responsible Energy Plan, which was announced in January 2020 and is expanding renewable generation and reducing greenhouse gas emissions while ensuring reliable, affordable, responsible electricity for Tri-State's members and their communities.

"As a cooperative, Tri-State is working together with its members and taking bold steps today to create a bright future and clean grid. This settlement is a significant step toward this vision," said Highley.

About Tri-State

Tri-State is a wholesale power supply cooperative, operating on a not-for-profit basis, with 45 members, including 42 utility electric distribution cooperative and public power district members in four states that together deliver reliable, affordable and responsible power to more than a million electricity consumers across nearly 200,000 square miles of the West. For more information about Tri-State, visit [www.tristate.coop](http://www.tristate.coop).

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## U.S. NEWS BRIEFS

### SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE JOINS WESTERN STATES & TRIBAL NATIONS NATURAL GAS INITIATIVE

*Special to the Mirror*

IGNACIO— The Southern Ute Indian Tribe today became the newest member of Western States and Tribal Nations (WSTN) Natural Gas Initiative, expanding the organization's sovereign tribal perspective and strengthening its voice to advocate for energy development that boosts rural economies, tribal self-determination and environmental improvement.

The Tribe's decision to join WSTN bolsters the governance of the unique international initiative led by sovereign tribal nations, states and county governments. As the latest government to sign WSTN's organizing Memorandum of Understanding, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is entitled to appoint a representative to the Board of Directors.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is the third tribally-affiliated member of WSTN, joining the Ute Indian Tribe and BlackHawk Energy, a wholly owned Section 17 Federal Corporation of the sovereign Jicarilla Apache Nation established under a federal charter. The other government members are the states of New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming and Baja California, Mexico, as well as the western Colorado counties of Garfield, Mesa, Moffat and Rio Blanco.

"The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has a strong and successful legacy in energy and economic development. The Tribe understands the benefit of strong business and intergovernmental relationships to strengthen its self-determination and sov-

ereignty," Southern Ute Tribal Chairman Melvin J. Baker said. "The Tribe is excited for the opportunity to join Western States and Tribal Nations and have a seat on the board encompassing multiple tribes, states and counties focused on supporting rural economies while collaborating to provide energy transition solutions for the future."

WSTN advocates for rural economic development, tribal self-determination and a cleaner environment by supporting the development of the markets and infrastructure necessary to export liquefied natural gas, sourced from western North American basins, to nations that want lower-emitting fuel options to power growing economies. In June, WSTN released a study showing that net lifecycle emissions reductions of 42%-55% were possible if U.S.-sourced LNG replaced coal for power generation in five Asian nations. "The Ute Indian Tribe welcomes the Southern Ute Tribe to Western States and Tribal Nations. As co-founders of this unique organization, our mission has always been to attract more Native American voices to our effort to advance tribal self-determination through responsible development of our energy resources," said Shaun Chapoose, Chairman of the Ute Tribal Business Committee.

He added: "As the original guardians of the environment, sovereign tribal nations are uniquely equipped to chart a course toward energy development that supports

our continual environmental improvement. With the participation of the Southern Ute Tribe and the Jicarilla Apache Nation through their wholly owned Section 17 Federal Corporation, BlackHawk Energy, our collective voice is stronger and makes good on the vision we foresaw when we insisted that the name of the organization reflect more than a single tribal nation."

"The addition of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe to WSTN is another landmark for our organization and its ability to provide a coherent, unifying direction for the energy and environmental future of the West," WSTN President Andrew Browning said. "The Southern Ute Indian Tribe brings not only another sovereign tribal perspective, but a sophisticated approach toward doing business in a way that builds wealth for its people in harmony with the environment."

"New Mexico welcomes the Southern Ute Indian Tribe to the coalition. We look forward to collaborating on economic opportunities for our region," New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department Cabinet Secretary Sarah Cottrell Propst said.

"We welcome the Southern Ute Tribe and look forward to working together to advance the interests of Western States and Tribal Nations for the benefit of our communities," Glen Murrell, Executive Director of the Wyoming Energy Authority said.



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## OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

### IF ONE PERSON TELLS A LIE, THEN MILLIONS OF PEOPLE BELIEVE IT AND SPREAD IT, IT'S STILL A LIE

*Editor:*

In order to be criticized by both Ed Henrie and Jerry Bartholome in the same week, I must have struck a nerve. First of all Mr. Henrie, you have attacked me personally at least 3 times in the past, as well as many others, so get off your high horse. You claim that there were crimes committed by both Hillary Clinton and Hunter Biden, yet you offer no proof- just the same tired old conspiracy theories. There is no "corruption" in Hunter Biden selling his paintings for whatever anyone is willing to pay for them- that's called free enterprise. Maybe you're against that now, too. I suppose you will now say that the President's children should not profit from his position. If that's the case, where were you when Trump's kids were doing just that?

There have been many arrests made from the rioting of last summer. There were no "get out of jail free" cards. Unfortunately, Mr. Henrie, you do not seem to see any major difference between protesting injustice and causing an insurrection.

Am I surprised that Mr. Bartholome

can't agree more with Mr. Henry? Of course not. Like most people who watch extreme media (left or right), they begin to blur the lines between hard facts and opinions, and then claim that opinions are indeed facts. For example, Mr. Bartholome once again parrots the worn out conspiracy theory that maybe it was Antifa that stormed the Capitol on January 6. Bull. We know what we saw because we have eyes Mr. Bartholome. You also want to know who killed Ashli Babbitt? Donald Trump did. He called his supporters to Washington on January 6, promptly incited them, and sent them to the Capitol. But for his actions, she would be alive today. Mr. Bartholome, do you even know what Antifa means? It means you are anti-fascist. So, if you are anti-Antifa, what does that make you?

Mr. Bartholome claims that only one officer died at the Capitol "of natural causes", while Mr. Henrie claimed that none died. Wrong on both counts. Officer Sicknick was killed as a result of complications from being sprayed with bear spray repeatedly, which is hardly a natural death. At least 26 officers were injured, some

severely, three have since committed suicide, and many more suffer from PTSD- all at the hands of members of the "Law and Order" party. Of course, neither of you will watch the Congressional Hearings; you will claim they are a "partisan witch hunt". That's very convenient for you, but disingenuous since it was Republicans who blocked bipartisan hearings out of their very real fear of implicating themselves.

There is one more fact neither Mr. Bartholome or Mr. Henrie seem to be aware of. If one person tells a lie, and then millions of people believe it, and then go on to spread it, IT IS STILL A LIE! Mr. Bartholome, I found your statement that "Trump only wants elections where people can't cheat" to be both amusing and disturbing. Your "Patriotic" Trump that you both praise is the one trying to destroy our democracy by continuing the BIG LIE as he attacks our democratic institutions, and you are both complicit in helping him do it. If you continue praising insurrectionists, or continue spreading false information, I will call you out on it every time. I encourage others to do the same.

*Ron Sobieck, Montrose*

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## COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

### MARION (MYERS) APPELHANZ

*November 17, 1937- July 21, 2021*

Montrose resident MARION (MYERS) APPELHANZ passed away peacefully at home on Wednesday, July 21, 2021. Marion was born in Hyattville, Wyoming to Robert and Christine (Stadler) Myers, on November 17, 1937. In 1944 the family made the move from Wyoming to Colorado. She graduated from Longmont High School in 1955. Following her father's death in 1957 the family moved to Grand Junction, Colorado.

April 30, 1960, Marion married her husband of 60 years Tony Appelhanz. They had four children Matt, Amy, Tracy & Laura. As a family they worked the farm and ranch from irrigating, pulling weeds, moving cows, and working on the farm equipment. She enjoyed being involved in all of her children's activities. From showing horses & steers in 4-H, to band trips, she was always right in the middle of it to support her family. She was a very large part of the 4-H Community as all three daughters were members. She was always willing to lend a helping hand and treated the other kids like her own. She also enjoyed spending time with her thirteen grandchildren.

For 21 years she worked at City Market doing a wide variety of jobs as she rose through the ranks of the store's hierarchy. She met many good friends working in the store.

Marion was also fond of growing vegetables and absolutely gorgeous flowers,

including peonies, irises, roses. Her children and grandchildren remember her worrying about the crop duster getting her flowers, even by accident.

Marion enjoyed traveling and recounted tales of her trips often. Such as ones to Mexico, Branson, MO, Las Vegas, NV, Yellowstone, The Grand Canyon, Mt. Rushmore, all over Wyoming and whatever else might have come up. All of her family members can remember her saying "What time do I need to be ready and how long are we going to be gone so I can tell dad."

As a newlywed couple Tony and Marion took off in his Willy's Jeep just for a sight-seeing ride sometimes, although Tony's dog Lobo was so used to sitting in the front seat that until he was re-trained she had to ride in the back.

Marion was preceded in death by her beloved husband Tony. Her parents Robert and Christine Myers. Her brother Bob Myers, her sisters Shirley Stadlemen, & Luella Fields. Her brother-in-law Jim Stadlemen. Her nephew Bobby Myers, and niece Yvonne Alves.

She is survived by her children: son Matt and wife Mary of Anchor Point, Alaska, daughter Amy VanDyke and husband Terry of Clifton, daughter Tracy Reed and husband Bret of Montrose, and daughter Laura Castle and husband Jared also of Montrose. She is also survived by her thirteen grandchildren, Sarah (Dan) Ravin, Tom Appelhanz, Doren Van-



Dyke, Adriane Appelhanz, Chance VanDyke, Tony Appelhanz, Lyndsey (David) Craig, Sebastian Appelhanz, Caleb Appelhanz, Katrina Appelhanz, Tyler Reed, Tanner Castle, and Kolt Reed. She is also survived by her sister Virginia Stadlemen of Elko, Nevada, brother Wes (Renee) Myers of Greeley, sister-in-law Shirley Myers of Mancos, & brother-in-law Leroy Stadlemen of Grand Junction. As well as numerous nieces and nephews.

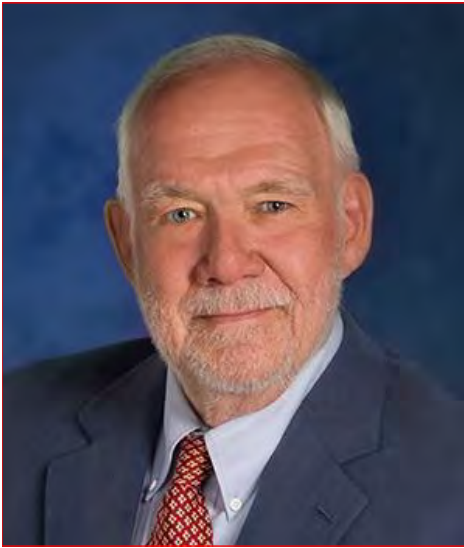
Marion's family would like to thank the special ladies who helped take care of her Missy & Rose. In lieu of flowers please donate in Marion's Memory to HopeWest Hospice 725 S 4th Montrose, CO 81401.

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## COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

### LESLIE CHRISTIAN (CHRIS) HAUCK



LESLIE CHRISTIAN (CHRIS) HAUCK died in his sleep on Thursday, July 29, at his

home in Montrose, Colorado. He was 80 years old. Chris was born in Burbank, California in 1941. He graduated from UCLA Law School and enjoyed a career primarily focused in the electric power industry. He held general counsel positions at Southern California Edison, Florida Power and Light, and Colorado-Ute Electric Association.

He was CEO of Sunflower Electric Power Corporation in Hays, Kansas from 1988 to 2004. Throughout his professional career, he was actively involved in church ministries, prison and jail ministries, and homeless ministries. He had a passion and gift for serving and loving others, which never stopped. More recently, he remained active as a board member at Delta Montrose Electric Association and

as an adjunct professor at Fort Hays State University.

He also continued helping Montrose Lighthouse, Inc. (a homeless shelter that Chris helped establish), Montrose Jail Ministry, Inc., and The Shepherd's Hand (a ministry for homeless and low-income individuals).

He is survived by his wife Rita, sons Leslie and Christian, and five grandchildren, along with his siblings Ross, Lane, and Louise.

A memorial service will be hosted on August 14 at 10am at Montrose Christian Church, 2351 Sunnyside Road. Donations can be made in his honor to Montrose Lighthouse, Inc. at 505 S. 2nd Street, Montrose, CO 81403, or The Shepherd's Hand at the same address.

### GLORIANN JOHNSON (HANSON)

GLORIANN JOHNSON (HANSON) 81, was born on June 30, 1940, in Gary, Minnesota. To her parents, Clayton & Ella Hogenson of Twin Valley MN.

Brother Wendell Hogenson, Sister Beverly Bill.

Grew Up on a farm in Twin Valley, MN. Graduated from Twin Valley High School, Class of 1958.

Moved to Fargo, ND, where Gloriann worked as an accountant. Met Allen Johnson, they were married on February 24, 1962 in Moorhead, MN.

Moved to Rockford, IL, had two daughters Lori and Julie, then moved to Auro-

ra, CO, had two more daughters Stacy and Jayne. Adding to the family over the years 12 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Allen passed away in November of 1994, after 32 years of marriage.

Gloriann moved to Montrose, CO in 1998. Enjoying new friends and a new chapter. Met Al Hanson at a class reunion, they were high school sweethearts, they were married on January 9, 2011.

They enjoyed 10 years of marriage fishing for walleye in Minnesota, snow birding in Arizona, and enjoying Colorado in the Spring and Fall Seasons.



Preceded in Death by parents, Clayton and Ella, husband Allen, Brother Wendell, daughters Stacy and Julie, grandchildren Anthony, and William.

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## COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

### EMORY FRANKLIN ARNDT

*July 12, 1932- July 29, 2021*

EMORY FRANKLIN ARNDT was born July 12, 1932, in Walsh, CO, and passed away in his home in Montrose, CO, July 29, 2021. He was the third of eight children born to Joseph Charles and Allene (Townsend) Arndt. Having lived in Missouri following his birth, the family moved back to Colorado, to farm when he was young.

Emory married Velma Charlotte Rice in 1951. Three children were born to this union: Charlotte Byrlene, Gayla Joan, and Emory Franklin, Jr. Charlotte died in 1958. Emory married Jean Addington in 1960.

A daughter, Marylouise, was born to this union. This marriage ended in 1971. Emory met and married Julia (Prottengeier) Lammert in 1972. They would have celebrated their 49th Anniversary August 4.

Emory proudly served in the US Army and was stationed in Germany when his wife Charlotte was killed in an auto accident. He returned to the U.S. to care for his three small children.

Emory attended school in Mosca, CO, through the 8th grade; then left school to work to help his mother raise the family. As a youngster, he worked mainly in hay fields. He made his living as a mechanic and could figure out and fix anything. He owned and operated his own auto repair shop until his health caused

him to close the shop. He then enjoyed working for 10 years as a paraprofessional in the Montrose High School Ag shop, teaching welding, equipment repair, and other skills needed in mechanics.

Upon his retirement, he and Julia volunteered for the Colorado Parks and Wildlife. They also were active in the Montrose Nazarene Church, the Lariat Saddle Club, and the San Juan Good Sams RV Club. They also enjoyed traveling in their RV, traveling mainly to Alaska to visit their children there.

Emory was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Joe (died at birth), Joey, and Raymond, and sister Veda Parnell; wife Charlotte; son Frank; son-in-law Arnold Michaud; sisters-in-law Leora Arndt and Dorothy Utne; brothers-in-law Terry Connolly, Calvin Fowler, Clarence Fowler, and Bruce Utne. He is survived by his wife Julia; sisters Charlene Connolly and Twila (Dave) Osborn; brother Clifford (Muriel) Arndt; sister-in-law Lorraine Arndt; brother-in-law Eli Parnell; daughters Charlotte (Gary) Becker, Gayla Michaud, and Marylouise (John) Dannels; daughter-in-law Wanema Arndt; 8 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren, and 1 great great grandchild, numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A viewing will be held at the Crippin Funeral Home, 802 East Main, Montrose, August 9 from 6: p.m. to 7 p.m. A Cele-



bration of Life will be held at 11 a.m. August 10, 2021, at the first church of the Nazarene, 705 South 12th Street, Montrose.

In lieu of flowers remembrances may be sent to the Emory Arndt Memorial Fund, c/o San Juan Mountains Credit Union, 1400 East Main Street, Montrose, CO, 81401, or Julia Arndt, 14809 6175 Road, Montrose, CO, 81403. The fund will be used for a scholarship for a Montrose High School vocational student. Crippin Funeral Home is assisting Mr. Arndt's family.

*Thank you for reading*

**THE MONTROSE MIRROR**

## COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

### ANN NICHOLS

*September 2, 1947 – August 3, 2021*

MARTHA 'ANN' WILSON NICHOLS was born in Smithville, Missouri on September 2, 1947, and entered her eternal home on August 3, 2021 at the age of 73. She is the daughter of the late Mack and Martha Wilson of Stewartville, MO, and also proceeded in death by brother, James Wilson. She is survived by siblings Kenneth Wilson, Salt Lake City, UT, Carol Pollock (Dan) Havensville, KS, Joyce Lawyer (Darwin) Wellsville, KS, and Donald Wilson (Lisa) Kansas City, MO.

Ann graduated from Gower High School with the class of 1965. She met Mark Nichols while attending Missouri Western College in 1967. They married shortly after on August 14, 1971 and spent the next 49 years of life's adventures together. They made western Colorado their home where they raised two children, Jason Nichols of Montrose, CO, and Erin

Taylor (Fred) of Punta Gorda, FL. She was an adoring and devoted Grandmother to Kail and Jacey Nichols, as well as Peyton and Braxton Taylor.

Ann graduated from Northwest Missouri State College in 1969 with a major in Education. She was passionate about the youth of her community and dedicated 43 years to teaching, coaching, mentoring and leading multiple generations of students. Ann was an outstanding athlete, and for many years could often be found on the softball field with her friends and teammates. She was also an avid baseball fan. Her passion for the St. Louis Cardinals was renown.

Ann's nurturing personality and drive to care for those around her was inspiring to all who knew her. Her loyal and gracious spirit was felt by everybody who crossed her path. She will be forever

missed, but certainly never forgotten.

A memorial service will be held at 10 AM on Friday August 13, 2021 at Montrose

Christian Church, 2351 Sunnyside Road, with a reception following at the Montrose Elks Lodge.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Crippin Funeral Home.



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# ART & SOL

## FORTUNA TIERRA TO HOST 6TH ANNUAL LOG HILL HUSTLE 5K-10K WALK RUN



*Photo from the 2019 Log Hill Hustle. Courtesy image.*

### *Special to Art & Sol*

LOG HILL-The Fortuna Tierra Club is hosting the in-person, sixth annual Log Hill Hustle, Fun Run and fundraiser on Sunday,

August 29 at 8 AM starting and finishing at the Divide Ranch and Club Clubhouse at 151 Divide Ranch Circle, Ridgway, CO 81432.

The 5k (3.1 miles) and 10k (6.2 miles) races will wind through the Fairway Pines Estates Road offering breathtaking views of the San Juan Mountains and the Cimarron ranges; running, jogging, walking; even with baby strollers. No dogs or bikes allowed.

Parking will be at the Divide Ranch and Club mailboxes and overflow parking along a dirt road off North Badger Trail (0.2 miles to the clubhouse). Come early to get the best parking spaces. Car-pooling is highly recommended.

The races will be based on chipped timing provided by Rocky Mountain Timing at <http://rmtiming.co/>.

Enjoy a free boxed continental breakfast sponsored by Fortuna Tierra Club. Awards and door prizes will be given to Log Hill Hustle winners.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

### LIBRARIES OF MONTROSE COUNTY FOUNDATION WELCOMES AUTHOR CRAIG CHILDS

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-The Libraries of Montrose County Foundation is pleased to welcome

celebrated author Craig Childs to the stage of the Montrose Pavilion on Sunday, Aug. 29 at 4 p.m. for a presentation entitled

"Storyteller's Journal," a journey through spoken word, images, and sound. Free tickets can be picked up at the Montrose Regional Library during our regular business hours.



*The New York Times has called Author Craig Childs 'a modern-day desert father.' Childs will appear in Montrose Aug. 29. Courtesy photo.*

As described in his bio, "Craig Childs is the author of more than a dozen books of adventure, exploration, and natural history including 'House of Rain' and 'The Secret Knowledge of Water.' At Adventure Journal Quarterly magazine he is a contributing editor, and his writing has appeared in The Atlantic, Outside, and The New York Times, where he has been called 'a modern-day desert father.' An Arizona native, he currently lives off grid with his wife in Southwest Colorado."

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MONTROSE--11 a.m. to 11 p.m. The Community Tap Night fundraising event for the League of Women Voters of the Uncompahgre Valley will be at Horsefly Brewing Company in Montrose from opening until closing on Tuesday, Aug. 24, when \$1 will be donated to us for every beverage ordered. Come enjoy drinks (non-alcoholic too!) on the large outdoor patio. A coupon is needed to be used when ordering to track fundraising dollars. [Register Now](#)

# MIRROR CHURCH DIRECTORY

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MONTROSE

**Affiliation:** Presbyterian  
**Address:** 1840 E Niagara Rd. Montrose CO. 81401  
**Office Hours:** M-Thu 9AM - 12PM  
**Contact Information:**  
970-249-4732,

[inform@fpcmontrose.com](mailto:inform@fpcmontrose.com),  
[www.fpcmontrose.com](http://www.fpcmontrose.com)  
**In Transition-Currently:**  
Howard Davidson  
Paul Parsons  
Merle Bierma  
Worship Service times:  
9:30AM,

Student Worship at 6PM  
*We strive to encourage, challenge and support one another through spiritual growth, worship, and service in our community, country, and world.*  
*We also encourage children and youth to grow their relationship with Christ through our children and student ministries*

## MONTROSE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Denomination 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](mailto:office@montroseumc.org), [montroseumc.org](http://montroseumc.org)  
**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.*

## ROSEMONT BAPTIST CHURCH

**Affiliation:** Southern Baptist  
**Address:** 1598 E. Niagara Road, Montrose, CO 81401  
**Office Hours:** Tues-Thurs, 9am-4pm  
**Contact information:**  
Phone: 970.249.4887  
website: [www.RosemontBaptist.org](http://www.RosemontBaptist.org)  
email: [office@rosemontbaptist.org](mailto:office@rosemontbaptist.org)  
**Senior Pastor:** Rolland Kenneson  
**Worship Service Times:** Our engaging and relevant Sunday Worship Service is at

10:45 AM. We also have Bible Study for All Ages Sunday mornings at 9:15 AM. We provide a professionally-staffed nursery throughout both.  
*Rosemont Baptist's desire is to passionately bring people face-to-face with the life-changing power of Jesus Christ. We are a multigenerational church from different walks of life who love Jesus, love each other, and love our community. Everyone comes dressed in whatever is comfortable. We love meeting new people no*

*matter what stage of life they are in.*  
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## SPIRITUAL AWARENESS CENTER

**Denomination affiliation:** Independent Interfaith  
**Address:** Meeting at Lions Park Community Building, 602 N. Nevada, Montrose  
Office hours: Tues-Fri, 9 am to 4 pm,  
**Home Office** – 970-252-0908  
**Contact information:** Rev. Dr. Arlyn Macdonald, 970-252-0908,

[arlyn@spiritaware.org](mailto:arlyn@spiritaware.org),  
[www.spiritaware.org](http://www.spiritaware.org)  
**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 inter-faith 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 address: [summitchurchmontrose@gmail.com](mailto:summitchurchmontrose@gmail.com)  
website:

[www.summitchurchmontrose.org](http://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.*



# MIRROR CHURCH DIRECTORY From previous pg

## 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](mailto:info@vbcmontrose.org);

website: [vbcmontrose.org](http://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)

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### 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:

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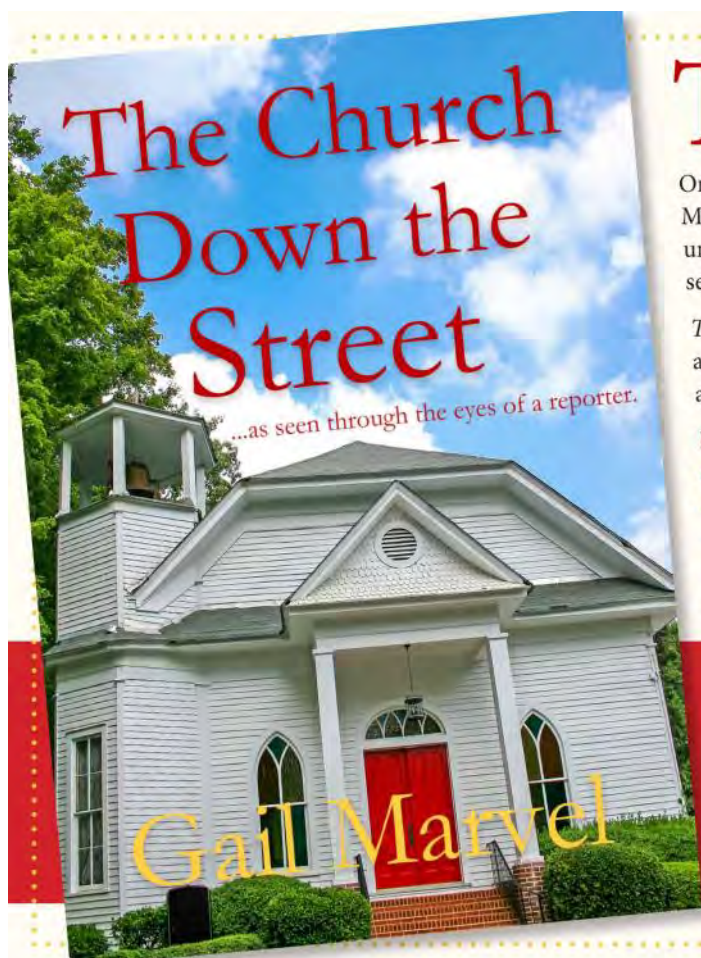
Name of current Senior Pastor

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?



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

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

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

#### Readers will:

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

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

**GAIL MARVEL**  
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## YOUR PERSONAL THERAPEUTIC GARDEN OFFERS SPACE TO REFRESH



*By Lauren Hall Ruddell, Ph.D.*

REGIONAL-What do cows, sheep, goats and this author all have in common? Yes of course, we're all mammals, doh...but there is something less obvious. We are all ruminators. The four-legged ones do this with their multichambered stomachs, and it is a natural, normal, and healthy activity. I, on the other hand, do it with my multichambered brain, at night, unnecessarily and unhealthfully. I tend to be neurotic and introspective when not in nature, turning unhelpful, self-defeating thoughts about failures or social slights over and over in my mind. Stop it, just stop it!!! I mentally scream at myself, and then I force myself to replay pleasant scenes of nature over and over. Only in this manner do I finally fall asleep. I need a restorative space all throughout the day to keep those damaging whispers at bay. And for that, there's no place like home, maybe.

My backyard is long and narrow. When I first purchased this home, the view from the back door was what is known in fengshui as a 'poisoned arrow'. Being forced to look over at a dozen abandoned vehicles was not exactly a restorative view of nature. It raised my blood pressure with each glance. Now, 3 years later, there is attractive fencing covered with hops that provide additional screening above the level of the fence. And trees, yes trees where there were none. There are now 15-foot cottonwoods with leaves the size of dinner plates that add to the attractiveness of that area. That, plus the effects of a small lawn that I put in over the once heavily compacted adobe



*A hideous and stressful view!*

ground, reduces the afternoon temperature in that area almost 10 degrees compared to the rest of the property. There is a bench next to one of the cottonwoods that allows me to sit and contemplate the enormous summer squash plants that are thriving next to the hops. One part of my mind knows that junker cars are still sitting just a few yards from my personal haven, but when I gaze at the shadowy miracle of those trees, I find it easy to forget.

Therapeutic gardens do not have to be just public and institutional spaces. Arboretums and parks are awesome and should be visited weekly if not more often. But when we are busy, and need a micro-break, a personal therapeutic garden can be the ticket. And it's neither logistically intimidating nor super expensive. Those trees I mentioned, my three big cottonwoods cost \$25 each on sale at the old City Market just about this time two years ago. The three hybrid poplars that are equally tall and broad were about \$15 from the Arbor Society three years ago. Hops were expensive at \$70 for the mail order roots. The abundant summer squash plants – less than \$2 in materials. I would have even more of the property in restorative landscape, but gardens and free-range goats don't go together, so all of my therapeutic green spaces are restrained and well fenced.



*Ahhhh...now that's better!*

There are a number of tried-and-true elements needed for a successful therapeutic garden. First and foremost...trees. Not too many though and placed strategically for the best environmental control and visual effect. Like my backyard, most

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people's yards will be some form of square, rectangle or trapezoid. Property lines will come together at corners, and humans tend not to like this. We tolerate it because we have too. British researchers have found that humans don't mind straight lines, as in they are not repelled by them and don't engage in 'avoidance' behavior when confronted with them but do definitely prefer curvy things in general. Like a man spying a head-turning curvaceous gal, we humans tend to focus our eyes longer and even approach curvilinear sights and environments that are in our foreground of visual appraisal. So, my advice to any readers contemplating a contemplative space for your stressed brain, start with trees, in corners. They will tend to trick our brains into thinking our square backyards are actually oval or even circular. Choice of tree will depend on the size of your yard in general, and how much leaf raking you want to do and how much seasonality you require. For instance, although I love, love, love my cottonwoods now, they don't help the view much in winter. If you have the time and patience, evergreens are always a good choice because the color green is the most important aspect of any therapeutic garden, and you will be able to benefit from this even in winter.

Green and blue are the colors of the spectrum that humans find most calming and most pleasant. Blue, blue-green, green, red-purple, purple, and purple blue were rated by study participants as the most pleasant hues, whereas yellow and green-yellow were the least pleasant. Fire engine red is highly arousing and tends to fix attention in a non-restorative manner. It is the color of sex, danger, threat, and warning. According to *color-in-context theory*, color carries meaning, and this has a direct and automatic influence on cognitive processes, including attention. This influence is consistent with the emotional evaluation of color as either hospitable or

hostile. Thus, color may facilitate either approach- or avoidance-oriented psychological processes. Your garden needs to invite you to enter and tarry, not avoid.

So with these parameters in mind, consider your own and your family's emotional and physical needs when designing your garden once you have established your trees. Do you need a...

- healing garden (physical, psychological and mental healing effect, induction of overall feeling of well-being);
- enabling garden (aiding physical recovery, improving physical condition based on possible activities, mental growth based on meaningful activities);
- meditative garden (supports the inner thought process);
- rehabilitative garden (primarily based on rehabilitation in the environment); and
- restorative garden (regeneration after stressful situations).

Me, I go restorative all the way, since I am an overachieving, high stress kinda gal. Straight planter beds full of red and yellow gaillardias and other such glaring beauties make me jumpy. However, some of you readers may find that a bit of stimulation is OK and choose to landscape with red and yellow tones. Whatever you choose, focus not just on color, but on maintenance as well. I am not fond of weeding, so last year I put in a drip system on top of a weed barrier fabric and covered the whole thing with composted goat barn shavings. The shavings are topped off every year and are essentially free to me, but homeowners lacking their own little raisin making machines may need to purchase a top dressing. I spend exactly one hour A MONTH weeding the area in the photo, which is exactly the way I like it. The whole shebang took about 4 hours to install and \$50 in costs for weed cloth and drip.

As mentioned above, blue is also extremely pleasant and calming, and in winter when cold has hammered those lovely

annuals, the blue-green of Colorado spruce may help with crabby cabin fever blahs, so consider planting a couple of those in far corners. In summer, if at all possible, try to include a water feature somewhere next to sittable space. A small solar powered recirculating unit can cost as little as \$150 and is well worth the cost in fast decompression for those who need maximum restoration during their pomodoro. Pomodoro, you know... that intense work session followed by a mandatory rest session in the outdoors. Classically, a pomodoro cycle is 25 minutes of computer work followed by five minutes of rest. I take issue with this, since I know that five minutes is not enough. My pomodoro is 45 minutes of intense writing, followed by 30 minutes of restoration (or barn cleaning, whichever is most needed). To each his or her own, I guess.

Anyway, plant those trees, curve those new flagstone sidewalks, and get that cute little garden bench on sale from Wayfair (that's where mine came from, real cheap, although I had to assemble and stain it myself). Buy those end of season trees and get them into the ground ASAP, and buy that tiny waterfall in September at a half-price sale. Then next year, plant those lavender sages, those opal basil, some amazing beebalm and even a few Alaska variety nasturtiums or Black Magic petunias (San Juan Gardens) for ground cover along with a prostrate juniper or five and see if you don't find yourself reflecting on life's precious moments and kind interactions with other folks, instead of the flip side, which let's face it, is totally crazy making.

If you are an apartment dweller, don't forget that there are two community gardens that may offer a nice respite now and then.

Questions about designing your own restorative garden cheerfully answered at...

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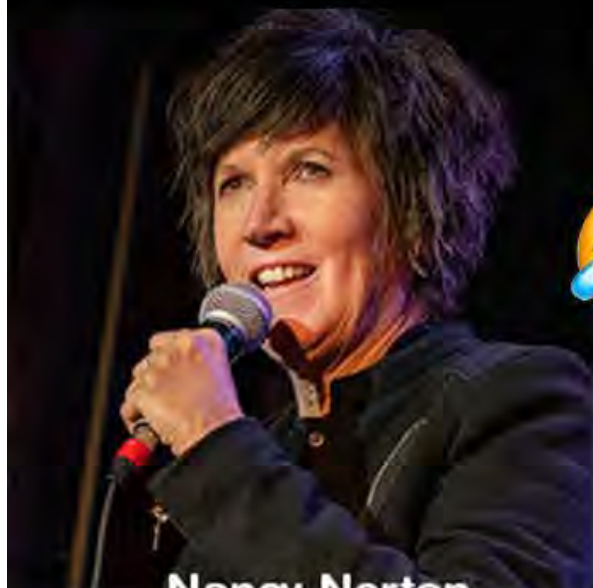
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## LIVE MUSIC ROUNDUP-WEEK OF AUG. 9

By Paul Arbogast, Mirror Publisher

### Grand Mesa Arts & Events Center, Cedaredge:

- Friday, Aug. 13, 4 – 7 PM – Joel Dillstrom

### Healthy Rhythm Art Gallery:

- Saturday, Aug. 14, 7 PM – David Starr & Dana Cooper

### Horsefly Brewery:

- Wednesday, Aug. 11, 5:30 PM – Open Mic Night with Donny Morales  
- Saturday, Aug. 14, 6 PM – Bell Creek

Band

### Mad Russian Brewing – Olathe:

- Friday, Aug. 13, 7 PM – Paul Chamberlain

### Mesa Theater, Grand Junction:

- Saturday, Aug. 14, 8 PM – Just as Well w/ Cloak & Dagger Club

- Sunday, Aug. 15, 8 PM – Paul Cauthen

### Monumental Beer Works, Grand Junction:

- Saturday, Aug. 14, 6:30 PM – Glass Cases

### Riverbottom Park:

- Sunday, Aug. 15, 3 – 8:30 PM – Music by the River

### Sherbino, Ridgway:

- Tuesday, Aug. 10, 7:30 PM – Roma Ransom

- Wednesday, Aug. 11, 7 PM – Snazzy Licks

### Upstairs at Precedence:

- Friday, Aug. 13, 4 PM – Indeed!

### Warehouse 25sixty-five, Grand Junction:

- Friday, Aug. 13, 7 PM – Love & Theft

## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

### MONTROSE-NEWCOMERS AND NEIGHBORS GET TOGETHER

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-NEWCOMERS and NEIGHBORS group Get Together and Potluck, Aug. 28. We are a local Montrose group who welcomes adults who have recently moved here or have been here awhile and would like to learn more about the area and participate in social activities. We are initiating our 2021-22 season with our first in person potluck event at Lions Park Clubhouse. Come at 11:30 and contact Kathy at (303-919-8741) to let her know what side dish you would like to bring. Chicken, tea, lemonade, and water provided.

### RE-1J EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER POLICY COUNCIL LAUNCHES SHOE COLLECTION DRIVE TO RAISE MONEY FOR FAMILY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES, DRAMATIC EDUCATIONAL TOYS FOR STUDENTS' CLASSROOMS, AND FUN TEACHER/STAFF ACTIVITIES

*Shoe donations will also support micro-enterprises in developing nations and reduce what goes into landfills*

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MCSD RE-1J Early Childhood Center (ECC) Policy Council is conducting a shoe drive from now till October 5th to raise funds for the ECC program. ECC Policy Council organization will earn funds based on the total weight of the shoes collected as Funds2Orgs will purchase all the donated footwear. Those dollars will benefit all ECC students, families, and staff members. Anyone can help by donating gently worn, used or new shoes. Donation drop off sites in Montrose are the Rose Bowl, San Juan Mountain Credit Union, Gun Depot, and ECC main campus. There is also donation drop off locations in Olathe, located at Rocking W Cheese & Milk, Kyote Liquor,

and the Olathe ECC campus (behind Olathe Elementary)

All donated shoes will then be redistributed throughout the Funds2Orgs network of microenterprise partners in developing nations. Funds2Orgs helps impoverished people start, maintain, and grow businesses in countries such as Haiti, Honduras and other nations in Central America and Africa. Proceeds from the shoe sales are used to feed, clothe, and house their families. One budding entrepreneur in Haiti even earned enough to send to her son to law school.

"We are excited about our shoe drive," said Tami Glover, Policy Council president. "We know that most people have extra

shoes in their closets they would like to get rid of. We would love for the community to donate and help our local preschool, our families, and families in developing countries. It's truly a win-win for everyone," added Tami. Penny Harris also made a statement on the benefits of this fundraiser. "The preschool students and staff are going to benefit from the community's generosity and Policy Council member's efforts to collect shoes. The opportunity to recycle shoes is also friendly to our environment"

By donating gently worn, used and new shoes to the ECC Policy Council, the shoes will be given a second chance and make a difference in people's lives.



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# SAVE THE DATE! LOCAL EVENTS CALENDAR

## ONGOING-

**THE MONTROSE GENEALOGY CENTER** at 700 E. Main St. is now open Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, 1-4 p.m. or call for an appointment: 970-240-1755. Free help and resources for your family history research."

(The center is sponsored by the non-profit organization, Fore-Kin Trails Genealogical Society.)

**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** -Saturdays from 9 am-1 pm.. **Location:** Montrose Centennial Plaza . 81401 **Cost:** Free to attend.

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

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

## MONTHLY

**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.12**-Thur., Aug 12., 1-2:30 pm. Hedgehog Painting for Kids. Anne Hockenberry. Materials provided. \$20

**Aug. 13**-Friday. 6-8 pm. Doors 5:30 pm. "No Matter What, Keep Laughing." With Nancy Norton and Stephanie McHugh. At Montrose Center for the Arts. Link for Register Online: <https://mc4arts.com/product/08-13-21-event-keep-laughing/>

**Aug. 14-15**-Ridgway Rendezvous Art and Craft Festival, Ridgway.

**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 (7<sup>th</sup> & Orchard) and online at [artcenterguild.org](http://artcenterguild.org). All proceeds benefit the Art Center of Western Colorado.

**Aug. 17**-Tuesday. 1-4 pm. "Let It Flow, Intuitive Alcohol Ink Painting." With Jana Adams. At Montrose Center for the Arts.

Link for Register Online: <https://mc4arts.com/product/08-17-21-class-adams-let-it-flow-alcohol-ink-painting/>

**Aug. 17**-Tues. Aug. 17. Let It Flow, Alcohol Ink Painting. With Jana Adams. Materials Provided. \$40.

**Aug. 18**-History Wednesday: noon- 2 pm. Brown Bag lunch. With Zilla May Brown, *History of Montrose*. **FREE**

**Aug. 18**-Wednesday. Noon-2 pm. Doors 11:30. "History of Montrose." With ZillaMay Brown. At Montrose Center for the Arts. Link for Register Online: <https://mc4arts.com/product/08-08-21-program-zilla-may-brown-history-of-montrose/>

**Aug.21**-Sat., Aug 21. 193 pm/ Summer Leaf Painting Clay Soap Dishes. 1-3 pm. Materials Provided. René Fisher. \$10. [Register online.](#)

**Aug. 24**-11 a.m. to 11 p.m. The Community Tap Night fundraising event for the League of Women Voters of the Uncompahgre Valley will be at Horsefly Brewing Company in Montrose from opening until closing on Tuesday, Aug. 24, when \$1 will be donated to us for every beverage ordered. Come enjoy drinks (non-alcoholic too!) on the large outdoor patio. A coupon is needed to be used when ordering to track fundraising dollars. [Register Now](#)

**Aug. 26**-Saturday, Aug. 26. 9 am-2 pm. Plein Air Painting with Barbara Kendrick. There is a fee. [Register online](#) at [mc4arts.com](http://mc4arts.com) (under events) or call 970-787-9428.

**Aug. 26**-Potluck Program – Potluck-Earlier this month Sasha Jacobo, a Food Security Coordinator with the Valley Food Partnership, taught us about simple and creative ways to incorporate vegan cooking into everyday life. You will have an opportunity to practice those skills at this potluck. Share a healthy vegan dish you've prepared, and sample other peoples' meals, at this event! It will take place at MADA on Thursday, Aug. 26, at 7pm. Email Taylor, at [tevans@montroselibrary.org](mailto:tevans@montroselibrary.org), for more information.

**Aug.28**-NEWCOMERS and NEIGHBORS group Get Together and Potluck. We are a local Montrose group who welcomes adults who have recently moved here or have been here awhile and would like to learn more about the area and participate in social activities. We are initiating our 2021-22 season with our first in person potluck event at Lions Park Clubhouse. Come at 11:30 and contact Kathy at (303-919-8741) to let her know what side dish you would like to bring. Chicken, tea, lemonade, and water provided.

**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.

**Aug. 28**-Saturday. 9 am -5 pm. Plein Air Painting with Barbara Kendrick. At Montrose Center for the Arts.

Link for Register Online: <https://mc4arts.com/product/08-28-21-class-kendrick-plein-air-paint/>

**Aug. 29**-6th Annual Log Hill Hustle 5K/10K Walk/Run, Aug. 29, 2021 8am. Fundraiser to benefit Ridgway Area Students. For details and to register for the race go to [fortunatierra.com](http://fortunatierra.com)

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**Sept. 4**-The 2021 Montrose Wine & Food Festival, presented by Alpine Bank, is back! Join us Saturday Sept. 4 from 1-4 p.m. at the Montrose County Event Center (1036 N. 7<sup>th</sup> St.) All proceeds from the event benefit the Black Canyon Boys & Girls Club (BCBGC). Tickets and sponsorships are available online at [wine.blackcanyontickets.com](http://wine.blackcanyontickets.com). Tickets are \$65 and include an event glass. For more information on the BCBGC, visit [www.bcbgc.org](http://www.bcbgc.org). For more information on the Festival, visit [www.montrosewinefestival.com](http://www.montrosewinefestival.com)

**Sept. 11**-Praise Him ministries is proud to announce Grammy® winner, Chris Tomlin will headline Rise Up on September 11th.



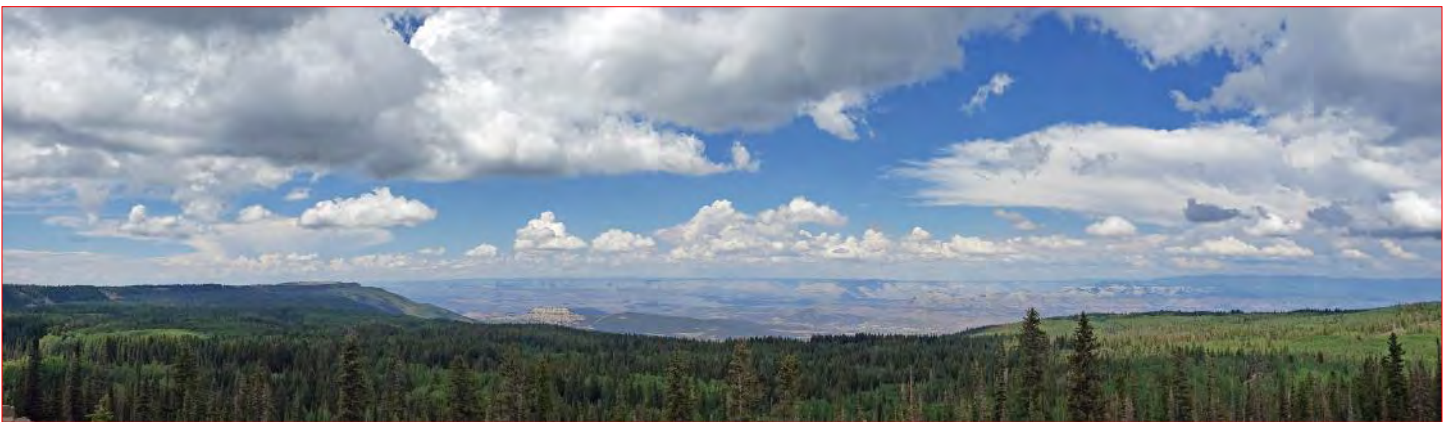
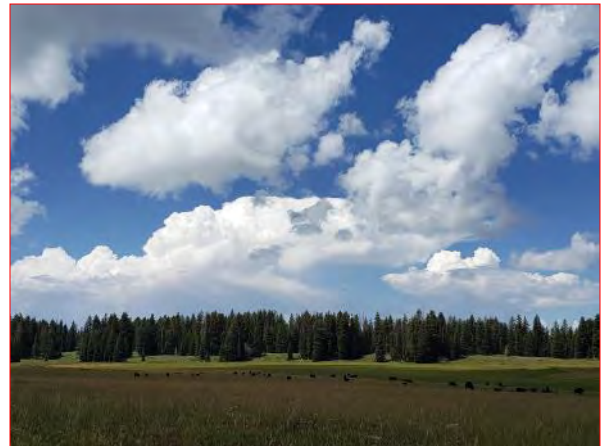
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