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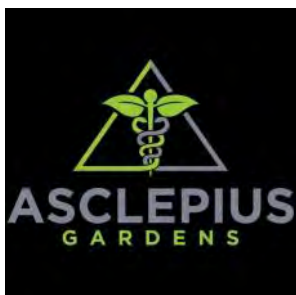
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RE-1J BOARD OF EDUCATION LOOKS AT 2021-2022 GOALS



RE-1J Director of Instructional Services Jessica Beller (foreground) presents information to the Board of Education at the Aug. 24 work session. Beller led a District Assessment Update and a discussion of 2021-2022 Board goals.

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-Montrose County School District RE-1J Director of Instructional Services Jessica Beller led a District Assessment Update and discussion of 2021-2022 board goals at the Board of Education work session on Tuesday, Aug. 24.

Along with staff, those present at the work session included Board of Education President Gayle Johnson, Vice President Sarah Fishing, District B Director Jacob Suppes, District A Director Jeff Bachman, and Director G Director Stephen Bush.

Johnson called the meeting to order, and the Board approved the agenda as presented.

All joined in saying the Pledge of Allegiance. "We like saying the Pledge," Fishing said.

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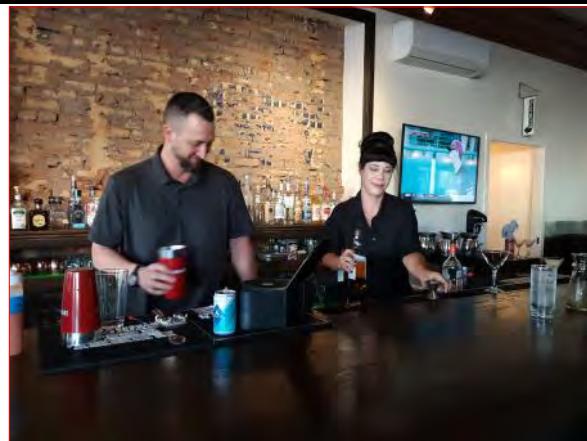
MONTROSE-Anyone who has shopped for food in Colorado over the past year knows that the cost of eating has risen sharply. For our state's restaurants, however, sky-high food costs do not even top the list of increased business expenses.

Results of a Colorado Restaurant Association survey conducted between July 8 to Aug. 9, 2021 were released last week, and the survey notes a disturbing trend.

While 100 percent of the restaurants surveyed said that the cost of business has increased since the onset of the pandemic, 80 percent of those surveyed ranked labor as the most increased cost, followed by food and supplies. More than 25 percent of restaurants are considering permanent closure in the face of significant debt, increased overhead, and a severe shortage of labor.

Here in Montrose, Bill Volk's [Camp Robber](#) restaurant has been one of Montrose's

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Above, Main & Vine owner Ray Blanchard works alongside staff at the downtown Montrose eatery on Friday, Aug. 27. Released last week, results from a recent Colorado Restaurant Association survey reveal a disturbing trend as Colorado restaurant owners report rising overhead costs including food and supplies, as well as a severe, ongoing shortage of labor.

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MONTROSE U LEADERSHIP PROGRAM SEEKING APPLICATIONS

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE — Applications are now being accepted for Montrose U Leadership, a program designed to develop leadership skills and community knowledge among residents. Anyone living or working in Montrose county with a strong desire to learn about our community and shape its future is eligible to apply. Applications are due by Sept. 3, 2021.

Applications and more information can be found at CityofMontrose.org/Leadership.

Montrose U Leadership is a nine-month course that begins in September and ends in May with a graduation ceremony. Class tuition is \$600 and includes a personality assessment, a tour of the state capitol to meet legislators, and opportunities to be introduced to and mentored by Montrose U alumni. Classes will be held for a full day, once a month at locations throughout Montrose.

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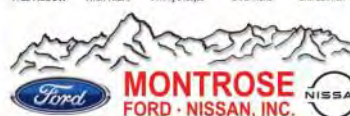
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MONTROSE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL PERFORMS FIRST NAVIGATIONAL BRONCHOSCOPY



Montrose Memorial Hospital has performed its first Navigational Bronchoscopy and is proud to be a regional resource for lung cancer screenings. Previously, Western Slope patients would travel to Denver for this procedure. Courtesy photo.

MONTROSE-The Montrose Lung & Sleep Center of Montrose Memorial Hospital performed the first Navigational Bronchoscopy in the area and is proud to be a regional resource for lung cancer screenings. Previously, patients with a suspicious nodule in their lungs often required travel

to the front range due to extensive skill and technology required for the procedure. "I'm excited to be able to bring this state-of-the-art procedure to Montrose, which allows patients to receive a rapid diagnosis without traveling out of the region," said pulmonologist Dr. Andrew Hersh.

The procedure, the first of its kind at Montrose Memorial Hospital, was performed by Dr. Andrew Hersh who led a team including Dr. Jeffrey Kay, Elizabeth Malloy, CRNA, respiratory therapists Doug Hook, RRT and Mike Winn, RRT, Jose Hernandez, RTR, Randall Koehn, RN, and Patrick Ackerson, ASCP. The multi-disciplinary team includes representation from Respiratory Therapy, Medical Imaging, Laboratory and other backgrounds.

Nodules in the lungs are sometimes benign but can sometimes be dangerous – and may in fact be lung cancer. For this reason, many patients choose to have their suspicious lung nodules evaluated to

better understand their risk. Navigational Bronchoscopy allows patients to receive a biopsy of the nodule, even if the nodule is located deep in the lungs. This type of procedure requires advanced technology. Navigational Bronchoscopy works similar to your car's GPS: a CT scan provides a road map of where to go in the lung, which allows the provider to go exactly where they need to perform the biopsy needed for the patient.

Lung cancer is a major concern, as it is the second most common cancer in both men and women – making up almost 25 percent of all cancer deaths according to the American Cancer Society. Causes of lung cancer include smoking, genetic predisposition to lung cancer, and radon. Radon, which is of particular concern in Colorado, is the number one cause of lung cancer among non-smokers. If you have questions, or would like to learn more about this new service offered at Montrose Memorial Hospital, please call 970.252.2753.



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most popular eateries since opening in 1994. When we called last week, Volk told the *Mirror* that the Camp Robber is doing well. Still, challenges remain. Have their food costs increased? "Dramatically," Volk said. When asked whether he plans to continue in business, "We're trying to," he said.

Another local favorite, the Colorado Boy Pizzeria and Brewery is not open full time, due to the challenge of finding workers. Still, "We are okay, we're still up and running," Owner Jenny McClellan said. "We're hoping the job market opens up again

soon."

According to the Colorado Restaurant Association survey, nine out of 10 restaurants across Colorado have changed business practices or wage rates to increase hiring and retention, and one out of four are currently offering retention or hiring bonuses.

Since March 2020, the survey notes that restaurants report having increased wages by an average of 19 percent, and more than 23 percent of restaurants have added new benefits to their compensation packages.



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Still, by the end of June, the industry statewide was down almost 11,000 workers (4.6 percent) from pre-pandemic levels (*Bureau of Labor Statistics*). More than 91 percent of restaurants reported that they struggled to hire enough staff. And more than 67 percent reported struggling even to retain current staff members.

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Artist Nia Sturr's conception of how the Literary Garden will permit sociality, enjoyment as well as horticultural and literary education. Courtesy image Durango Library.

Durango

The Durango Botanical Gardens began construction of their latest project called the "Literary Garden" which is located at the Durango Public Library. The garden will feature six themed sections (Indigenous Peoples, Latinx, Youth, Southwest, Contemporary, and Classics) with a goal to blend literature, plants, and education.

Grand Junction

Dick's Sporting Goods opened at the Mesa Mall on Friday. The retailer took the space of Sports Authority that closed in 2016 and is roughly 55,000 square feet in size.

Silverton

Red Mountain Pass is expected to have various closures due to fire mitigation work from Sept. 13 to Sept. 24. This has been proposed multiple times previously in the summer but permits have been denied. Please confirm with CDOT if you are

planning to travel HWY 550 during those dates to be prepared for delays.

Telluride

Last Monday the San Miguel County Sheriff's office arrested a man that was illegally camping on private land near Mill Creek in the Telluride area while in possession of over 30 weapons. The man has been arrested three times in the past two months for weapons offenses, burglary, possession of meth, trespassing, and theft in the Norwood and Telluride areas.

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COLORADO SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE DOMAIN- COLORADOSOS.GOV.

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DENVER- Visitors to the Colorado Secretary of State's Office website will find it has moved to a new address, with all services now located at www.coloradosos.gov. The previous address, www.state.sos.co.us, will still direct users to the office's website during the transition, and all services available to users online will remain unchanged.

"Switching to a .gov domain provides further assurance to the public that the infor-

mation found on our website is official, trusted information," said Secretary of State Jena Griswold. "This new domain allows us to better and more seamlessly interface with some of our federal partners and is another valuable line in our defense against disinformation."

Registering as a .gov domain requires an entity to submit evidence to the U.S. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) that they are truly registering on behalf of legitimate local, county, or state governments. The new .gov do-

main also makes it more difficult for malicious actors and scammers to co-opt government websites. Using less secure domains such as .com allows cybercriminals and malicious actors to more easily impersonate government officials in attempts to defraud the public.

The new domain is part of a long-range initiative to increase security and counter foreign disinformation. In 2019, all of the office's voter resources, including online voter registration, were moved to a .gov domain at www.GoVoteColorado.gov.



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MARTINEZ ASKS FOR MOMENT OF SILENCE IN MEMORY OF CHRIS HAUCK, NEW DMEA CEO IS ON THE JOB



Delta Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) employee Guy Gard (left) accompanied his granddaughter, 11-year-old Jaylee Thate, as she addressed the DMEA board during the Aug. 24 board meeting. Jaylee said, "I want to thank you for buying me and my sister's steer at the Montrose County Fair." Jaylee's sister, Stevie, who had left for college, was unable to attend. Photo by Gail Marvel.

On Aug. 24, the Delta Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) Board of Directors held their regular meeting at 3 p.m. For Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Alyssa Clemens Roberts, this was her second day on the job. She said, "I am excited to be here." Photo by Gail Marvel.

By Gail Marvel

MONTROSE-The Aug. 24 meeting of the Delta Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) Board of Directors, held in the Black Canyon Board Room, was called to order at 3 p.m.

DMEA co-op members are afforded an opportunity to speak during Member Comments, which is scheduled for 5 p.m. Seven board members were present in person.

Currently there are two DMEA board vacancies. One vacancy occurred with the unexpected death of Chris Hauck, the other by the resignation of Brad Harding in early August. Harding moved to the Front Range. Board President Kyle Martinez said, "It is hard to lose both Chris and Brad at the same time. These are pretty big shoes to fill."

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

The call to order was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, the opening meeting prayer, determination of a quorum, and approval of the consent agenda (including

Membership Report and approval of minutes from the July 2021 Regular Board Meeting, and minutes from the August 2021 Special Board Meeting).

Note: The Special Board Session held via Zoom on August 4 had only one agenda action item "Vote on Grant Zone Make Ready Budget Amendment."

In a written summary report Executive Assistant Amy Taylor said, "...the board voted unanimously to authorize executive staff to proceed with an alternative plan that would ensure the majority of the build to Cedar Mesa at a significant cost savings for the overall project. As part of the plan, DMEA will remove nine miles of planned construction from the build, resulting in a decrease of only 13 meters from the total build. These changes had the result of substantially reducing the fiber-related budget amendment necessary from approximately \$850,000 to \$66,310.31. Separately, DMEA will reallocate some electric grid improvement 2021 construction work plan budget funds to enhance electric grid needs for this same service area."

General Business

Prior to conducting general business, Martinez ask for a moment of silence in

memorial to Chris Hauck.

Martinez introduced Alyssa Clemens Roberts, who was in her second day as the newly-installed Chief Executive Officer (CEO). Describing the position as her dream job, Roberts said, "I am excited to be here."

Board Committee Items

Finance – Audit – Rate Committee (FAR) – Ken Watson, Chair.

Martinez appointed Watson to replace Harding as the FAR chair.

Watson said, "There was no meeting."

Engineering – Construction – Energy Services Committee (ECES) – Stacia Cannon, Chair

Martinez appointed Stacia Cannon to replace Hauck as the ECES Chair

Cannon said, "There was no meeting."

Member Relations – Energy Services Committee – Bill Patterson, Chair

Patterson said, "There was no meeting."

Executive Committee – Kyle Martinez, Chair

Review Board Policy 109 re: Board Compensation

Attorney Jeff Hurd led the discussion on board of director's compensation. Hurd said, "The last change [last reviewed] was in 2018. The change would go from \$700

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to \$760 a month." Other changes included travel pay for more than 15 miles to a meeting and overtime pay for meetings outside regular meetings.

Patterson suggested the proposed increase was in accordance with the 2018 inflation index and that it constituted a cost-of-living update. He said, "I call it a cost-of-living adjustment."

Jock Fleming said, "These [increases] are small enough. They are lower percentage-wise than what we gave the staff."

Clarification:

In a follow-up email Executive Assistant Amy Taylor said, "The \$700 monthly amount was set in November 2007. Prior to that the board switched from health insurance coverage to a monthly stipend (March 2007) to \$750 a month. The board then chose to decrease the monthly amount by \$50 between March 2007 to November 2007 to \$700. Tuesday's change to \$760 was the first time the monthly compensation had been increased in almost 14 years. This cost-of-living adjustment was below the rate of inflation during that same time period."

Financial Report with Variance Report - Wade Pynes, CFO.

Pynes relies on the written report given to the board and offers few verbal soundbites for membership consumption. Pynes said, "July was strong in top-line sales. Residential increased with AC [air-conditioning] usage because of heat."

Damon Lockhart noted there was an income-positive month for Elevate.

Martinez called for a round of applause for the Elevate staff. He said, "Thanks to the staff for getting Elevate to 10,000 customers. There are only 80,000 people in our combined communities [Montrose and Delta]."

CEO Report - Alyssa Roberts, CEO.

Roberts reminded the board of the upcoming Member Appreciation events scheduled for Montrose on Oct. 13 and Read on Oct. 20.

Chief Power Supply Officer Jim Heneghan gave an update on the Montrose EV (Electric Vehicle) charging stations, comparing Charge Point to Tesla. Heneghan

said, "Tesla has more pedestals, so we're not seeing near the activity [on Charge Point]." Referencing the recent lower price change for Charge Point Heneghan said, "All the comments on the website have been positive."

Chief Operating Officer (COO) Virginia Harman said, "We are still selling power [whether Tesla or Charge Point]. It is a benefit to DMEA."

Heneghan noted projects that would be concluded by the end of the year include the Garnet Mesa Solar Project going before the Delta County Commissioners and the Orchard City franchise agreement review.

Harman reported on the newly established tree trimming operations department. She said, "There are two positions open in that group, supervisor and foreman. That's two out of seven [positions]. The department is struggling a little still."

July 2021 SAIDI (Systems Average Interruption Duration Index) Report.

Harman said, "There was an uptick in SAIDI, 100 outages caused by weather, cars hitting power poles and trees. No major event days in July."

Harman continued with activity updates "The season of building [new homes] has lasted longer than normal. We are co-branding with Guzman and it's working well with them, like the Wine Fest. Youth Appreciation Day was in-person and a good event. Our membership appreciates in-person events."

Chief Technical Officer Kent Blackwell reported on upgrades for the Member Management System. Blackwell said, "We been chasing this for five years. It's more of a transition for CSR [Customer Service Representatives] on the DMEA side [as opposed to the Elevate side]. CSRs will not have to switch between monitors. There is still a lot of more training to go for CSRs." The most noticeable change for membership and customers will be calls answered by an audio voice.

Appreciation

Martinez took a moment to recognize Virginia Harmon for stepping into the position of acting CEO from March 4 - Aug.

22.

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

With the caveat of providing more details in Executive Session, Hurd mentioned dealing with FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission), the ERP (Electric Resource Plan), Federated Insurance issues, fiber grant matters, and Bylaw changes.

Referring to Bylaw changes Hurd said, "[Colorado] HB 1137 requires us to implement a number of changes to DMEA Bylaws."

Representative Board Reports

WUES Report (Western United Electrical Association) - Jock Fleming.

Fleming said, "I'm meeting on Thursday. They had the biggest [revenues] month they've ever had. They're going great guns."

CREA Report (Colorado Rural Electric Association) - Damon Lockhart.

Lockhart said, "There was no meeting in July. I forwarded an update. Nothing major in the budget. A six percent increase, but they didn't have an increase last year. That [equals] a three percent increase a year for each of the last two years." Upcoming meetings will include discussions on wildfires.

Update re: Board Vacancies

Martinez said, "We'll solicit applications. We have four-months to fill them. It needs to be done by December." It was determined that the full board, rather than an ad hoc committee made up of board members, would process the applications.

The District 3 seat, previously held by Harding, is in the Paonia area and it will be up for election in the Spring of 2022.

The District 5 seat, previously held by Hauck, is in the south west Montrose area and two-plus years remain on the term.

The DMEA Board of Directors is also the Board of Directors for Elevate; however, the positions on the respective Executive Committees are not the same. As a result of the board vacancies, the Executive Committee positions for DMEA and Elevate were restructured.

Hurd facilitated the election process for the DMEA board. Fleming was elected

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DMEA Board Secretary; Enno Heuscher was elected Assistant Secretary/Treasurer.

Vote on Banking Signatories

Resolution 2021-14, Banking Signatories, was approved unanimously.

Future Meetings

The next regular meeting will be held on Sept. 28.

Member Comments

DMEA employee Guy Gard accompanied his granddaughter, 11-year-old Jaylee Thate, as she addressed the DMEA board. Jaylee said, "I want to thank you for buying me and my sister's steer at the Mont-

rose County Fair." Jaylee's sister, Stevie, who had left for college, was unable to attend.

Vote on Bylaw Changes

Hurd facilitated the discussion on the Bylaw changes. Approved unanimously.

Executive Session

Privileged Legal Report: Privileged Corporate, Litigation, and Regulatory Matters Power Supply Update including: Potential Load Development, Garnet Mesa Solar status, FERC OATT settlement status, and Drop 5 PPA

Review Grant Application

Summary Following Executive Session

In an email Executive Assistant Amy Taylor provided a summary of action taken following the Executive Session.

Taylor said, "Upon motion from Director Patterson, seconded by Director Watson, the board unanimously adopted resolution 2021-26 regarding a grant application."

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MORE NATIONAL FOREST AREAS REOPEN ACROSS NORTHERN COLORADO IN TIME FOR FALL RECREATION

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FORT COLLINS — National Forest managers, partners and volunteers in northern Colorado have been hard at work this summer tackling fire and flood recovery work across the vast landscape of the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests. Tens of thousands of burned hazard trees have been mitigated. Hundreds of miles of roads and trails have been stabilized. Fire containment lines have been restored. Culverts have been cleared of debris. And aerial mulching has occurred in critical areas.

As a result of the efforts of multiple collaborative post-fire recovery across northern Colorado, the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests have reopened more areas that have been closed since last year's wildfires and this summer's monsoons. These areas include Long Draw Road in the Cameron Peak Fire area, the Keyser Ridge area on the Williams Fork Fire in Grand County and the western side of Stillwater Pass off Colo. 125, which experienced significant impacts from the summer monsoons following the East Troublesome Fire.

While many areas are reopening, the public is reminded that burned areas contain many critical hazards. Loose debris can roll down hillsides and burned trees can fall without notice. Unseen hazards such as burned stumps exist off roads and trails. And rainstorms can cause rapid landslides. Be sure to check local weather information and monitor for the risk of flooding in burned areas. Your safety is your responsibility. Many areas are open to foot-travel only to allow recovering soils to stabilize and vegetation to grow.

Additionally, some areas remain closed due to extensive damage and continued rehabilitation work with heavy equipment, including the Crown Point area in Larimer County, and Kinney Creek Road, Cabin Creek Road and Kaufman Creek Road in Grand County, which all experi-

enced extreme damage during the monsoons. The public is asked to stay out of closed areas both for safety and to prevent further damage and allow recovery work to occur. Active fire recovery operations, such as helicopter mulching, may take place in open areas. The public should avoid these areas while work is taking place.

To see maps of what areas are open as well as important fire restrictions and

food storage requirements, please visit the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests' Know Before You Go page. To learn more about Colorado Parks and Wildlife please visit <https://cpw.state.co.us/thingstodo/Pages/hunt.aspx>.

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PROTESTERS OPPOSE VACCINE MANDATES FOR MMH STAFF; SPEAKERS ADDRESS BOARD AT AUG. 23 MEETING



Police Chief Blaine Hall, center, speaks with protesters at Montrose Memorial Hospital on Aug. 23. Photo by Paul Arbogast.



A statement from the hospital following the Aug. 23 board meeting stated, "At this time, MMH is not mandating the Covid-19 vaccination for its employees." The next meeting of the board will be Sept. 27.

By Paul Arbogast, Mirror Publisher
MONTROSE-A large group of concerned citizens, including hospital employees, showed up to protest outside of the Montrose Memorial Hospital (MMH) board meeting on Monday, Aug. 23.

According to MMH employees, 20 percent of hospital staff had signed a petition against mandating vaccines. Employees expressed concerns that the board was not listening to them and had the attitude they could fire and replace those who refuse a vaccine. MMH currently employs about 800 people so potentially losing 160 employees would severely degrade the service the hospital can provide the community. Policy has long been that employees wear masks during flu season if they do not get the flu shot, so protesters ask why this, along with regular testing, could not be used rather than mandating that they take a vaccine.

Montrose Memorial Hospital was reached for comment and said, "At this time, MMH is not mandating the Covid-19 vaccination for its employees. The vaccination discussion was not on the Board agenda and there were no plans to vote on it at the meeting last night. Approximately 50 employees attended the meeting and the Board and Leadership listened to every individual who signed up to speak on both sides of the issue."

The next meeting of the Board will be Sept. 27 and that the agenda for that

meeting had not been set as of press time. Recently all of Mesa County hospitals started requiring all employees to get one of the COVID vaccines.

In May of this year, OSHA suspended reporting requirements for adverse reactions to the COVID vaccines for a year. While OSHA is not tracking reports of adverse reactions, the other rules remain, that if an employer requires, coerces, or provides incentives to receive the vaccine, they may be legally liable for any adverse injuries and deaths.

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THIRTEEN FACES TO REMEMBER

By Paul Arbogast, Mirror Publisher

Far too often the 'media' focuses on the negative, putting the names and faces of bad people into our minds. I think the names and faces we see should be those that do good. So here are the names and faces of the thirteen service members we just lost in the bombing in Afghanistan, they were lost while trying to ensure the safety of others.

Marine, Sgt. Nichole Gee, 23, was a maintenance technician with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit from Roseville, California.

Marine, Sgt. Johanny Rosario, 25, was with the Naval Amphibious Force, Task Force 51/5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade, from Lawrence, Massachusetts.

Marine, Lance Cpl. David Lee Espinoza, 20, of Rio Bravo, Tex.

Marine, Lance Cpl. Rylee McCollum, 20, Jackson, Wyo.

Marine, Lance Cpl. Kareem Nikoui, 20, of Norco, Calif.

Marine, Lance Cpl., Hunter Lopez, of Indio, Calif

Marine, Staff Sgt. Taylor Hoover, 31, of Utah

Army, Staff Sgt. Ryan Knauss, 23, of Knoxville, Tenn.

Marine, Lance Cpl. Jared Schmitz, 20, of Wentzville, Mo.

Navy, Hospital Corpsman Max Soviak, of Berlin Heights, Ohio

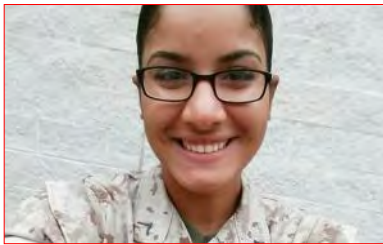
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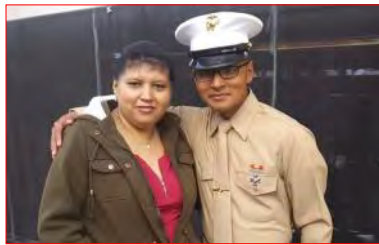
Marine, Lance Cpl. Dylan Merola, 20, from Rancho Cucamonga, California.

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Sgt. Johanny Rosario, photo from social media.



Lance Cpl. David Espinoza shown in a photo from social medial.

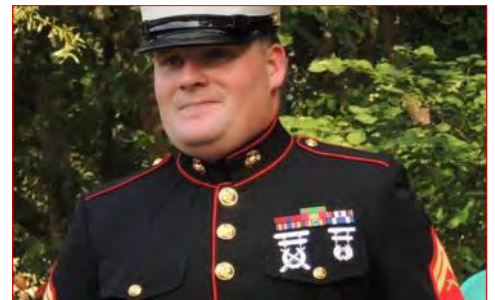


Lance Cpl. Rylee McCollum, 20, shown here in an undated photo

Sgt. Nichole Gee, photo from social media



Cpl. Hunter Lopez, 22, was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines, and had planned on becoming a Riverside County sheriff's deputy after returning from his current deployment, the statement said. (Riverside County Sheriff's Department)



Marine, Staff Sgt. Taylor Hoover, 31, Photo from social media (Facebook)



Lance Cpl. Kareem Nikoui (U.S. Marine Corps)



Staff Sgt. Ryan Knauss, 23, shown here in an undated photo with his wife, Alena, was assigned to 1st Special Forces Command and had expected to move to Washington, D.C. (WSMV-Nashville)



Lance Cpl. Jared Schmitz (Facebook)



Maxton "Max" Soviak, 22, a Navy corpsman from Ohio shown here in a Sept. 2019.



Cpl. Humberto Sanchez, right. (Facebook)



Cpl. Daegan William-Tyler Page was a member of the 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton. (KMTV-Omaha)



Marine, Lance Cpl. Dylan Merola, 20 Photo from social media.

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SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE ADDS SUPPORT TO SMALL BUSINESSES WITH TEXT NOTIFICATIONS FOR BUSINESS FILINGS

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DENVER The Colorado Secretary of State's Office is introducing a new service for businesses that includes text message

reminders for filings. The new text message initiative is part of an extensive improvement process to the agency's business systems designed to cut red tape and improve service to Colorado businesses.

"As part of our ongoing mission to further modernize our business systems, these new text message capabilities offer another convenient tool for busy business owners," said Secretary of State Jena Griswold. "By cutting red tape, we're streamlining the process to start a business, enabling entrepreneurs to focus on the real work running their businesses which are the backbone of the Colorado economy."

Colorado businesses that are starting a new LLC will now have the option of adding a cell phone number in addition to the email address they already provide. Once signed up, users will receive a text message when they first file, subscribe or unsubscribe, and they will receive reminders for annual report deadlines. While the new text messaging system is currently in place exclusively for newly formed LLCs, it will eventually be expanded to all businesses on file with the Colorado Secretary of State's Office – furthering the Department's focus on innovation.

This April, Secretary Griswold was named one of Government Technology Magazine's Top 25 "Doers, Dreamers, and Drivers of 2021" for her embrace of technology. For more information, please [click here](#).

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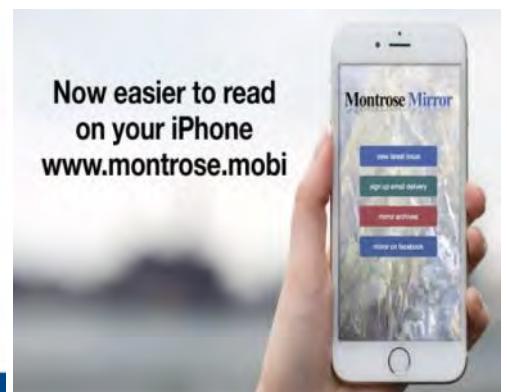


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SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE SENDS NOTICE OF FINAL RULEMAKING

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DENVER— The Colorado Secretary of State's Office filed a notice of final rule-making necessary to implement the 2021 Colorado Votes Act and ensure that elections processes are up to date, secure, and follow best practices.

"The adoption of these final rules is the result of a months-long process including a public hearing and the consideration and incorporation of feedback provided by a number of stakeholders," said Secretary of State Jena Griswold. "Colorado continues to be a national leader in accessible and secure elections, and these rules will further the Department's goal of making sure every eligible Coloradan is able to have their voice heard."

After a review of current election rules, accounting for actual election processes, and considering stakeholder and public comment, the Department determined that several rules needed revisions or additions. These include: updates to signature verification machine auditing, procedures that make clear only election judges may review ballot signatures for acceptance or rejection, clarifying practices regarding the review of signatures on a mail ballot, removing references to Direct Recording Electronic (DRE) voting devices and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) because those systems are no longer in use in the State of Colorado, permanent adoption of temporary rules on access to voting machines, and other administrative updates.

A virtual public rulemaking hearing regarding these rules was held on Aug. 3, 2021.

The final adopted rules, along with a statement of basis and authority, can be

found [here](#).

For more information addressing the misconceptions and falsehoods concerning these adopted rules, please [click here](#).

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RE-1J BOARD OF EDUCATION LOOKS AT 2021-2022 GOALS

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for you," Beller said, as she shared the board's goals from the 2020-2021 school year, and asked directors to rate each as to whether it had been achieved, was a work in progress, or had not been met. Beller asked the Board of Education to consider what they had envisioned as success for each goal when it had been written. She then spoke with each board member in turn about each of the goals. Goals for the 2020-2021 school year included:

- Support our schools, students, teachers, and support staff;
- The Board expects SAT/PSAT10 scores to be at or above state average;
- Continue to have a balanced budget;
- Schools will continue to maintain high participation rates in state testing;
- Prioritize a safe and healthy school environment;
- District level and standardized assessments will be used to determine learning gaps due to COVID. MCSD will create an intervention plan to mediate learning gaps;
- Students scoring below grade level in ELA and Math as measured by Galileo will decrease from Fall to Spring.

The first goal involved support for schools, students, teachers and support staff. Fishing said she looks forward to spending more time in school buildings. As a parent, she felt that students were supported. "...I feel we did meet that goal under really adverse circumstances."

Bachman said that he felt the district made an effort to support teachers and find the answers they need. He expressed dismay at the numbers of students who dropped out of school altogether during the pandemic.

Suppes said that teachers need to feel like they have "skin in the game." He said he was somewhat disappointed in a lack of student participation at the middle school level.

Busch said that principals know what is needed in their buildings. "Hopefully we

were able to get those things to them...and get rid of the asbestos...by discovering the problem and being able to mitigate as fast as we could."

Teachers were given options to teach remotely and in-person, and their decisions were accepted, Johnson said. The learning curve required to teach remotely was huge. Also, "I am extremely disappointed in the number of students who opted out of school totally," she said. Staff is well supported but more can be done for students. "I think that COVID is going to be with us for a long, long time," Johnson said.

Beller said that NWEA standards have been adopted for math, and RE-1J will continue to have a balanced budget. The Board of Education adopted a deficit budget last year but will not have to engage in deficit spending after all.

Providing a safe and healthy school environment is an ongoing goal, Fishing said. She noted that some students were impacted not only by COVID but by the discovery of asbestos at Olathe Middle/High and Centennial Middle Schools, the result of recent roofing work. "That was brutal," Fishing said. "I definitely saw it as being prioritized, but what a slog, man."

Superintendent Carrie Stephen gave kudos to the whole team for their response to difficult circumstances. "It was a huge endeavor."

Student participation in standardized testing was on track until after spring break, when the state approved a waiver allowing parents to opt students out of testing.

Board Goals for 2021-2022

Beller asked the board to consider areas where they would like to see goals in 2021-2022, and areas they consider to be of lesser importance.

All students should feel supported, community members and teachers should know that their concerns are being heard, and the Board of Education should be willing to hear and respond to community

concerns, Bachman said.

For Busch, supporting students, maintaining a balanced budget, and supporting staff when it comes to salaries and benefits are of importance.

Fishing said that a balanced budget, a district-wide climate conducive to learning, academic achievement and success, and engagement are all important. Not so important is the focus on standardized test scores.

"I am not wedded to the idea that the only way to measure student achievement is through those test scores," she said. "I feel that we would benefit from measuring student success and achievement in a different way."

Important goals for Suppes include student and teacher participation; a good, safe environment that supports learning; a balanced budget; and better reading, writing and arithmetic. "When you get out of school, if you can read and write and do arithmetic, you can do almost anything," he said.

For Johnson, priorities include a balanced budget; to be at or above State average when it comes to PSAT and SAT scores; to identify learning gaps; and to support and acknowledge students, teachers, and staff. She would also like to measure learning gaps. "Let's make sure we fill those gaps and achieve."

Bachman said the District should not only support, but celebrate what is being done well.

Beller said the 2021-2022 board goals will be brought back before the Board of Education in September.

Stephenson said that the process of choosing a new high school mascot is underway. Public Information Officer Matt Jenkins has been working with building principals. "We're hoping a new mascot will be determined by January or February."

The next meeting of the Montrose County School District RE-1J Board of Education will take place Sept. 14.

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TELLURIDE-Diverse speakers and topics will span the breadth of considerations about mine reclamation, waste management and water protection at the 11th annual San Juan Mining & Reclamation Conference (SJMRC) in Telluride on September 22 to 24. Watershed nonprofits from around the San Juan Mountains will gather scientists, artists, communicators, and community leaders to consider the intersection of mining and reclamation with arts and humanities.

The SJMRC committee announced the program for the 2021 conference, as well as plans for safety precautions against the spread of COVID-19. The Telluride event will also integrate art exhibits and performances to demonstrate the conference theme, Solving Pandora's Box: the application of the arts and humanities to the challenges of mining and reclamation. The Conference Committee consists of Mountain Studies Institute with offices in Durango and Silverton, San Miguel Watershed Coalition, Headwaters Alliance, and Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership

On Thursday, Sept. 23, the conference will offer a full day of short presentations at the Sheridan Opera House in downtown Telluride. Session 1 is focused on art, design and creative values with a keynote talk by Kate Jones of Telluride Arts District, titled "Culture claims: The arts and historic mining properties on the Western Slope." Other presentations are "Form follows function: Lessons from passive mine water treatment systems" by Bob Hedin, "Public and private collaboration brings Idarado houses back from the cliff" by Devon Horntvedt and Melissa Chalona, and "The Revenue-Virginus Mine: Revitalizing Ouray's mining heritage through public

engagement" by Todd Jesse.

Next on the program is a Lightning Pitch Round from participants in the Mining Solutions Bootcamp, co-sponsored by Mountain Studies Institute and the Telluride Venture Accelerator. The bootcamp offers start-up businesses and projects the opportunity to refine their concepts, develop funding sources, and network with potential partners.

Session 2, focusing on humanistic community engagement, includes "A collaborative watershed management vision for mining country: The Pebble project story by Ann Maest, Robert Prucha, and Cameron Wobus; "Ecosystem services: Benefits and considerations for the cleanup of contaminated mine sites" by Michele Mahoney and Matt Harwell; and "Casting a broader net: Using art to communicate environmental effects of mining" by Katherine Walton-Day and team.

Session 3, focusing on imaginative solutions to technical challenges, starts with "Effects of hydrologic variability and remedial actions on metal loading near Silverton, Colorado" by Tanya Petach. Also included in the session is a technical solutions panel with presentations about innovative passive water treatment with minimal waste in remote areas, the new ProofPassive™ treatment assessment tool for NGOs, and rare-earth metal recovery, hydropower, structure reuse and other abandoned mine drainage treatment possibilities.

At the Sheridan, the featured artist will be Tom Livingstone, a Silverton-based photographer who will exhibit black and white photographs of historic mining sites and structures in the San Juan Mountains, highlighting the beauty and need for preservation. A preview of his work can be seen on [vimeo](#). Additional announce-

ments about artists and performers, who will appear on Sept. 23 evening at the Telluride Transfer Warehouse, will be made in the weeks leading up to the conference.

The conference begins on Wednesday, Sept. 22, with a Welcome Reception at Peaks Resort in Mountain Village. On Thursday evening is Pandora's Party with networking, music and art exhibits at the Transfer Warehouse. On Friday, Sept. 24, registrants can select from morning and afternoon field tours to Pandora Mill and Bulkhead plus the Valley Floor Project and Ophir Area Projects including Matterhorn Mill and Carribeau Reclamation Site.

Due to increased concern regarding COVID-19 and the Delta variant in southwestern Colorado, the Conference Committee is taking precautions to ensure the safety of our communities, which is our highest priority. We are now offering a hybrid ticket option for online presentations, all receptions and tours are outside, and additional precautions will be taken during the event to limit the spread of the virus.

Conference registration is \$75 (in-person) for Thursday conference sessions and party; \$65 (online) for Thursday conference sessions; \$35 for the Wednesday welcome reception (in-person), and \$25 per tour (in-person). Registration is included in sponsorships (view sponsor information).

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: COMMENTARY

WHERE ARE WE GOING TO PUT THE PATIENTS IN CARDIAC ARREST NOW?

By Tracie Bearden, MS, CCC-SLP, CBIST
MONTROSE-The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment reported on 8/23/2021 that 82 percent of ICU beds in Colorado are occupied by patients with COVID, and 39 percent of ventilators in our state are breathing for patients with COVID. However, the world still has not stopped moving and other tragic and complex emergency illnesses and injuries persist. Without space for these patients, the risk of severe, chronic impairments and potentially death increases. No beds, no room to be treated, no chance of getting the help they desperately need.

And in many cases now...no chance of survival.

COVID is not the only traumatic illness that exists. It is not the only disease, disorder, or accident that needs emergency medical attention and intensive critical care. Hospitals have to turn away patients suffering strokes and cardiac distress, because there is no room for them in the hospital anymore. Survivors of motor vehicle accidents with severe traumatic head injuries are being flown a state away, lengthening the time between trauma and life-saving treatment.

Individuals who survive a tragic car accident can typically be left with multiple injuries, including internal bleeding and organ failure that require emergency and critical care medical services. Delaying proper treatment for these patients due to lack of medical beds and qualified providers puts these individuals at risk for death. And there is no vaccine to prevent organ failure or internal bleeding.

In many cases, the window of time you have to seek medical attention for serious diseases or injuries is quite small. For embolic strokes (strokes caused by a blood clot), for example, you only have three hours after the onset of symptoms to receive a life-saving drug known as tissue plasminogen activator (TPA), which breaks up clots. Approximately 87 percent of all strokes are embolic strokes, and TPA has a 32 percent mortality reduction at five years and 42 percent at 10 years.

A patient having a stroke may not know they're having a stroke until they have less than an hour left of that three-hour window. Without a bed and a qualified physician to provide this life saving treatment, the patient is at risk for severe lifelong

impairments and even death. While we have an option to prevent worst-case scenarios with embolic strokes in those first three hours, this option becomes obsolete when the hospitals are overwhelmed with patients who did not protect themselves against COVID. And there's no vaccine for a stroke.

With the right to freedom comes the responsibility to deal with the consequences of those rights. Everyone continues to have the freedom to make choices. We can choose to put a mask on to enter a store or shop somewhere else. We can choose to follow the rules of our employer or work somewhere that agrees with our values.

Are the choices we are given always going to make us happy? No. But they're choices you have to make.

The strain and limitations on healthcare systems, medical providers, and critically ill, non-Covid patients continues to rise.

As a human and experienced medical professional, I entreat you to mask up. If you're still unsure about the vaccine, please contact your healthcare provider or the Montrose County Health Department for more information.



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COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

MAN FROM NORTHERN NEW MEXICO ATTACKED BY BULL MOOSE WHILE RUNNING WITH DOGS IN WINTER PARK

Special to the Mirror

WINTER PARK, Colo. — A 62-year-old New Mexico man was attacked by a bull moose Wednesday morning while running with his two dogs on a trail on the west side of Winter Park.

The victim was taken to the emergency room of a local hospital with minor injuries and released later Wednesday. The dogs were unharmed.

The man was running on Sundog Trail around 7:30 a.m. with his two dogs off-leash when the attack occurred.

"The dogs were 40 to 50 feet in front of him and came running back toward him,"

said CPW District Wildlife Manager Serena Rocksund. "He stopped and saw the moose at 50 feet. At that point, the dogs ran past him and left the scene."

Rocksund said the man reported he took two steps forward to get a better look at the moose and "those two steps caused the moose to charge. He's very lucky that his only injury is a hoof print-shaped laceration on the back of his head."

Rocksund said wildlife officers did not find the moose after walking the trail system around Sundog Trail.

"This is a good reminder for folks to keep their dogs on leash and give moose plenty

of space when recreating outdoors," Rocksund said. "It's hard to see around these corners with the thick vegetation on these trails, so having a dog on a short leash here is key."

Fifteen years ago on March 26, 2006, a man from Grand Lake was attacked and critically injured by a bull moose as he walked to church. That man later died from his injuries on April 6.

CPW produced a video illustrating how people can be safe and responsible around moose. The video is available on [YouTube](#). To learn more about living with moose, please visit our [website](#).



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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

DELTA FOOD PANTRY COORDINATOR MARY PALTZGRAFF RECEIVES ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL'S 2021 ANNA H. SETTLE COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AWARD

Special to the Mirror

DELTA-Altrusa International's 2021 Anna H. Settle Community Leadership Award was presented to Delta Food Pantry Coordinator Mary Paltzgraff (right) by Altrusa District 10 Immediate Past Governor Rene'e Eaton at the August 25, 2021 Delta Altrusa program meeting. The award recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to their communities as volunteer leaders, and contributed to the welfare of others. In addition to the acknowledgment, the Delta Food Pantry was the recipient of a \$2000 check from the Altrusa International Foundation.



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Friday September 3rd, 7:30pm

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Saturday September 4th, 9:30 – 11:00am

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Saturday September 4th, 7:30pm

Volcanoes of the San Juans!

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By Dave Sharrow, National Park Service.

(Visitor Center, Dutch Charlie entrance, doors kept open for outdoor seating and masks available.)

Sunday September 5th, 9:30 – 11:00am

Nature Detectives: FROGS!

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Sunday September 5th, 7:30pm

"Petroglyphs of Shavano Valley and Eagle Rock" by Alma Evans, Chipeta Archeological Group

Visitor Center. (Doors kept open for seating outdoors and masks available).



OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

ARBOGAST'S COMMENTS AND THE SIMPLE SIXTH

Editor:

When I was growing up, that is reaching physical maturity, my father taught me many lessons pertaining to life and my interaction with people. One of his most memorable statements was, "No matter how awful the situation with others gets, do not lower yourself to their level of behavior, conduct or language." This was not only memorable but a great lesson for getting along with folks.

After college I was introduced to Uncle Sam's Misguided Children (USMC) a group in whose membership I spent twenty-one years. The Corps, as it is more well known, does not have a reputation for polite behavior or language especially when the going gets tough BUT they do not tolerate, nor could they and be what

they are, the mistreatment of subordinates. One of those limitations is the 'belittling' of someone instead of criticizing that someone's behavior. That would be bullying!

During my lifetime I became quite adept at butt chewing. But I never belittled someone's physical being or his abilities. I limited my criticism of anyone who screwed up to his behavior being stupid, NOT HIM PERSONALLY. And to the best of my abilities in the situation, I made my remarks to him in private---away from the public eye.

There is a great difference in that behavior, especially when that person is your junior and cannot talk back. That IS bullying! When the person being criticized depends on the respect of his subordi-

nates to get his job done, public criticism by his senior is even more onerous since it often diminishes his authority.

As reported our 'illustrious' city manager repeatedly crossed the line of superior/subordinate civility when he made wisecracks about our police chief (a person whose performance is beyond reproach) in the public sphere.

Authority, job status and judgment criticisms as those cited appeared to be are reprehensible. That city manager should receive a letter of censure from the five city council persons, be removed from being the chief's supervisor in any way and should be counseled that further such behavior will be cause for termination of his employment.

Bill Bennett, Montrose

CITY COUNCIL IS A FAMILY? CONSTITUENTS ARE UNWANTED PESTS

Editor:

Montrose City Council thinks it is a family. Well, I guess so.

Families are patriarchal. Patriarchs make the decisions for the family. Our city manager is by his actions and the council's consent the family's patriarch. Shades of the 'Godfather'.

Our city council is made up of five members who are supposed to bring different backgrounds, experiences, ideas and education to the council in an effort to make the best decision possible for the community on any given issue. Not to simply approve/enforce the decisions of the patriarch. But they apparently do not think independently. Maybe city council is truly a FAMILY operation. Question is, "Why do they have such a manic interest in funneling public money to private enterprise?" For that question there is no apparent answer. But to add insult to injury, take a look at the Promissory Note that they use that is supposed to recover the municipal funds that they squander for incentives to

these contractors. What do they think they are playing, Monopoly? The Promissory Note is worth as little filled in as it is blank. It is an unenforceable piece of paper drivel. Whoever drafted it, and later used it, definitely did not have the best interest of the City of Montrose at heart. Whoever drafted it and whoever used it should be run out of town on a rail. (We do have some 'rails' to spare---behind the old Russell Stover factory.

We cannot get our streets fixed. Why? Well when you drastically underfund maintenance for over five years, it is hard to catch up. And then to hire an outside contractor instead of using city assets to do the job you only get half as much for the budgeted street maintenance dollar as you should.

Our streets are just another one of the budgeted money pots robbed to fund payments to MURA AND HUB and who knows how many other people who are milking the cash cow. The city is a great cash cow---each year the city gets a new influx of

funds---TAXES.

MURA just got another 'injection' in their bank account. It went to the fishing rod magnate. It is supposed to reduce the cost of building so renters will not have to pay so much? Why are we subsidizing housing?

Citizens of Montrose! You-all worked hard for the money you pay over to these wasteful creatures.

Supposedly taxes are entrusted to elected officials to be used for the public good. What you are seeing with MURA is just pouring your money into a contractor's pocket from which there will never be any significant return. In its first four years the amount returned has been zero, zip, zilch. Montrose will NEVER SEE A DECENT RETURN ON THIS 12,000,000 no less its interest costs. It is magic. Poof! All gone!

These profligate wastrels (the simple six) will only benefit our community if they are turned out of office.

And the quicker the better.

Bill Ramsey, Montrose

COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

HAROLD WACKER

February 15, 1931- August 19, 2021

HAROLD WACKER, Beloved husband, brother, father, and grandfather left this life to be with his Savior August 19, 2021. Harold died of natural causes at the young age of 90.

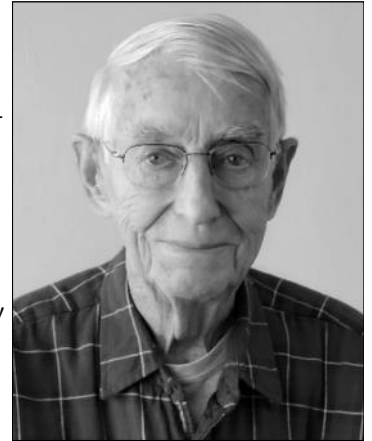
Harold is survived by his wife Kathleen, his brother Delbert, his oldest son David and wife Linda, their three sons Michael, Jonathan, and Joel, and daughter Hannah; his youngest son Tim and wife Andrea, their children Jason and Frankie, and grandchildren Serena, Xavier, and Precious, Casey & Sophie.

Harold was born to John and Minnie Wacker in Beatrice, Nebraska February 15, 1931. He and his oldest brother Irv

(Deceased), his sister Arlene (Deceased) and brother Delbert, were raised in Beatrice and graduated from Beatrice High School. Harold served in and was honorably discharged from the United States Air Force and moved to Arvada Colorado. This is where he met and married his wife Kathleen. Harold worked as a tool and die machinist at Sundstrand for 20 years and took an early retirement to open his own business, "Alkire Machine Shop." Harold has lived in the Montrose area with his wife Kathy for the past 35 years. He has been a local rancher, machine shop owner/partner/operator of "Industrial Machine," and active member

and volunteer at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Delta.

In lieu of flowers, the family would request donations be sent to Redeemer Lutheran School in honor of Harold Wacker.



DONA SMIDT



On Monday August 23, 2021 Dona Smidt, loving wife and mother of four children passed away at the age of 85. Dona Kay (Hegelheimer) Smidt grew up in Montrose and graduated

from Montrose High school. After high school she attended Barnes Business

College in Denver. She married her high school sweetheart Thomas G. Smidt Jr. on October 28, 1955. They resided in Denver where they raised their 4 children Steven (Jenny) Smidt, Matthew (Bonnie) Smidt, Karen Corman and Becky (Butch) Clark. In 1978 they moved back to Montrose where Dona worked as a secretary. She enjoyed golfing, riding horses, traveling and spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She showed her favorite mule Classy and won a ribbon at the Colorado State Fair. After retirement she and Tom enjoyed traveling and Dona volunteered at Heirloom Hosiery for Hospice.

Dona was preceded in death by her parents William (Bill) and Marjorie Hegelheimer. She is survived by her husband Tom Smidt, her sister Sharon Stephens, her 4 children and their spouses and 9 grandchildren Levi (Jacob) Smidt, Rachel (Andy) Frank, Jennifer Ferguson, Kayla (Jason) Ball, Dean (Tia Brown) Clark, Micah (Trina), Kyle Smidt, Joseph (Nicki) Clark, Maggie (Scott Kopec) Smidt and 5 great grandchildren Kayden Ball, Elijah Clark, Lane Clark, Inga Clark, Nolan Smidt.

In lieu of flowers donations can be sent to HopeWest, 725 S 4th Street, Montrose Co 81401.

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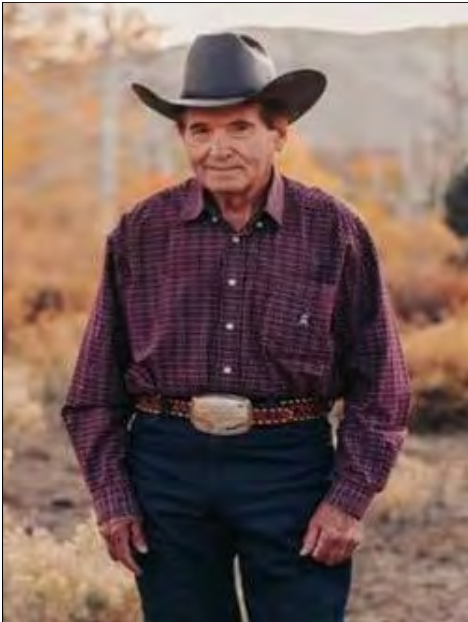


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COMMUNITY OBITUARIES

DAVID WALTER GRIFFITH

August 13, 1938 – August 22, 2021



DAVE GRIFFITH of Dry Creek Basin, Colorado passed away peacefully in his home after a three month battle with cancer.

Dave was born to Guy and Dora Griffith in Telluride Colorado. A couple years lat-

er he was joined by a brother, Clyde Griffith. He spent the majority of his life ranching, mostly working cattle and farming. Dave's dad and mom started a Hunting Camp in which he also worked and took so much pride in. He joined the Army in 1962 and finished his service in 1964. In June of 1965 he married Lannea Magnusson of Redvale Colorado and in March of 1966 they welcomed their first son, Brian. In April of 1968 they welcomed their second son, Ray and in February of 1974, their daughter Brandi was welcomed into his family as well. Dave and Lannea eventually parted ways yet they always maintained a family structure for the children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

In Dave's earlier years, he loved hiking, water skiing and snow skiing. He really liked watching Nascar as well. Dave enjoyed everyone in his family and always looked forward to any gatherings or dinners. Dave made so many special bonds and friendships over the years, he never

met a stranger.

Dave will be dearly missed by his children, Brian (Kerry) Griffith, Ray (Veronica) Griffith, Brandi Griffith (Jack Webb), his Grandchildren, Danielle Williams, Trevor Keeton, Josey Griffith, Alex Keeton, Sammi Keeton, Wyatt Griffith, Waylon Griffith, Lynette Jimenez, Brisa Jimenez, Victoria Stryker and his Great Grand Children, Jarred Williams, Remington Griffith, Sophia Smuin and Vincent Medina. Dave is preceded in death by his parents, Guy and Dora Griffith and his brother and sister in law, Clyde and Darlene Griffith.

Funeral Services will be September 4, 2021 at the Christ in Focus Church, located at 1470 Spruce St. Norwood Colorado. A viewing will be from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Services will start at 11 a.m. and graveside services to follow. A potluck dinner will be held at the Norwood Community Center following the graveside services. Funeral arrangements provided by Crippin Funeral Home.

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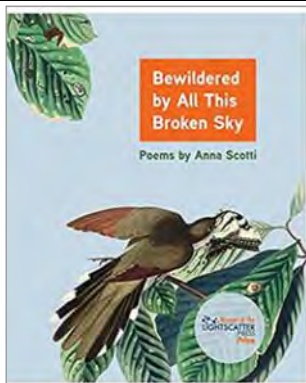
SCOTTI SET TO READ AT SEPT 7 BARDIC TRAILS ZOOM POETRY SERIES



Acclaimed poet and fiction author Anna Scotti. Courtesy photo.

Special to the Mirror

TELLURIDE-Acclaimed poet and fiction author Anna Scotti will be the featured reader at the **Bardic Trails** Zoom poetry webinar Tuesday, Sept. 7 at 7 pm (Mountain Time). A production of the Talking Gourds Poetry Program, Bardic Trails is a free event open to any who pre-register. Register by Sept 6 on-line at the



Courtesy image.

Chris Ransick (2017), and was also the recipient of the Pocotaligo Prize, judged by Nikky Finney. Anna's work has appeared in *The New Yorker* since 2016, and can be found in her newly released collection, *Bewildered by All This Broken Sky*. Anna also writes fiction; her young adult novel, *Big and Bad*, was awarded the Paterson Prize for Best Young Adult Novel of 2020, and her stories appear frequently

in *Ellery Queen Mystery Magazine*. Learn more at www.annakscotti.com. Following her reading, there will be a short Question and Answer session with Anna.

Future Bardic Trails
Oct. 5 with Renee Podunovich of Cortez ("Tree"), Nov. 2 with Debbi Brody of New Mexico ("The New"), and Dec. 7 with Al Zolynas of California ("Flesh").

Poetry Club

There will be no Gourds club meetings for the remainder of 2021.

Background

Inspired by the late climber, skier, and deep ecologist Dolores LaChapelle and her Way of the Mountain philosophy, **Talking Gourds** is a poetry program sponsored by the [Telluride Institute](http://TellurideInstitute.org).

Art Goodtimes of Wrights Mesa and Rose-

merry Wahtola Trommer of Placerville are co-directors, Galaxy Dancer is our Administrator.

For more info, visit our [website](http://www.annakscotti.com).

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

WHOLE BEING HEALTH & WELLNESS EXPO TAKES PLACE SEPT. 11-12

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE—On Sept. 11-12 local wellness providers are coming together to put on Montrose's first ever Whole Being Health & Wellness Expo. There will be 30 free, one-hour classes held throughout the weekend for the community to experience and learn about everything from Yoga, Pilates, and Tai Qi to Teen brain on Screens, Healthier Paths to Beauty as well as Pelvic Health. Over twenty local wellness providers will be present showcasing and giving demos of the services that they provide, teaching you about your abundant options for healing and wellness. We hope that this event brings our community together in healthy and nourishing ways.

The expo was founded by Montrose local Erin Easton who opened New Leaf Mindfulness Coaching in January of 2019. Erin moved to Montrose from Durango Colorado where she says the town was too fast paced and inundated with alternative healers and wellness providers. She moved to Montrose for a slower pace of life and to grow her business in a place

where Mindfulness was just starting to be discovered. As she began networking with other local wellness providers, she discovered that Montrose was filled with talented and caring healers who were doing their best to serve the community while struggling to be noticed. She also met many community members who were searching for nourishing healing options but didn't know where to turn. Many other wellness providers were expressing interest in working together to gain visibility and educate the community on their services. Seeing the need and desire from both community members and wellness providers, Erin thought the expo would be the best way to bring them all together and get the healing energy flowing through Montrose.

When approached with the idea the Montrose Community Recreation District immediately jumped on board excited about the opportunity. John Wagner, the Fitness Leader at the District said, "We are proud to work in partnership with New Leaf Coaching to host Montrose's first ever Whole Being Health and Well-

ness Expo. One of the District's goals is to improve the physical and mental health of our community. This event will serve to promote innovative healing practices offered locally, which fits right in with our mission.

The Community Recreation Center will house vendors in our gymnasium as well as host learning sessions in the party rooms, Fit Zone, and outdoor spaces, so there will be plenty of room to speak with the instructors and practitioners and learn more about each offering."

Local Montrose businesses were thrilled with the opportunity to participate in this healing event. We received great support from both participants and sponsors. It was very inspiring to see how much Montrose cares about the health and well-being of its community and how much they support new and innovative ways to learn and grow. We hope that this will be the first of many Wellness Expos bringing the healing energies of Montrose to life. Please come out and nourish yourself at this free event exploring new ways to heal and be well.

2021 MONTROSE WINE & FOOD FESTIVAL PRESENTED BY ALPINE BANK

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE – 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. 7th St.) There will be samples and sips from great local food and beverage vendors. With live music by Neon Sky, a silent auction, photo booth and more, it is an event not to be missed. All proceeds from the event benefit the Black Canyon Boys & Girls Club (BCBGC). Tickets are \$65, which includes an event glass, and are available online at wine.blackcanyontickets.com or can be purchased at the gate the day of the event. For more information on the BCBGC, visit www.bcbgc.org. For more information on the Festival, visit www.montrosewinefestival.com.



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PAT JEFFERS: FULL CIRCLE – ABSTRACT ART



Pat Jeffers, abstract artist. Courtesy photo.

By Kathryn R. Burke

MONTROSE-What do baskets and abstract art have in common? Lots, if you're Pat Jeffers. One day, in her "back east" past, Pat and her husband, Jack, were attending an arts and crafts fair in Greensboro, North Carolina where he, a fine art photographer, was showing his work. Pat, then a university administrator at a university in Virginia, and PhD candidate, wandered over to a nearby booth to watch a man making baskets.

And her world changed. "I was mesmerized," she said. "The colors, the shapes, the texture of the materials. Watching him work, I immediately decided to quit my university job and learn to make baskets." Which she did, and before long, she was creating her own designs and showing her work in arts and craft shows along the east coast. "We did 12 shows a year, spring and fall up to Christmas."

Her world changed again when the Jeffers moved west, settling in Lander, Wyoming, where Pat continued her basketry. Before long, her work was carried in galleries from Vermont to California. During that time, she also began painting. "It started,



Above, (1) Catching Rose Petals. (2) The Moon Shines in the Night. (3) The Sun Shines in the Day. Medium is oil for all 3. Courtesy images.

mostly as a hobby, she said "mainly I wanted to learn more about color." (Pat's baskets are noted for her use of color.) At first her paintings were representational, but that would soon change.

The Jeffers next move was to Montrose Colorado, where Pat discovered abstract art. She attended a workshop at the art center in Grand Junction, taught by Gregory Botts, a renowned abstract painter. "He grew up in the '60s and '70s," she explained. "Painted with the abstract masters, like Rothko, Marsden Hartley, and Ernst. I loved what he was teaching us! And, I said to myself, 'I'm done with representation. I'm going all out for abstraction.'"

And so... another substantial life change. (The fourth big one, if you have been counting. For most of us, one epiphany, maybe two, is exceptional. For Pat, life changes seem to fall into a comfortable and timely pattern—right move; right time.)

The transition to abstract art was a struggle. "There was a lot of trial and error," she said. "I learned a lot along the way." And what was developing for Pat came from her background in basketry. "A lot of the colors and delineated shapes I use, grew out of weavings." The circles? "Basket bottoms." The fan shapes? "Where the reeds start to spread out." The long, flexible or curved lines? "Reeds (or weavers)." The colors? "Colors of the dyes I used." The finished painting? "I often begin the design with the placement of

circles just as a basket bottom would begin, then weave the painting from there with the shapes and colors reminiscent of my baskets."

Her most recent endeavor is what Pat calls Poetic Landscapes. Her insight: "Abstract art can be expressed as a Poetic Landscape, a study of contrast, of dark and light shapes. I like to think of it as just 'dressed up landscape.' The thing about abstract art...you never reach a stopping point. Your art is always developing."

Pat Jeffers has defined her own style of abstract art, "a way of expressing what is uniquely me." She's come full circle, from round-bottomed basketry to abstract painting begun with circles. Explore and enjoy her work at Montrose Center for the Arts in September, where her solo show will hang all month. Meet her and hear more of her unique story at the opening reception, Friday, Sept. 3.

Pat Jeffers Solo Show. Montrose Center for the Arts. 11 S. Park Ave., Montrose CO.

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES: PREPARE FOR UNEXPECTED WITH A DISASTER GO BAG

Special to the Mirror

COLORADO—Don't think you need an emergency kit? Think again, say families who needed one. Flashlights, jugs of bottled water, a first aid kit, and ready-to-eat meal packs are part of the Robson

family's checklist. The family isn't going camping—they're preparing for disaster by putting together a "go bag."

Matt and Jess Robson live in Carbondale, Colorado. They never used to worry about natural disasters, but after the hurricanes,

tornadoes, and ice storms of 2020, they don't want to leave anything to chance.

"I've always loved the five P's, which is: prior preparation prevents poor performance," Jess explains, "it really does give me confidence to know that if these things do happen, we're going to be very ready for them." Preparing in advance with a disaster-ready kit has helped families nationwide through extreme and abnormal weather events, which experts warn are on the rise. The Robsons credit their disaster-preparedness to help they received as Jehovah's Witnesses. Matt said "clear direction helps" his family feel secure and "reduces some of the anxiety associated" with unexpected disasters. Jess says "reminders" at congregation meetings and tips for putting together go bags on the website, www.jw.org have been "invaluable."

"Life is precious, so we encourage all to heed the Bible's advice to take practical steps to protect ourselves from danger," said Robert Hendriks III, spokesman for Jehovah's Witnesses in the United States.

"Having a personal preparedness plan increases your chances of staying safe," according to a training program from the Columbia University's National Center for Disaster Preparedness. When February's Winter Storm Uri left millions of Texans without heat, electricity, and running water, many go bags there saw their first-ever use outside of hurricane season.

Houston residents Dan and Rhiannon Muey's advance preparation enabled them to shelter in place for days, even as many in their area braved treacherous road conditions to scour barren store shelves for supplies. "Things happen that we never expect," says Matt. "It's never going to hurt to be prepared for the unexpected. Having a go bag packed ...isn't going to negatively impact our lives in any way. So why not be prepared just in case something happens?" Disaster-preparedness suggestions and tips for putting together a go bag are available from FEMA at ready.gov and from Jehovah's Witnesses at <https://www.jw.org/en/library/magazines/awake-no5-2017-october/disaster-steps-that-can-save-lives/>.

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Affiliation: Presbyterian
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970-249-4732,

inform@fpcmontrose.com,
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, 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
email: 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.
Children's services: *We have a fun Sunday School for children from four years old through youth. We provide Children's Church during the Sunday Worship Services where children four years old through 9 years can learn to be worshipers of Jesus.*
We provide a nursery for children under four years old with paid staff providing excellent care during Sunday Morning Bible Study and Worship Service.

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,
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
website:

www.summitchurchmontrose.org
Name of current Senior Pastor: John DeSario
Worship service times: 9 AM for Sunday Worship, Monday Night Bible Study 6:30-8pm
Summit Church Montrose preaches the Word of God, reaches the lost with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and equips Christians to serve the Lord.
Summit Church is a group of diverse peo-

ple, (widows, retired couples, families with adult children, families with young and school aged children, and recent high school and college graduates).
Our services are in English, but many in our congregation also speak Spanish, as we partner with Verdad Y Vida (a Spanish congregation meeting in the same building). We have a children's area we call "Base Camp" for children ages birth to Kindergarten during the Sunday Service.

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;

website: vbcmontrose.org

Current Pastor: Roland Kassales

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

Victory Baptist Church exists to exalt God, edify saints, and evangelize the lost.

Demographics: Victory Baptist serves everyone with age-appropriate classes, groups, and activities. Families with children make up the majority of VBC with young adults, singles, middle-aged couples, and seniors comprising the rest.

Church Directory

Mirror Editorial Staff

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

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

Montrose Mirror:

Name of church

Denomination affiliation

Address

Office hours

Contact information (phone number, email address, website)

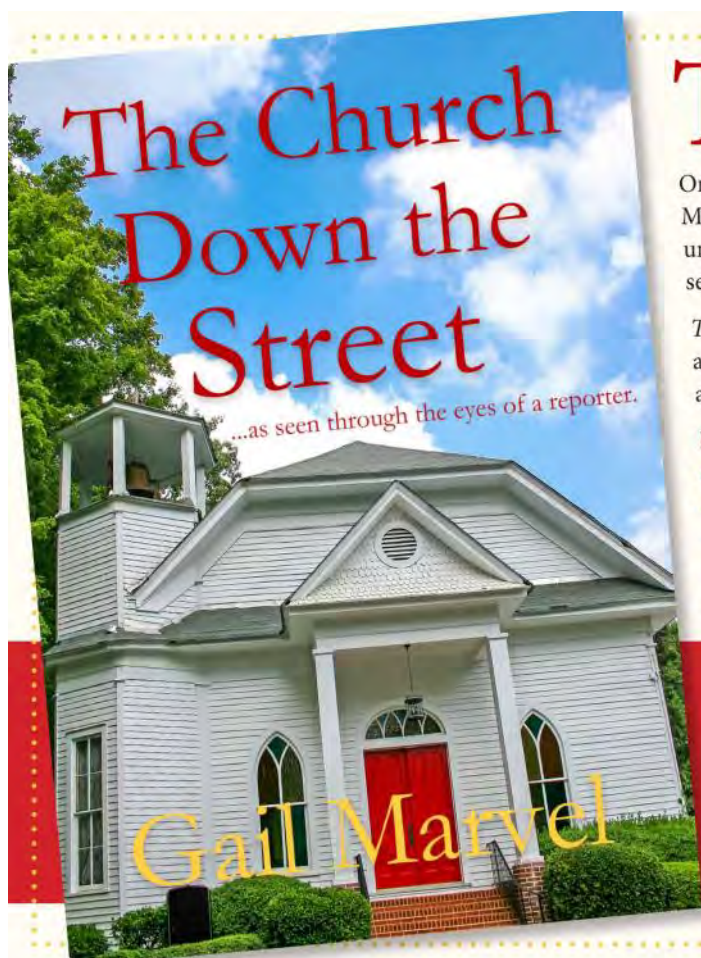
Name of current Senior Pastor

Worship service times

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

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

Do your church services include Sunday School and childcare?



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

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

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

Readers will:

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

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

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Montrose Author & Reporter



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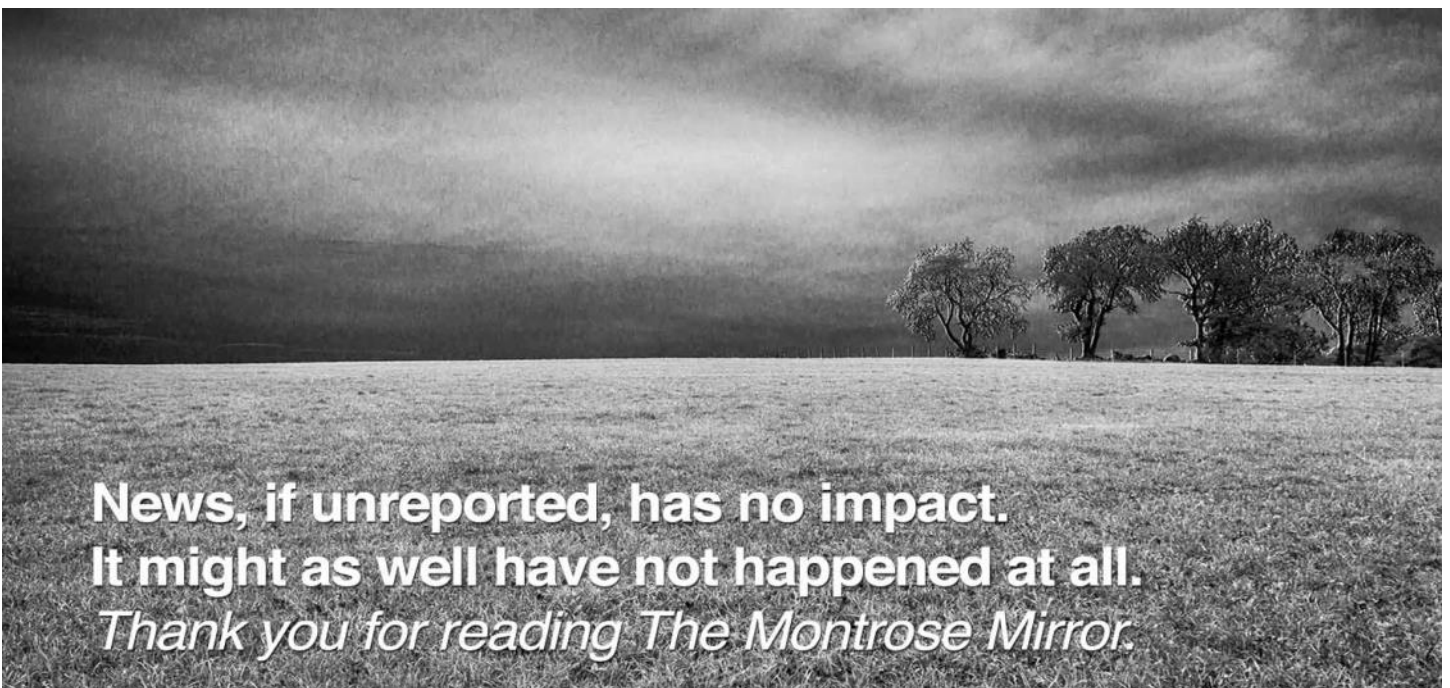
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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

A NEW LIBRARY BUILDING IS IN THE CITY OF DELTA'S FUTURE

Special to the Mirror

DELTA-Delta County, in partnership with the City of Delta and Delta County Libraries, has agreed to move forward with plans for turning the former City Market / Chaco building, located at 6th and Meeker in Delta, into a new, state of the art Library for the City of Delta and surrounding areas.

Though the Carnegie Library building has a great deal of history, and is a beloved landmark in Delta, the upkeep and needed repairs of the building have proven to be more than what the library and the City of Delta are able to take on financially.

"Keeping the library in downtown Delta is important in continuing to provide the

library services our community needs," said LaDonna Gunn, Delta County Libraries District Director, "It helps us meet our mission of serving and empowering people by providing resources for life, leisure, and learning."

Though specifics still need to be ironed out as to who will own the new library building, one thing is for certain, the new Delta Library will be able to keep in step with the changing needs of libraries, and include a larger community room, and more space for patrons to spread out and enjoy what they've come to the library for.

The current library space will eventually become the Delta County Sheriff's Office,

"Despite the misinformation out there, we are not moving inmates into that space," said Delta County Administrator Robbie LeValley, "We would move the Sheriff's office to that space, which would allow us to expand the jail, which has been identified as a need based on our inmate numbers bumping up against capacity on a regular basis."

"The partnership between the City of Delta, the County, and Delta County Libraries, to get a new library in Delta is a win-win for everyone" said Delta's City Manager Elyse Casselberry.

"We will be able to keep people downtown, and service a growing population in a more diverse way."

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LIVE MUSIC ROUNDUP-WEEK OF AUG. 30

By Paul Arbogast, Mirror Publisher

REGIONAL-Big B's Delicious Orchards,

Hotchkiss: Saturday, September 4, 6:30 PM – Clifton Hanger

Grand Mesa Arts & Events Center, Cedaredge:

- Friday, September 30, 4 – 7 PM, Bittersweet Highway & Guests

Healthy Rhythm Art Gallery:

- Friday, September 3, 7 PM – The Riverside

Horsefly Brewery:

- Wednesday, September 1, 5:30 PM –

Open Mic Night with Donny Morales

- Saturday, September 4, 6 PM – Audio Blind

Mesa Theater, Grand Junction:

- Saturday, September 4, 8 PM – Awaiting Eternity w/ Tighten & Executive Order

- Sunday, September 5, 8 PM – Lost Dog Street Band

Montrose Summer Music Series, @Elks

Lodge:

- Friday, September 3, 6 PM – Vanessa Collier w/ Neon Sky

Sherbino, Ridgway:

- Tuesday, Aug. 31, 7 PM – AJ Lee and the Blue Summit

- Thursday, September 2, 7:30 PM – Birds of Play

- Saturday, September 4, 7 PM – Gasoline Lollipops

Sidelines Sports Bar:

- Saturday, Aug. 28, 9 PM – Haven Effect

Storm King Distillery:

- Thursday, September 2, 7 PM – David Nunn

Two Rivers Tavern, Grand Junction:

- Saturday, Sept. 4, 8 PM – RXS Band

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970-249-6889

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970-964-4424

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Fiesta Guadalajara
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San Juan Brews
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Tacos & Beer
970-964-4448

Sidelines Sports Bar
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Trattoria de Sofia
970-249-0433

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Sept. 3rd



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Sept. 8th



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Sept. 17th. Deb Barr in Concert. MCA Fundraiser



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Concert 7 pm.



Concert held at Montrose Methodist Church, 19 S. Park Ave

SAVE THE DATE! LOCAL EVENTS CALENDAR

ONGOING-

NEWCOMERS AND NEIGHBORS welcomes adults who are new to Montrose or have been here awhile, who would enjoy learning more about the area and participate in social activities. [2021-22 meeting info](#). We will hold our first monthly meeting on Wednesday September 8 in our [new location](#). All other meetings will be on the 1st Wednesday of each month (October, November, and January – May). 10am-11:30am in the downstairs meeting hall of Cedar Creek Church, 222 S. Townsend and S. 3rd. enter through the side door on S. 3rd St. Hope to meet you there! Contact Patti 951-544-6289 if you have questions.

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 non-denominational Bible study. Studying Revelation Sep 2021-Jan 2022 and Christian Living (1,2,3 John, Jude & Philemon) Feb-Apr 2022. In person for women and children of all ages on Wednesday mornings 9-11. Virtual/Zoom for women Thursday evenings 6-7:15. Contact 720-635-0091 to register 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. 31-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/08-31-21-class-adams-let-it-flow-alcohol-ink-painting/>

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Sept. 1-Montrose County Historical Society presents Chris Trujillo and Matt Lant explaining the history and significance of the Morada site in the Tortilla Flats neighborhood, northwest Montrose. 7 pm. Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2021, at Friendship Hall, Pioneer Room. Admission is free, the public is invited. Light refreshments may be available.

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. 7th St.) All proceeds from the event benefit the Black Canyon Boys & Girls Club (BCBGC). Tickets and sponsorships are available online at wine.blackcanyontickets.com. Tickets are \$65 and include an event glass. For more information on the BCBGC, visit www.bcbgc.org. For more information on the Festival, visit www.montrosewinefestival.com

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

Rise Up, hosted by Praise Him Ministries is bringing together some of the most popular Christian Bands: Chris Tomlin, Danny Gokey, & Jordan Feliz for a night of praise and worship on the Western Slope. The event will be held at the Amphitheater as Las Colonias Park in Grand Junction. Doors will open at 3:30 p.m. with the event starting at 5 p.m. Tickets are now on sale to the public. phmtickets.com.

Sept. 12-Valley Food Partnership Harvest Feast at Storm King Mountain Ranch. For more information or to buy tickets call 970-249-0705 or visit www.valleyfoodpartnership.org.

Sept. 17-7-8:30 pm. Piano Concert with Deb Barr. Montrose Methodist Church. TICKETS \$20.

Sept. 17-Friday, Sept. 17, 5-7 pm. VIP Reception at Montrose Center for the Arts, 11 S. Park Ave., Montrose CO.

mc4arts.com. 970-787-942. **Sept. 17**-Friday, Sept. 17, 7-8:30 pm MCA Fundraiser Concert at Montrose Methodist Church. 19 S. Park Ave., Montrose CO. mc4arts.com

Sept. 18-*Your life matters-Connect*- NAMI Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. Please join us for an uplifting and supporting event. Black Canyon Car Club, Music by Dave's Fault, BBQ by Garey Martinez, Butterfly release, Memorial Wall. Vendors and mental health providers. 11am-4 pm Montrose Elks Lodge 801 S. Hillcrest

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*Above, Buckhorn Lakes Mountain Ash.
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